

Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
April 12, 2011

Board Members:

Present: Dave Nesbitt, Juliana Korver, Todd Andrews, Avery Jenkins, Dave Feldberg

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Executive Director Brian Graham, Dan Roddick

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 8:37pm EST by Chair, Dave Nesbitt

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes

MOTION (Korver/Andrews)

Approve the meeting minutes of the March 2011 teleconference.

Yes: Nesbitt, Korver, Feldberg, Jenkins, Andrews

Motion passes 5-0

Closing of On-line Motions

No online motions

Headquarters Update by Graham

2010 Year End Financials & Audit Update

The 2010 December and year end financial report was completed and uploaded to the Board Yahoo Group on March 22 for review and comments.

At the end of 2010, the PDGA had a cash position of \$602,613 compared to a cash position of \$405,192 at the same time last year, representing an increase of \$197,421. At the end of December 2010, the PDGA had a net financial position of \$643,950 compared to a net financial position of \$389,733 at the same time last year, representing an increase of \$254,217.

The 2010/11 PDGA financial summary document, which shows 2010 actuals and 2011 budgeted income and expenses, was completed and uploaded to the board Yahoo group on March 22 for review and comments. Once approved by the board, this document will be uploaded to the website and published in DiscGolfer magazine, as in past years.

The PDGA office delivered all requested financial documents to our independent auditing firm in March for our 2010 year end financial audit which is usually completed in early May.

Memberships

As of 4/6/11, we had 11,604 active members

- Compared to 10,759 members at the same time last year
- This represents a 7.8% increase in memberships thus far in 2011

PDGA Staffing

Tour Manager

Andrew Sweeton reported for his first day of work on Monday April 11 and is currently being oriented to the office and his new tour management responsibilities.

Memberships Manager

Sara Nicholson reported to the PDGA office for her first day of work as the new membership's manager on March 28 and has already successfully processed several membership batches. Sara is also in the process of assuming additional responsibilities such as management of our social media accounts.

Administrative Assistant/Office Manager Hiring Update

Marcy Borelli of Pepperell, Massachusetts accepted the position of office manager and will report to work at the office on April 19th. Marcy will train under current office manager Karolyn O'Cull until Karolyn's departure at the end of May.

PDGA Interns

Anders Madsen is currently working on a "What is Disc Golf?" brochure for PDGA Europe. He will also be managing the international program for the next month while Brian Hoeniger is in Africa.

Alan Kane has been working closely with Pete May to plan, manage and host the 2011 National Collegiate Disc Golf Championship.

PDGA Accounting

Brian Graham met with our accountants in mid March to discuss accounting duties, tax preparation, upgrade of our software, and transition to a full accrual based system in 2011. The office has since upgraded to QuickBooks Premier Edition 11 with payroll and check printing capabilities and successfully upgraded our data to the new software. We will begin working more closely with our local accounting firm after April 15 to provide the board with a new method of financial reporting.

The accountant was also instructed to file an extension for filing of our 990 form for 2010.

Summit Meetings

Jack Kelly of Event Partners, Inc. and Tom Crawford of USA Ultimate have both accepted our invitations to join us for the 2011 Spring PDGA Summit at the International Disc Golf Center in late April. Dave Nesbitt and Brian Graham will also be meeting with Tom Crawford and representatives of all of the other disc sports organizations in July at a meeting initiated by the PDGA at the WFDF World Championship in Colorado. The goals of these meetings are to explore ways in which the PDGA can better communicate and cooperate with other organizations to promote disc sports around the world.

Collegiate Disc Golf Championship

The PDGA office will be providing support later this week to the 2011 National Collegiate Disc Golf Championship. The event, which has doubled in size every year in its first four years, will feature over forty teams playing on three courses at the Hippodrome in North Augusta over four days and will be broadcast live on the internet by DiscGolfPlanet.tv.

- End of Office Report

2010 Player of the Year Calculations

Dave Nesbitt reported that he had reviewed the 2010 Men's Player of the Year award calculations, based on Chuck Kennedy's updated spreadsheet provided on 16 March 2011, and the document of "New ROY & POY Method 4-09.doc" outlining the POY process provided by Brian Graham on 25 Feb 2011.

Here are the relevant points:

1. Does the POY process specifically identify the use of interpolated proportional rankings inside each category, as proposed by Chuck Kennedy? I can find no evidence in the document that states that proportional rankings will be used.
2. Was it the intent of the Board to use proportional or ordinate rankings inside each category? This is unclear.
3. What determines a "tie" as defined in the document? A tie should be considered when two or more players differ by less than 0.5 of the last relevant decimal in the category in question.
4. Where does this apply? It applies to the determination of the "top 7 players plus ties" who are considered finalists for the POY ranking. From the details, Bradley Williams should be in 7th place alone, as he is 0.58 points (1041.438) in rank above Barry Schultz (1040.861) and 1.06 points above Steve Brinster (1040.369) in the determination of the top 7. Therefore neither Barry nor Steve should have been included in the calculations.
5. In either scenario, Head-to-Head ranking is the crucial piece of data that differentiates between Feldberg and Locastro. In the ordinate method, the raw point differential is 1; in the interpolated method, the difference is 2.5. This is ultimately the differentiating factor in the POY calculation.
6. Thus the issue is whether to use proportional or ordinate rankings. It is my recommendation, based on the results using both methods showing a different result that in 2010 co-POYs be awarded.

Nesbitt advised that the board needed to further define the POY Method document to address the deficiencies pointed out through this discussion.

Nesbitt turned over the chair of the meeting to vice president Juliana Korver.

MOTION (Nesbitt/Jenkins)

To award co-player of the year awards to Nikko Locastro and Dave Feldberg for 2010.

The question was brought up whether Dave Feldberg should recuse himself from the voting due to conflict of interest so a roll call vote was called.

Roll Call Vote: Is David Feldberg in conflict to vote on the motion?

Yes: Nesbitt, Korver, Andrews Jenkins

Passes 4-0, Feldberg cannot vote on the motion

MOTION (Nesbitt/Jenkins)

To award co-player of the year awards to Nikko Locastro and Dave Feldberg for 2010.

Yes: Jenkins, Nesbitt

No: Andrews, Korver

Motion does not pass (2-2)

Committee Reports - Nesbitt

Tech Standards – Graham

MOTION (Andrews/Korver)

Certify the TSC approval of the Respecti by ProDiscus, the Archon by Innova, the Boatman by Westside, the Medusa by Skyquest, the Diamond by Latitude 64, the Nuke SS by Discraft, and the Graboide and Relic discs by Rip Disc Golf.

Yes: Nesbitt, Korver, Jenkins, Andrews, Feldberg

Motion passes 5-0.

Disciplinary Update – Nesbitt

Nesbitt reported on a recent disciplinary action against Bradley Williams.

International - Feldberg

No Report

Information Technology – Andrews

No Report

Rules - Korver

Korver reported on the status of the review of rules Q&A's, which will be posted to the website upon approval. Q&A's on obstacles and relief have already been updated as a result of 2011 rules changes,. Disc above/below playing surface has been updated.

Ratings – Graham

Nesbitt & Graham reported that Chuck Kennedy and Roger Smith will be attending the spring summit to give the board a report on proposed improvements to the PDGA ratings system.

PDGA Banking & Investment Recommendation Update – Decker

Tabled until the spring summit.

Restructuring World Rankings, POY & ROY Procedures – Feldberg/Nesbitt

Feldberg & Nesbitt reported on the status of restructuring world rankings and the procedures for our player and rookie of the year awards. More will be discussed at the spring summit.

New Business

Spring Summit – Nesbitt

Dave Nesbitt reported on the upcoming spring summit and the need for board members to submit agenda items.

Recoding of Divisions – Andrews

MOTION (Andrews/Korver)

Change the division codes for the FW1 and FW2 divisions to FA1 and FA2 respectively.

Yes: Nesbitt, Korver, Jenkins, Andrews, Feldberg

Motion passes 5-0.

The office was directed to implement this change as soon as convenient.

Spring Summit – Andrews

Todd Andrews reported on the upcoming spring summit and the need for board members to submit information on agenda items in advance of the meetings so board members could review it during their flights to Georgia. Dave Nesbitt reported that he would submit information on the policies and procedures manual to the board before the summit.

MOTION (Andrews/Feldberg)

To adjourn the meeting and go into executive session.

Yes: Nesbitt, Korver, Jenkins, Andrews, Feldberg

Motion passes 5-0.

The Board went into executive session at 9:26pm EST and Brian Graham was excused from the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45pm EST