

Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
November 17, 2015

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 8:04pm EST by Board President, Rebecca Duffy

Board Members:

Present: Rebecca Duffy, Bob Decker, Kevin McCoy, Shawn Sinclair, Dave West, Hans Nagtegaal, Justin Menickelli

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Brian Graham, Dan Roddick

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes

MOTION (McCoy/West)

Approve the meeting minutes of the August 2015 board teleconference.

Yes: Duffy, Decker, McCoy, Menickelli, Nagtegaal, Sinclair, West

Motion passes 7-0

Closing of On-line Motions

Online Board Motions

- Accept the junior division age groups proposal as written and implement the changes for the 2016 tournament schedule. (Motion approved 7-0)
- Appoint Jay Reading as the new chairperson of the PDGA Competition Committee. (Motion approved 7-0)
- Award PDGA Major status to the 2016 European Masters. (Motion approved 4-3)
- Approve the proposed Withdrawals & Refunds Policy as submitted by the office. (Motion approved 5-0)
- Approve the creation of the PDGA Game Development Committee. (Motion approved 6-0)

Office Report - Graham

Finance

As of September 30, 2015 the PDGA had a net financial position of \$863,446 as compared to \$793,447 at the same time last year, representing an increase of \$69,999.

Profit & loss statement, balance sheet, statement of financial position, and year to date AR aging summary through September 30 have been uploaded to the BOD Yahoo Group for review.

The PDGA's 2014 tax form 990 was successfully filed before the November 15 extension deadline and the office is in possession of copies of all filed documents from our accountant.

The Cleveland Group is in the final stages of our 2014 financial audit and has been coordinating with our tax accountant and the office on any requested adjustments.

Tech Standards

Approvals of the following discs and targets by the tech standards committee were certified by the PDGA Board of Directors via online poll:

- "Enemy" disc from Legacy Discs
- "Mystere" disc from Innova-Champion Discs
- "Velociraptor" disc from Reptilian Disc Golf
- "Crank SS" disc from Discraft
- "A1" disc from Prodigy Disc
- "Andro 1" disc from Ozone Discs
- "XT V-Aviar" disc from Innova
- "Gauntlet" and "Bite" discs from Latitude 64

Trade Shows

Brian Graham recently attended both the S.P.O.R.T.S. Relationship Conference, and TEAMS (Travel Events And Management in Sports) Conference to meet with Visitors Bureaus and Sports Commissions from across the country in one-on-one appointments to discuss PDGA sanctioned events in their various cities. Disc Golf was one of 3 sports featured on the sports courts at Shreveport Convention Center, allowing attendees the opportunity to try putting, thanks to assistance from our Louisiana state coordinator, Kevin Pelton and members of the local club.

Brian will be attending the U.S. Sports Congress in Fort Worth, TX in early December where a round of disc golf at a local course will once again be offered to conference attendees as one of the official pre-conference activities.

2016 Preparation

The PDGA office staff is very busy this time of year preparing for the launch of the upcoming 2016 membership and tournament season. Despite the exponential growth of the organization over the past couple of years, the timely delivery of core services to our members continues to be efficiently managed by a dedicated and hard working office staff and international network of volunteers.

Memberships Report – Allen

Memberships

As of 11/16/15, the PDGA had a record 29,180 active members and lifetime membership # 79159 had been issued.

- Compared to 23,176 active members at the same time last year
- This represents a 25.9% increase in memberships over the same time last year

Tour Report – Sweeton

2015 Tour

2015 YTD vs 2014 YTD Tour Breakdown																								
Totals			Location			Tier Level																		
	Total	Paid	Unique	US	Canada	Intrntl	Major	NT	A	B	C	A/B	A/C	B/A	B/C	C/A	C/B	XM	XA	XA/XB	XB	XC	S	Leagues
2015 YTD	2582	2566	2458	2003	61	518	9	7	76	608	1515	23	1	1	10	1	45	12	3	0	8	14	2	247
2014 YTD	2092	2089	2015	1599	53	363	8	8	66	476	1223	18	0	0	6	1	40	8	1	0	5	15	2	146
Difference	490	477	443	404	8	155	1	-1	10	132	292	5	1	1	4	0	5	4	2	0	3	-1	0	101
% Difference	23.4%	22.8%	22.0%	25%	15%	43%	13%	-13%	15%	28%	24%	28%	100%	100%	67%	100%	13%	50%	200%	0%	60%	-7%	0%	69%

These numbers are the true growth. Specific Location and Tier numbers are skewed as 2015 Data is based on all events to be imported, not just unique events as listed in past years.

- To date, the 2015 Tour database contains 2,582 events of which 2,566 have met all sanctioning requirements and are listed on the 2015 online calendar.

- The eighth player ratings update for 2015 events was published on October 20th. The ninth update is scheduled for tomorrow 11/17. At that time, 2,205 events will have been reported, imported, and published.

2016 Tour

The 2016 Major, NT, & A-Tier schedule was released on November 2nd so PDGA State Coordinators could start approving B and C Tier events and at the same time the 2016 online sanctioning form was enabled. As of midday 11/16 we already have 86 events on the 2016 online schedule.

---- End Tour Report

Technology Update

PDGA technology director Steve Ganz was in the office during the week of Nov. 9-13 installing a new server and performing migration of all data to the new server. This upgrade in hardware, as well as some other software upgrades, will continue to provide a scalable and efficient network for the office for years to come.

---- End Office Report

Committee Reports – BOD Liaisons

- Competition - Sinclair reported on appointment of Jay reading as the new chairman and renewed activity.
- Course Design – McCoy reported that the committee had no active projects or discussions.
- Disciplinary – Sinclair reported on need to identify a new chairperson as he will be stepping down due to new job. Duffy set action item for BOD to identify a new chairperson and new members.
- Environmental – Roddick reported on the review and updating of current website documents.
- Military – Graham reported on the new Armed Forces DGC in Augusta and the Wounded Warrior Project.
- PDGA Europe – Nagtegaal reported on annual teleconference and agreements currently under development.
- Rules – Decker reported on the process and schedule currently underway for a 2017 rules revision.
- Senior – West reported on new members and increased activity as well as the National Senior Games.
- Women's – Duffy reported on the 2016 Women's Global Event currently in the planning stages.
- Youth & Education – Menickelli reported on new members on the committee and the recent junior age change proposal that was approved and will be implemented in 2016.

New Business:

Update from Majors Committee – Majors Committee

Kevin McCoy updated the BOD on the new draft RFP's created for the new models for some of our PDGA World Championship Majors. In summary the changes would be as follows:

- The PDGA Professional Disc Golf World Championships will be limited to open men and open women's divisions beginning on 2017. One round per day on elite level courses for four days plus ancillary events.
- A new PDGA Professional Masters Disc Golf World Championship will be created for professional age based divisions beginning in 2017 and this event will replace the current US Masters Championship.
- The Amateur Disc Golf World Championships will remain unchanged for the current time.

MOTION (McCoy/Sinclair)

To accept the new Worlds models beginning in 2017.

Yes: Sinclair, Decker, McCoy, Menickelli, West, Duffy, Nagtegaal

Motion passes 7-0

Media – Duffy

Rebecca Duffy questioned where we were with media. Graham reported that media manager Matt Gregoire had drafted a new media policy which was put into effect for the Pro World Championships and that revisions and adjustments were still being made to the policy to strengthen it. Graham stated that no final decisions had been made yet in terms of live streaming for 2016, however the office was considering a more inclusive process that would take advantage of the competitive free market in our sport in terms of the number of qualified and capable live streaming production companies that now exists. It is Graham's intention for the PDGA to allow NT tournament directors more free reign in terms of contracting with their preferred provider for live streaming and that the PDGA could continue to financially support these efforts as an advisor and advertiser.

Duffy remarked and Graham agreed that the PDGA still needed a strong media policy, and will need to continue to provide direction and assistance to ensure quality of the production of PDGA National Tour Events.

Spring Summit – Duffy

Rebecca Duffy reminded BOD members that the 2016 Spring Summit would once again be held in conjunction with the St. Jude DISC Golf Charity invitational in Seaside, CA on Memorial Day weekend. Graham advised that the schedule had been changed and there would be an extra day of competition this year so the summit meeting days would probably need to be on Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the event.

Board Member Roles for 2016 – Duffy

Rebecca Duffy discussed the roles of board members in 2016 and the need to get more active in their roles as liaisons to the various PDGA committees. Duffy suggested the creation of a Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) to engage the youth and junior players in our sport and to better get their input. Graham suggested that rather than create a new committee, the YAC could simply be a sub-committee of the Youth and Education Committee. Discussion ensued and the Board was generally in favor of the creation of this new group but decided to put it on hold for the time being in order to do a little more research and get input from the Youth & Education Committee.

MOTION (McCoy/West)

To adjourn the November board teleconference.

Yes: Sinclair, Decker, McCoy, Menickelli, West, Duffy

Motion passes 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04pm EST and the board entered into executive session.