

Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
December 10, 2009

Board Members:

Present: Todd Andrews, Cris Bellinger, Matt Gillis, Dave Feldberg, Bob Decker, Juliana Korver and Rick Rothstein

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present:

Executive Director: Brian Graham

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

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 8:31 pm EST by Chair, Todd Andrews

MOTION (Bellinger/Korver)

Approve the minutes from the 11/5/09 teleconference as corrected.

Yes: Andrews, Bellinger, Decker, Korver, Rothstein

Abstain: Gillis, Feldberg

Motion passes.

MOTION (Decker/Gillis)

Certify the Ridge by Vibram, the Halo by Latitude 64, the Northman by Westside Golf Discs and the HH3 as a Championship level basket.

Motion passes unanimously.

Headquarters Update by Graham

- As of the end of October, the PDGA had a net financial position of \$539,914 compared to a net financial position of \$264,114 at the same time last year

- Expenses (\$116,267) exceeded income (\$99,716) in October by \$16,551

- As of 12/2/09, we have 13,916 active members compared to 12,811 members at the same time last year; this represents an 8.6% increase in membership thus far in 2009

Auditor

- A request for bids to provide auditing services to the PDGA was sent to six local accounting firms on October 19th with a response deadline of November 17th. The lone bid came in from our current auditor Berry & Associates who has proposed a range of \$6,000 to \$6,500 for the year 2009 audit and for a three year period not to exceed \$19,500. Based upon the maximum 7.7% increase over last years audit, as well as Berry & Associates intimate knowledge of the PDGA finances. Graham recommended that we request an engagement letter for our 2009 – 2011 financial audits.

Tax Form 990

- The PDGA's 2008 tax form 990 was completed and filed by our accountant Chuck Decker before the deadline. This form, along with our 2008 financial audit, has been posted in the financial documents section of the PDGA website.

PDGA/USEF Military Division

- The formation of the military division of the PDGA has been put on hold for a little while to allow Jerry Payne to work through some hurdles that have been put in his way. The main problem Jerry is encountering is the name "Professional" in our name, as the military is hesitant to encourage it's service men and women to take up professional sports competitions. Jerry is working through this challenge and will be back in touch with me when he is ready to proceed.

Organizational Memberships

- The PDGA office is contacted from time to time by organizations, businesses and recreation departments who are interested in joining the PDGA as a non competitive supporter. I am recommending to the board that we create an organizational membership with a reduced membership fee for such groups with the only member benefit being the magazine.
- Andrews asked if this would require an amendment to the bylaws. Graham doesn't believe that would be necessary.
- Graham is going to come up with some specifics to pursue this.

U.S. Sports Congress

- Brian Graham will be attending the 2009 U.S. Sports Congress in Henderson, Nevada on December 7-10. The USSC will be paying for the hotel room as well as providing a grant of \$250 to help offset travel costs of representatives of sports governing bodies. The Sports Congress is comprised of a trade show and many educational conferences related to the business of sports and sports management.
- Graham made contact with a group for youth golf in America (ajga.org). They are excited about using disc golf in their program to help teach golf.

MOTION (Decker/Korver)

Accept the bid from Berry & Associates to complete the PDGA's Audit for the next 3 years.

Yes: Decker, Bellinger, Korver, Andrews, Gillis, Rothstein

Abstain: Feldberg

Motion passes.

Tour Update by Gentry

- As of Thursday (12/3) there were a total of 1115 unique events (937 US, 20 Canadian, and 158 International) on the PDGA calendar.
- This represents an 11.3% increase in US events and a 12.5% growth rate overall.
- As of 12/7 there were only 60 events left to process (18 of which have not yet occurred). Gentry anticipates that the total increase in US attendance will be a little over 10% and will exceed 70,000 entries. Currently we have 66,800 entries which represents a 4.4% increase over the 2008 final numbers.
- The following chart shows the attendance since 2004. *2009 numbers are estimated.

PDGA Tour Attendance 2004 - 2009						
	US	% Change	Canada	% Change	International	% Change
2004	41617		855		1851	
2005	47407	13.90%	876	2.50%	3194	72.60%
2006	53380	12.60%	674	-23.10%	4049	26.80%
2007	60559	13.40%	565	-16.20%	5621	38.80%
2008	64004	5.70%	584	3.40%	7184	27.80%
2009	70500*	10.10%*	937&*	60.40%*	8100*	12.80%*

- Am Worlds course update – the courses should be fine. The biggest issue may be finding enough hotel rooms for all the players.
- The Yahoo Group that Gentry sent up for the Am worlds is very active.

PDGA Committee Reports

Competition – no update

Course design – The committee is not very active, but there are individuals making sure that local courses are being designed correctly.

Disciplinary – There are a number of high profile cases coming up. Still having problems obtaining members who are willing to respond to the discussions.

Environment Committee – no update

International Committee - Lots of action online. Trying to determine payout and tournament structures. Graham will be scheduling another teleconference in January. Since the last meeting, Paul Franz has put together documents pertaining to the potential transition of more responsibilities for Europe. The country coordinators are taking these documents back to their countries and will come back to the committee with their recommendations

IDGC – no update

IT committee – Andrews needs to get with Theo to discuss some items before bringing them back to the board.

NT committee – Gentry has the tour exam nearly finished.

Ratings & Stats – Waiting for this year to end before Feldberg gives Chuck his ideas for changes to the ratings system.

Woman's Committee – pdga.com/women now exists with a list of woman's only events for 2010 as well as a list of leagues and clubs.

Senior committee – Don authored a committee report that will be printed in the next magazine.

Tech Standards – no update

Rules Committee – no update
Youth Committee – no update

Budget *by Graham*

- The only items left to discuss are staff compensations.

MOTION (Decker/Rothstein)

We accept the budget as presented.

Yes: Decker, Belling, Korver, Gillis, Rothstein, Andrews

Abstain: Feldberg

Motion Passes.

PDGA Travel Website *by Graham*

- Cindy Barnett, a YTV representative, made a presentation at the IDGC to Graham. The company sets up travel websites. They are proposing that the PDGA have their own travel website with a one-time cost of \$500. The PDGA would receive a commission check each month.

- Commissions vary.

- The site would be branded to look like the PDGA site.

- Feldberg suggested that we split the commission with the members.

- Stork suggested that throughout the course of the year, members who use the service, get entered into a PDGA sweepstakes for some kind of prize.

- Are there any guarantees that the prices will be competitive with the other sites out there.

- The service is part pyramid scheme in that whoever we sign up under also gets partial commissions for our sales.

- Graham was asked to get more information, specifically how much an average commission would be.

Spring Summit site & dates *by Graham*

- Crown Point (near Chicago) has offered to host our Spring Summit. The board has agreed to hold the summit at Crown Point.

- Graham will contact Crown Point to see what their availability is and then will post some dates to the BOD Yahoo Group for discussion to determine when the summit will be held.

E-news Service Multi-View *by Graham*

- Multi-View does an association e-newsletter. They do this on a weekly basis. It is free to the associations. They get sponsorships to put on the newsletter. We would get 25% of the money from the sponsorships. The newsletter is created from news they find online such as Google Alerts. We could add information as well

- This would not be a replacement for our e-newsletter.

- Gillis suggested that we request a sample from them.

Worlds Finances *by Rothstein*

- Rothstein presented the Budget for the Kansas City Worlds
- The event had a loss and the PDGA will split the loss with the club.

POTY/ROTY Disciplinary Exclusion *by Feldberg*

- Two disciplinary actions have been filed against Nikko Locastro. There are 2 more that are possibly going to be sent in to the committee. Only 1 of the cases has been submitted in a timely fashion (within 30 days).
- Should a player be eligible for PDGA awards if they are suspended in the year of play?
- Rothstein suggested that we start qualifying TD's (training them so they can better handle tough situations) so disciplinary actions can be handled at the events in which they occur..
- Should we start publishing our suspended list in the magazine to bring some publicity to the fact that we are doing something about disciplinary actions?
- Graham requested that Andrews write up a small article for the magazine outlining the disciplinary process and what is necessary
- If the board decides that suspended players are not eligible for awards this will not affect players that are suspended in 2009

MOTION (Decker/Feldberg)

A player who is suspended will not be eligible for PDGA awards in the year of their infraction or the year in which their suspension occurs.

Motion passes unanimously.

- It was suggested that this include probation as well, but was decided that we will limit this to suspension.
- This could be done as part of the disciplinary action. That is it could become part of the definition of suspension. Or it is part of the disciplinary action that you are not eligible for the awards or we can change the wording of the awards process to accommodate this motion.

MOTION (Feldberg/Bellinger)

The previous motion be instituted immediately for the 2009 PDGA awards.

Yes: Bellinger, Feldberg

No: Decker, Korver, Gillis, Rothstein

Motion does not carry.

MOTION (Decker/Rothstein)

To adjourn.

Passed unanimously

- The result of this motion is that any players who are suspended in 2009 will still be eligible for 2009 awards and that the previous motion that renders a suspended player ineligible for awards is in effect starting January 1st, 2010.

- Meeting adjourned at pm 11:47pm EST
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Juliana Korver

Action Items

Graham: come up with a recommendation for an organizational membership.

Graham: Talk to YTV travel to see what an median commission would be on \$500 travel.

BOD: Everyone needs to vote on the Innovation grants.