

**PDGA Board of Directors Fall Summit Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
Appling, GA
September 14 – 15, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 9:15am DST by Board president, Rebecca Duffy

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

Others Present: Brian Graham, Dan Roddick, Brian Hoeniger, Steve Ganz, Michael Downes, Matt Gregoire, Toni Giusto, Amber Schoch, Andrew Sweeton, Vic Allen.

Guests: Mary Ann Wallis, Bill Wallis, George Alvarez, Chuck Kennedy, Sarah Hokom.

Welcome and Introductions - Duffy

Headquarters Reports Q & A - Graham

Office Report – Graham

Office Staff

Executive Director – Brian Graham

Office Manager/Accountant – Toni Giusto

Tour Manager – Andrew Sweeton

Events Manager – Michael Downes

Memberships Manager – Vic Allen

IDGC Superintendent – Jason Allind

Events Assistant – Zach Shafer

Office Assistant – Amber Schoch

Remote Employees:

Steve Ganz – Technology Director

Media Manager – Matt Gregoire

Memberships Transition – Sara Nicholson

Finance

As of July 31, 2015 the PDGA had a net financial position of \$1,206,720 as compared to a net financial position of \$1,096,197 at the same time in 2014, representing an increase of \$110,522.

Statement of Financial Position, Balance sheet, P&L, and AR Aging reports through 7/31/15 have been uploaded to the 2015 Fall Summit > Financial Reports folder in the files section of the Board Yahoo Group for your review.

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

State of Disc Golf

The PDGA is currently undergoing the most prolific period of growth in the history of the organization in terms of member and event growth. Additionally we are enjoying media exposure of our sport at unprecedented levels and we are being presented with new exciting opportunities and partnerships on a daily basis. DiscGolf is on the verge of becoming main stream and the organization must be prepared as this new level of exposure will present us with new challenges and threats.

It is an exciting time for our sport...

- As of last week, we had a record 27,265 active members in 38 countries around the world, and membership #77,620 had been issued.
- We will have sanctioned over 2,500 events by year.
- Video clips from 6 of our national level events have appeared on ESPN's SportsCenter Top 10 this year as a result of coordination between PDGA media manager Matt Gregoire and PDGA member Mahmoud Bahrani, who works at ESPN.
- The PDGA is one of the most requested groups at the sports tradeshow I attend each year and disc golf has quickly become the envy of the sports tourism industry.
- We are in the early developmental stages of a creating new national program with the Wounded Warrior Project.
- Earlier this year, the US State Department partnered with the PDGA to create a new disc golf sports envoy program in Russia this year, and we are in negotiations with them to continue this program in many more countries around the globe next year.
- The PDGA developed a new partnership and event with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and our members were responsible for raising over a quarter of a million dollars for that charity. The PDGA St. Jude Charity Invitational will once again take place on Memorial Day weekend in 2016.

These are just a few examples of some of the exciting initiatives we have undertaken this year in addition to the timely delivery of core services to our 27,000+ active members.

The organization is blessed to have an experienced and capable office staff and group of consultants, all of whom go above and beyond in their service and dedication to the association and its members. We are also very fortunate to have a talented and dedicated group of elected volunteers serving on our board of directors who are leading the organization into new and uncharted waters.

At this time, each of our staff directors will give you all a short report on their various functions and areas of responsibility. Thank You!

Memberships Report – Allen

As of 9/14/15, the PDGA had 27,259 active members and lifetime membership #77612 had been issued.

- Compared to 21,625 active members at the same time last year
- This represents a 26.05% increase in memberships thus far in 2015

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	XA	XB	XC	Leagues
2015 YTD	2392	2367	2297	1870	58	464	21	7	77	588	1364	22	1	1	9	1	39	3	8	15	236
2014 YTD	1999	1993	1932	1534	47	351	10	8	65	463	1163	18	1	0	6	1	39	1	5	15	137
Difference	393	374	365	336	11	113	11	-1	12	125	201	4	0	1	3	0	0	2	3	0	99
% Difference	19.7%	18.8%	18.9%	21.9%	23.4%	32.2%	110%	-13%	18%	27%	17%	22%	0%	100%	50%	0%	0%	200%	60%	0%	72%

Please note the 2014 YTD numbers are from 9/21/14 so the 2015 numbers are shy 1 week of sanctioning processing.

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 2,392 events of which 2,367 have met all sanctioning requirements and are listed on the 2015 online calendar.
- The fifth player ratings update for 2015 events was published on Sept. 1st. The next update originally scheduled for tomorrow has been pushed back to September 29th due to the constraints on available staff processing time due to the Hall of Fame Classic and the Summit.
- The proposed 2016 Majors and NT Schedule is on the reverse of this report. It includes ten (10) Majors (or X-Majors) including one European Major, eight (8) National Tours, and two (2) important A-Tiers that are shown as well for reference purposes as they include PDGA staff resources. If this schedule is accepted, I hope to have the A-Tier request story and Matt's incredible A-Tier request form up online next Monday morning. The hope, despite the delay due to the uncertainty of the NT direction, is to have the A-Tier Schedule finalized and announced to the PDGA State Coordinators and public no later than Monday, November 2nd.

Andrew added that Brian Hoeniger would hold an X/A Tier event in Oulu, Finland. President Duffy conducted a straw poll asking continued trust in Andrew Sweeton's ample capability to make decisions about the National Tour. The Board unanimously concurred.

In regards to discussions on the new WFDF Team Championships to be held August 18-21 in Vancouver, BC, new Board member Hans Nagtegaal pointed out the dates for the 2016 European Championships in Oulu Finland would be August 24 – 27, 2015.

---End Tour Report

Committee Liaison Assignments - Duffy

The following changes, deletions and/or additions were made:

Competition – Deleted Bruce Brakel and Cris Bellinger; added George Alvarez

Course Design – Deleted Matt Gillis; added Hans Nagtegaal and George Alvarez

Disciplinary – Deleted Todd Andrews and Johnny Van Durzen; added Frank Hellstern, Europe

Environment – Added Vic Allen and Justin Menickelli

Majors – No change

Military – No change; Duffy suggested recruiting Jerry “Swami” Swain to serve on this committee.

PDGA Europe – Replaced Rebecca Duffy as BOD Liaison with Hans Nagtegaal; deleted Brian Hoeniger, noting that there are currently (25) country coordinators serving.

Ratings/Stats – Added Hans Nagtegaal

Rules – Added Steve West

Senior – No change

Tech Standards – Added Andrew Sweeton

WFDF/International – No change

Women’s – Add Vic Allen to co-chair as BOD Liaison with Sara Nicholson

Youth & Education – Replaced BOD Liaison Dave West with Justin Menickelli; Replaced Office Liaison Jason Allind with Zach Shafer; added Vic Allen to committee.

--End Committee Liaison Assignments

Break 10:30 am

Sustainability / Disc Golf in the Mainstream – Roddick

Roddick recapped for the two new Board Members, Justin Menickelli and Hans Nagtegaal, discussions previously held about sustainability in the sport. The three-pronged approach is education, manufacturing and course design. He stated that lastly, sole-use courses would be the best practice to pursue for the future.

An open discussion ensued.

Tech Standards Market Entry Discussion – Graham***

Lunch break 12:15 pm

Competition Standards Discussion

Sarah Hokom joined the meeting as a guest. Discussions focused on an NT event that constituted a big disappointment to all concerned.

Events Manager Mike Downes, outlined the problems encountered and asked the Board for help in finding solutions. The pre-communications between the Tour TD and the PDGA should not later reveal surprises, such as added courses, tricky OB rules and other non-compliance actions. Secondly, what authority does he as a PDGA representative have in the face of undesirable conditions?

Discussions about this topic ensued:

Graham commented that course design was not outlined and agreed to beforehand and there should be a strategic section in the Contract allowing the Events Manager to make changes as he deems necessary to the secure the integrity of the NT event. Chuck Kennedy suggested testing of the course before the NT should occur locally “honor your facility”. Downes concurred with Graham on the Pre-Evaluation of an NT facility, which can be funded and Contracts revised to reflect that.

Andrew Sweeton stated that instead of an annual decision on the NT schedule, a “pipeline” method of rating should be used. Downes agreed that the “pipeline” was the most consistent method of cure. Menickelli observed there should be some penalties for OB frivolities and “tweaks” to make the course more difficult. Nagtegaal agreed with the pipeline method and that to hold an NT event was a privilege. Hoeniger observed that this was a learning opportunity. Bob Decker noted that the PDGA has to say “no” at some point. The Contract should set the conditions on how the course plays. Any changes will incur some sort of penalty. Sarah Hokom noted that statistics on the course should be provided to Players before an NT event. Graham said Convention & Visitors Bureaus can do advanced inspections. Don Roddick recapped the discussion:

1. The Contract should have more power, but doesn’t discount on-site discussion;
2. Approved of the “pipeline” method which graduates events, improving them;
3. Possibly stating that this course was “approved for use in PDGA-sanctioned competition.

It was agreed an executive move to proceed on NT contracts was advisable.

Events Report - Downes

National Tour

We just completed the 2015 National Tour with the Hall of Fame Classic. All events had their own unique issues, but we are starting to notice a level of increased consistency on tour this year. I believe this is a direct result of the desire of TD’s to produce and maintain an outstanding event, as well as the post-event review process, which was started last season. The 2015 season has presented its own set of challenges, most notably from a media aspect. Matt Gregoire will elaborate on this further in the Media Policy discussion.

The big topic of discussion and one that will be visited throughout the course of the Fall Summit is the Ledgestone Insurance Open. TD Nate Heinold and his team delivered the richest and one of the most highly-anticipated events to date. The pageantry and delivery of the event was fantastic, although it struggled in certain areas, particularly the courses involved in the event. We will discuss this in great detail later today.

I will continue to strive for the level of consistency that I feel is warranted by the NT. Gone are the days of being able to sign up for an event just days before it begins, and we are attempting to streamline the registration process. In the NT Agreement, we made it mandatory this year to use either Disc Golf Scene (DGS) or an otherwise approved registration provider (shared API). DGS is an amazing tool that has been utilized by several of our NT TD’s this year with great success. We no longer have an issue making sure that all participants are current members and officials, which takes a great workload off the front end of each event. We will implement a tiered registration process as we move closer towards 2016 due to the overwhelming popularity of these premier events. We will also continue to seek a level of consistency and professionalism that the NT deserves.

TRAILER

The new "PDGA 2" trailer has been on the road since the middle of last season and it is working out great. With so much more space to work, we have an increased level of productivity and efficiency. We also have the ability to use the front room as a scoring office for those events which do not have an area set aside, complete with heat and A/C. Our driver from last season had some health issues during the offseason, and we had to seek out another alternative through U-Ship. After one trip to AZ, our newly contracted driver (Rich DeBetta) offered to take the majority of the loads for the remainder of the season. He is reliable and dependable and extremely helpful. We have been using the same driver for the first leg of the season, as he offers one of the lowest rates and accountability and reliability that are hard to find and greatly appreciated. Rich has even offered to help us move the trailer from venue to venue while we attend events, saving us the expense of having to pay for a rental truck and associated insurance. This has saved the PDGA an estimated \$2,000 throughout the course of the year. The PDGA trailer will have visited 17 events when the season comes to a close. It is always important to the event and the LOC.

MAJORS

I attended the first ever PDGA Major in the Southern Hemisphere in January; the Aussie Open. It was an outstanding event and the appropriate steps have been taken to ensure the event continues as a PDGA Major for 2017. The plan is to have the Japan Open and the Aussie Open switch years as the Asia/Oceania Region's Major event. For further event details, I can provide the event report upon request.

We also staffed the 2015 National Collegiate Disc Golf Championship, which was another success. Alan Kane has developed an incredible event, which only gets bigger and better each year. We have made subtle suggestions to Alan on how to improve some of the weaker aspects of the event, such as quicker turnaround on singles scores, and improving the event from a media/spectator perspective, so that it is easier to follow. *Note: this event had a significant amount of pushback in regards to naming rights. They were very resistant to include "PDGA" within the title of the event. Ultimately, compromise was reached, but we will need to address this far in advance of next year's event.

Am World Doubles saw the expected increase in event production and execution. TD DeWayne Furr and his staff from Straightline Discs put forth an outstanding event, and we are comfortable with the future of this event.

Am Worlds in Kalamazoo, MI was a fantastic event as well. Small issues here and there, but overall Larry LaBond, Rusty Gorder and crew put on a great event. A sizeable donation was made to the Michigan chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Pro Worlds was an outstanding success. Some are calling it the most successful and best World Championship they have ever played in. Big thanks and praise to J Gary Dropcho and his staff. ALS was the selected charity which was quite special, as J Gary had recently lost his mother to this horrible disease.

We recently awarded our PDGA Majors for the 2016 season. After much deliberation about the existing format for our premier events, we were too close to the 2016 season to delay any longer. I pushed the bid packages out with the intention of allowing any potential hosts ample time to produce a package and for our eventual winners to be able to properly prepare for the event. I am confident in our decisions, and expect some great events in 2016. Already the US Masters team out of Stockton, CA is really stepping it up. TD Crash Gustafson attended the 2015 US Masters in Charlotte to see how things progress and "learn the ropes".

For 2017, the time is NOW to begin discussing the potential changes to our Major events (most notably Pro Worlds), so that we can have those details figured out before the end of the 2016 Tour Season (September).

When speaking with several potential bidders for our 2017 events, I told them we would release an RFP sometime in early Fall, so that we could award the 2017 events by the end of the calendar year. I urge the Majors Committee to begin these discussions as soon as possible, so that we are prepared for the release of the 2017 bid package within that scheduled time. I believe our Majors Committee will be meeting this week.

GRANT PROGRAMS

The Marco Polo program is still thriving and has funded two projects in 2015. Sam Cann of South Carolina went down to Costa Rica this year to visit the Permaculture Country Club, a sustainable living community focusing on agriculture and recreation. There, he installed the first ever disc public disc golf course and implemented the associated disc golf recreation program. For more details, read the story that was published on pdga.com: <http://www.pdga.com/disc-golf-rainforest>.

Yohannes Desalegn in Ethiopia has taken the US by storm. When he initially contacted us about Marco Polo, he had already been teaching disc golf in his community for over a year. Check out “Disc Golf Ethiopia” on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ethiopian-DISC-GOLF/502480383184750?fref=ts>. He has done so much to promote the sport in his home country, several US PDGA members started to take notice. He now has the attention of some of the sport’s highest profile athletes and manufacturers, and is receiving additional support through those means. He has plans to visit the states this summer, and will be incorporating several US concepts to his promotion and course design tactics back in Ethiopia. He sends regular updates about the project, with a completion date of October 2015.

I am also in discussion with Dustin Leatherman regarding a project in Zambia, as well as Raul Magedik about a program idea in Ukraine.

Due to the overwhelming amount of inquiries about this program, I recently discussed a reduction of funds offered (to go into effect in 2016) with Brian Graham. As we all know, disc golf is exploding right now, especially on an international level. With the publicized success of the Marco Polo Program, I am seeing more and more proposals come through. I suggest we increase our budgeted support of this program (from \$10,000 to \$12,000-TBD), while reducing the maximum amount offered (from \$5000 to \$3000- TBD), so that we can support more programs in the future. George Alvarez’s “Top Down Program” may have influence on this as well.

Another round of Innovation Grants will be reviewed after the December 1 deadline for submission. I am currently in the process of training our newest full time employee, Zach Shafer to take over review and management of this program, to be in effect for the December 1 deadline for round 2. As an added bonus, it is nice to have a six-time recipient of the IG on board as a BOD member; welcome and big thanks go out to Dr. Justin Menickelli.

WFDF

The WFDF International Disc Golf Committee received one bid to Host the 2016 Team Disc Golf World Championships from British Columbia Disc Sports, the Provincial Sporting Organization for disc sports in Vancouver, British Columbia. The bid is professional and thorough, although some requested content is incomplete.

When the relationship between PDGA and WFDF was renewed, it was agreed upon that this newly-formed event would take place in Europe, as it would provide the most convenient and centralized location, which would encourage maximum participation from a multitude of Nations. The fact that no bids came from that region of the globe could infer that Europe is not ready for an event of this design, but it is clear that Canada is willing, prepared and able to host.

The recent Canadian National Championship was hosted by the same TOC and was held at the same venue. This event came with high regards and was touted by the PDGA International Director (Brian Hoeniger) as one of the most successful A- Tier events in Canadian history. He was also in attendance and had wonderful things to say about the staff and location, as well as the course design. It is clear that this group is more than capable of hosting a high-quality event.

The Disc Golf Committee is unanimously recommending that the inaugural Team Disc Golf World Championship event be awarded to British Columbia Disc Sports in Vancouver, CAN., with the caveat that we work closely with the TOC to assist with the construction and execution of the event. We are requesting that this be voted on today. WFDF has already approved at their monthly teleconference on Saturday. Once (if) approved, we will draft up an Agreement contract with the TOC so they can begin the planning and execution of the event.

---End Events Report

Future Majors Discussion

The Majors/NT Committee will meet in full on Wednesday, September 16th.

Kevin McCoy proposed that the 2017 NTs have (3) full flights with 216 players; (1) full flight for women; limited courses, even among the Am Divisions; possibly separate Juniors from the event due to family travel considerations; reduce the number of days from (10) to (4); possibly run the events on golf courses because a lot of cities may have two great disc golf courses, but not four; award the events (2) years in advance

Mike Downes suggested RFPs go out by February 1st, 2016. Andrew Sweeton suggested a marketing plan to field protests regarding the age-protected divisions, and shift financial and other backing with each division.

Brian Hoeniger favored "Divisional Doubles" be brought back, and WFDF is "logical vehicle". He stated that the older age-base is only 8% of the membership, but is allotted around 30% of the slots in the field. Sarah Hokom noted that as a Player, she would not be opposed to higher entry fees as it would equate to a larger purse. George Alvarez wondered aloud how assured international parks would be that a NT event would come. Graham responded that studies would help and attending Disc Golf events and visits. Dan Roddick noted that money can make a non-existent venue possible. "Nothing precedes it, thus doesn't prohibit it."

Break 2:30 pm

NT Outsourcing Discussion –Graham

Motion was made by Bob Decker to postpone discussions on this topic. Seconded by Kevin McCoy, the subject was tabled for a future time. The motion was passed unanimously.

Adjourned 3:21 pm. Motion was made by Bob Decker to adjourn for the day, seconded by Dave West and passed unanimously. A team-building round of disc golf followed.

7:00 pm dinner at French Market West in Augusta.

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9:08 am - Meeting was called to order by Rebecca Duffy.

Technology Report – Ganz

Steve Ganz gave a verbal recap of the existing database for the benefit of new Board Members Hans Nagtegaal and Justin Menickelli. A Technology Summit was held in June in Charlotte, NC. In attendance was Steve Ganz, Theo Pozzy, Roger Smith, Chuck Kennedy, Andrew Sweeton. They identified a process to migrate data over into the cloud, outlining a road map over two (2) years.

Phase I – Goal is to go live mid-late November 2015. All B, C & L-Tiers will auto-publish online; Sanctioning Agreements can be filled out online and automatically go on the Schedule; changes to the agreement may be made by any authorized person within 1-2 days, vs. the current 5-week handling of Errata; course layouts available for TDs.

Phase II – Ratings will be a massive migration of data managed by Chuck Kennedy and Andrew Sweeton.

A new server and new database software are being purchased, hopefully by Nov/Dec 2015.

Currently under confidential negotiation is finding a replacement for Steve Ganz. Pete Crist of Disc Golf Scene is discussing the possibility of DG Scene being acquired by the PDGA, to bring online registration in-house. Acquiring a going concern would be less expensive than the \$250,000 and years to develop a tournament registration system that integrates with the current PDGA systems.

Steve then opened the floor to Board Members' questions: Decker questioned what happens in the event of a power failure. Ganz responded Sweeton could take "box" home, but noted there were nightly backups in the "cloud" of Amazon Web Services. When Sinclair asked about the Worlds load on the system, Ganz responded that with Drupal 7 and 4 servers, there is no load problem. Any attacks? Ganz responded yes, but full protected now. When Graham asked about Worlds visits on the site Ganz said Tuesday Traffic 2015 was "off the hook" and larger than Saturday in 2012.

On live scoring if you are logged onto PDGA.com, results are immediate; if not logged on, results may take 5 minutes. Kevin McCoy asked about historical member ratings and Ganz/Hoeniger said that was about 94% complete.

Graham mentioned a female junior player expressed concerns about her privacy. A potential stalker was showing up at her events, presumably by viewing her membership listing of future events. Ganz said a switch could be flipped, thus removing both her location and any future events signed up for.

Hoeniger mentioned that disc golf was light years ahead technologically than other sports. Ganz noted that the 2011 PDGA website garnered a lot of critics and haters, but it was now great.

Ratings – Kennedy

Chuck reviewed Suggested Scoring Average (SSA) and said overall players are not losing points in League v. Tournaments. He explained that propagators cause variances when they shoot over their rating (nulls tem from ratings).

He proposed that New Member get a “Preliminary Rating” based on a straight average of Unofficial Round Ratings, until they get their Official Ratings. He also suggested changing the name from “Unofficial Results” to “Preliminary Results”.

International Program Report – Hoeniger

Hoeniger stated that the new European Rulebooks should have a “sustainability responsibility” requirement statement included for players. Graham remarked that the new rulebooks have already been printed.

Finland was reported as having a growth in 2015 of 50%. Hoeniger pointed out that Finns take pride in their sports professionally, Finns love to throw things and Jussi Meresmaa’s genius of management in Finland.

The difference of growth between Scandinavia and Europe is basically the land with a scant population.

Japan’s model tour is frustrating to players in that there are 18-20 events, year after year, payouts are low (20%) and JPDGA uses most of the entry fees for travel expense.

Latin America will be the new disc golf frontier in the next few years. Chile is highly westernized and developed.

McCoy inquired about China. Graham noted that Chinese do not recreate like Westerners.

Hoeniger remarked that PDGA Europe is like the European Union. Each country does things differently and the Country Coordinator positions have a rapid turnover.

Dan Roddick inquired about what resources were in place for Africa. Hoeniger replied that South Africa was the most likely nation to develop, with ball golfers being a force there and some **Aerobie** discs have been PDGA-approved. He stated that Africa was down the road, today is South America.

Restructuring the PDGA Globally has been discussed at length since 2003. The time is ripe to move toward establishing “PDGA Europe” as an entity, with the PDGA USA Board remaining in ultimate authority.

Hans Nagtegaal outlined the ease with which registration in the Netherlands could be accomplished. Decker urged caution in order to not damage the existing entity. Graham noted that PDGA Europe was moving forward, getting closer, but still not ready. He assured Decker due diligence would be done. Roddick commented that 2015 was the tenth (10th) year of Euro programs. He suggested continental disc golf centers follow geographical divisions such as US / North America / Central America / Caribbean / South American / Europe / Africa.

Media Policy – Gregoire

Matt Gregoire prepared a “**PDGA Major and National Tour Media Policy**” but opened by saying he wanted guidance from the Board on several issues. His points were:

- Sort out the U-Tubers
- Protect the PDGA events quality
- Protect the PDGA’s livestream TV
- Manage those people under contract to be there
- Kindly ask random photographers for use of their pictures for our magazine

He noted that the public may do what they like even if rules are set. Most will follow the rules out of courtesy. There is a requirement on videos in that they must use the PDGA logo and/or mention the PDGA during it.

Graham said that if you control the venue, then you can control the images. Guidelines are good, but they must be fluid. Photographic rights remain with the creator of those images. He suggested cooperation with the creator, not asserting PDGA ownership. Sharing with the PDGA means the creator's images would be put out for public consumption.

Another bothersome point was the spectators rushing the player on the last putt, make it a policing issue.

When Gregoire brought up the lack of telephone coverage affecting live scoring, Graham said NTs and Majors should have adequate coverage as a requirement and would be subject to review. McCoy suggested the Summit be filmed live, and was turned down by the Board. He noted that compensation for images varied wildly from "some money" to "ego". Roddick commented that cell phone coverage equated to disc golf growth.

Open Agenda – Alvarez

Giving a presentation on growing disc golf in other countries was native Ecuadoran George Alvarez, president of MDGA (Miami Disc Golf Association).

Alvarez's background included working at IBM/NCR for over 20 years. He speaks over 16 Spanish dialects and was involved in the global integration among Walmart, McDonald's and the banking industry in Mexico.

He expressed an interest in developing disc golf parks, (10) specifically named, in the country of Dubai, where his cousin lives. The interest in developing so many parks is directly tied to the presence of money. Why develop one park, when you can develop ten?

His model concept involved combining a festival with a disc golf tournament to create a symbiotic relationship of excitement. His opinion is that "Disc Golf Tournament + Festival = Success, and proposed there would be 18-20 countries impacted by that model, mostly Latin America and Caribbean.

He showed photos of such an event he promoted in Miami, FL where he currently resides. He proposed Chuck Connelly professionally run the tournament and he'd run the festival.

He wants to put a disc golf course on the Galapagos Islands.

Lunch break 12:15 pm.

Open Agenda – Kennedy

Chuck Kennedy presented his competition concept of "Game Development Team", wherein Dan Roddick, Chuck Kennedy and Lavonne Wolfe would work with TDs to do testing on changes. Basically he would create a Research & Development Resource to be used for competitions.

Working with a HOF-infused volunteer team they would address putting difficulty, ramifications of Open v All Pro, setting par, risk/reward course design, evaluate new equipment, and address extreme element measurements. He noted it would be an all-volunteer-driven, no cost resource, for competition. In closing, it was noted that Kennedy would re-visit this proposal at a later date.

Open Agenda – Nagtegaal

Nagtegaal suggested that the Drug/Alcohol policy rule 3.3 was too lax and suggested it be strengthened. As the rulebooks were already in print production, it was noted in the minutes, but no action was taken.

Wrapup – Duffy

Duffy requested a future teleconference to discuss the location of the 2016 Spring Summit. A motion to adjourn was made by Davie West, seconded by Shawn Sinclair. Having no discussions further, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.