

Teleconference Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
October 8, 2008

Board Members:

Present: Todd Andrews, Chris Bellinger, Ron Convers, Bob Decker, Matt Gillis, Juliana Korver and Rick Rothstein

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present:

Executive Director: Brian Graham

Other: Dave Gentry – Tour Manager, Dan “Stork” Roddick – Director Special Projects

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Chair, Bob Decker

MOTION (Gillis/Convers)

Approve the September teleconference minutes.

For: Andrews, Bellinger, Convers, Gillis, Korver, Rothstein Abstain: Decker

Passed

MOTION (Decker/Gillis)

Approve the amended summit minutes.

Passed unanimously

MOTION (Convers/Andrews)

Approve the Latitude 64 basket.

Passed unanimously

Executive Director’s Report: presented by Brian Graham

- As of Sept 1st, we have a net financial position of \$313,716 which is an increase of \$77,464 over last year at this time.

- In August 2008, our expenses totaled \$59,458 and our income totaled \$31,001.

- Membership is up 8.6% over last year at this time with the total active number at 12,380.

- Critique of Flying Disc Magazine (FDM): Rich Givens and Graham will work together to come up with a list of survey questions which will be sent to the BOD for review.

- We have received one more bid for a future Professional World Championship and have unofficially heard from another club regarding a possible additional bid.

- Brian Hoeniger has been tasked with communicating with both parties and reporting back to Graham with his findings along with his opinion and recommendations.
- Disc Golf on Television: Graham hosted Jim LePera, an associate producer who has worked with CBS Sports and ESPN on PGA golf events, at the USDGC to get his input and direction on development of a proposal to get a national sponsor to cover the costs of getting a disc golf event on television. Jim was very impressed with the event and the sport and felt that we had a very good chance of getting a sponsor to buy time for us.
- Jim spent quite a bit of time going over other proposals with Graham to help us prepare our own sponsorship proposal.
- PDGA e-newsletter: Due to time constraints and workload, the office has struggled this year to publish an e-newsletter on a timely and consistent basis. Graham is in communications with Terry Calhoun about the possibility of him and his wife Sheila publishing the newsletter. Terry was the BOD member who first instituted the e-news for the PDGA and he has expressed interest in reviving it and publishing it more frequently, perhaps as often as weekly or bi-weekly.
- PDGA Temp Membership: At the summit, the BOD discussed the concept of making all \$10 non-member fee payers at sanctioned events a temporary member. The office staff has discussed this concept and we are proposing the following:
 - \$10 fee payers (temp members) will be provided with a link to register online
 - Temp members will be sent a member mini including their PDGA #, and rulebook
 - Temp members will be non-active members
- A discussion was held regarding who should be responsible for gathering the temp member data. Graham will come up with 2 presentations for this, one with the TD responsible for gathering the temp member data, and one where the temp member is encouraged to go online and enter their information themselves.

Website:

- The site was attacked last week. Gentry and Theo spent quite a bit of time to get it back up, but it was attacked again last night. We recently switched to new servers and that did not relieve the problem of our vulnerability. Ciphent thinks it is some kind of bot doing the attacks.
- We are moving forward on launching a watered down new site. We feel that this will relieve the vulnerability issues then we can add to the new site.
- It is very important to have a security assessment on the current site before we move that code over to the new site. Ciphent can do this for us.
- We are looking at moving to a new hosting after we get the new site up.
- It was suggested that we put information about the site in an e-newsletter to all members? Could Terry create a trial newsletter soon to explain the website situation?

PDGA Tour Report: presented by Dave Gentry

- 14.8% increase in the number of domestic events since 2007 at this time.
- We are currently trying to get ready for 2009 tour calendar

Competition Committee & Rules Committee: presented by Dave Gentry

- Carlton Howard has resigned as Chair of the rules committee. He has served on that committee for many years.
- Need to find a replacement chairperson.
- With regard to the rule book and competition manual, in the short term we will have another year where these two books are printed separately as we need to order new books soon.
- Most of the rules committee members do not have a problem with removing conflicting items from the rule book and placing those items into the competition manual.
- In the long term, we need to determine which committee will be responsible for maintaining the tournament procedures (grouping, stoppage of play, late arrival for tournaments). It was suggested that we have a task force of individuals from both committees to move this forward. Want to have a deadline for September of 2009 to figure this out. Graham has already created a document that compares overlapping sections of each book.
- Brian to contact the rules committee to see if anyone is interested in being the chairman. Then we can try to get the task force created.
- Decker recommended that Bellinger and Korver be involved with the task force as they are the respective liaisons for each committee.

Budget: presented by Brian Graham

- The first draft of the budget was uploaded to the Yahoo group for the board to review. It is similar to past years and includes the changes that we talked about at the summit. The increases were detailed.

National Tour: presented by Ron Convers and Dave Gentry

- The NT committee is waiting for direction from the BOD and is on hold for now. On Sept 24th, Graham, uploaded the addendum that we talked about at the summit. 17 items had changed from the original agreement and the one proposed this year. 12 of those items were recommended this year. If the BOD agrees, then we will add these 12 to the NT agreement.

MOTION (Korver/Convers)

The 12 approved addendum items (from the September 24 email from Graham) should be added to the 2008 NT agreement rather than be sent out as a separate addendum.

Passed unanimously

- At the summit the BOD choose to limit the number of NT's to 8. There are two additional events who very strongly want to be included. If we include them we would have 10 NT's for 2009. Majority of the board is in favor of the addition of the two events.

MOTION (Gillis/Korver)

Add two more events to the NT calendar for 2009.

For: Gillis, Convers, Bellinger, Korver, Decker, Andrews Against: Rothstein

Motion passed.

- During the recent USDGC, there were some issues regarding who had the rights to film or take photos at the event.
- USDGC is not owned by the PDGA all other PDGA majors are owned by the PDGA.
- PDGA does have a media agreement, but the USDGC has theirs as well.
- we could put in the Major agreement that in order for an event to be a major, our media agreement supersedes any other media agreement.
- Brian will call both parties to try to diffuse this issue.

Competition Manual: presented by Dave Gentry

- The original competition manual was created by Bellinger and Gentry. It is not in wide distribution, but that could be solved by printing the rules and manual all in one.
- The more important issue is that there is overlap between the competition manual and the rule book.
- Gentry has started a document to outline the issues that are in conflict.
- The rules committee is concerned about items that have penalties associated with them. Should penalties be given in the competition manual?

Scholarships in lieu of cash to maintain amateur status: by Dave Gentry

- Youth committee item
- Need to do research with NCAA. Need to see what the implication is regarding prizes to juniors
- Should/could we create a scholarship fund for juniors instead of cash if playing pro.
- Roddick will look into the specifics regarding NCAA eligibility and prizes for juniors at disc golf evnts.

Flying Disc Magazine

- issue 4 is complete, and should be printed and mailed within the week.

Wii game

- There is new technology in the controller that will delay the release of the game. New control will allow player to add spin to the disc.

Action Items:

- Graham: work with Rich Givens on a list of survey questions. When completed, the list will be sent to the BOD for review.
- Gentry and Graham: will come up with 2 presentations for the temp members, one with the responsibility on the TD's and one with the responsibility on the players.
- Graham: talk to the rules committee member to find a new chairman (recommendations or volunteers)
- Graham: upload the color-coded document that compares the comp manual and the rules committee.
- Graham: create a taskforce with some subset of members from each committee (competition and rules) to move forward on the merging of the competition manual and the rules committee.
- All board members go through the budget and email any questions or concerns to Graham.
- Graham: contact the manufactures regarding the media stuff
- Graham: look at our media agreement

- Roddick: will look into the specifics regarding NCAA eligibility and prizes for juniors at disc golf events.

MOTION (Gillis/Convers)

To adjourn.

Passed unanimously

- Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Juliana Korver