

11/07/07 Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes
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Meeting was convened at 8:34 PM EDT by President Decker. Present were Board members Decker, Dodge, Shive, Andrews, Bellinger, Brenner, Convers, Executive Director Graham, Staff member Gentry and Consultant Roddick.

Headquarters Report (Graham):

We have a net financial position of \$186,339, compared with \$144,894 at this time last year. We have 11,624 active members, compared with 11,444 at this time last year.

We are still waiting on the settlement of a few outstanding bills before we can do a complete review of the Worlds' finances.

Tour Report (Gentry):

2007 should be a banner year for the PDGA Tour. We project a 13.8% increase in US events, which would be a record one-year increase. Total event attendance is up 11.2%, and other key stats (players per event, average pro purse) indicate that there is sufficient demand for the supply created by the new events.

The 2008 Membership and Tour Standards documents should be released within a week.

2008 Budget (Graham):

We made some changes to the 2008 Draft Budget. \$10,000 was added to the Marketing budget. \$5000 was added to fund a new Grant Program that would provide for 10 \$500 development grants to be awarded on a competitive basis. We hope to announce the details of this program next month. We removed the \$3000 WFDF membership line item pending Graham's negotiations with WFDF for more satisfactory conditions for a continuing relationship.

Motion (Decker): To accept the amended 2008 Budget (Shive second).

Motion passes unanimously.

Technical Standards (Roddick):

The Technical Standards has received a good response to the membership preference survey, including 75 pages of commentary. The basic survey results will be released by November 15, and the Committee will make its

recommendation to the Board by December 1. We expect that the revised standards will be ready for implementation by January 1, 2008.

Late-season pro-rated membership fee (Graham):

We discussed the possibility of a discounted membership that might boost enrollment in late-season NT and A-Tier events, but decided not to proceed at this time.

Communications Director Report (Shive):

The following changes will be made to the Discussion Board policies, effective December 1:

The suspension levels, currently at three days, three weeks and three months, will be increased to three weeks, three months and one year.

The length of the “self edit/delete” window will be increased to 72 hours.

The Moderators and the Communications Director will develop a policy sanctioning the posting of personal data on the DISCussion Board.

University Testing Service (Brenner):

Disc testing could be outsourced to an established University laboratory, with the increased costs borne entirely by the manufacturers. We tabled this discussion, pending implementation of the new standards and consideration of other options.

NT/Premier event qualifications (Graham):

In 2008, the Players Cup will be the final event in the NT points series race. By the 2008 Spring Summit we hope to define a four-event series of events beginning in the 2009 season that would constitute a “Grand Slam” in disc golf.

Temporary membership values for non-members (Graham):

We are continuing to work on an appropriate package to offer to non-members who play in PDGA events.

Meeting adjourned 11:51 PM EDT.