

Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
 June 12, 2012

Board Members:

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

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Executive Director Brian Graham, Dan Roddick

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 8:35pm EST by Board President, Rebecca Duffy

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes

MOTION (Shive/McCoy)

Approve the meeting minutes of the May 2012 teleconference.

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

Motion passes 6-0

Spring Summit Meeting Minutes

Rebecca Duffy apologized for the delay in the spring summit minutes and reported that they had been successfully recovered from the crashed computer.

Closing of On-line Motions

None

Headquarters Update

Memberships - Nicholson

As of 6/6/12, we had 14,936 active members

- Compared to 13,686 members at the same time last year
- This represents a 9.1% increase in memberships thus far in 2012.

Finances - Graham

The PDGA office continues to work with our auditing firm, Pennington & Barry on our 2011 year end financial audit. They are currently on the last step, which is verification of invoices. An office visit, originally scheduled for today, was rescheduled at their request due to a family emergency. A draft copy of the audit is expected for review soon after the rescheduled visit.

Tour Report – Sweeton

2012 Tour

	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	1272	1161	1222	996	19	207	8	6	57	323	675	7	3	1	26	3	1	5	23	84
2011 YTD	1062	1029	1003	796	17	190	9	9	52	293	575	10	4	0	25	2	1	6	17	0
Difference	210	132	219	200	2	17	-1	-3	5	30	100	-3	-1	1	1	1	0	-1	6	84
% Difference	20%	13%	22%	25%	12%	9%	-11%	-33%	10%	10%	17%	-30%	-25%	100%	4%	50%	0%	-17%	35%	8400%

- 1) We have 1272 events, 1222 unique, on the 2012 calendar (an increase of 145 since last month's report) and 1161 of them have paid their sanctioning fees. YTD we have moved up 3 percentage points to 20% ahead of last year. The US is 25% ahead of last year, Canada is 12% ahead and International has leapt out of its deficit into the black at 9% ahead.
- 2) The second 2012 Ratings Update was published on time on May 15th, although very late in the day due to extreme slowness uploading. Future uploads of Ratings Updates will likely need to be accomplished late at night when there is less traffic on the web server and the office bandwidth is not being used.
- 3) The third 2012 Ratings Update is scheduled for July 3rd and will likely include about 200 events and the very first batch of about 15 League reports from completed leagues. Theo Pozzy has done the prep work creating an import tool for the League reports and I will be testing that process starting 6/12.

2012 PDGA Worlds

2012 Worlds has waitlists for every singles division. We have had 16 drops so far in June so there is a lot of work going on at BEI calling folks on the waitlists. Pro Mixed Doubles currently has 18 teams, Amateur Mixed Doubles has 27 teams, and Junior Divisional Doubles has 11 teams.

Office Report - Graham

PDGA Elections

Twelve members submitted candidate documents for the Board of Directors and have met all of the eligibility requirements to appear on the ballot. An announcement of these candidates was made on the front page of PDGA.com on Monday, June 11th. The deadline for the submission of candidate documents for the state/provincial coordinators positions is June 22nd. The online elections this year will be conducted by a new company named Intelliscan, Inc. There will be several more reminders before the deadline to submit candidacy. The elections will take place during the month of July.

Major Events Bid Package

Bids have been received from numerous cities for 2013 PDGA Majors including the Pro World Championships, Amateur & Junior World Championships, US Women's Championship, and the Tim Selinske US Masters Championship. The office has reviewed all bids and putting forth our recommendations for the awarding of these events.

The deadline for the submission of bids for the 2014 and 2015 events is August 31, 2012 and these events will be awarded in September 2012. The office has been working with a number of groups to assist them in the preparation of their bids.

Sports Huddle Conference

Executive Director, Brian Graham attended the Sports Huddle in Schaumburg, Illinois on June 5-7 and met with sports commissions and visitors bureaus to discuss disc golf events in their cities. In one of the educational sessions, the PDGA was used as a good example by the moderator of how an organization uses social media to get its message out. Sports conferences like these have proven to be very valuable to the sport, as the PDGA is now working very closely with the sports commissions in every city that we have received bids from this year. Many city representatives also remarked how they were now providing funding and support to disc golf events in their area as a result of the contacts made, and business relationships developed at these conferences.

Tour Trailer

The PDGA tour trailer is currently en route from the U.S. Amateur Championship in Milford, MI to the Beaver State Fling National Tour Event in Portland Oregon. Following that event, the trailer will be returning to the International Disc Golf Center to prep it for the upcoming World Championships in Charlotte, NC.

Course Directory Partnership

Cliff Towne and Brian Graham are exploring a relationship with a new smart phone application called OhRanger, which provides users with lists of activities to do in and around National and State Parks. They are currently expanding the application to include community parks and they are interested in including our course directory data, with credit and links back to the PDGA.

EVP Volleyball Tour / Beach Sports Network Meeting

Brian Graham attended a meeting with the EVP Volleyball Tour and the Beach Sports Network on Saturday, May 12th in Savannah Georgia to explore opportunities to have disc golf events broadcast on national television via BSN. The organizations have pledged to continue discussions on whether this is a viable option. Graham has introduced BSN to representatives of DiscGolfPlanet so that they could begin initial technical discussions.

Innovation Grants

Ten applications were received in the latest round of Innovation Grants on June 1st. Five recipients will be selected from this pool and awarded grants of up to \$500 each for their proposed programs to promote disc golf. The next deadline for the submission of grant applications to the office is Dec. 1st.

PDGA Awards

Ballots were emailed on Friday, June 1st to 246 eligible voters to determine the PDGA Tournament Director for the Year and the Bob West Memorial Award for Sportsmanship. The deadline for voting is June 18th. These awards will be presented along with all other PDGA annual awards at the Pro/Am World Championships in Charlotte, NC.

- End of Headquarters Update

Tech Standards – Disc & Target Certifications - Graham

MOTION (Shive/Decker)

Certify the TSC approval of the “Ghost”, disc by Legacy, the “Mercy” disc by Latitude 64, the “Saint” disc by Latitude 64, the “Scorpius” disc by Millennium, the “Bigfoot” disc by Daredevil, the “Yeti” disc by Daredevil, as well as the “Catchers Mitt” target by FlyMich, the “M-Stone” target by MeStone Oy, and the “Nomad” target by dgNomad.

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

Motion passes 6-0

Dan Roddick explained the current equipment approval process to the Board and discussed potential changes to the procedures to protect manufacturers during the period between Jeff Homburg’s initial approval and board certification at their monthly meetings.

Committee Reports

Discipline – Rebecca Duffy reported on a recurring problem of competitors withdrawing from an event prior to the end to protect their player rating and the discipline committee’s intention to investigate options to address this problem.

Nominating – Roddick reported on the elections process and the intention of the committee to contact board candidates to encourage them to create and submit an introduction video that can be linked to.

Rules – Decker reported on the rules rewrite process currently underway by the rules committee. Graham to ensure tour manager, Andrew Sweeton is kept in the loop and has the opportunity to review the proposed changes and offer feedback.

Competition – Rebecca Duffy reported that the three items sent to the committee by the office in January had been addressed but that the committee’s recommendations had not yet been presented to the Board so she was presenting them on behalf of liaison, Avery Jenkins, who was unavailable for the teleconference.

Item 1:

On a 6-3 vote, the competition committee recommends that the Board rescind the 2012 Tour Standard allowing for variable added cash amounts and return to a preset minimum "added cash" requirement for sanctioning pro divisions.

MOTION (Feldberg/McCoy)

To accept the recommendation of the competition committee to rescind the 2012 Tour Standard allowing for variable added cash amounts and return to a preset minimum "added cash" requirement for sanctioning pro divisions.

Yes: McCoy, Wyngaard, Feldberg

No: Shive, Decker, Duffy

Motion does not pass.

MOTION (Feldberg/McCoy)

To accept the recommendation of the competition committee to rescind the 2012 Tour Standard allowing for variable added cash amounts and return to a preset minimum "added cash" requirement for sanctioning pro divisions, and that this go into effect on January 1, 2013.

Yes: McCoy, Wyngaard, Feldberg, Decker, Duffy

No: Shive

Motion passes 5-1

Item 2:

The Competition Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that: 1) Cash payouts at PDGA sanctioned Super Class events not be reported, thereby allowing Amateur class PDGA members to accept cash at a Super Class event. 2) This applies only to payouts for 100% Super Class events, it does not apply to hybrid events that include any competitive play with regular disc golf discs.

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Yes: McCoy, Wyngaard, Feldberg, Decker, Shive, Duffy
Motion passes 6-0

Item 3:

The recommendation of the committee is that a medical exemption be allowed for a service animal to act as a caddy in sanctioned events. The PDGA Tour Manager must approve any such exemption.

MOTION (Decker/McCoy)

To accept the recommendation of the competition committee that a medical exemption be allowed for a service animal to act as a caddy in sanctioned events. The PDGA Tour Manager must approve any such exemption.

Yes: McCoy, Wyngaard, Feldberg, Decker, Shive, Duffy
Motion passes 6-0

2011 PDGA Awards – Graham

Brian Graham gave the Board an overview of the annual PDGA awards process as well as the 2011 PDGA awards, which will be given away at the awards dinner at the 2012 World Championships in Charlotte, NC. Graham noted that several of the award recipients were decided by the Board of Directors and he explained the process for determining candidates. Discussion ensued on the various awards and a number of worthy candidates were nominated and discussed for each award.

MOTION (Feldberg/Decker)

To award Matt Gregoire the 2011 PDGA Volunteer of the Year award for his management of the association's social media platforms.

Yes: McCoy, Wyngaard, Feldberg, Decker, Shive, Duffy
Motion passes 6-0

MOTION (Feldberg/McCoy)

To award Alan Beaver the 2011 PDGA Senior Player of the Year award for their contributions to disc golf and the PDGA in the Charlotte, North Carolina area.

Yes: McCoy, Wyngaard, Feldberg, Decker, Shive, Duffy
Motion passes 6-0

MOTION (Shive/Feldberg)

To award Paulie Bagwell a special award, to be called the "Senior Ironman Award", for competing in 23 PDGA sanctioned events in 2011 at the age of 74.

Yes: McCoy, Wyngaard, Feldberg, Decker, Shive, Duffy
Motion passes 6-0

Graham described the many positive attributes of Becky Zallek and proposed that an additional special award be presented to her for contributions to the PDGA and the sport of disc golf.

MOTION (Shive/Decker)

To award Becky Zallek a special award for contributions to the PDGA and the sport of disc golf.

Yes: McCoy, Wyngaard, Feldberg, Decker, Shive, Duffy
Motion passes 6-0

New Business

Follow through and Participation - Duffy

Rebecca Duffy thanked all of the Board members for their past time and dedication and requested that moving forward, they all make a concerted effort to be more active with ongoing board business and follow through on action items.

2013 PDGA Majors – Graham

Graham discussed the new bid packages for PDGA owned Major Events and the resulting bids for 2013 Major Events.

MOTION (Shive/Decker)

To award the bid for the 2013 PDGA Pro Disc Golf World Championships to Brian Cummings and the Lemon Lake County Park in Crown Point, Indiana.

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

Motion passes 6-0

MOTION (Shive/Decker)

To award the bid for the 2013 PDGA Amateur Disc Golf World Championships to Jeremy Rusco in Emporia, Kansas.

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

Motion passes 6-0

MOTION (Shive/Decker)

To award the bid for the 2013 PDGA U.S. Women's Disc Golf Championship to Rebecca Duffy in Portland, Oregon.

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

Motion passes 6-0

Graham stated that he was currently working with two cities on getting additional information to include with their bids for the 2013 Tim Selinske U.S. Masters Championship. The backup plan for that event would be that it return to the International Disc Golf Center, where the event was previously held in 2010.

Graham then introduced a proposal from Sinus Frank, as well as a recommendation from PDGA International Program director, Brian Hoeniger that the Copenhagen Open in Denmark be designated a PDGA Europe Major in 2013. Discussion ensued.

MOTION (Feldberg/McCoy)

To award PDGA Major status to the 2013 Copenhagen Open.

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

Motion passes 6-0

MOTION (Decker/Shive)

To adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion passes 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30pm EST.