

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

January 9, 2018

**Proceedings:**

*Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm EST by Board President, Justin Menickelli*

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

*Quorum present? Yes*

*Others Present: Joe Chargualaf*

**Old Business:**

***Meeting Minutes***

**MOTION (DF/DW)**

Approve the meeting minutes of the November 14, 2018 BOD Monthly Teleconference.

Yes: SS, DW, BD, JM, NH, DF, EK

Motion passes 7-0-0 (KM was not present for this vote)

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

**Office Report - Chargualaf**

***Finance***

As of Nov 30, 2017, the PDGA had a net financial position of \$1,585,663.96 as compared to \$1,204,474.72 at the same time in 2016, representing an increase of \$381,189.24.

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

- Captain, Getaway, Maverick, and Patrol from Dynamic Discs
- Chainstar Lite from Discraft
- Stål from Kastaplast
- Ballista Pro and Explorer from Latitude 64

**Memberships- Allen**

The active member total for the PDGA in 2017 was 41,066 members in 51 countries. The latest assigned PDGA number in 2017 was PDGA #103,023. The PDGA officially ended with 49,416 membership orders for members current in 2017 or later.

## Tour Report – Sweeton

### 1) 2017 Tour

2017 Tour vs 2016 Tour Breakdown																							
Totals		Location				Tier Level																	
Total	Paid	US	Canada	Intrntl	Major	NT	A	B	C	A/B	A/C	B/A	B/C	C/A	C/B	XM	XA	XA/XB	XB	XC	S	Leagues	
2017 YTD	3527	3527	2701	88	738	8	6	102	761	2062	18	0	2	6	0	58	13	8	0	11	134	1	337
2016 Final	3044	3108	2295	81	668	7	7	91	733	1767	19	0	1	7	0	40	13	4	1	11	69	4	270
Difference	483	419	406	7	70	1	-1	11	28	295	-1	0	1	-1	0	18	0	4	-1	0	65	-3	67
% Difference	15.9%	13.5%	17.7%	8.6%	10.5%	14.3%	-14.3%	12.1%	3.8%	16.7%	-5.3%	0.0%	100%	-14.3%	100%	45%	0.0%	100%	100%	0%	94.2%	-75%	24.8%

NOTE: The original 2016 numbers included 64 Vibram Birdie Bashes sanctioned as XC events. The VBB did not occur in 2017, so I have removed those 64 events to give a truer picture of growth.

- As of 1/4/2018 we have 483 more events sanctioned in 2017 than in 2016 and have surpassed the 3,500 event milestone. The US is at 15.9% growth, Canada is at 8.6%, and International is at 10.5% growth.
- The tenth Player Ratings Update for 2017 events took place on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> is the submission deadline for the January 2018 update which will be published on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The February 2018 update will be the final update for 2017 events.

### 2) 2018 Tour (but too early to draw any conclusions)

2018 YTD vs 2017 YTD Breakdown																							
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Total	Paid	US	Canada	Intrntl	Major	NT	A	B	C	A/B	A/C	B/A	B/C	C/A	C/B	XM	XA	XA/XB	XB	XC	S	Leagues	
2018 YTD	536	536	480	10	46	6	6	84	129	230	15	0	0	1	0	16	9	0	0	4	20	0	16
2017 YTD	492	486	432	6	54	5	6	71	141	213	10	0	0	1	0	13	1	0	0	1	17	0	13
Difference	44	50	48	4	-8	1	0	13	-12	17	5	0	0	0	3	8	0	0	3	3	0	3	3
% Difference	8.9%	10.3%	11%	67%	-15%	20%	0%	18%	-9%	8%	50%	0%	0%	0%	23%	800%	0%	0%	300%	18%	0%	23%	23%

## Technology Report - Ganz

### PDGA Technology Report - January 2018

- Rules Revision
  - New rules revision published
    - Includes desktop, mobile, pdf formats
  - Updated version of Rules Official Certification Exam is now available.
- Disc Golf Scene
  - Gender, age, and rating based division qualification validation now in place for tournament registration on Disc Golf Scene
- Tournament Management
  - Iterating on Tournament Manager payout calculator
    - Currently in beta with serial tournament directors.
      - Chuck Connelly has provided great feedback.
      - Seeking additional tournament directors for testing.
    - Now pulling in entry fee data from Disc Golf Scene
  - Added capability to link to third-party live scoring systems (UDisc, Metrix)
  - Added video status icon to Event Schedule and Current Events
  - Developing a tournament reporting certification workflow to replace the TD Report spreadsheet.
- UDisc
  - Entered into agreement with UDisc to use their live scoring platform for the National Tour and Pro Worlds
- 2018 PDGA Technology Summit
  - Semi-regular event last held in May of 2015 in Charlotte, NC.

- Gives the geographically dispersed PDGA Technology team a chance to meet face-to-face to work on technology strategy

This year's event held was held in Bloomington, Minnesota on January 5-7, 2018. In attendance were Steve Ganz, Peter Crist, Theo Pozzy, Chuck Kennedy, Roger Smith, and Alex Pozzy (remote). Consisted of hands-on working sessions focused on eliminating legacy data transfer and synchronization requirements and reducing the amount of manual labor involved to process ratings updates.

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

### **Committee Reports:**

N/A

### **New Business:**

#### ***2018 PDGA Budget***

JC provided an overview of the proposed 2018 budget. There was general discussion about the PDGA fee structure for advertising in DiscGolfer magazine, PDGA testing and certifications, as well as consultant contracts. The question is whether fees have kept up with the growth of the sport, and the fact that fees have remained stagnant for several years. NH mentioned he'd like to see more of the budget directed towards an internal PDGA education/scholastic disc golf program in the future. Additional discussion ensued to clarify budget line items.

#### **MOTION** (BD/DW)

Approve the 2018 PDGA budget as presented by JC.

Yes: SS, DW, BD, KM, JM, NH, DF, EK

Motion passes 8-0-0

**ACTION:** JC to publish 2018 Budget and 2017 Financial Report on PDGA.com after completion of the 2017 Annual Audit after June 2018.

**ACTION:** JC to review fee structures and make adjustments where needed.

**ACTION:** JC to present overview of consultant contracts at 2018 Spring Summit.

#### ***Tobacco Policy at PDGA Majors & National Tour Events***

The Board decided to review the tobacco policy for Majors and NTs that was established during the April 2017 BOD Monthly Teleconference to ensure the published policy on PDGA.com matches the intent set forth by the Board during that meeting. This was in response to a previously published update that was posted on the PDGA's website in early Jan 2018 that contained a revised version of the approved policy. That policy was subsequently removed from the website within 24 hours. An updated policy was presented to the Board for review by JC. After careful deliberation the Board agreed that the general intent of the new policy was to simply extend the tobacco policy to not only cover Majors, but to also include NTs. Additionally, the update also extends the tobacco policy to event staff which it previously did not include. The goal for this policy is to put forth the most professional image of the sport at our premier events.

#### **MOTION** (JM/DW)

Approve the updated Tobacco Policy for PDGA Majors and NTs as presented by JC.

Yes: JM, DW, DF, NH

No: KM

Abstain: BD, SS, EK

Motion passes 4-1-3

**ACTION:** JC to review the process for how we publish policy changes and Board decisions.

**ACTION:** Board and Staff to continue exploring methods for communicating with membership for input on

proposed policy, rules, and competition changes.

### ***PDGA Committees***

SS asked that we publish the list of our PDGA Committees (minus the Discipline Committee) and their members on PDGA.com. This will allow members to see which committees we have as well as the volunteers who serve on them. DF recommended that the Board liaisons reach out to each Committee Chair a week before the monthly BOD teleconference to get committee updates to present during monthly teleconferences so can keep up to date on all the great things they are doing and provide support where needed.

ACTION: JC to update Committee roster for 2018 and publish on PDGA.com.

ACTION: Board Committee Liaisons to communicate with Committee Chairs before monthly teleconferences and provide respective updates as needed.

### ***Town Hall Meeting/BOD Outreach***

DF recommended the Board consider establishing a forum where they can interact and communicate with membership on a regular basis. This will allow the BOD to communicate information to members while also allowing members a forum where they can ask questions and provide input. JC advised the Board that with the addition of our new PDGA Media Coordinator, we are planning to develop more forums for membership engagement and communication which will help with this initiative. JC also offered Board members to contribute content to the Office Report in DiscGolfer Magazine. NH volunteered to write a piece for the next issue. Discussion ensued, and the Board agreed to focus more effort in this area. DF volunteered to take lead and work with the Staff on new BOD outreach initiatives.

ACTION: DF to work with Staff to develop BOD outreach programs.

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### **MOTION (EK/DW)**

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

Yes: SS, DW, BD, KM, JM, NH, DF, EK

Motion passes 8-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm EST and the board entered into executive session.