

**Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting, June 6, 2007 – Draft 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 Brian Graham

Present: Theo Pozzy, Bob Decker, Cris Bellinger, Steve Dodge, Pat Brenner, Jon Lyksett, Brian Graham (ED), David Gentry (Staff), Dan “Stork” Roddick, Director Special Projects, John Duesler, Marketing Director, Jeff Homburg, Technical Standards committee chair,

Not Present: Pete May

Quorum met.

Theo welcomed everyone

HQ Update – Brian Graham

The staff and new E.D. are settling into their new roles at headquarters, following the recent departure of Brian Hoeniger and Lorrie Gibson. The annual elections are underway and will end on July 31, 2007. Brian gave a report on recent developments including negotiations with Columbia County to earmark money for an annual event at the IDGC. Karolyn Garlock, the new PDGA administrative assistant, began work on June 1st and is settling into her new role nicely.

Dave Gentry gave a report on the status of the PDGA tour including stats and comparisons to prior years. Tour growth remains very healthy with the average numbers of players per event rising significantly. Dave reported that there are currently 10,321 current members and that the organization should meet its membership projections for this year without any problem.

Financial Audit (Brian Graham)

Brian Graham gave a report on the recent audit performed by Berry and Associates. The audit went very well and the PDGA finances remain to be healthy. The auditor has recommended that the PDGA consider hiring a part time accountant to assist the office in its weekly accounting responsibilities. This would free up some much needed time for the executive director to devote to other organizational responsibilities that are more in tune with what an E.D. should be doing.

Action Item (Brian Graham)

Work with financial director, Bob Decker, to determine the accounting needs of the organization. Talk with several local accountants to get bids on providing services on a part-time basis and report back to the Board. Post the Audit at PDGA.com.

Technical Standards (Jeff Homburg/Steve Dodge)

Jeff reported on the recent request by Technical Standards to BEI for certain models of discs, so that they could be retested. He and Steve Dodge related the need for the PDGA to find a way to cover the expenses of testing in the event that he can no longer perform those duties on a volunteer basis. Steve Dodge brought up the possibility of charging manufacturers a per disc fee. The issue was debated and it was decided to hold off on further discussion until testing costs can be found from an outside source.

Action Item (Jeff Homburg)

Seek price quotes on the testing of discs and targets from a source outside of the industry and report back to the Board with the findings.

National Tour (Dave Gentry/John Duesler)

Dave and John reported that they were not yet ready to make recommendations to the Board on the 2008 National Tour. They will be prepared to make a report and recommendations at next months meeting.

Marketing (John Duesler)

John reported on his work to raise sponsorship for the 2007 Pro Worlds. He also reported that the proposal to Walt Disney World, in regards to a possible event at the Wide world of Sports Complex, have passed the first hurdle and has been sent on to the next level of the approval process.

Sponsorship Policy (Stork)

Stork gave a report on the status of the sponsorship and advertising policy, which is currently being developed for PDGA owned events. He explained that rather than changing the language of the policy, he was recommending that the policy be prefaced with a cover letter explaining the need and intent. It was decided that the best course of action would be to poll the NT tournament directors to get their take on the draft policy. Stork will use these comments to finalize a document that can be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Action Item (Dave Gentry)

Forward the draft sponsorship and advertising policy along with the new cover letter to the NT tournament directors for their review and comments.

Mission Statement (Stork)

Stork questioned the timing of creating the new mission statement, with the elections currently taking place and a new board set to take the reins of leadership later this year. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that the experience of the current board would be valuable in the process, but that the new board members should also be included. It was decided that the current board should work with the newly elected board members, following the election, to draft this document. It was also agreed that it would be advantageous for the board to ask the membership for input and ideas before moving forward.

Action Item (Stork)

Stork will come back to the board with a proposal for the process to create a new Mission Statement.

Website Redesign (Theo Pozzy/Dave Gentry)

Theo and Dave gave a report on IT issues and the creation of a new website for PDGA.com. Theo explained that the advantages of using an open source content management system and proposed that the PDGA consider using Druple software. Theo will continue to lead this project after he leaves the office with help from Dave Gentry and others.

Action Item (Dave Gentry)

Post an announcement on the Druple forum, seeking interest from Druple developers in the development of the new website.

Discussion Board Moderation (Brian Graham/Steve Dodge)

Brian Graham expressed concern over the current moderating system for the PDGA discussion board, saying it was becoming increasingly difficult to distinguish between a moderator's opinion and their official ruling on an issue. He explained that he received an inordinate amount of e-mails from members recently, who were confused about the rules and process. Brian requested that Steve create a protocol for the moderating team, where they would discuss issues privately and only one member of the team would post the official decision on an issue. Steve agreed and explained that he has asked the moderators to create a personal screen name, separate from their moderating screen names, to avoid future problems. Steve reported on an incident by Jeff LaGrassa, where Jeff was involved in a ruling on an issue in which he was personally involved. Due to this incident, Steve has asked Jeff LaGrassa to give up his frontline moderating duties but to continue to work with and support the moderating team.

Motion (T.Pozzy)

That the meeting be adjourned.

For: Unanimous **Motion Passed**

Meeting Adjourned 10:48pm EST