

Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
August 8, 2017

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 8:05 pm EST by Board President, Rebecca Duffy

Board Members:

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

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Nate Heinold, David Foss, Joe Chargualaf, Dan Roddick

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes

MOTION (McCoy/West)

Approve the meeting minutes of the July 2017 board teleconference.

Yes: Rebecca Duffy, Shawn Sinclair, Dave West, Bob Decker, Kevin McCoy, Justin Menickelli

Motion passes 6-0

-----***Begin PDGA Staff Reports***-----

Office Report - Chargualaf

Finance

As of June 30, 2017, the PDGA had a net financial position of \$1,380,439.76 as compared to \$1,435,281.22 at the same time in 2016, representing a decrease of \$54,841.46.

Profit & loss statement, balance sheet, statement of financial position, and year to date AR aging summary through June 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:

Discs:

- "50 Cal", "Air Strike", "C4", "Cyborg", and "Morningstar" from Arsenal Discs.

Targets:

- "Titan Portable-24" target from Gateway Disc Sports
- Basket upgrade to the "T2" target from Prodigy Discs to increase its certification to Championship-level
- "Axiom Pro" from Axiom Discs

2017 PDGA Elections

The 2017 PDGA elections are complete and newly elected positions will take effect on September 1, 2017. PDGA Global saw two new Board members elected, David Foss and Nate Heinold, while PDGA Europe voted in four new Board members, Natalie Holloköi, Richard Kollar, Seamus Scanlon, and Kajsa Wickström. Three additional Board members will be appointed from North America to complete the first ever PDGA Europe Board. All newly elected and appointed Board members will serve 3 year terms.

Half of our 50 state and provincial coordinators were also up for elections. These key volunteer positions will also take office on September 1, 2017, and will serve 2 year terms.

2017 PDGA Disc Golf World Championship Update

PDGA Staff and volunteers successfully executed the PDGA Amateur and Junior World Championships on July 15-22, 2017 at Quad Cities, IL/IA. The local CVB and host team did an excellent job by providing outstanding venues and tournament support the entire week for over 600 participants.

Final preparations underway for upcoming Pro Masters World Championship on August 12-19, 2017 at Grand Rapids, MI.

PDGA Staff Update

Dani Peterson successfully completed her internship on July 31, 2017. She did a fantastic job assisting with media coverage at several PDGA events, left us with a PDGA media assessment, and refreshed our social media platforms.

Memberships- Allen

As of August 7, 2017, the PDGA had 35,740 Active Members and PDGA member #98894 had been assigned

- compared to 31,526 active members at the same time in 2016
- representing a 12% increase in members thus far in 2017

August 5th, 2017 was National Disc Golf Day. A 20% off new PDGA member code was published online and the code was used 35 times over the weekend. The new member discount code is set to expire on August 11, 2017. On the same day, our total active membership was 35,667, surpassing 2016's total active membership of 35,662.

Tour Report – Sweeton

1) 2017 Tour

2017 YTD vs 2016 YTD Tour Breakdown																					
	Totals		Location			Tier Level															
	Total	Sanct.	US	Canada	Intrntl	Major	NT	A	B	C	A/B	A/C	B/A	B/C	C/B	XM	XA	XA/XB	XB	XC	Leagues
2017 YTD	2911	2906	2263	76	572	7	6	77	605	1137	16	0	2	3	55	12	1	0	5	100	237
2016 YTD	2623	2608	2007	72	544	7	7	93	673	1460	17	0	1	5	36	12	5	1	10	56	240
Difference	288	298	256	4	28	0	-1	-16	-68	-323	-1	0	1	-2	19	0	-4	-1	-5	44	-3
% Difference	11%	11%	13%	6%	5%	0%	-14%	-17%	-10%	-22%	-6%	-100%	100%	-40%	53%	0%	-80%	100%	-50%	79%	-1%

Comparison is skewed because the 2016 numbers are from 8/29/2016 which includes an additional 22 days of sanctioning compared to the 2017 numbers as of 8/7/2016.

- In 2016 the Board meeting was held at the end of August so the above numbers are skewed low. Although the chart shows 11% growth, it is probably about 16%.
- The fifth Player Ratings Update for 2017 events took place on July 25th
- This past Tuesday, August 1st was the submission deadline for the next update, and we are in the finalizing the processing stages now and are not expecting any issues in meeting the August 22nd publication date.

2) 2017 Worlds

Pro Master Worlds

- Registration is closed for Pro Master Worlds and with recent drops we are at 182 players out of a possible field of 372.

- We added Divisional Doubles and now have six Mixed Doubles teams and five Divisional Doubles teams (waiting on payment for a 6th.)

Technology Report – Ganz (detailed update provided in preparation for Fall Summit in Oct)

In Progress

- Disc Golf Scene league management still in beta and under development. (DGS)
 - Leagues can update scores on [PDGA.com](https://pdga.com) automatically. Real-time point and place calculation is nearly complete.
 - Added a new PDGA league registration page.
 - <https://discgolfscene.com/leagues/new>
 - Added links to [PDGA.com](https://pdga.com) from league pages and PDGA icon highlighting sanctioned leagues in the league listings
 - <https://discgolfscene.com/leagues/Netherlands>
 - Goal is to make Disc Golf Scene a one-stop shop for all league management tools and eliminate the need for the league report spreadsheet and even PDGA Tournament Manager.
- TD Import Wizard now imports directly from the database eliminating the need for the tournament and league report spreadsheets (PDB)
 - Testing with leagues first.
 - Fixing bugs.
 - Once ready, we will create a plan for communicating to league directors that they may use Disc Golf Scene exclusively for the management of their PDGA sanctioned leagues in lieu of uploading scores via PDGA Tournament Manager and submitting a league report at the end of a session.
 - Next steps will be towards doing the same for tournaments.
- Added collection of additional course information to PDGA Tournament Manager (TM)
 - Length and measurement method.
 - Explicit relationships to courses in the course directory.
 - Displaying layout information for each round on tournament results page with link to course information page in course directory. (CD)
- Working through bugs with automated grouping & tee-times with Conrad before releasing to a wider audience. (TM)
- Mobile App now updates course information while retaining existing scores. (MA)
- Working with Phil Mareau on a simplified live scoring app for tournament staff, volunteers and players.
 - Pin based system will provide access to hole scoring for selected players only
 - Will allow us to restrict Tournament Manager for tournament staff only.
- Updating quiz module in anticipation of new rules official certification exams.
- Adding Event Search to mobile app. (MA)
- Adding "Upcoming events close by" to course information pages in course directory (CD)
- Majority of DGS AWS server infrastructure has been moved to PDGA ownership. Server needs were updated and EC2 hosting costs were cut by ~75%. The infrastructure transition should be completed by September 1.
- Implemented a scoring and registration API for uDisc to update scores and standings for the DGPT.
- Disc Golf Scene minor updates and features:
 - Added player card layout for ScorePointe/Scoreboards
 - Improved search algorithm and added searchable FAQ section
 - Added tournament staff list
 - Completed support for team registration updates
 - Added divisional event point multipliers for Series leaderboards

Upcoming

- Preparation for rules revision publication and updated exams.
- Linking course directories (PDGA + DGS)
- Payout calculator for Tournament Manager. (TM)
 - Will automatically calculate payout and distribute amongst players taking ties into consideration.
- Event results certification workflows (TM)
 - Tournament Director
 - PDGA Staff
 - Ratings Staff
- Automated league ratings processing
- Explore alternative tournament registration payment processing and disbursement (DGS)

-----*End PDGA Staff Reports*-----

Committee Reports:

Rules – Shawn Sinclair provided an update on the upcoming rules revisions. Stated the Board will vote on several major rule changes during this telecom. Rules committee will get updated rules to the Competition Committee by August 15, 2017 so they can make edits to Competition Guide NLT Sept 15, 2017.

Senior – Dave West reported that the Committee will focus on National Senior Games in 2018.

New Business:

Increase membership engagement through questionnaires, online polls, etc. - Menickelli

Justin Menickelli commented that the PDGA needs to conduct more online polls and questionnaires to increase engagement with our membership. This will help us stop “guessing” on what members want, while also potentially identifying candidates to serve in future leadership positions within the organization. Idea was received positively by all Board members, and discussion ensued on the type of format, target audience (member, non-members, both, etc.), number of questions, and frequency to conduct these polls/questionnaires. Chargualaf mentioned that the PDGA already subscribes to a polling technology that could be utilized to implement this concept.

Action Item: Justin Menickelli to work with PDGA Staff to refine this concept and develop a proposal for implementation.

Board voting on major rules revisions – Sinclair

Shawn Sinclair facilitated a discussion on the upcoming rules revision. He opened by stating that this was a very large rules revision that has been two years in the making. He lauded the outstanding effort and commitment of our volunteer members who serve on the Rules Committee for their well thought out and meticulous work. He noted that this is one of the highest volume of changes since the inception of PDGA rules. Several major changes were presented to the Board for consideration and a vote. Lengthy discussion ensued. All but three rules received acceptance from the Board, so a motion was made to send the three undecided rules back to the Competition Committee with comments and concerns so they can reconsider these rules. Sinclair requested a motion to pre-approve all but the three rules that were left undecided.

MOTION (Decker/West)

Preapprove all rules proposed and passed by the Rules Committee accept rule MK-1A, STA-1C, and Lie-1D.

Yes: Rebecca Duffy, Shawn Sinclair, Dave West, Bob Decker,
Kevin McCoy, Justin Menickelli

Motion passes 6-0

Thank you to outgoing Board President – West

David West mentioned that this was the last Board of Directors Monthly Telecom for Rebecca Duffy as the Board President and thanked her for 6+ years of service to the organization and its membership.

MOTION (Sinclair/Decker)

To adjourn the August board teleconference and enter into executive session.

Yes: Rebecca Duffy, Shawn Sinclair, Dave West, Bob Decker,

Kevin McCoy, Justin Menickelli

Motion passes 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm EST and the board entered into executive session.