Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)  
September 13, 2021

**Proceedings:**
Meeting called to order on September 13, 2021, at 6:03 pm ET by Board Vice President, Nate Heinold

**Present:** Nate Heinold (VP), Elaine King, Laura Nagtegaal, Geoff Hungerford, Leah Tsinajinnie, David Schreff, Wilbur Wallis

*Quorum present? Yes*

**Others Present:** Joe Chargualaf (JC), Dan Roddick (DR)

**Old Business:**

**Meeting Minutes**  
*Motion Via Online Poll, 8/23/2021 (NH/BD):* Approve the August 11, 2021, Board monthly meeting minutes.  
Yes: JM, NH, EK, BD, LN, GH

Motion passed 6-0-0

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

**Finance**  
As of August 31, 2021, the PDGA had Total Assets of $7,259,073.71 as compared to $4,139,906.86 as of the same time in 2020, representing an increase of $3,119,166.85. The Total Equity during this same period was $4,674,413.79 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 August 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:**
- Horizon, Launch Disc Golf
- Frontier, Launch Disc Golf
- IT – Innova Tech, Innova Champion Discs
- Openwater, Crosslap Disc Golf Parks
- Bagger, Pie Pan Discs
- Swinhoe Pheasant, Tornado Throw
- Troija, Prodiscus
- Trireme, Albatross Disc Golf
- Ironclad, Albatross Disc Golf
- Bowrider, Albatross Disc Golf
- Jetski, Albatross Disc Golf
- Beech, Above Ground Level
- Zingback, Cheengz/Hyferflite
Targets:
- Patriot Basket, Dynamic Discs
- Veteran Basket, Dynamic Discs
- Ace, RAD

Discussion: DS asked if we charge any additional fees outside of the disc testing fees, such as licensing fees, through the disc certification process. DR, who is a member of the Technical Standards Working Group, recommended that a separate session be arranged for Board members to discuss the history, evolution, and future challenges of the PDGA disc testing process.

Memberships – Allen

As of the beginning of September 2021, there are 96,287 active members, and the latest new member is PDGA #189,730. At the same time in 2020, there were 56,048 active members, and the latest assigned new member was PDGA #144,358. At the same time in 2019, there were 47,443 active members, and the latest assigned new member was PDGA #125,478. A more detailed report is below.

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<td>New</td>
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<td>Renew</td>
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Additional items:
- We have received a restock of new member discs/minis to ship membership packages through the beginning of September.
- Awards are complete and starting the inscription process. The 2019 and 2020 awards are scheduled to go to the recipients in October. (We did not order obelisks in 2019 for the 2019 awards since we were limiting expenses at the start of the pandemic.)
- The recent RFP for 2023 discs/minis had two manufacturers submit bids for member discs and minis. Another RFP will go out in January.

Discussion: DS mentioned that for membership organizations tracking net adds as well as those who don’t renew is important. He requested that more information be provided on those who did not renew, specifically, how many, who they are, why they didn’t renew, and other specific information. NH mentioned that we used to have those numbers in previous reports, but the BOD decided that the data did
not change enough to warrant tracking on a monthly basis. This data is instead briefed bi-annually at the Board summits. JC said he’d have the Membership Manager brief this during the upcoming Fall Summit.

**Event Team Report – Sweeton**

**2021 PDGA Tour**

| 2021 vs 2019 Event Breakdown (09/08/2021) |
| **Total** | **Location** | **Tier Level** | **Total USA** | **Canada** | **International** | **Major** | **NT** | **A** | **B** | **C** | **A/B** | **A/C** | **B/C** | **C/B** | **X/M** | **X/A** | **X/B** | **X/C** | **X/Legends** |
| 2021 Cancelled (as of 8/05/2021) | 705 | 72 | 24 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 14 |
| 2021 Cancelled (as of 9/08/2021) | 136 | 74 | 26 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 27 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 18 |
| Additional Cancellations (since 8/05) | 41 | 22 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 2021 In DB, Not Fully Sanctioned | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2021 Postponed | 19 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 Sanctioned | 6040 | 4846 | 186 | 980 | 7 | 18 | 11 | 115 | 1514 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 96 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 179 | 850 |
| 2019 YTD | 3041 | 186 | 900 | 7 | 18 | 11 | 115 | 1514 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 96 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 179 | 850 |
| 2019 Total YTD | 6040 | 4846 | 186 | 980 | 7 | 18 | 11 | 115 | 1514 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 96 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 179 | 850 |
| 2019 Postponed | 19 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019 Sanctioned | 6040 | 4846 | 186 | 980 | 7 | 18 | 11 | 115 | 1514 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 96 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 179 | 850 |
| % Difference | 48.9% | 59.9% | 46.5% | 11.5% | -13% | 200% | 3% | 57% | 42% | -27% | 25% | 0% | 17% | 100%+ | 15% | 100%+ | 95% | 88% |

- Note that due to the skewing of the 2020 numbers due to the 2020 COVID moratorium and large number of cancellations, the comparison for 2021 events is against the 2019 YTD numbers.
- This week we hit the milestone of 6,000 PDGA sanctioned events worldwide. The previous annual record was 4,651 in 2019.
- As of 9/08/2021 we have a potential for 6,040 sanctioned events which is a 48.9% overall increase over the same time in 2019 based on a 59.9% increase in the US, 46.5% increase in Canada, and an 11.5% increase outside of North America.
- Of the 4,655 completed events so far this year, 4,553 (97.8%) of them have fully reported their results. These plus any others that are fully reported by Sunday, September 12th, will be included in the Tuesday, September 14th Ratings Update.

**Event Support & Training (ES&T) Team**

- With the growth of membership and events, we continue to receive many requests from new members for the assignment of past event data to their new PDGA numbers. During each monthly ratings update over a thousand new members receive a player rating for the first time.
- We also continue to receive an extremely heavy volume of support requests via phone and email to help Tournament Directors (especially new ones) to manage their events. Although some members of the new Event Support Team continue to backfill some previous functions and commitments elsewhere in the organization, we are already having a positive impact on reducing volume on other staff members while also increasing the responsiveness to our TDs and members.
- Our phone vendor is expecting to have the VOIP phones configured and shipped to our remote Event Support & Training Managers by next week and then setup and testing of the Event Support Helpline can begin. As soon as the system is up and fully functional, we will publish a story detailing the hours and contact options.
• We have successfully taken over the role of management of the PDGA State/Provincial Coordinators including onboarding the new coordinators who started on September 1.

• We have completed the revision of the Official Rules of Disc Golf and the Competition Manual for Disc Golf Events, and those items are now in the hands of the typesetter.

• We continue to work on the new Certified Rules Official exam.

• We continue to provide service to the Medical Committee with COVID contact tracing.

• As time permits, the team also continues working on a redesign of TD communications and the creation of training materials.

**Technology – Crist**

**Digital Scorecard**
• Improved performance across all APIs
• Version 2.0 Multiple Scorekeepers release rescheduled for October

**Tournament Manager**
• Added Hole Scores export function

**Disc Golf Scene**
• Implemented new PDGA number verification process
• Updated transaction fee amounts due to PayPal change
• Enabled iCal calendar subscriptions for iOS devices

**Miscellaneous**
• Increased computing performance across website infrastructure
• Player rankings for United States under review by Pro Touring Committee

**Personnel**
• Hired UX/UI Designer Matt Lopreste
• Offer out for Software Engineer position

**Additional Discussion**

**Marketing Updates:** LN requested a marketing updated be added to the monthly office report. The group agreed that general updates on accomplishments would be beneficial, so this section will be added in future office reports.

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

**New Business:**

**2021 Fall Summit:** JC lead a discussion on summit planning and dates.

**Board Procedures and Guidance:** JC led a training session on the following topics; Confidentiality/NDA, Conflict of Interest, Reimbursable Expenses, Communication Platforms, Public Relations and Social Media, and Public Statement Policy and Procedures.
Committee Board Liaisons (NH): The board assigned liaisons rep to fill open committee and task force positions.

- Diversity and Outreach Task Force – LT
- Senior Committee – GH
- Competition Committee – LN
- Rules Committee - WW

**MOTION (NH/LN):** To approve the Board assignments (listed above) to fill the open Board Liaison roles.

Yes: NH, EK, DS, WW, GH, LT, WW
Motion passes 7-0-0

Board Officer Elections (NH): The Board nominated and elected officer positions for Sep 2021-Aug 2022. The elections were done via online poll during the meeting. The officers elected are listed below.

- President: NH
- Vice President: EK
- Treasurer: DS
- Secretary: WW

**Discussion:** Additional discussion ensued on expectations and protocols for future meetings.

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**MOTION (NH/DS):** To adjourn the September 13, 2021, monthly Board meeting.

Yes: NH, EK, DS, WW, GH, LT, WW
Motion passes 7-0-0

The September 13, 2021, meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm ET.