

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

**8:30pm ET 7:30PM CT 6:30pm MT 5:30pm PT**

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

**Present:** Theo Pozzy, Bob Decker, Jon Lyksett, Cris Bellinger, Steve Dodge, Pat Brenner, P. May, Brian Hoeniger (ED), Lorrie Gibson (Staff), David Gentry (Staff), Dan “Stork” Roddick, Director Special Projects, Brian Graham Incoming ED

Quorum met.

Theo greeted everyone and extended a special welcome to incoming ED Brian Graham. Brian Graham expressed his gratitude for being given the opportunity and looks forward to working with everyone.

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

The IDGC Grand Opening is less than 7 weeks away.

The first course is complete, with tee signs the next of the amenities to be installed.

On the second course tee pads will be laid next week followed by the installation of baskets; some clearing is still required; bridges are under construction.

The staff will be moving into the building in early April; landscaping around the building has yet to be performed. Every Saturday from now until the opening is a volunteer work day.

This week the IDGC Endowment Fund received a \$25,000 donation.

**Memberships** – there are 7095 current member as of this week’s processing which is 7.8% ahead of one year ago; hard copy direct mails with IDGC brochures enclosed have gone out to those whose memberships expired in 2005 and 2006, and to \$5 fee payers in 2006.

**Financials** – Early 2007 indications are the association is in good shape financially. The audit is in progress.

Support packages of promotional material will soon be distributed to State and Country Coordinators and other core volunteers.

**PDGA Tour** – D. Gentry

Dave reported he recently returned from working at The Memorial, the first National Tour event of the year. He found it to have been a smoothly run event, better organized than previous years.

The PDGA Tour continues to grow with 436 unique events on the schedule as of 3/6/07, a 4.2% increase compared to the same time one year ago.

The Competition Committee will teleconference March 21<sup>st</sup>, recommendations resulting from the meeting will be presented to the Board in early April in preparation for discussion at the 2007 Spring Summit.

**Non-PDGA Tour Proposal** – S. Dodge

Jon has been forwarding to the Board feedback from the State Coordinators who for the most part did not favor the proposal. They felt it unfair to Tournament Directors and promoters who have been loyal all these years and deserved a place in the concept of the proposal. They did however support D-tier level of sanctioning. Steve feels the Board needs to revisit the proposal.

**Action Item:** S. Dodge

Survey the State Coordinators seeking their proposed solutions to the problem of increasing the PDGA profile in regions where it is not yet popular.

**2006 Player of the Year Award – B. Hoeniger**

The recount has been completed; Barry Schultz remains the clear winner, the original decision stands.

**Action Item** (T. Pozzy/B. Decker)

The petitioners will be informed of this decision by letter

**Amendment of Bylaws – T. Pozzy**

**Motion** (B.Decker/P. Brenner)

That the by-laws be accepted as amended

**For:** B. Decker, J. Lyksett, P. May, S. Dodge, P. Brenner, T.Pozzy **Did Not Vote:** C. Bellinger

**Motion Passed**

**Publishing More Detailed Financials – P. Brenner/B. Decker**

Debate revolved around the pros and cons of publishing a more detailed budget than is currently practiced. It was decided that further discussion and the completion of the audit is required before a decision can be taken.

**Invitation to IDGC Opening/Board Summit – B. Hoeniger**

Brian provided a synopsis of the preliminary invitation list he sent out to Board members for their review one month ago.

**Action Item:** BDH

Issue invitations to all former Board members, key volunteers/contributors

**Marketing Update – J. Duesler**

John reported exciting progress regarding the relationship between the PDGA and Microtel Inns & Suites. PDGA events around the country are using Microtel as their host hotel and in turn Microtel has donated \$6,500 to the Disc Golfer of the Week program which kicks off this weekend. It is a 30 week initiative, open to all current PDGA members. The website [www.discgolferoftheweek.com](http://www.discgolferoftheweek.com) has been well received. Green Mountain Beverages have confirmed they will be a sponsor for the 2007 PDGA Amateur World Championships.

Frontier Airlines has agreed to donate 2 round trip tickets anywhere in the country, to be awarded to male and female winners of the National Tour.

Merrill Shoes: a relationship is developing

Sierra Nevada: interested in disc golf

John has attended 4 major meetings/conferences where he found disc golf to be well received. He reports that the positive financial impact disc golf has on a community is being noticed.

John encourages the PDGA to take advantage of what Convention & Visitors Bureaus can offer.

Wide World of Sports in Disney World is interested in installing a disc golf course.

Sugar Bush Ski Resort in Vermont is excited about hosting an NT event in 2007.

**PDGA Radio – T. Pozzy**

It was learned recently that Brian Sullivan will no longer be available and therefore PDGA Radio will not be offered in 2007.

John Duesler is investigating possibilities for continuing the show.

**Action Items:** (BDH)

1. Send John Duesler contact info of members who are known to be disc jockeys
2. Contact PDGA Radio advertisers with a status report, refunds will be issued if nothing develops

**Staffing- Memberships Manager Position - (BDH/B. Graham)**

Brian Graham reported receiving emails from those who have expressed an interest in the position. He suggested the call for applicants be made via the various disc golf media.

**Action Item:** BDH/BG/FLG

Design job description and advertise

**Conflict of Interest Policy – Late Compliance – P. Brenner**

Forms will be sent to any Board member who has yet to complete one.

Some sort of consequence policy needs to be developed for implementation if/when future Board members fail to submit completed forms in a timely manner.

**Action Item:** P Brenner

Will create a proposal for said policy and submit to Board members for their perusal.

**Message Board**

**1) Expanding the “Ask the Board of Directors” Section – S. Dodge**

Steve would like to see a practice whereby board members are able start a thread based on a member’s question. Over the long term the goal here is for the debate/responses to become a resource of information. The thread will be initiated and moderated by Board members only; members will be invited to email or PM a Board member to start a topic

**Action Item:** S. Dodge

Will draft a proposal for Board review

**2) Restricting PDGA Tournaments Forum to Sanctioned Events – J. Lyksett**

Jon suggested that non-sanctioned events be permitted a single post on the message board in the form of an announcement. A thread on the message board, not just a single post could then be included as a benefit of sanctioning an event with the PDGA.

**Action Item:** P. Brenner

Will create guidelines based on Jon’s suggestion and subsequent Board discussion with a motion to follow online.

**3) Automating TD Sanctioning – Building an RFP – S. Dodge**

Pros and cons of this idea were briefly discussed.

**Action Items:** S. Dodge/D. Gentry/T. Pozzy

1. Dave will post IT list of priorities
2. Steve will post his proposal for Board review
3. Theo will add the IT priority list to the spring Summit agenda

**Delinquent TD Policy – D. Gentry**

A draft policy was created and submitted to Board members earlier in preparation for this meeting.

**Motion:** J. Lyksett/T. Pozzy

That the proposal be accepted as presented.

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

**Action Item:** D. Gentry

Make this policy available to the membership via various PDGA media

## **Other Business**

### **National Collegiate DG Update**

Pete announced that 5 schools including Southern California and Michigan have confirmed their attendance at the upcoming Championships in April. He is waiting to hear from 4 more and is hoping for a field of 12. The Championships will be held at the Hippodrome the week before the Hall of Fame Classic NT event.

#### **Action Item:** S Dodge/HQ

Announce in member e-newsletter and at website

### **Denmark Union – S. Dodge**

Steve received an inquiry regarding the newly formed Danish Disc Golf Union. Brian advised that the issue of Country representation will be on the next International Committee teleconference agenda.

### **Pro Worlds Financials – BDH**

Brian reviewed the current budget for the 2007 Pro World Championships

#### **Action Items**

1. BDH will approach John Duelsler requesting the search for sponsorship for '07 Pro Worlds be added to his job description; this will be revisited/followed up in one month's time.
2. BDH and BG to review and manage the Pro Worlds budget

### **Date for RFP for a PDGA Magazine**

Working together BDH and BG will send out an RFP late May/early June. This should provide plenty of time for the 2008 season.

#### **Motion** (J Lyksett/T.Pozzy)

Meeting be adjourned

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

Meeting Adjourned 00:09am ET