

**Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)**

March 8, 2016

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm EST by Board President, Rebecca Duffy

Board Members:

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

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Brian Graham, Dan Roddick

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes

MOTION (West/Decker)

Approve the meeting minutes of the February 2016 board teleconference.

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

Motion passes 7-0

Closing of On-line Board Motions

- None

Rebecca Duffy reminded board members that there were still a couple of open polls.

Office Report - Graham

Finance

As of January 31, 2016 the PDGA had a net financial position of \$1,286,264 as compared to \$1,078,780 at the same time last year, representing an increase of \$207,484.

Profit & loss statement, balance sheet, statement of financial position, and year to date AR aging summary through January 31, 2016 have been uploaded to the BOD Yahoo Group for review.

A draft of our 2014 financial audit was provided to Brian Graham and Bob Decker by the auditor on Thursday, March 3. Once finalized and approved, a copy will be published on our website. Work on our 2015 financial audit is currently underway.

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 since the last meeting:

- "Falchion" and "Knight" discs from Latitude 64
- "Plutonium" disc from Element Discs
- "Sail" disc from Disc Golf Association
- "Catapult", "Destiny", "Longbowman", and "Sling" discs from Westside Discs
- "DDx" disc from Discmania
- "Defender" and "Marshal" discs from Dynamic Discs
- "Mirage" disc from Innova Champion Discs

Memberships Report

Memberships

As of 3/4/16, the PDGA had a record 20,852 active members and membership # 83027 had been issued.

- Compared to 17,393 active members at the same time last year.
- This represents a 20% increase in memberships thus far in 2016.

To put these membership growth numbers in perspective:

- 2015 was by far the biggest year in the history of PDGA memberships with a 24.6% increase and 30,454 total active members. The number of active members has nearly doubled in the past 5 years.
- The PDGA had 20,587 active members in all of 2013 and we had already eclipsed that number by the end of February this year.
- Projecting our current 20% increase in members over the remainder of 2016, we estimate approximately 36,500 active PDGA members by the end of 2016.
- The PDGA had 10,000 more active members in 2015 than we had just 2 years prior in 2013.

Tour Report – Sweeton

2015 Tour

- The final player ratings update for 2015 events was published on February 23rd and accounted for all 2,581 events from 2015.
- The leaders of the divisional point race have been calculated for the 2015 EOY Awards.
- Chuck Kennedy is working on the POY/ROY awards based on the 2015 Tour.

2016 Tour

2016 vs 2015 Tour Breakdown																					
Totals		Location				Tier Level															
Total	Fully Sanctioned	USA	Canada	Intrntl	Major	NT	A	B	C	A/B	A/C	B/A	B/C	C/B	XM	XA	XA/XB	XB	XC	Leagues	
2016	1180	1169	982	29	169	7	7	76	340	611	15	0	1	3	18	10	3	1	1	47	40
2015	940	883	776	22	142	9	7	63	266	506	19	1	1	4	23	8	3	0	5	7	18
Difference	240	286	206	7	27	-2	0	13	74	105	-4	-1	0	-1	-5	2	0	1	-4	40	22
% Difference	26%	32%	27%	32%	19%	-22%	0%	21%	28%	21%	-21%	-100%	0%	-25%	-22%	25%	0%	200%	-80%	571%	122%

Note: The 2015 numbers are extrapolated from 2-19-2015 and 4-14-2015 data as there was no report in March 2015.

- As of 3/4/2016 we have 1,180 events in the sanctioning database and all but eleven have completed all sanctioning requirements and are therefore displayed on the online schedule. This is an increase of 26% over the same time in 2015.
- The first Player Ratings Update for 2016 events is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd. Report importing is ongoing at this time.
- The 2016 Touring Pro list has been calculated and posted.

2016 Worlds

- Preparations for Worlds registration are ongoing. Invitation list work will start once we get past the current ratings update workload.

2016 St. Jude Charity Event

- As of the morning of 3/4/16 we have 147 registrants for the St. Jude Charity event.
- The current course distribution is 54 players (MPO/MPM) on the Steady Ed course, and 93 players (All Other Divisions) on the Stancil Johnson course.

---- End Tour Report

Technology Report – Ganz

- PDB development for the event sanctioning and publishing system is about 90% complete. Bluespark should begin their remaining work this month with integration testing to begin soon thereafter.
- Completed development and released improved e-commerce coupon system management features.
- Comprehensive updates for website platform modules has been ongoing over the past month and is about 75% complete.
- Now capturing additional location data across the website but implemented primarily for the course directory.
- Fixed course directory location map bug which prevented the maps for choosing first tee and parking lot locations from rendering on page load. Updated iconography for visibility.

We will soon be opening up our extended registration API, which is currently exclusive to Disc Golf Scene to other major registration services, on an invitation-only basis.

---- End Technology Report

---- End Office Report

Committee Reports – BOD Liaisons

- Competition - Sinclair reported that the competition committee recently had a nearly 4-hour long teleconference to review the competition manual in preparation for board review and a revision in the fall.
- Discipline – Sinclair reported that Robert Leonard had expressed interest in serving as the new disciplinary committee chairperson and that Sinclair would work with him on transitioning those duties.
- Rules – Bob Decker reported on the ongoing rules revision process in preparation for board review and a revision in the fall.
- Senior – West reported that the senior committee had a teleconference on 2/10/16 where they discussed participation in the National Senior Games and the creation of a new Senior Club.
- Game Development – Sinclair reported on ongoing discussions by the committee on various topics. Graham added that he had spoken with Chuck Kennedy to ensure that the committee had a process for logging the discussions and turning them into action items for testing, and documentation for office and board review and consideration.

New Business:

Majors - Graham

Graham reported that he would be closing the Majors bids polls in the morning and requested that board members who had not yet voted, please do so. The office will be publishing the announcement of Majors bid winners later this week.

Audit Update – Decker/Graham

Bob Decker and Brian Graham reported that a draft of our 2014 financial audit had been received on Thursday, March 3 and that feedback had already been provided to the auditors. Graham stated that the audit was the most comprehensive and in depth that he had experienced in his time with the PDGA and he expressed confidence and satisfaction with the quality of the work that had been performed. Graham stated that the PDGA books were now in the best shape and most accurate they have ever been in as a result of many items that had historically been tracked outside of our accounting software, now being tracked within it. Work on the 2015 audit is underway.

Disc Golf Book - Menickelli

Justin Menickelli provided the board with an update on his book, “The Definitive Guide to Disc Golf”, which the PDGA had endorsed prior to Justin being elected to the board. The book is now for sale and the cost has been purposely kept as low as possible so as to make it affordable for more people.

Disc Golf Tours – Nagtegaal

Hans Nagtegaal reported that there was concern from some of our PDGA Europe country coordinators over the various disc golf tours that had popped up in 2016. Graham reminded the board that the Disc Golf World Tour and Disc Golf Pro Tour were not competitors of the PDGA and both were a series of PDGA sanctioned events working within PDGA guidelines and as such receive our support. The third unnamed tour, who is working outside of PDGA guidelines, is not currently perceived as a serious threat due to issues and challenges they have as a result of their alleged poor reputation in the general disc golf community.

MOTION (Sinclair/McCoy)

To adjourn the March board teleconference.

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

Motion passes 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm EST and the board entered into executive session.