

**Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes for January 29, 2003**

8:30 pm Eastern time. The meeting was convened by Commissioner Pat Govang.

Present: Pat Govang, Steve Wertz, Theo Pozzy, Conrad Damon, Terry Calhoun, Marty Hapner (pending Board Member), Dave Nesbitt (pending Board Member), Brian Hoeniger (HQ staff), Lorrie Gibson (HQ staff), Dan Roddick (staff). Not present: Pete May and Todd Branch

Welcome & Thanks

Pat Govang, PDGA Commissioner thanked Conrad and Todd Branch for great service. He also welcomed Marty Hapner and Dave Nesbitt, who formally join the Board on February 1.

PDGA Office Update

Brian outlined the new wizards in M/S Access that are now being used by HQ. Theo has been setting these up as part of our new database technology and training the office staff.

These tools are speeding the processing and preparation of: memberships, tournament results, tailored member lists for TDs, and the posting of tour schedule updates.

The pace of 2003 memberships indicate that 3,300 will be processed as of the end of January, compared to 2,700 processed at the same time last year, a 22 percent increase. These numbers reflect the new USA return address for memberships as well as increased payment options, and are an early indicator of the efficiency of the new processing and fulfillment systems.

The 2003 calendar currently has 385 sanctioned events listed. There were 431 total last year. The office projection is that by the end of 2003 there will have been 450 sanctioned events.

Follow up has been done with all 2002 events that have yet to submit results and/or player fees collected. At this point, results have not been received from 8 of 431 events. The final deadline for completion of 2002 event reporting is January 31. Brian and Theo will then finalize the 2002 Tour Statistics. From these, the 2003 Worlds invites will be determined by Feb 15.

Finances. The office has submitted the 2002 annual report of financial activity to the Board. In January 2003, the PDGA will bank \$80,000 compared to \$63,000 in January 2002, this is another indicator of our improved systems and efficiencies.

Tour feedback. Based on early season event feedback, it appears that the new ratings-based amateur divisions system is going smoothly. Reports also indicate that the new

policy regarding controlled substances has also been producing positive results.

PDGA Teleconference Notetaking, Communications, and DGWN Schedule

Communications Director Terry Calhoun has reviewed the last 4 years of PDGA content in DGWN. He has established an ad hoc committee to assist him in its analysis. Once that has been done, the group produce a set of suggestions regarding an overall communications cycle, probably at the Summit in March.

Terry also suggested that we need a procedure to formally review and approve Board meeting minutes. Various possibilities for the taking of notes were discussed. The possibility of Web posting for the minutes, to conserve space in DGWN, was also discussed. Marty will check our constitutional obligations with regard to making the minutes available to the membership.

Summit Detail Review, Agenda items

Pat reported on the details of Board member travel and housing for the upcoming summit in Arizona. The summit is scheduled to be held March 4th-6th. The theme of the Summit is "Driving PDGA Membership to 20,000."

Commissioner Pat Govang will be preparing and publishing a detailed agenda, which will include some open forum time.

Invited guests expected to attend include Chuck Kennedy, Jason Haas, Brian Graham and Steve Ganz. Other attendees include Todd Breiner, Keith Murray, Tim Selinske, and SportsLoop. On behalf of the Board, Dave Nesbitt will be inviting those bidding for upcoming PDGA Major events to be present, or to potentially participate in a teleconference.

Disc TV Update

Pat has sent a letter to DiscTV indicating Brian H. will be their PDGA contact for 2003. Brian H. tells us that they have 100 orders in hand for the 2002 Pro World video, which has not yet been delivered by DiscTV. The video was due at the end of November, 2002. Brian H. has also heard that the USDGC video has not been delivered. A short press release was issued by DiscTV, indicating that its 2003 season would begin in April. However DiscTV has also since cancelled plans to tape the first two SuperTour weekends. Beyond this, we have no additional information. Contingency plans were discussed and will be collected and implemented by Brian H.

PDGA Worlds and Major Events Update & Contract Negotiations

Dave Nesbitt is working to revise the agreements for major events. He now has produced a master document that includes all of the possible clauses. This master document can then be customized for each of the particular events. We will be delivering these

agreements to the 2003 majors before the Summit. The initial contact by letter is to be completed by the first week of February.

2004 Am Worlds Bids

Pending bids for 2004 include Arizona and Texas

Executive Session (30 minutes)

Financial Support and Sponsorship to Disc Golf Events

Moved by Pat Govang and seconded by Terry Calhoun: The PDGA establishes that it provides financial support and provides sponsorship only for events in which it has a vested interest. The motion carried unanimously, by a 5-0 vote.

PDGA Budget/IRS Status discussion

Steve Wertz, PDGA Treasurer, reported that the 2003 budget will be presented for approval at the upcoming summit. If there is a teleconference before the summit, the budget may be available for discussion at that time.

Steve also discussed some pending issues with the IRS from 1997 and 2001.

WFDF Membership

Stork reported on the recent proposal from WFDF regarding the new dues structure. He suggested that the PDGA Board should provide a prompt response to the WFDF request and that PDGA should indicate that it is in support of the WFDF restructuring, but that it cannot commit to the new dues obligations without having more information about the new WFDF structure.

Other Issues

National Tour Sponsorship. Pat discussed the 2003 National Tour Poster and National Tour Program sponsorship opportunities. Maximum proceeds are set at \$12,000. Pat has secured approximately \$7,500 thus far.

SportsLoop Update. Dave Nesbitt reported on an update from last week. The content remains confidential as a protection for the sponsors' interests.

Event Services. Terry Calhoun suggested that PDGA should review its safety and medical requirements for events. Terry, Nez, Brian, and Stork will look into the establishment of an ad hoc committee to consider these issues.

11:42 pm Eastern time. Pat Govang closed the meeting.

Submitted by Dan “Stork” Roddick