

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

March 14, 2017

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm EST by Board Vice-President, Dave West

Board Members:

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

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Brian Graham, Dan Roddick

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes

MOTION (McCoy/Nagtegaal)

Approve the meeting minutes of the January 2017 board teleconference.

Yes: McCoy, Menickelli, Nagtegaal, Sinclair, West

Motion passes 5-0

Office Report - Graham

Finance

As of January 31, 2017 the PDGA had a net financial position of \$1,362,254 as compared to \$1,286,264 at the same time in 2016, representing an increase of \$75,990.

Profit & loss statement, balance sheet, statement of financial position, and year to date AR aging summary through January 31, 2017 have been uploaded to the BOD Yahoo Group for 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 since the last meeting:

- "Deputy" disc from Dynamic Discs
- "Pilot" and "Trace" discs from Streamline Discs
- "Roc3X" disc from Innova Champion
- "Crown" disc from Westside Discs
- "Trace" disc, retest of disc that previously failed, from Streamline Discs
- "Wombat3" disc, variant of previously approved disc, from Innova Champion Discs
- "Drifter" disc from Full Turn Discs
- "Meteorite", retest of disc that previously failed, from Galaxy Disc Golf
- "Quake" disc from the Disc Golf Association
- "Beetle" disc from Latitude 64
- "CD3" disc from Discmania
- "Ragnarok", retest of disc that previously failed, from Viking Discs
- "Grow the Sport 2.0", a championship level target from Disc Store, a new manufacturer in Nebraska
- "Black Hole Pro HD", a basic level target from MVP Disc Sports

Memberships - Allen

As of March 13, 2017

The PDGA had 25,880 Active Members and PDGA member # 94331 had been assigned

- compared to 22,482 active members the same time in 2016
- representing a 15.1% increase in members thus far in 2017

---- End Memberships Report

Tour Report - Sweeton

2017 Tour

2017 vs 2016 Tour Breakdown																				
Totals		Location				Tier Level														
Total	Fully Sanctioned	USA	Canada	Intrntl	Major	NT	A	B	C	A/B	B/A	B/C	C/B	XM	XA	XA/XB	XB	XC	Leagues	
2017	1344	1335	1153	25	166	9	6	85	407	679	14	0	2	34	2	1	0	6	33	66
2016	1180	1169	982	29	169	7	7	76	340	611	15	1	3	18	10	3	1	1	47	40
Difference	164	166	171	-4	-3	2	-1	9	67	68	-1	-1	-1	16	-8	-2	-1	5	-14	26
% Difference	14%	14%	17%	-14%	-2%	29%	-14%	12%	20%	11%	-7%	-100%	-33%	89%	-80%	-67%	-100%	500%	-30%	65%

- So far in 2017 we have 1,344 events in the database compared to 1,180 at this time last year which is an increase of 14%. The US is at 17% but the Canadian & International events are just off the pace from last year. The change in sanctioning for those non-US events from February to March appears to be sluggish compared to the same period in 2016. However, none of the red numbers are alarming at this time, many are relatively minor differences for this early in the year and as soon as we create the correct events for the various National Collegiate breakdown of events, the XM numbers will increase to the norm.
- The twelfth and final Player Ratings Update for 2016 events took place on February 28th.
- March 7th was the first deadline for 2017 events and we gave completed processing of those events and sent them to the ratings team. The publication date of March 28th. Of the 265 events completed by the submission deadline, 194 of them were due for reporting, and we actually received and imported 231 of them.

2017 Worlds

A lot of work is underway for all three 2017 Worlds with an extra emphasis on Pro Worlds in Augusta where the PDGA is also filling the duties of the Host team.

- The Pro Worlds Invites were posted on schedule on 3/20/2017. Registration data has been sent to Pete and he has the registration page ready to go for the initial registration tier on 3/24/2017.
- The Amateur Worlds invites are 98% completed and will be finished by 3/17/2017 (schedule for posting is 3/31/2017). All registration data besides the invite list has been sent to Pete and he has the registration page ready to go except for the addition of the invite list. It will be completed in plenty of time for the initial registration tier opening on 4/21/2017.
- The Pro Masters Worlds invites have not yet been calculated, but will be completed no later than 3/24/2017 (schedule for posting is 4/7/2017.) I will be sending Pete the registration info for this page within a day or two.

We will have no problem having everything setup for the first registration tier that opens on 4/28/2017.

---- End Tour Report

Technology Report - Ganz

PDGA.com

- Developing downloadable reports for membership, events, and commerce
- Implemented security and performance improvements
- Exploring opportunities with outside vendors for future development work
- Created Committees page at <http://www.pdga.com/volunteers/committees> based on member feedback PDGA Member Open Forum at the Wild Horse Golf Club in Las Vegas.

Disc Golf Scene

- Ace Race + Trilogy Challenge registration templates for 2017
- NT Series updates (API for [PDGA.com](http://www.pdga.com))
- Registration updates to support alternate payments (in progress)
- Also set up the Worlds registration pages:
 - dgscene.com/2017AmWorlds
 - dgscene.com/2017ProWorlds

Mobile App Development

- Soft launched “Disc Golf 2 - PDGA” for iOS and Android on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store respectively.
- Will begin a marketing push over the next week.
- Joonas will handle maintenance and development on an ongoing basis

---- End Technology Report

Committee Reports

Senior – Dave West reported on the progress of the committee on their planned fun senior event on July 9-11 at Kent State University in Ohio. The Committee will be coordinating marketing and promotional efforts with the office.

Military – Dave West reported on a recent request by a naval base in Washington for the PDGA to support clinics and demonstrations at their new course.

Disciplinary – Shawn Sinclair reported on recent improvements to the disciplinary process to implement a series of internal checks and balances to help ensure more timely delivery of results.

Game Development Team – Shawn Sinclair reported on recent testing by the GDT on the use of smaller targets at events. The data collected shows that the smaller targets had a much larger negative effect on the scores of players with higher ratings than those with average ratings because the higher skilled/rated players were missing more longer putts that they usually hit on standard targets.

PDGA Europe – Hans Nagtegaal reported on discussions amongst the committee related to future governance of PDGA Europe.

New Business:

Innovation Grants - Menickelli

Justin Menickelli discussed recent challenges with the innovation grant review process due to staffing issues and whether the Board should become more involved and manage the process. Brian Graham gave the board an historical overview of the process and stated that changes had already been made internally to assign a new staff member to begin managing the program. Graham recommended that the process not change through the next round of June grants to allow Vic Allen the opportunity to manage it and to allow the new executive director to become acquainted with the process and have a hand in how future changes might be made. Graham also requested that the board consider increasing the amount and number of grants awarded in each round because the \$5000 total had not increased in the past while our budget has greatly increased. Discussion ensued. Rebecca Duffy suggested awarding 10 grants in the current round due to the lateness in awarding them and the record number of applications received. The board agreed to increase funding of the program as follows:

- 10 grants @ \$500 to be awarded in the current round instead of 5
- Grant program application process to remain the same under Vic Allen
- A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 grants to be awarded in future rounds up to \$1000 each

Next Generation Disc Golf Tour Request – Menickelli

Justin Menickelli gave the board an update on a lengthy telephone conversation he had with Pat Govang regarding the tour. Menickelli also discussed a letter received from Dave Feldberg requesting support of the tour. Discussion ensued on the requests of support and past precedence on how the PDGA has handled similar requests in the past from non-sanctioned events. The benefits of sanctioning an event with the PDGA were discussed as well as reasons provided by Feldberg on why they chose not to sanction their NGT events. The Board ultimately decided to stick with our past precedence by not promoting non-sanctioned events through our website and social media as that is considered a benefit of sanctioning in addition to IT support, promotion on our international schedule and event insurance. The PDGA will sell website advertising to the NGT just as we do to any business and will publish an article on the NGT Championship event, which is a PDGA sanctioned B-tier event.

Action Item: Graham to inform Dave Feldberg of its decisions.

Spring Summit Minutes – West

Dave West questioned whether a certain conversation contained in the draft minutes of the spring summit should be removed because it referred to a staffing/consultant employment issue, which should have been discussed in executive session. The board and Brian Graham agreed and Kevin McCoy was tasked with redacting that short section from the minutes.

PDGA Europe Board Interest – Nagtegaal

Hans Nagtegaal requested to follow up on a conversation from the spring summit and questioned if any board members were interested in serving as a PDGA Global representative on the new PDGA Europe Board as outlined in the transition documents. Justin Menickelli reaffirmed his interest.

MOTION (Duffy/Sinclair)

To adjourn the March board teleconference.

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

Motion passes 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm EST and the board entered into executive session.