

1/09/08 Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes
Approved

Meeting was convened at 8:33 PM EST by President Decker. Others present were Board members Dodge, Shive, Andrews, Bellinger, Brenner, Convers, Executive Director Graham, Tour Manager Gentry, and Board Consultant Roddick.

Headquarters Report (Graham):

We have a net financial position of \$157,663, compared with \$142,785 at this time last year. We have 11,943 active members, compared with 11,302 at this time last year, a 5.8% increase over last year.

So far 2579 people have taken out memberships for 2008. Of these, 439 (17.6%) have opted out of the magazine. When we correct for the family and international members who would normally opt out, the rate is only 8.6%.

The first issue of the new magazine is scheduled for delivery on January 30.

Tour Report (Gentry):

The 2008 tour is off to a surprisingly strong start, with 248 events already on the calendar (a 45% increase over 2007). We don't expect this increase rate to be sustained but since we only predicted a 5% growth, this is very encouraging. The Competition Endowment Program has already sanctioned 11 charity events.

About a dozen 2007 TD reports are still outstanding. We expect to have these in hand by the January 15 deadline. We can then compute the 2007 year-end statistics, calculate the list of Touring Pros and the invitations to the World Championships.

Disc Approval

Motion (Shive): To certify the Technical Standards Committee's approval of the Magic and the Assassin, both from Gateway (Convers second).

Motion passes unanimously.

12/13/07 Special Meeting Minutes (Decker)

Motion (Shive): To approve the minutes for the 12/13/07 Board teleconference meeting (Decker second).

Motion passes unanimously.

DGW Final Payment (Graham)

We will need to make a final unanticipated payment of about \$35,000 for the last issue of Disc Golf World.

Worlds Budget Recap (Graham)

The PDGA came out about \$6000 ahead for the 2007 Amateur Worlds. We are currently about \$6500 in the hole for Pro Worlds, but are expecting to receive that money from a grant which is still pending.

Disc Safety and Integrity (Shive)

Motion (Shive): That the PDGA Board of Directors will grant final approval only to discs that: 1) present no unreasonable or unusual danger to players or spectators, and 2) have no negative impact on the integrity of the sport or its methods of play (Convers second).

The argument was made that the Mission Statement already contains language that authorizes the Board to carry out the appropriate review.

Motion was withdrawn.

Mission Statement (Decker)

In a straw poll, the Board indicated its desire to proceed with a revision of the mission statement. Board members will put forward their ideas, and synthesis will hopefully be completed at the Spring Summit (May 1-2).

On-Site Testing (Convers)

A tentative proposal was put forward, in which players' discs would be weighed at important events. Convers and Brenner will work toward specifying the important details of this program. Shive will work toward an alternate program, in which retesting is done by random sampling of discs before they are bought by members.

SWOT analysis (Brenner)

Because of the potential popularity of other disc golf sites that offer an opportunity for social networking, we may want to consider revising certain aspects of the PDGA website.

Meeting adjourned 11:07