

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

April 19, 2016

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm 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 (Duffy/Menickelli)

Approve the meeting minutes of the March 2016 board teleconference.

Yes: Decker, Menickelli, Sinclair, West, Duffy

Motion passes 5-0

Closing of On-line Board Motions

- Appoint Robert Leonard as chairman of the PDGA Disciplinary Committee. (Sinclair/West) – Approved 5-0
- Award the 2017 PDGA Pro Open World Championships to Augusta, Georgia. – Approved 5-0

Office Report - Graham

Finance

As of February 29, 2016 the PDGA had a net financial position of \$1,407,496 as compared to \$1,198,640 at the same time last year, representing an increase of \$208,856.

Profit & loss statement, balance sheet, statement of financial position, and year to date AR aging summary through February 29, 2016 have been uploaded to the BOD Yahoo Group for review.

Our finalized 2014 financial audit was submitted to the PDGA office by the auditor on Monday, April 4 and forwarded to the Board of Directors that same day. A copy has been published in the association documents section of PDGA.com. 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:

- "EMAC Truth" disc by Dynamic Discs
- "Grym X" disc by Kastaplast)
- "Habit" and "Invervention" discs by Plastic Addicts
- "Stego" disc by Reptilian
- "Vanish" disc by Axiom
- "Undertaker" disc by Discraft
- "Catch 21" basic level target by 21
- "Goal Post" championship level target by Island Disc Golf

Site Visits/Meetings

Brian Graham will be making a site visit to Branson, Missouri on Monday, April 25 to give a formal presentation to community leaders about building the infrastructure to host future PDGA Major events in their community. Graham will then travel on the Colorado Springs for a meeting with the PDGA attorney Brian Murphy and 2 days of committee meetings with the United States Sports Congress, and then on to Emporia Kansas for the Glass Blown Open to review and discuss plans for the 2016 Pro Disc Golf World Championships to be hosted in Emporia later this year.

Memberships Report

Memberships

As of 4/18/16, the PDGA had 26,237 active members and membership # 84987 had been issued.

- Compared to 21,877 active members at the same time last year
- This represents a 19.9% increase in memberships thus far in 2016

Tour Report – Sweeton

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	1698	1683	1346	41	311	7	7	85	460	901	15	0	1	3	27	10	5	1	1	72	103
2015	1371	1317	1114	35	222	9	7	67	384	737	21	1	1	4	28	8	2	0	7	13	81
Difference	327	366	232	6	89	-2	0	18	76	164	-6	-1	0	-1	2	3	1	-6	59	22	
% Difference	24%	28%	21%	17%	40%	-22%	0%	27%	20%	22%	-29%	-100%	0%	-25%	-4%	25%	150%	200%	-86%	454%	27%

- As of 4/15/2016 we have 1,698 events in the sanctioning database and all but 15 have completed all sanctioning requirements and are therefore displayed on the online schedule. This is an increase of 24% over the same time in 2015. Note the 40% increase to date in International Events.
- The second Player Ratings Update for 2016 events is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th. Report importing is completed and the data is the hands of the rating crew at this time.

2016 Worlds

- Registration for Internationals at Am Worlds opened at Midnight on 4/15. As of 6 pm, 14 Internationals had registered. International Registration for Pro Worlds opens next Friday 4/22.

2016 St. Jude Charity Event

- As of the morning of 4/15 we have 207 registrants for the St. Jude Charity event.
- The current course distribution is 81 players (MPO/MPM) on the Steady Ed course, and 126 players (All Other Divisions) on the Stencil Johnson course.

---- End Tour Report

Technology Report – Ganz

- PDB development for the event sanctioning and publishing system is complete. Bluespark has completed their remaining work and integration testing has begun. User acceptance testing by office staff should begin within the next 30 days.
- Updated tournament results module to accommodate reverse sorting for points-based competitions like the Vibram Birdie Bash and other events that use a Stableford scoring system.

- Comprehensive updates for website platform modules continues and is about 90% complete.
- Enhanced metadata on PDGA Live for better SEO and improved sharing on social media.
- Refactored player data export feature for PDGA Tournament Manager.
- The PDGA Tournament Registration Update API, which had been exclusively licensed to Disc Golf Scene, has now been offered to two additional tournament registration services. We have received signed licensing agreements from 4DiscGolf.com and Disc Golf United. Based on how these implementations go, we may open it up to additional tournament registration services.

---- End Technology Report

Committee Reports – BOD Liaisons

- Rules – Bob Decker reported on the ongoing rules revision process in preparation for board review and a revision in the fall.
- Competition – Shawn Sinclair reported on the ongoing competition manual revision process and a couple of related discussions within the committee.
- Senior – Dave West reported on the creation and development of a national senior club by the committee as well as regular meetings.
- PDGA Europe – Brian Graham reported on the creation of a draft code of conduct for members of the PDGA Europe Committee by international program director, Brian Hoeniger.
- Women’s – Rebecca Duffy reported on regular committee meetings as well as preparations for the upcoming Women’s Global Event.

New Business:

Headphones/Earbuds Discussion (Comp Committee) – Sinclair

Shawn Sinclair reported on discussions by the competition committee regarding the potential banning of earbuds or headphones during competition. Discussion ensued with the majority of board members feeling that the creation of a new rule prohibiting the use of earbuds was not necessary, because a courtesy violation can currently be called on players who do not fulfill their competition related responsibilities (score reporting) as a result of not hearing the group. Sinclair will report the straw poll results back to the committee.

Spring Summit Agenda Items - Graham

Brian Graham reported that he was compiling a list of agenda items for the Spring Summit to be held in Aptos, CA on May 24-25 and requested that Board members submit agenda item requests to him as soon as possible.

Fall Summit Dates - Nagtegaal

Hans Nagtegaal requested that the board discuss and make a decision on dates for the Fall Summit meetings so that everyone could make plans. Graham reported that the meetings were tentatively set for September 1-2 at the International Disc Golf Center due to office event and tradeshow schedules, as well as scheduling conflicts by a couple of board members later in September. Kevin McCoy requested consideration of Callaway Gardens, Georgia as the location in conjunction with an event he is running there in late August. Discussion ensued resulting in the dates of August 30-31 being selected for the summit at Callaway Gardens.

MOTION (West/McCoy)

To adjourn the April board teleconference.

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

Motion passes 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm EST and the board entered into executive session.