

7/02/08 Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes  
Approved

Meeting was convened at 8:37 PM EST by Board President Decker. Others present were Board members Dodge, Shive, Andrews, Bellinger, Brenner, Convers, Board Member Designate Korver, Executive Director Graham, Tour Manager Gentry, and Board Consultants Roddick and Pozzy.

Headquarters Report (Graham):

As of April 30 we have a net financial position of \$324,625, compared with \$239,444 at the same time last year. April expenses exceeded income by \$75,244.

2008 membership is currently at 11,383, a 6.8% increase over last year's figures.

The first five recipients of the PDGA Innovation Grants were announced on the website on June 18. The next deadline for receipt of Grant applications is December 1.

We are discontinuing (at least for the time being) attempts to salvage a relationship between the PDGA and the World Flying Disc Federation.

We plan to use a collection agency to recover \$6500 owed to the PDGA by John Jokinen and the Highbridge Hills Sports Complex.

Tour Report (Gentry):

As of 6/20 there were 799 events (660 US, 6 Canadian and 133 International) on the PDGA calendar. This is an 11.7% increase over 2007, and a 4.9% increase if the 49 CEP events are removed.

A breakdown of these figures by region shows a 150% increase in events and 96% increase in players in the region most closely associated with the Southern Nationals. This is primarily due to the CEP program. At the same time there is a puzzling 30% decrease in events (and 31% decrease in players) in the region represented by Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

**Action Item (Gentry):** Gather information about the way in which factors such as gasoline prices, event saturation and number of TD's are affecting the number of tour events.

Approval of Minutes (Shive):

**Motion (Shive):** That the minutes for the June teleconference be approved (Dodge second).

**For:** Bellinger, Convers, Andrews, Dodge, Shive, Decker

**Abstain:** Brenner

**Motion passes 6-0-1.**

Disc Approval (Graham):

The following discs have been recommended for approval by the Technical Standards Committee:

Power Driver, Power Genesis

**Motion (Brenner):** To certify the above two discs for approval (Convers second).

**Motion passes unanimously.**

Environmental Committee Report (Roddick):

The PDGA Environmental Committee, under Chairman Pat Farrell, envisions a very active phase of collecting and sharing data (positive and negative) about the environmental impact of disc golf and disc golf courses. For details, see the recent front page story on the PDGA website.

Target Survey (Roddick):

The Technical Standards Committee is in the initial stages of conducting a target (basket) survey similar to that conducted for discs last year. Over 700 responses were received within three days of the initial circulation of the Survey Monkey Questionnaire.

Mission Statement (Roddick, Graham): The Board continued its ongoing discussion of the PDGA mission statement. After narrowly affirming a preference for a more detailed statement, the Board recommended that the membership be directly involved via a Survey Monkey questionnaire.

Website Upgrade (Pozy): Pozy presented a detailed proposal from Ciphent to conduct a complete overhaul of our website.

**Motion (Shive):** That the Executive Director be authorized to move forward with contract negotiations with Ciphent (Convers second).

**For:** Convers, Andrews, Shive, Bellinger, Dodge, Decker

**Motion passes 6-0-1.**

Access to Corporate Data (Decker):

The Board discussed several aspects of the release of confidential data.

**Motion (Shive):** Appeals of rejection of member requests for confidential data should go to the full Board (rather than just the Board President) (Andrews second).

**For:** Convers, Andrews, Shive, Bellinger, Dodge, Decker

**Abstain:** Brenner

**Motion passes 6-0-1.**

**Motion (Shive):** That Board Members must follow the same procedures to obtain confidential data as all other PDGA Members (Andrews second).

**For:** Convers, Andrews, Shive

**Against:** Bellinger, Dodge, Brenner, Decker

**Motion fails 3-4.**

Policy for Conducting Business by E-Mail Correspondence (Shive):

**Motion (Shive):** That the PDGA Board may conduct e-mail business requiring a vote only when the following conditions are met:

- 1) Such business commences with a motion being placed on the floor.
- 2) After the poll for the vote is created, at least four (calendar) days notice is given before it closes.
- 3) No voting member objects to the process before the close of the poll.

**Motion passes unanimously.**

Board Member Censure (Shive):

**Motion (Shive):** That the Board censure Pat Brenner for deliberate interference with legal and proper conduct of PDGA business (Bellinger second).

**For:** Convers, Andrews, Shive, Bellinger, Decker

**Against:** Dodge, Brenner

**Motion passes 5-2.**

NT Committee Report (Dodge):

The NT Committee proposes that NT's become Open (men and women) only, that clubs apply for NT status (rather than being invited) and that the Committee recommend how available NT funds are allocated. The Committee submitted a draft of the NT sanctioning agreement.

Volunteer Appreciation (Andrews):

**Motion (Andrews):** In recognition of his work as a volunteer, and his dedication to PDGA service, that Theo Pozzy be given an ace club membership (Bellinger second).

**Amendment (Dodge):** That \$500 be made available to the Executive Director for the purchase of memberships for deserving volunteers (Convers second).

**Amendment passes unanimously.**

**For (original motion):** Convers, Andrews, Shive, Bellinger, Brenner, Decker

**Against:** Dodge

**Original motion passes 6-1.**

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:48 EDT.