

**Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)  
Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting, February 7, 2007 – Approved Minutes**

**8:00pm ET 7:00PM CT 6:00pm MT 5:00pm PT**

The Meeting was convened by Commissioner Theo Pozzy. Minutes were taken by L. Gibson

Present: Theo Pozzy, Bob Decker, Cris Bellinger, Steve Dodge, Pat Brenner, Dan “Stork” Roddick, Director Special Projects, Brian Hoeniger (ED), Lorrie Gibson (Staff), David Gentry (Staff)

**Not Present:** Directors Jon Lyksett, Pete May

Quorum met.

Theo welcomed everyone.

**HQ Update** - B. Hoeniger/L. Gibson

Total memberships to date in 2007 are 10.1% greater than one year ago. February 20, 2007 is the cut off for non-current members to access the message board and view their stats online. A Call to Renew hard copy reminder is being sent to 5826 '06 members and 1923 individuals whose membership expired in 2005. A call to join/renew has been sent to 1947 players who paid the \$5 non-member fee at a 2006 PDGA sanctioned event. The rate of return will be reported in due time.

Of the 118 players who paid for a Developmental membership in 2006, 39 have joined the PDGA, 61 are being sent a Call to Join letter. As a result of its lack of success and per Board decision, this program is not being offered in 2007.

**Financial Report**

The year end financial report, completed by the Executive Director under the direction of Bob Decker, was recently sent to all Board members. Brian explained the highlights and responded to Board members' questions. The year end cash position of the association is approximately \$140,000 vs \$105,000 one year ago, equivalent to just under 2 months operating expenses. This positive trend is attributable in large part to the 17.4% increase in current member in 2006. However, when accrual based accounting is also taken into consideration, including accounts receivable and payable, deferred membership and other revenue (funds received by 12/31/06 that apply to 2007 and beyond), prepaid expenses, inventory, and other organizational assets, the net financial position of the PDGA is just under \$78,000.

The 2007 Tour Program has been completed and is ready for the printer.

**PDGA Tour** - D Gentry

There were 732 events in 2006 which is a 7.3% increase over 2005. The net purse for 2006 was 14.9% greater than in 2005 and \$4000 short of \$1.6 million.

302 events are now listed on the Tour schedule. All indications are that the Tour is in good shape for 2007.

**Executive Search** – Dan “Stork” Roddick

The Search Committee remains on schedule. 3 final candidates will be presented to the Board for consideration by Feb 20/07. The winning candidate will be offered the ED position March 1, 2007.

**Action Item (BOD)**

The Board will review the information submitted by the Search Committee and select a date for a teleconference to review the final candidates and render a decision.

**Disciplinary Process** – T. Pozzy/S. Dodge

Steve withdrew for discussion his document on the Disciplinary process. He believed that his motion would achieve the same goal promoting openness and transparency within the association.

**Motion** (S. Dodge/C. Bellinger)

That a column be added to the list of suspended players [at the website] indicating the rule or category violation for each suspended player.

**For:** Unanimous **Motion Passed**

**Action Item:** (?)

Finalize a list of violations and apply them to all current and future suspended players.

**Action Item:** S. Dodge

A table be added to the message board listing:

- 1) current names of posters suspended from the message board
- 2) corresponding rule/category violation
- 3) corresponding length of suspension

**Developed Non-PDGA Tour Proposal – S. Dodge/D. Gentry**

Steve presented to the Board his proposal outlining his 3 year plan to establish a relationship between the PDGA and developed disc golf tours that currently have a small percentage of PDGA events. The aim is to grow the sport by providing greater value to the players and increase PDGA memberships. Steve provided details and fielded questions.

The Board agreed the idea has potential. Steve will refine his proposal for Board review, it will then be submitted to the State Coordinators, many of whom are also TDs, for their feedback.

**Sponsorship and Ad Policy Draft – Stork**

Stork had distributed his draft of the policy to Board members earlier in the day. It was decided that following the deadline of February 20, 2007, he would compile their comments in a report and submit it for further discussion.

**Petition – 2006 Player of the Year Award – B. Hoeniger/T. Pozzy**

Brian reported that HQ had received a petition, signed by 20 players, requesting that the 2006 Player of the Year Award won by Barry Schultz be shared with David Feldberg, which had been forwarded to the Board.

Before proceeding further the Board concluded that a ballot recount and reexamination was in order. Brian was charged with this task and will relay his findings to the Board.

**Amendment of Bylaws – B. Decker/T. Pozzy**

This topic was tabled until after the members have been informed of the proposed vote by the Directors to amend the bylaws in regards to the election of the Commissioner and tenure of the directors.

**Action Item** (S. Dodge)

Post an announcement at the message board and in the upcoming member e-newsletter.

**Disc Golf World – (T. Pozzy/B.Hoeniger)**

A magazine optional membership has been considered by various Boards for quite some time. The aim here is to reduce the cost of a PDGA membership in an effort to grow the number of association members. After much discussion it was decided to put the issue to a vote.

**Motion** (T. Pozzy/P. Brenner)

Starting in 2008 a no-magazine option will be offered

**For: Unanimous Motion Approved**

**Motion** (T. Pozzy/St. Dodge)

That a RFP be issued for an association magazine for 2008

**For: Unanimous Motion Approved**

**Action Item:** (Stork)

Notify the publisher of DGW of the following:

- 1) the Board's decision to offer a no magazine option in 2008
- 2) for 2008 the PDGA will issue an RFP for an association magazine

**Discgolftv.com Proposal** – T. Pozzy

The Board reviewed Discgolftv.com's request for increased financial assistance from the PDGA. Rather than financial, it was decided to explore other means of providing further support to discgolftv.com e.g. increasing exposure of their site.

**Action Item** (B. Hoeniger)

Brian will inform Discgolftv of the Board's decision and will manage the relationship and exchange of information between the PDGA and discgolftv.com

**Violation of PDGA Trademarks** – B. Hoeniger

Brian reported on a recent satisfactory resolution between an individual violating a PDGA trademark and the PDGA.

**Review of Audit Bids** – B. Decker/B. Hoeniger

As per the RFP process decided upon previously, Bob outlined the bids that Brian had received from 3 local firms. He expressed his support of the least expensive of the bids. It is expected that the audit will be completed in time for the 2007 Fall Board Summit.

**Motion** (B. Decker/T. Pozzy)

That the Board accept the bid of Berry and Associates P.C. and that Brian contact the firm to get the process underway.

**For: Unanimous Motion Approved**

**Proposed Delinquent Event Fees Policy** – D. Gentry

David outlined his proposal, Board members suggested changes. David will incorporate the ideas and re-submit the proposal to the Board for a vote.

## **Other Business**

**Relationship with WFDF** – Stork/B. Hoeniger

After many drafts of an agreement, it is apparent that neither the PDGA nor WFDF are willing to make the compromise necessary for a deal to be struck between the two organizations. WFDF is asking for payment in excess of what the PDGA can afford both financially and in terms of perceived value to PDGA, including \$5 per Pro and Am Worlds player in return for WFDF recognition/sanctioning of these events. With the joint WFDF/PDGA joint efforts to get disc golf in the 2009 World Games in Taiwan having proven unsuccessful, the Board concurred that there was insufficient value to PDGA in paying these fees to WFDF at present. The primary value that WFDF provides today to PDGA is its research into and growing

investment in WADA requirements in regards to disc sports. Thus one key question is does the PDGA wish to be involved in events with WADA (World Anti-Doping Assoc) requirements or does it wish to pursue its own alternative and independent path ? Stork reminded the Board that PDGA has been an institutional member of WFDF for some 20 years and there are many intangible benefits that WFDF provides to disc golf and the PDGA worldwide. Brian suggested that the PDGA take a step back but continue to pay its annual member dues of \$3000 which would our continued support of WFDF and enable PDGA to remain positioned for future opportunities including those with WADA requirements. However, the International Committee would no longer require WFDF membership in order to participate, and this would empower the PDGA to determine its international country partners as necessary where both Ultimate oriented national disc sports and developing disc golf bodies exist. WFDF would be given the opportunity to continue as joint owner of the International Committee under these terms. The Board agreed that Brian give WFDF this option.

**Motion** (T. Pozzy/B. Decker)  
That meeting be adjourned

**For:** Unanimous **Motion Approved**

Meeting Adjourned 11:50 pmET