

**Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes for September 25, 2003 – Approved Minutes**

8:00 EST The meeting was convened by Commissioner Theo Pozzy

Present: Theo Pozzy, Marty Hapner, Jon Lyksett, Dave Nesbitt, Dan Roddick (staff), Brian Hoeniger (HQ staff), Lorrie Gibson (HQ staff)
Terry Calhoun joined at 8:45 pm pm EST Pete May joined at 9:40 pm EST
Not Present: Steve Wertz

Approval of Minutes of 8/25/03 Meeting

Minutes of the previous teleconference were reviewed. It was agreed to record how individual board members vote on final motions.

Motion Tabled: Moved by Jon seconded by Theo: approve previous minutes as corrected
To be voted on later in the meeting.

HQ Report

Brian reviewed the August Financial Report. Expenses which are exceeding budget include staff/Board travel, and legal issues including trademarks. Money is currently being expensed significantly quicker than in recent years.

Membership numbers are on track, and will reach 8400-8500 by the end of 2003.

Approximately 50 more tournaments will be included in the upcoming stats update next week. 493 sanctioned events are now on the 2003 calendar, an increase of 15% from 2002.

Action Item: For 2004 planning purposes, Brian and Theo will prepare a breakdown by division of tournaments held in 2003.

Stork has researched the visa/immigration process, facilitating Brian and Lorrie's move to Augusta. An immigration lawyer in Toronto will now be consulted to move the process forward.

Membership Analysis and 2004 Plan

Brian outlined his review and analysis of the costs and benefits of the different 2003 membership types. This revealed that membership benefits and accompanying services are now costing the PDGA more than the fees charged. He has recommended a \$10 fee raise for Amateurs and \$5 for Juniors.

Action Item (Brian) to create a set of line items related to the 2004 membership fees and benefits which can be examined and voted upon at the Summit in Augusta.

NDGC Contract and HQ Move

The contract will be on the agenda when the Columbia County Board meet on Oct 2/03.

Parties involved are exploring the possibility of transferring ownership of the land from The Army Corps of Engineers to Columbia County.

Action Item: Brian Hoeniger to talk to Brian Graham regarding Ranger Station furnishings being provided for by the County. Expenditure for furniture to be purchased by the PDGA will be incorporated into the budget. (Brian H)

John Houck, Chuck Kennedy, Harold Duvall and Brian Graham will be meeting during the week following the USDGC to begin work on designing the NDGC courses.

Tabled Motion

Moved by Jon seconded by Theo that the Board approve the previous minutes as corrected of the 8/25/03 teleconference.

Motion Passed For: Jon, Marty, Theo, Terry Opposed: Dave

Course Rating System

Stork reported that a good team of volunteers has been organized to develop a 5 star or similar system for rating and ranking disc golf courses. Discussions are underway, examining the issue from every angle.

USDGC Update

Theo spoke with Harold this week and progress is being made regarding an event agreement . Theo has offered to assist Harold and the USDGC with live webcast and scoring. The PDGA will also be providing up to \$2000 in support of the event.

Worlds/NT Webcast

The intention is to divide the footage into three pieces. One 30 min piece will be made available on line free of charge for a limited time. Access to the other two pieces will be sold via pdgastore.com. All segments will contain plenty of Discraft advertising.

Disciplinary Issues and Communications

Moved by Terry seconded by Dave: Per Article 5 Section 10 of the PDGA Constitution, all communication and discussion regarding employee compensation or performance and disciplinary actions of members shall be confidential unless approved by the Board.

Passed without dissent.

Budget/Planning

Brian will give Steve a preliminary budget early next week. The Board will be copied on this email.

K. Dooley Response

This issue, which relates to the semi final cut in MPG at the Pro Worlds, was reviewed.

Moved by Terry seconded by Jon : that we thank them [K Dooley and C Lake] and recognize their disappointment and appreciate their support of the organization by suffering that disappointment and in recognition of this we offer them Ace Club memberships for 2004.

Motion Passed For: Jon, Marty, Terry, Pete Opposed: Dave Abstained: Theo

Action Item: Marty will call and inform K Dooley of this outcome .

2004 National Tour Planning

Theo introduced Pete May as head of the National Tour Committee. Pete is committed to the publicity of and fundraising for the Tour.

Pete introduced the draft of a survey, written by Dave and Brian H, created to gain input from '03 NT Tournament Directors.

Dave reported on proposed sanctioning changes and a 12 event NT Tour with the possibility of a 13th event in the North East culminating in the US Championships events. Subjects for future discussion include: adjusted dates, added dates, set of foundational and rotating events.

Brian outlined the initial events on the Tour, leading off with the Memorial in AZ, one weekend earlier next year, then TX, FL, GA a nice geographical progression.

Brian highlighted sanctioning changes for Major, NT, Super Tour events. Goals for these changes are to:

- organize the classification of all PDGA events into their appropriate tiers
- provide a consistent set of event standards that players can expect at each tier level

More detail and discussion including budget will be presented in Augusta.

Other Business

Terry volunteered to store the 16 PDGA rubber tee-pads currently in Michigan.

Meeting adjourned 9/25/03 11:30 PM EST

Submitted by Lorrie Gibson

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