Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
March 9, 2021

Proceedings:
Meeting called to order on March 9, 2021 at 6:04 pm ET by Board President, Justin Menickelli

Present: Justin Menickelli (P), Nate Heinold (VP), Bob Decker (T), Michael Sullivan (S), Elaine King, Laura Nagtegaal, Geoff Hungerford

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Joe Chargualaf, Dan Roddick, Mary Sicard

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes
MOTION (EK/BD): Accept the results of the 3/7/2021 online poll to approve the February 2021 Board of Directors monthly meeting minutes.

Yes: JM, NH, MS, EK, BD, LN, GH
Motion passed 7-0-0

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

Finance
As of February 28, 2021, the PDGA had Total Assets of $6,385,106.50 as compared to $4,087,885.48 as of the same time in 2020, representing an increase of $2,297,221.02. The Total Equity during this same period was $4,381,490.10 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 February 2021 have been uploaded to BOD Groups.io for review.

Tech Standards
Approvals of the following discs and targets by the tech standards committee were certified by the PDGA since the last meeting:

Discs:
- Contrail, Sune Sport
- Cumulus, Sune Sport
- Bowie, Lone Star Molding
- Astronaut, Discmania
- Rockstar, Discmania
- Shogun, Discmania
- Beam, MVP Sports
- Cypher, MVP Sports
- Jet, Streamline Discs
- Echo, Streamline Discs
- Hex, Axiom Discs
- Rhythm, Axiom Discs
- Shadowplay, Crosslap Disc Golf Parks
**Targets:**
- DiscSport Star, DiscSport

**Memberships – Allen**

At the beginning of March 2021, there are 57,889 active members, and the latest assigned new member PDGA #166,621. In March 2020, there were 40,000 active PDGA members and the latest assigned new member is PDGA #134,667. In March of 2019, there were 33,065 active PDGA members and the latest assigned new member is PDGA #118,969. A more detailed report is below.

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<td>Active Members</td>
<td>33,065</td>
<td>40,000</td>
<td>57,889</td>
<td>15.62%</td>
<td>20.97%</td>
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<td>New</td>
<td>3,401</td>
<td>4,583</td>
<td>9,893</td>
<td>4.07%</td>
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<td>Renew</td>
<td>29,664</td>
<td>35,417</td>
<td>47,996</td>
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<td>Amateur</td>
<td>26,226</td>
<td>32,017</td>
<td>48,820</td>
<td>15.58%</td>
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<td>Professional</td>
<td>6,839</td>
<td>7,983</td>
<td>9,069</td>
<td>15.80%</td>
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<td>Male</td>
<td>30,632</td>
<td>37,211</td>
<td>53,938</td>
<td>15.99%</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>2,433</td>
<td>2,789</td>
<td>3,951</td>
<td>11.25%</td>
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<td>Multi-year Members</td>
<td>1,127</td>
<td>1,363</td>
<td>2,108</td>
<td>14.65%</td>
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<td>Birdie Club</td>
<td>461</td>
<td>569</td>
<td>1,365</td>
<td>7.71%</td>
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<td>Ace Club</td>
<td>363</td>
<td>569</td>
<td>1,232</td>
<td>31.05%</td>
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<td>Eagle Club</td>
<td>101</td>
<td>116</td>
<td>148</td>
<td>5.21%</td>
<td>14.85%</td>
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**WGE Update:**
- All of the WGE Player’s Pack items will arrive at the Fulfillment Office around the middle of March. Currently, 700+ WGE Player’s Packs have been ordered. Our biggest concern right now is international shipping. We are telling international events to order the WGE Player’s Pack by the end of March. Giving us about 5 weeks for the packages to arrive in time for WGE. As of today, there are 72 events and 1,174 registered players.

**Membership Items:**
- Procurement of 2022 items have begun – discs, minis, renewal tags, membership cards, etc.

**Tour Report – Sweeton**

1) 2021 PDGA Tour

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<td>Increase in Cancelled Events</td>
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Note that the growth shown under Elite is due to DGPT events now being included. They were A-Tiers in 2020.
• As of 3/4/2021 we have a potential for 2,388 sanctioned events which is a 23.3% overall increase based on a 41.3% increase of sanctioning in the US compared to the same time in 2020. Sanctioning in Canada is down 10.3% (was 30% last report) and International is down 47.3% from 2020, likely due to COVID concerns.

• There was a total of 30 Leagues that started in 2020 and finished in 2021. All are now completed and 29 of the 30 have fully reported.

• Of the 378 events in 2021 that have been completed to date, 367 of them have fully reported. All of these plus any others that are reported by Sunday, March 7th, will be included in the Tuesday, March 9th Ratings Update.

• Currently 20 events have been cancelled for 2021. None of the additional seven since the last report were due to COVID.

• Since the last report, one additional event has been postponed due to COVID for a total of three - two in the US, one in New Zealand. UPDATE: a COVID postponement just came in from Germany.

3) Worlds Preparations

• Media Team has created all of the 2021 Worlds pages and populated them with the currently available information including the invite criteria, registration schedules, and withdrawal and refund policies.

• The Pro Worlds invites are calculated and posted, the registration page is fully created with all options and we are on track for the posting and emailing of the invitation packets on 3/12.

• The Junior Worlds invites are calculated and are set to be posted on 3/19, but we may post sooner. I am starting work on the registration page now and waiting on the invite packet materials from Dynamic.

• Masters Worlds is the next on the list for invite calculations.

• Work on securing PDGA Marshals for the six 2021 events is almost complete (waiting on 1 reply).

Technology – Crist

General
- Engineers continue to enhance Digital Scorecard and PDGA Live

PDGA.com
- Doubled the cloud infrastructure to accommodate continued traffic increase

Data Reporting & Requests
- Continued work on World Rankings for 1984-2002 with Jesse Weisz
- Added age-protected divisions to Women’s “Hot Rounds” admin tool
Digital Scorecard
- Version 1.10.1 released with performance improvements and bug fixes

Disc Golf Scene
- Doubled cloud infrastructure to accommodate continued traffic increase
- Added tournament settings audit log
- Enabled Prodigy PAR2 series registration

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

New Business:

Marketing Update (MS): MS provided a marketing update that included a recap of 2020 items as well as the 2021 Marketing Plan. The update was followed with a Q&A session.

Diversity and Outreach Task Force (D&O TF) Update (JM): JM provided an update from the last D&O TF meeting. One of the main items was a recommendation that the PDGA strongly consider a redesigned logo with a more diverse image. This was voted on in committee 7-0 in favor of making this recommendation to the Board as the D&O TF does not believe the current PDGA logo is at all inclusive. Additional discussion ensued and the Board asked that the PDGA Marketing department consider the D&O TF recommendation in any future rebranding options.

LN recommended to JM that the D&O TF consider adding an international member to the TF.

Disc Artwork (LN): LN had originally planned to discuss a potential revision to the rule book explaining concerning the parameters of how artwork and writing can be applied to a disc post-production. During email coordination it was determined that more information is needed before the Board could review this issue, so a motion was made to send back to committee for further development.

MOTION (MS/LN): To forward the suggestion from the Rules Committee to re-examine the rules for ornamentation, decoration, and marking of discs to the Technical Standards Working Group for review and recommendation.

Yes: JM, NH, MS, EK, LN, GH
Absent: BD
Motion passes 6-0-0

WGE Update (EK): EK provided a current update on the number of registered events and participants. She expressed concerns that some of the advertising and marketing may have been released to late to effectively communicate to potential TDs and players. Concerned that we may not meet our event and participation goals, but there’s still 2 months to go to so we may still get there.

POY Update (JC): JC discussed an issue that was brought up after the 2020 Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year announcement was published where a change to the points criteria made early in the year due to the pandemic was not announced until the end of 2020. The change, which was made in May 2020, was not announced when the professional touring season resumed in June, but rather later in the year in November. The change in the points criteria did impact the results of the FPO POY. Additional discussion ensued culminating in the following motion:
**MOTION (BD/MS):** Accept the Staff’s recommendation to add Paige Pierce to the 2020 POY recipients and award her co-player POY honors alongside Catrina Allen.

Yes: JM, MS, EK, LN, GH, BD  
Abstain: NH (COI)  
Motion passes 6-0-1

**Majors FAQ (LN):** LN discussed the PDGA FAQ that states that Majors, Elite Series, and Euro Tour events are planned to run in 2021 as long as local guidance allows them to run during the pandemic. Her concern is that running the events when some international players cannot travel into the US due to travel restrictions will damage the reputation of the PDGA internationally and should not run as World Championships or award World Championships. JC explained that the guidance only addresses “travel restrictions” and not a complete “travel ban” into the US. Players may have to follow stricter COVID-19 restrictions but may still be able to gain access into the US if they meet all requirements. Additional discussion ensued where other Board members expressed that the first World Championship is still 3 months away so there’s still time to observe the progress of the pandemic, most notably the distribution and effectiveness of the vaccines. Others stated that we should not completely cancel World Championships because there are still international members countries who are permitted to travel to the US, so how do we draw the line for how many countries is enough to run a Worlds? All Board members were in agreement that we’d like to see the largest percentage of our international members from the Schengen Region in Europe have a chance to attend, and we will continue to monitor the travel restrictions over the next several weeks. The countries in this region are currently restricted entry into the US unless they meet strict requirements that most of our European members currently do not meet. The PDGA Staff will continue working with government officials on determining entry requirements and exploring exemption options for international members wishing to compete in upcoming Majors.

**Medical Committee Proposal (EK):** EK brought up a concern brought to the Medical Committee about some players using prescription drugs not prescribed to them. She explained that the current wording in the rules does not clearly explain that this is a violation and suggested that the wording needs to be updated. She is bringing this issue to the Board to determine whether this needs to be treated as an emergency and the change be made immediately in the rules, or whether it should wait for the next edition of the scheduled rules revisions? Additional discussion ensued and the general consensus was that this change does not need to be made immediately, but rather in the short-term, publish an update on PDGA platforms informing players that using someone else’s prescription drugs is a violation of PDGA rules.

**Spring Summit (JM):** JC presented an option to hold the next Board Summit in July in conjunction with the Discraft Great Lakes Open (DGLO) in MI. This would place the Summit later in the year allowing more people to be vaccinated and to for more progress to made in reducing the risks of traveling during the pandemic. It also helps deconflict the schedule of at least one Board member by having it during this time at this location. Additional discussion ensued resulting in the following motion:

**MOTION (MS/JM):** Contingent upon unforeseen circumstances presented by the pandemic, the next Board Summit will be held in July just prior to DGLO near Milford, MI.

Yes: JM, NH, MS, EK, BD, LN, GH  
Motion passes 7-0-0

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**MOTION (MS/NH):** To adjourn the February 9, 2021 monthly Board meeting and enter executive session with only the seven Board of Directors.
Yes: JM, NH, MS, EK, BD, LN, GH
Motion passes 7-0-0

The March 9, 2021 meeting was adjourned, and the Board entered executive session at 9:29 pm ET.