

Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
April 10, 2012

Board Members:

Present: Bob Decker, Dave Feldberg, Rebecca Duffy, Avery Jenkins, Kevin McCoy, Peter Shive, Pete Wyngaard

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Executive Director Brian Graham, Dan Roddick

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 8:34pm EST by acting Chair, Dave Feldberg

New Business:

The floor was opened to nominations for the position of President of the PDGA Board of Directors. Rebecca Duffy was nominated by Dave Feldberg, the nomination was seconded by Peter Shive.

Yes: Jenkins, Shive, Decker, Wyngaard, Feldberg, Duffy, McCoy
Vote is unanimous. Rebecca Duffy is the new PDGA Board President.

The floor was opened to nominations for the position of Secretary of the PDGA Board of Directors. Peter Shive was nominated by Rebecca Duffy, the nomination was seconded by Kevin McCoy.

Yes: Jenkins, Wyngaard, Shive, Decker, McCoy, Feldberg, Duffy
Vote is unanimous. Peter Shive is the new PDGA Board Secretary.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes

MOTION (Shive/Feldberg)

Approve the meeting minutes of the March 2012 teleconference.

Yes: Jenkins, Wyngaard, Shive, Decker, McCoy, Feldberg, Duffy

Motion passes 7-0

Spring Summit Meeting Minutes

Rebecca Duffy reported that the spring summit minutes were being finalized and would soon be sent to the office for posting.

Closing of On-line Motions

None

Dave Feldberg excused himself from the meeting as he was calling from Europe. Rebecca Duffy took over as moderator.

Headquarters Update – Graham

Memberships - Nicholson

As of 4/4/12, we had 12,259 active members

- Compared to 11,604 members at the same time last year
- This represents a 5.6% increase in memberships thus far in 2012.

Memberships manager, Sara Nicholson has prepared a Target Marketing Spreadsheet, which has been uploaded to the Board Yahoo Group for review. Thus far in 2012, thirteen target marketing initiative codes have been issued resulting in 100 new PDGA members and 193 renewals.

Finances - Graham

Final transfer of the PDGA's accounting from Quicken to Quickbooks is underway along with the transfer of the daily accounting duties from Executive Director Brian Graham to Marcy Borelli and Salazar, CPA .

The PDGA office has provided our independent auditing firm, Pennington & Barry with all requested financial documents for our 2011 year end financial audit. As part of the audit, letters will soon be sent to a sample of our membership seeking confirmation of amounts paid for membership in 2011. The audit is usually completed in May.

The Office is requesting approval of the 2011/12 PDGA financial summary document, which shows 2011 actuals and 2012 budgeted income and expenses. This document was uploaded to the Yahoo Group prior to the March teleconference. Once approved, it will be published on the website.

Tour Report – Sweeton

2012 YTD vs 2011 YTD Tour Breakdown																				
	Totals			Location			Tier Level													
	Total	Paid	Unique	US	Canada	Intrntl	Major	NT	A	B	C	A/B	B/C	C/A	C/B	XA	XA/XB	XB	XC	Leagues
2012 YTD	947	900	906	760	11	135	8	6	57	240	495	6	1	1	19	3	1	5	13	51
2011 YTD	844	792	773	598	15	160	9	9	50	225	430	8	3	0	17	2	1	5	14	0
Difference	103	108	133	162	-4	-25	-1	-3	7	15	65	-2	-2	1	2	1	0	0	-1	51
% Difference	12%	14%	17%	27%	-27%	-16%	-11%	-33%	14%	7%	15%	-25%	-67%	100%	12%	50%	0%	0%	-7%	5100%

- 1) We have 906 unique events on the 2012 calendar (an increase of 164 since last month's report) and 900 of them have paid their sanctioning fees. YTD we are 17% ahead of last year at this time. The US is 27% ahead of last year and non-US is currently 16.6% behind, but sanctioning comes in from Country Coordinators in bulk, so this can swing quickly.
- 2) The first 2012 Ratings Update originally scheduled for March 20th was delayed due to Roger Smith being ill and it was released on March 23rd. The next Ratings Update is scheduled for May 15th.

2012 Worlds

As of 3am on Friday April 6th we have 149 Pros, 586 Amateurs, and 40 juniors registered for 2012 Worlds in Charlotte. Divisional/Pool size expectations were initially determined by Chuck Kennedy based on previous year's data and we were surprised when the Men's Advanced Grandmasters and Advanced Senior Grandmasters divisions filled within two weeks of registration opening and we subsequently provided more space for those two divisions. Two weeks later, the Advanced Women's division filled and Chuck Kennedy is working to see if any rearrangements of courses/pools/divisions can be made to allow more spots for that division. Since then, the Men's Advanced and Advanced Master's divisions have filled as well as the Advanced Masters and Advanced Grandmaster Women.. Wait lists have been started for all of these divisions. It is quite possible that we will fill the entire 2012 Amateur Worlds from invites alone - a nice problem to have. Since traditionally Worlds never fills, even after opening up to all PDGA members, this has caused quite a stir in the disc golf world and I am answering 40-50 emails and phone calls daily (more on weekends) from both invitees and non-invitees who are concerned about getting in. Below is a chart showing 2011 Amateur World registrations versus allotted space at 2012 Worlds.

2012 Amateur Worlds Pool Sizes versus 2011 attendance																Total	
	MA1	MM1	MG1	MS1	ML1	FW1	FM1	FG1	FJ1	FJ2	MJ1	MJ2	MJ3	MJ4	FJ3	FJ4	All Div.
2011 Amateur Worlds Registrations	190	74	66	28	4	21	18				13	15	15			444	
Current 2012 Pool Sizes	288	108	108	36	4	36	20 (with room)				24	28	14 (with room)			666+	
Percentage of Pool Size provided for in 2012 over 2011	152%	146%	164%	129%	100%	171%	111%+				185%	187%	93%+			150%+	

Note: The original allotted space for the MPM division was 108. Since only 31 MPM players have signed up, we will likely pare this down to 96 to provide 12 more spots for the Advanced Women (taking them to 229% of the space they used last year.) We will also likely split the X pool into 2 smaller pools to provide some more space for the FM1 and FG1 women, while allowing us to fit both smaller pools into the course spaces available around smaller Pro divisions.

Office Report - Graham

National Collegiate Disc Golf Championships

Office staff will be providing on site support this week to the National Collegiate Disc Golf Championships which will take place at the Hippodrome complex in North Augusta on April 12-15. There are currently 61 teams from 42 different universities registered to compete in the event.

Glass Blown Open

The PDGA tour trailer will be at the Glass Blown Open SuperTour event in Emporia, Kansas this weekend. The event currently has 439 players registered. Brian Graham will be attending the event and will be meeting with Jeremy Rusco and City of Emporia officials on Monday following the event to discuss their interest in bidding on a future Amateur World Championships.

DiscGolfPlanet.tv

DiscGolfPlanet.tv will be broadcasting both the National Collegiate Disc Golf Championships and the Glass Blown Open this weekend as part of the PDGA's financial support of live internet coverage of top disc golf events.

Sports Events Magazine

The March 2012 issue of SportsEvents Magazine listed an announcement of the PDGA Women's Global Event under the Events heading in the Sports Talk section on page 11.

National Association of Sports Commissions

Memberships Manager Sara Nicholson will be representing the PDGA at the NASC Symposium on April 17-19 in Hartford, CT. Expenses for the trip are being covered by Sports North Carolina as part of a contest won by Brian Graham at the TEAMS (Travel Events And Management of Sports) conference last year.

2012 Pro/Am Worlds

Registration for the 2012 PDGA Pro Am Disc Golf World Championships is underway and is well ahead of the expected pace. Registration for non-invitees does not open until May 1st and several divisions are already full. Efforts are being made by the office to accommodate additional players in those divisions but it will be impossible to accommodate everyone due to the high level of interest. See Andrew Sweeton's tour report above for additional details.

2012 PDGA Elections

The first call for candidates for the 2012 PDGA elections was made on April 2nd via the website and social media. An elections schedule and summary was also published on page 55 of the Spring issue of DiscGolfer Magazine.

IT Report – Ganz

- Kick-off meeting with BlueSpark is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 11.
- Accuvant has been given notice that we have engaged with another agency. I have indicated that we would like to continue our maintenance arrangement through the end of April to ensure a smooth transition.
- Current site optimization efforts have made a measurable difference. Lots of positive feedback from the membership.
- Site improvements will continue in parallel with new site development.
- Beginning to identify and prioritize important technology projects to tackle after launch of new site

- End of Headquarters Update

Tech Standards – Disc & Target Certifications - Graham

MOTION (Shive/Decker)

Certify the TSC approval of the “Mystic”, “Samurai”, and “S-Karma” discs by Gateway, the “Giant” disc by Westside, the “L13” disc by SkyQuest, the “Villan” disc by Latitude 64, and the revised “Discatcher Pro” and “Discatcher Traveler” targets by Innova.

Yes: Decker, Jenkins, Shive, McCoy, Duffy, Wyngaard

Motion passes 6-0

Action item: Roddick to speak with the manufacturers about disc names.

Board Appointments – Board

Discussion ensued amongst the Board members whether a replacement should be appointed to finish the unexpired term of Dave Nesbitt, who had recently resigned from the Board. The Board ultimately decided that they were comfortable with the current make up of seven board members so they would not appoint anyone at this time. Bob Decker mentioned that the Board should consider an advisory board approach in the future. Rebecca Duffy volunteered to perform some research on this concept. The Board will continue to discuss the topic via email and will discuss it again at the May teleconference.

Committee Reports & Board Liaison Assignments - Duffy

Tech Standards – Bob Decker will be the new board liaison to this committee.

Discipline – Rebecca Duffy will be the new board liaison to this committee.

Competition – No report.

Course Design – No report.

Education – No report.

Environmental – No report.

International & PDGA Europe – No report.

IT – Pete Wyngaard will be the new board liaison to this committee.

Nominating – Roddick reported on the boards responsibilities related to identifying and recruiting qualified candidates for the board elections.

Ratings/Stats – Shive reported on global events to take place in 2012, as well as Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year calculations. Graham to speak with Chuck Kennedy and Andrew Sweeton about 2012 calculations.

Rules – Bob Decker will be the new board liaison to this committee.

Senior – Rebecca Duffy will be the new board liaison to this committee.

Women – Duffy gave a status report on the Women’s Global Event which will take place on May 12.

Youth – No report.

Report fro Competition Committee – Jenkins

Avery Jenkins reported on recent efforts to revive the competition committee and a number of topics that they were discussing. Graham stated that the office was still waiting for feedback from the committee on three items, including minimum added cash, and requested that Jenkins keep the committee on task with addressing these topics first before they discuss any new topics not sent to committee by the board or the office.

Policies & Procedures Manual – Graham

Graham requested clarification from the Board on their intentions to complete the Policies & Procedures Manual, and expressed his wishes that this important piece of work not be shelved. Shive expressed his doubts that the current board was either capable or had the desire to complete the manual. Discussion ensued.

Action item: Graham to review the P&P Manual to identify three areas he felt were most important for the board to concentrate on, or areas he felt most needed clarification. Decker and Shive to coordinate with Graham.

Elections Update / Nominating Committee update – Graham/Roddick

Graham reported that the elections process was on schedule and that the first call for candidates had just been published. Roddick gave an update on the schedule and the need for the board to recruit qualified candidates. Roddick also requested that each board member submit one lead to the nominating committee by the end of the month.

School Grant Program Discussion - McCoy

McCoy gave the board an overview of his “Courses for Campuses” proposal to introduce disc golf into schools. Graham suggested that we should consider merging this proposed program with the course growth program as they were somewhat related.

Action item: Graham to send course growth program info and application to the Board for review.

MOTION (Decker/Shive)

To adjourn the meeting.

Yes: Decker, Jenkins, Shive, McCoy, Duffy, Wyngaard

Motion passes 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00pm EST.