

**Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
Board of Directors' Meeting for April 8, 2004 – Approved Minutes**

7:30pm EST 6:30pm CST 5:30pm MST 4:30pmPST

The meeting was convened by Commissioner Theo Pozzy.

Present: T. Pozzy, J. Lyksett, M. Hapner (left at 8:15 pm EST), S. Wertz, D. Nesbitt (left at 7:45pmEST),
T. Calhoun, B.Hoeniger (ED), L.Gibson (Admin), D. Stork Roddick (Dir Spec Proj).
Not Present: P. May

SportsLoop Update

Dave reported on his discussion with Roy Kessel of SportsLoop. Roy understands that the relationship with the PDGA has ended but wants the opportunity to continue to submit marketing/image building proposals and ideas.

Footwear Restrictions for 2004

It was agreed to relax the restriction on wearing sandals at leading PDGA Tour events.

Approval of Minutes

Motion (Theo/Jon)

Moved that the minutes of the teleconference of 2/10/04 and the AZ Board Summit 2/24-26/04 be passed.

For: Jon, Marty, Steve, Theo, Terry **Motion Passed**

HQ Update

Brian summarized the member numbers as of the end of March/early April: 5750 current members, with the latest new member #24641.

496 tour events scheduled. The first 2004 stats report complete.

\$230,859 income, \$146,907 expenses = financial position healthy.

He also updated the US Immigration visas situation (still in progress) and the domain names registration.

Mammoth Productions Proposal

Keith Pappas outlined his experience in sports broadcasting and described his vision for televising disc golf. His proposal includes meeting with the major television networks at an upcoming convention in Las Vegas seeking television coverage of PDGA events.

Motion (Theo/Terry)

That the PDGA pursues a relationship with Mammoth-Teleproductions (M-T) and authorizes M-T to negotiate with the major networks and cable channels for programming of PDGA disc golf events, and that the PDGA works towards finalizing the current draft agreement.

For: Steve, Jon, Terry, Theo **Motion Passed**

PDGA Radio

Positive feedback has been received from the membership.

Motion (Theo/Steve)

That the PDGA continue the PDGA Radio News program through to the end of August 2004.

For: Terry, Jon, Steve, Theo **Motion Passed**

2004 Worlds Video RFP

The deadline for submissions is April 15/04. To date two parties have expressed interest.

NT Update

Dave succeeded in negotiating with several firms for NT signage.

The NT Handbook will be submitted to the printers shortly.

The first 3 NT events of the season have received the maximum \$2500 in PDGA matching sponsorship, meaning that each club raised and added \$5000+ to the Pro purse.

The next NT Committee teleconference will be scheduled soon.

Modified Version of Joe Wanders Video Proposal

Joe provided a summary of his proposal: a two episode pilot project with a budget of \$2500. His idea is to distribute 100 copies of the pilot around the country for broadcast on local cable network stations to promote disc golf and spark interest in the show.

Action Item (Terry)

Report to Joe that the Board approves the modified version of his video proposal. Advise him that to succeed in the long run this project must be self supporting.

MCC Update

Brian reviewed the recent report from Rick Sykes of MCC Events. At present Rick sees the NDGC sponsorship as the principal opportunity for raising funds. It will take time to raise sponsor dollars for the Tour

Tech Standards Summit

A Technical Standards Summit has been proposed for the '04 Worlds. Terry agreed to assume the lead on this project. Once intent and vision for the Summit have been established, a budget and invitation list will be drawn up.

NDGC Update

Course designers assembled at Wildwood Park last week. The designs for 3 courses have been completed. The next priority will be to walk the courses with the owners of the land i.e. The Army Corps of Engineers to identify and give permission for trees to be cleared. The building is ready for occupancy however obtaining high speed internet access is proving to be a challenge. Brian Graham continues to work on these projects.

2005 Am Worlds Bid

The Arizona Disc Golf Club (AZDGC) has met the requirements stipulated by the Board at the AZ Summit and is confirmed as the host for the 2005 Am Worlds.

Action Item (Brian)

Invite Bowling Green to make a bid presentation at the 2004 Worlds for the 2006 PDGA Amateur World Championships.

Board and Contact Elections

Terry suggested moving the cycle up a couple of months i.e. calling for nominations, and identifying candidates earlier in the year.

The next issue of DGWN (Spring #70) will carry the call for nominations.

Board members were asked to consider how to go about finding replacement candidates.

International Program Update

Sweden, Finland and The Nordic Tour are on board as affiliated countries and events, providing solid momentum to the program.

Sam Ferrans is assisting as a go between for Japan and the PDGA.

A response to the proposal is expected soon from Great Britain via Derek Robins.

Recently memberships were processed for 15 Belgians, where formerly this country had no PDGA members.

An electronic TD report (ETDR) for Europe is to be designed, similar to but simpler than ours.

An International Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the '04 Worlds.

The first Eurotour event will be held shortly.

Disciplinary Issues

The issue of how to handle Pros competing in Amateur divisions was discussed, including:

- Pro players having accepted cash playing Amateur
 - Pro players never having accepted cash playing Amateur
 - Am players who renewed as Pros for 1 yr, played one or two events, and then returned to Amateur.
- Also, should this issue be dealt with retroactively or should more stringent standards be applied now that mechanisms to catch such incidents have been built into the TD report processing system?

In the next rules update (possibly at the end of 2004), the Board was asked to consider differentiating between Rules of Play and PDGA Policy.

Other Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:50pm EST