

Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
March 14, 2018

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm EST by Board President, Justin Menickelli

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

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Michael Downes, and Dan “Stork” Roddick

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes

MOTION (KM/DF)

Approve the meeting minutes of the Feb 13, 2018 BOD Monthly Teleconference.

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

Motion passes 7-0-0

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

Office Report - Chargualaf

Finance

As of Jan 31, 2018, the PDGA had a net financial position of \$1,858,580.31 as compared to \$1,573,056.38 at the same time in 2017, representing an increase of \$285,523.93.

Profit & loss statement, balance sheet, statement of financial position, and year to date AR aging summary through Jan 2018 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:

- Chariot and Pharaoh from Infinite Discs
- Banzai from the DGA
- Vulture from Discraft
- Crossbow from Black Zombie Disc Golf
- Caiman from Innova
- Deflector from MVP
- Kea (MR2) from RPM Discs/Disc Golf Aotearoa

Memberships - Allen

As of March 8, 2018, there are 28,614 active members. The latest assigned new member number is PDGA #106,309; in 2017 at this time, the latest new member was PDGA #94,210, and in 2016 it was PDGA #83,269. A more detailed membership report is below. The 2017 Year-End Demographics are now published on the website.

The 2019 RFP for Member discs and minis will be released soon as well. We are removing the word “new” from the RFP. This will allow renewing members the opportunity to purchase a member disc and mini, and

have discs available for promotional opportunities.

Tour Report - Sweeton

1) 2017 Tour (this is the last report on 2017)

- Of the 18 TDs with 19 missing 2017 event reports (as of the last tour update,) we finally heard from six of them and their events were included in the final ratings update for 2017 events on Feb 27th.
- This left 13 events unreported, but we were able to create partial TD Reports for ten of those based on the unofficial results that had been posted (so the players could at least receive their points towards World invites).
- This left three 2017 events totally unreported. From player emails we only know for sure that one of them was actually held.
- Six more TDs have now been added to the suspension list for failure to report their results, joining the six that were suspended previously on 2/9/2018.

2) 2018 Tour

2018 YTD vs 2017 YTD 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	XB	XC	Leagues	
2018 YTD	1608	1581	1378	30	200	9	6	98	393	914	18	1	5	39	9	0	9	32	75
2017 YTD	1344	1335	1153	25	166	9	6	85	407	679	14	0	2	34	9	1	6	33	66
Difference	264	246	225	5	34	0	0	13	-14	235	4	1	3	5	0	-1	3	-1	9
% Difference	19.6%	18.4%	19.5%	20.0%	20.5%	0.0%	0.0%	15.3%	-3.4%	34.6%	28.6%	+100%	150.0%	14.7%	0.0%	-100.0%	50.0%	-3.0%	13.6%

- As of 3/9/2018 we have 1,608 events with 1,581 having completed all sanctioning requirements so they appear on the online schedule.
- This represents 19.6% growth overall with 19.5% in the US, 20.0% in Canada, and 20.5% Internationally.
- The March 13th Ratings Update will be the first update for 2018 events and is with the ratings team at this time.
- Tuesday, March 27th is the submission deadline for the April 17th ratings update which will be the second update for 2018 events.

3) 2018 Worlds

- Work with the 2018 Worlds hosts continues between Andrew, Shawn, and Mike.
- Two of the four registration pages are now completed, and we received the registration requirements for Pro Master Worlds this morning and I will vet it and sent to Pete for setup on DGS later today. The final registration requirements document (Pro Worlds) is due from the host on 3/14.
- The initial course schedules for Am Worlds and Pro Worlds are done and Shawn is working now to create the formatted schedules for the other two. After that, we will only be waiting on ancillary event details for small edits.
- Reminders for the next deliverable due from the hosts (Invite Package materials) are going out today.
- Andrew started work on the below 2018 Worlds invites with the largest and most complex one for Amateur Worlds, and should be complete in the next few days. The others will follow.
 - Junior Worlds – Emporia, KS - invites are based on points earned during the 2017 Tour year.
 - Amateur Worlds – Charlotte, NC - invites are based on points earned during the 2017 Tour year.
 - Pro Master Worlds – Kansas City, KS/MO - invites are based on points earned during the 2017 Tour year.

Pro Worlds – Smugglers’ Notch, VT - invites are based on the player ratings from the February 27, 2018 ratings update which is the final update for 2017 Tour year events.

Technology Report - Ganz

PDGA Technology Report - March 2018

- Tournament Management, Reporting, and Processing
 - Ratings Process
 - Stabilized this new process which resulted in much smoother effort for the February 27th update. Office is now able to prepare data for processing and publish ratings online in just a few simple steps.
 - Payout Calculator
 - Will launch with the new tournament reporting process.
 - Tournament Reporting
 - Final development and testing in progress.
 - Switch-over from the current process of submitting the TD report spreadsheets via email to the new automated reporting process in Tournament Manager is currently scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th following the ratings update on March 13th.
- Other
 - UDisc
 - Live scoring via UDisc premiered at the Las Vegas Challenge.
 - Matt Krueger onsite for support.
 - DGU
 - Tournament registration API license granted to DGU.
 - Will work on implementation with their developer.

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

Committee Reports:

Major/NT (NH)

NH provided an update on the committee's work to consider adjusting the Majors formats (particularly Pro Worlds) to ensure they remain desirable for organizers and CVBs to bid on. He informed the Board that since the last meeting, the Majors Committee has received significant interest from organizing committees/CVBs who not only want to host Pro Worlds in its current format, but are very capable of doing so at a very high level. Therefore, the recommendation is to leave the current format as-is. Discussion ensued, and the Board decided to leave the current format in place, however, consideration will be given to those submitting for combined bids starting in 2020. The Board will continue to assess all bids for overall quality and value to our membership, and selections will be made accordingly.

ACTION: MD to incorporate the option for submitting combined bid packages into our Majors RFPs starting in 2020.

Rules (DF)

DF provided an update on the progress of the Rules Committee, and reminded the Board that there's a document ready for Board review with recommendations for the next rules update. He mentioned that most of the rules are minor changes to wording, formatting, etc., with a few significant recommendations that come up every year such as the 2-meter rule, etc. These changes will not drive a reprint of the current Rules Book, but rather be updated via online PDF and on PDGA.com.

ACTION: Board members to review the recommendations and provide the Rules Committee Chairmen input and feedback.

New Business:

2018 Spring Summit (JM)

JM provided an update on the upcoming Spring Summit to be held in Branson, MO, from 16-20 May 2018. He reminded the Board that a significant portion of the Summit will be focused on reviewing and updating the PDGA Strategic Plan, and discussing objectives and tasks tied to meeting our goals. He asked Board members to review the strat plan, take notes, and come to the Summit prepared for discussions. He also asked the Board to submit their recommended agenda topics (preferably tied to the strat plan) and to begin scheduling their travel if they have not done so yet.

ACTION: Board members to review the strat plan, submit agenda items, and schedule travel.

Support for non-sanctioned disc golf tours and series (KM)

KM provided an updated about various disc golf tours and series that have historically operated as non-sanctioned series or events. He suggested the PDGA should open discussion with these organizations to see if there are mutually beneficial opportunities to partner in the future. He cited Southern Nationals as an example where both organizations could work together to grow participation in the sport, run events, and maximize overall resources. Discussion ensued about ensuring any future potential partnerships with independent organizations must take into consideration that certain benefits are only provided to our paid membership or to PDGA sanctioned events. Overall, the Board agreed we should remain open to discussions with all independent organizations who wish to partner with the PDGA, and encourages them to contact the PDGA Executive Director if interested.

MOTION (NH/BD)

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

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

Motion passes 7-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm EST and the board entered into executive session.