

**Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes**  
**Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)**  
September 5, 2017

**Proceedings:**

*Meeting called to order at 9:02 pm EST by Board Vice President, Dave West*

**Board Members:**

*Present:* Shawn Sinclair, Dave West, Bob Decker, Kevin McCoy, Justin Menickelli, Nate Heinold, David Foss

*Quorum present?* Yes

*Others Present:* Joe Chargualaf, Dan Roddick

**Old Business:**

*Meeting Minutes*

**MOTION** (McCoy/Heinold)

Approve the meeting minutes of the August 2017 board teleconference.

Yes: Shawn Sinclair, Dave West, Bob Decker, Kevin McCoy, Justin Menickelli, Nate Heinold, Dave Foss  
Motion passes 7-0-0

*Appointment of Bob Decker to the Board*

**MOTION** (West/Decker)

Enter into the September 2017 Board of Directors teleconference minutes the following statement:

“During the August 8 teleconference, the board went into executive session. In that session we discussed how to fill Hans Nagtegaal's remaining term on the board (1 year). The Board decided to appoint Bob Decker to fill the remaining term following the past precedent of selecting the person who received the next highest number of votes in the most recent Board general election.”

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

Abstain: Nate Heinold, Dave Foss

Motion passes 5-0-2

**New Business:**

***Golf Disc Impact Analysis (Experimental Study) - Sinclair***

Shawn Sinclair discussed a recent Innovation Grant proposal to conduct ballistic gel testing that can help simulate the level, and type, of damage a disc might cause when impacting human tissue. The results of the study could help inform the future of disc standards. Discussion ensued leading to the following motion.

**MOTION** (Sinclair/Menickelli)

Approve Innovation Grant starting at \$2000, with the option to fund up to \$4000 based on the successful progression of the experimental study.

Yes: Shawn Sinclair, Dave West, Bob Decker, Kevin McCoy, Justin Menickelli, Nate Heinold, Dave Foss  
Motion passes 7-0-0

***Policy for banning players from sanctioned events – Sinclair***

Shawn discussed a recent complaint from a player who was banned from signing up for a sanctioned event by a TD. This developed into discussion about the type of circumstances that would warrant this type of action. Further discussion ensued, and the Board decided to carry this topic over to the Fall Summit for

further discussion.

***Results of Board Officer Election:***

President: Justin Menickelli

Vice-President: Dave West

Treasurer: Nate Heinold

Secretary: Kevin McCoy

***Appointment of Elaine King to the Board of Directors:***

The Board discussed the need for female representation on the Board consisting of 7 males. In accordance with the PDGA bylaws, "A minority of the Board of Directors may be appointed by the Board of Directors in order to fulfill the needs of the Corporation, as determined by the Board, for additional experience and skill sets on the Board of Directors in accordance with procedures established from time to time by the Directors." Therefore, based on discussions leading to this teleconference, Elaine King was approached about serving on the Board via appointment, and said she'd do so if asked. The Board decided that if appointed, the term would be for two years. Additional discussion ensued, culminating in the following motion:

**MOTION (Decker/Menickelli)**

To approve the appointment of Elaine King to the PDGA Board of Directors for a two-year term.

Yes: Shawn Sinclair, Dave West, Bob Decker, Kevin McCoy, Justin Menickelli, Nate Heinold, Dave Foss

Motion passes 7-0-0

Elaine not only provides female representation on the Board, but as a Canadian national, she also contributes an international perspective to the PDGA Global Board of Directors. Elaine also serves as a Board member on the PDGA Europe Board of Directors and will serve as the liaison between the two Boards. As a multi-crowned World Champion, she brings vast knowledge and expertise that will greatly benefit the PDGA as we adapt to the exponential growth and popularity of disc golf around the world.

***Election of Board liaison to PDGA Committees:***

Competition: Heinold

Course Design: McCoy

Disciplinary: Menickelli

Game Development: Sinclair

Majors: Heinold

Military: West

PDGA Europe: King

Ratings/Stats: Heinold

Rules: Foss

Senior: West

Tech Standards: Menickelli

Women's: King

Youth and Education: Menickelli

**MOTION (Sinclair/Decker)**

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

Yes: Shawn Sinclair, Dave West, Bob Decker, Kevin McCoy, Justin Menickelli, Nate Heinold, Dave Foss

Motion passes 7-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 pm EST and the board entered into executive session.