

**Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
Board of Directors Meeting for December 14, 2004 – Approved Minutes**

8:00pm EST 7:00PM CST 6:00pm MST 5:00pm PST

The Meeting was convened by Commissioner Theo Pozzy

Present: T. Pozzy, Jon Lyksett, John Chappy Chapman, P. May, B. Brakel, T. Calhoun, B. Hoeniger (ED), L. Gibson (Admin), D. Stork Roddick (Dir Spec Proj), D. Gentry (Tour Manager), J. Gary Dropcho (DGF)
8:00pm – 8:20pm Absent: S Wertz

Disc Golf Foundation (DGF) (J.Gary Dropcho)

J. Gary thanked the PDGA for its financial support and for adding the DGF to the 2005 PDGA Membership Form. A gift will be offered for any donation exceeding \$100 and a tax receipt will be issued. The Board was updated on the activities of the Foundation, including management of the Steady Ed Fund from the sale of Ed's ashes discs. Profits are earmarked for the Steady Ed Museum. Since the program's inception 10 courses have been installed via the Matching Baskets Program with 2-3 applications in the DGF pipeline.

Motion (Jon/Terry)

Moved that the minutes of the 11/3/04 teleconference be approved.

For: Terry, Jon, Pete, Theo Abstain: Bruce, Chappy, **Motion Passed**

HQ Update (Brian)

Current 2004 membership is 8402, 3% above this time 1 year ago.

TD reporting: 550/586 2004 events had reported as of 12/1 vs 451/500 one year ago.

Finances: November report pending,. This will be the first report based on accrual accounting.

Brian continues to work with the Iowa team to close the books on the 2004 World Championships.

Training of new PDGA staff is ongoing. A positive update on the NDGC project was received 12/13/04 from Brian Graham.

Priority: Develop with Publicity Coordinator Andi Lehmann a template for pre and post event press releases in regards to all 2005 National Tour, Majors and possibly Supertour events.

Tech Standards Compliance (Stork)

The Tech Standards Committee is dealing with a quality control issue and is looking to the Board for guidance how to enforce the guidelines. The question the Committee has for the Board is: "What are the parameters for control that the PDGA wants to exercise either against or with manufacturers when discs that have been approved in the past begin to appear in the market place with some sort of discrepancy beyond the approved limitations?"

Action Item: (Stork)

A task force will be set up to investigate the various options/solutions which will be presented at the '05 Spring Summit for the Board's approval.

Rules Update (Theo/John)

There will be no new rulebook for 2005. The current plan is to make one interim change: to allow TDs to make the 2m rule optional. At a tournament if no announcement is made by the TD, the 2m rule will remain in effect as written in the rulebook. Beginning with the other rules revisions completed in 2005 by the Rules Committee, the rulebook will be rewritten in 2005, for implementation in 2006.

Motion (Pete/Jon)

That for 2005 the PDGA will leave the default as is; that the TDs have the right to undo the 2m rule if they wish without seeking permission from the Competition Director; that the TDs must report to the PDGA whether or not the 2m rule was implemented.

For: Bruce, Terry, Jon, Pete, Theo Against: Chappy **Motion Passed**

Action Items: (Brian/Board)

1. The above decision to be disseminated to all TDs.
2. Incorporate within the 2005 TD report the question: "Did you [the TD] implement the 2m rule?" Review the responses half way through the season to determine if a rules change is warranted for 2006.
3. Reprint the old rulebook as is, Dave Henrickson to be informed.
4. Within 4 weeks from now, Board to offer Chappy feedback on the current draft.
5. Chappy/Rules Committee to work on further changes to present to the Board for review.
6. Stork to work on a process for changing the rulebook.

MSDGC Sanctioning

David and John provided a status update on the Marshall Street Disc Golf Championship (MSDGC) team's views regarding dress code, player fees, media agreement, point person, and the PDGA Marshal position. The Board expressed concern regarding sanctioning of the MSDGC as a PDGA NT event in view of recent postings from the MSDGC team.

It was acknowledged that Tournament Director selection/rejection is a responsibility of the Executive Director, and not a Board issue.

Action Items: (Staff)

1. Compose a clear set of standards and behavior for Officials.
2. Review and polish Terry's emailed communication sent out earlier today. Policies can be drafted in time for Board Approval/Review at the Spring Summit.

DISCUSSION MONITORING (Terry)

There has been a noted increase in rude language on the PDGA DISCUSSION Board.

Action Item: (Terry)

Announce a 2 month trial period during which time Terry will monitor messages on the Board, e.g. deleting anonymous postings, over the top negative postings. At the end of the trial period, follow up with the denizens of the Board for feedback to learn whether they found the exercise to be positive, negative, effective - any other opinions they may have on the subject.

Theo and Brian will assist Terry as needed.

PDGA PROCEDURES AND PROCESS TIMELINES (Stork)

Stork intends to have principal people take a look at the timeline document and lay in the activities they know or perform including scheduling of these actions e.g. on an annual or multi year basis. Ultimately this should be a complex yet straightforward and valuable document which can be passed on to future Administrations and/or Boards.

2005 PDGA TOUR UPDATE (David/Brian)

60 events are fully sanctioned for 2005; 298 events have confirmed their dates.

The NT Agreement has yet to be finalized.

The Worlds Agreements will be delivered to the '05 Worlds Tournament Directors in early January.

The 2005 Event report is being refined.

760 '05 memberships have been processed to date which indicates a healthy start.

450 Tournament Directors, State Coordinators and others will receive their hard copy Event planning packages by the end of December.

Delivery of the '05 Course Directory and '04 Worlds DVD is expected later in this month.

Gathering Email Addresses (Terry)

Course Contacts listed in the PDGA Course Directory are obliged to accept communication from the PDGA. The Course Evaluation Survey will facilitate with updating this information.

NDGC and Augusta Move Update (Brian/David)

Still awaiting phone and internet installation. Electricity and water have been hooked up.

Visa update: the third application was submitted in mid-November. Immigration responded with a 2 page request for further information which Brian is in the process of organizing; this must be submitted to our immigration lawyer by the end of January '05.

Encourage the county to construct a building which is LEED certified = green building design.

Motion (Terry/Chappy)

That Brian Graham and associated county personnel be advised that the PDGA Board believes it would be to the organization's advantage and appropriate for the NDGC building to meet LEED certification; that the Board requests minimum LEED certification be included in the bid document.

For: Terry, Chappy, Jon, Theo, Pete Abstain: Bruce **Motion Passed**

Spring '05 Board Summit (Phoenix) (Theo)

Date: March 2-4/05

The Agenda will be less full which will allow more time for discussion.

The list of potential invitees to date: Carlton Howard, Pat Govang, John Duesler, Jeff Homburg, Todd Breiner, Andi Lehmann, Becky Zallek, the manufacturers, Brian Sullivan, Chuck Kennedy.

Other Business/Action Items

1. Suggestions for other invitees to the Spring Summit should be forwarded to Theo for consideration.
2. 2 candidates are sought to fill vacancies on the Disciplinary Committee.
3. A candidate is sought to replace the out going Financial Director.
4. Scheduling BOD teleconferences on a more regular basis. Theo will examine next year's schedule of meetings.
5. Affiliated Countries now include Australia and Great Britain with one or two more countries in Europe to follow.

Meeting Adjourned at 11pm EDT