

Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
August 6, 2019

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm ET by Board President, Justin Menickelli

Present: Justin Menickelli (P), David Foss (VP), Nate Heinold (S), Elaine King, Michael Sullivan, Trevor Harbolt

Absent: Bob Decker (T)

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Seamus Scanlon

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes

MOTION (DF/NH): Approve the July 2019 Board of Directors monthly teleconference meeting minutes.

Yes: JM, DF, NH, MS, EK

Absent: BD, TH (joined meeting after vote)

Motion passed 5-0-0

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

Office Report - Chargualaf

Finance

As of June 30, 2019, the PDGA had Total Assets of \$2,957,794.37 as compared to \$2,495,522.25 as of the same time in 2018, representing an increase of \$462,272.12. The Total Equity during this same period was \$1,815,402.66 which represents our Net Financial Position (assets less liabilities).

Profit & loss statement, balance sheet, statement of financial position, and year to date AR aging summary through June 2019 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:

- Skylark from Discroyer OÜ
- Rift from the Disc Golf Association

Memberships - Allen

As of 8/1/2019, there are 46,590 active members and the latest assigned new member is PDGA #124,900. At this time in 2018, there were 41,060 active members, and the latest assigned new member was PDGA #111,630. In 2017, there were 35,593 active members, and the latest assigned new member was PDGA #98,792. A more detailed report is below.

As of August 1 st in –	2017	2018	2019	2017 - 2018 % Growth	2018 - 2019 % Growth
Active Members	35,593	41,060	46,590	15.36%	13.47%
New	7,829	8,571	9,337	9.48%	8.94%
Renew	27,764	32,489	37,253	17.02%	14.66%
Amateur	28,314	32,796	37,068	15.83%	13.03%
Professional	7,279	8,264	9,522	13.53%	15.22%
Male	32,899	37,907	43,238	15.22%	14.06%
Female	2,694	3,153	3,352	17.04%	6.31%
Multi-year Members	1,404	1,575	1,881	12.18%	19.43%
Birdie Club	488	607	670	24.39%	10.38%
Ace Club	290	340	508	17.24%	49.41%
Eagle Club	88	96	105	9.09%	9.38%

Tour Report - Sweeton

1) 2019 PDGA Tour

	2019 YTD vs 2018 YTD Tour Breakdown																			
	Totals		Location			Tier Level														
	Total	Sanct.	US	Canada	Intrntl	Major	NT	A	B	C	A/B	B/A	B/C	C/B	XM	XA	XB	XC	Leagues	
2019 YTD	3712	3708	2809	115	788	8	6	123	701	2261	15	4	6	70	9	5	13	86	404	
2018 YTD	3390	3376	2618	89	683	9	6	122	710	2044	16	2	7	57	9	4	16	77	311	
Difference	322	332	191	26	105	-1	0	1	-9	217	-1	2	-1	13	0	1	-3	9	93	
% Difference	9.5%	9.8%	7.3%	29.2%	15.4%	-11%	0%	1%	-1%	11%	-6%	100%	-14%	23%	0%	25%	-19%	12%	30%	

Note that due to the timing of the BoD teleconference the 2018 data includes an extra week of sanctioning compared to 2019.

- As of 8/1/2019 we have a total of 3,712 events which is 9.5% ahead of last year's pace. The US is at 7.3% over last year, Canada is at 29.2%, and International is at 15.4%.
- The July 9th ratings update was published as scheduled.
- The August Ratings Update is scheduled for 8/13 and should go off as scheduled.

2) 2019 Worlds Prep

- Pro Master Worlds was a success with a final tally of 162 players (25 more than 2018) in Jeffersonville, Vermont.
- Junior Worlds was a success with a final tally of 207 players (13 more than 2018) in Emporia, Kansas.
- Amateur Worlds was a success with a final tally of 698 players (21 more than 2018) in York, Pennsylvania.
- Pro Worlds registration closes tomorrow, August 2nd, and we currently have 243 players registered (195 MPO/48 FPO.)

Technology - Ganz

Official Digital Scoring

- Beta testing is now open to all events
- Current usage statistics as of 7/31/2019
 - 63 events (including A-tiers, B-tiers, C-tiers, and Leagues)
 - 1335 users
 - 2961 individual rounds
- Visual redesign is complete.
- Added tee and target positions and hole notes for every hole to communicate OB and special rules, etc.
- Updated documentation and creating video demo.
- Working a notification system for tournament directors to communicate with players during play.

Disc Golf Scene

- Improved league integration between Tour Manager and Disc Golf Scene

Etc.

- Migrating last vestiges of PDB to Admin tool.
 - Insurance Certificate Requests
 - Member Merge
- Career Wins detail page has been added to all Player Profiles.
- Automated ratings system may make its debut for August ratings update.
- Enabled ratings API for Discmania/UDisc Game of Throws.
- Collapse and expand divisions now available on event pages.

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

New Business:

2020 Rule Book and Competition Manual Revisions: The Board spent the majority of the meeting discussing proposed 2020 revisions to the rule book and competition manual. Voting results are as follows: 14 approved, 3 disapproved, and 2 sent back to committees for further deliberation. Once the revisions are finalized, they will be announced on PDGA.com and take effect for the 2020 season.

Strat Plan Update:

Club Support (DF): DF mentioned that he's working on developing a new tier for low cost sanctioned tournaments for affiliate clubs. The details are still under development, but he's successfully tested the concept locally with very positive results. He will continue working with the PDGA Staff to further develop the concept and provide a written plan for the Board to review by the 2019 Fall Summit.

Updated Disciplinary Process: MS is working with the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee to update the current disciplinary process. The goal is to make it more transparent, understandable, as well as establishing standardized levels of discipline for specific types of violations. MS will continue developing this with the Disciplinary Committee and Staff and plans to present the proposal at the 2019 Fall Summit.

Board Officer Positions and Committee Liaisons: JM requested that Board members send a declaration of interest email if they are planning to run for one of the four Board Officer positions, as well as identifying which committees they want to serve as the Board Liaison. These positions will be decided during the next Board teleconference on 9/3/2019.

Gender Protected Policy: Discussion ensued about social media feedback concerning the PDGA's policy on protected divisions in light of a recent transgender member who won their division at the 2019 PDGA Amateur Disc Golf World Championship. There were mixed thoughts on whether the PDGA should release a specific statement addressing the situation, but it was ultimately decided that the PDGA's position is already clearly stated publicly on our website at the following links:

<https://www.pdga.com/announcements/pdga-updates-policy-eligibility-gender-protected-divisions>

<https://www.pdga.com/medical/gender-protected-divisions-eligibility-policy>

We will continue to address questions on this from members who contact the PDGA directly and will provide additional guidance to our State and Provincial Coordinators to help address questions they receive from TDs.

Action Item: EK to work with the Medical Committee to draft guidance for our State and Provincial Coordinators to be posted on their group Facebook page.

MOTION (JM/DF)

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

Yes: JM, DF, TH, MS, EK

Absent: BD, NH (signed off earlier in the meeting)

Motion passes 5-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm ET.