DAY 1 – November 2, 2022

Proceedings:
Meeting called to order at 8:03 am ET by Board President, Nate Heinold

Present: Nate Heinold (P), Wilbur Wallis (VP), David Schreff (T), Geoff Hungerford (S), Laura Nagtegaal, Leah Tsinajinnie, Conrad Damon

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Joe Chargualaf, Mike Downes, Peter Crist, Andrew Sweeton, Danny Voss, Brian Graham, Jeff Jacquart, Tim Messer, Steve Ganz, Ginny Sweeton, Mike Sullivan, Sid Olcott, Brian Hoeniger, Lorrie Gibson; Attending via Zoom: Dan “Stork” Roddick, Todd Lion, Kaitlyn Sapone, Grant Zellner, Kalle Vainikka, Matej Verl, Luis Rodriguez

Welcome - NH
NH opened the Summit with welcome remarks, brief introductions, and an overview of the two-day agenda. There was no monthly BOD meeting in October, therefore, a vote was not required to approve minutes for that period.

Office Reports

Finance
As of October 31, 2022, the PDGA had Total Assets of $8,325,387.25 as compared to $6,838,721.00 as of the same time in 2021, representing an increase of $1,486,666.25. The Total Equity during this same period was $6,964,008.89 which represents our Net Financial Position (assets less liabilities).

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

Discs:
- Cricket, Hummingbird Flight Tech
- Sambra, Chumba Discs
- Be Wild and Free Mid-Range, Crown Me (Sunny Sporting Co. Ltd.)
- Czar, Infinite Discs
- Weapon, Birdie
- Flip, Hooligan Discs
- Seeker, Independent Discs Sweden AB
- Putter Entry, Crown Me (Sunny Sporting Co. Ltd.)
- Mid Range Pro, Crown Me (Sunny Sporting Co. Ltd.)
- Mermaid, Discmania
- TOSY Smart S3, TOSY
- TOSY UltraLED S3 TOSY
- Space Driver, Crown Me (Sunny Sporting Co. Ltd.)
- Driver Pro, Crown Me (Sunny Sporting Co. Ltd.)
• Adventure S Driver, Crown Me (Sunny Sporting Co. Ltd.)

Targets:
• Circum, Crosslap Disc Golf Parks

Membership & Growth – Graham

PDGA Europe
• PDGA Europe BOD members William Woodward and Zoe Winfield visited the IDGC on Oct. 20th to meet with Global staff to discuss a number of topics.
• The PDGA Europe Board of Directors fall summit will be held on November 12-13 in London UK. This will be the first face-to-face gathering of 5 new board members. Brian Graham and Brian Hoeniger will represent PDGA Global at the meetings.

International Program
• Luis Rodriguez (Colombia South America) began work on Oct. 24th as the PDGA’s first Latin America Coordinator under the direct supervision of international director, Brian Hoeniger. The new position will facilitate expansion of our international program into Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

Memberships
• The RFP for 2024 member discs and mini closed on October 14th, 2022. The winning bidder was MVP, who provided a couple of different disc options.
• All 2023 membership package items are now at our fulfillment warehouse (90,000 member discs, 5,000 Ace club discs, 5,000 Birdie club discs, 150,000 stickers, 115,000 renewal tags, membership cards, reusable scorecards, and 10/20/30-year member tags)
• Our effective 2022 membership season ended on Sep. 30, 2022. All members joining or renewing after this date will have their memberships extended through the end of 2023 season.
• With 124,789 active members on Oct. 27th, we have surpassed our 2021 record year end number of active members (109,861) by 14,928 members.
• Active members are trending 21.6% ahead of the number we had last year on Oct 27, 2021.
• Our number of new members (36,042) on Oct 27, 2022, is 6.5% behind our 2021 YTD number of 38,396 but still triple the number of new members we had in that same period in each of the pre pandemic years of 2018 and 2019.
• At 6.5%, we continue to close the gap on our deficit of new members as compared to the same time last year, which had been as high as 12.4% in recent months.
• Member retention remains high. With 88,747 renewals as of Oct. 27, we have already surpassed our 2021 record year end number of renewals (65,439) by 23,308 renewals. (35.6% increase)
• Based upon trends over the past 5 years, we project that we will end 2022 with 135,000 active members for a growth rate of 22.9% and a member retention rate of 88.2%.
## 2022 Year to Date Memberships

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### 5-Year YE vs 22YTD Growth

- **YE 2018**: 46,457
- **YTD 2019**: 53,366
- **YTD 2020**: 71,016
- **YTD 2021**: 109,861
- **YTD 2022**: 124,789

### 2022 YTD Gender

- Female: 9,143 (7.3%)
- Male: 115,646 (92.7%)

### 2022 YTD Classification

- Pro: 17,563 (14.1%)
- Amateur: 107,226 (85.9%)

### 2022 YTD Upgrades

- Eagle: 8 (184)
- Ace: 2,782
- Birdie: 3,331

### Historical Year End Memberships vs 2022 YE Projection

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Event Support Team – Sweeton

2022 PDGA Events

As of 10/27/2022, we have 8,661 potential sanctioned events for 2022 compared to 6,743 on 11/04/2021 which is a 28.4% increase fueled by a 24.1% increase in the US, 42.6% increase in Canada, and a 45.6% increase internationally (Canada and International are still bolstered due to 2021 numbers that were COVID suppressed.)

Of the 7,741 events completed so far in 2022, 7,666 (99%) of them have fully reported their results. These plus any others that are fully reported by Sunday, November 6th, will be included in the Tuesday, November 8th Ratings Update.

Event Support Team (EST)

The EST staff remains exceptionally busy and handled 1,395 tickets in the past 30 days through the ticketing system along with many additional items via email, phone calls, and DGS posts. The average first response time in the ticketing system is 2 hours and 1 minute for those tickets, but that includes the time that off-hours tickets sit overnight, so the true response time is less. The major classifications of tickets received by type during the past 30 days were:

1. 314 - Errata Items (corrections to results)
2. 164 - Event Director Training (various)
3. 83 - Event Sanctioning Changes
4. 70 - Disc Golf Scene Related
5. 36 - Ratings Related
6. 36 - Membership Reclassification Requests
7. 33 – Worlds or Majors Related
8. 27 – Event Waiver Requests
9. 26 – CEP Event Related

Completed or Ongoing EST Special Projects

1. The changes based on public feedback concerning the 2023 ORDG/Competition Manual were worked through by EST and the relevant Committees and provided to the BoD for review and approval at the Fall Summit.

Note: at this time of year we typically finally get confirmations concerning previously postponed or not-fully-sanctioned events, so the 30 extra cancellations in 18 days is not alarming.

Note: the 2021 numbers are from 11/04/2021, so they represent an additional eight days of sanctioning than the 2022 numbers, so the actual percentage of growth at this point in the year is probably just over 29%.
2. 2023 Tour Documentation completed and to be announced on November 1:

   i. Competition Divisions
      1. Addition of age-based divisions for Pro women and Amateur men and women
      2. Divisional nomenclature changes
      3. Realignment of the ratings breaks for the Pros Playing Amateur program

   ii. The 2023 Tour Standards

   iii. The 2023 Major, Elite, Euro Tour, & A-Tier Schedule

3. A proposal concerning females earning mixed division worlds invites was completed and forwarded to the Majors Committee.

4. A revamp of the Mid-Event Weather Guidelines to include recommendations from the Medical Committee on lightning and AQI is in process.

5. Work on training content and platforms for Event Directors continues.

6. A deep dive on a potential major realignment of divisional ratings breaks for the 2024 season continues.

**Operations/IDGC – Downes**

- We are currently hiring for a new IDGC Assistant. Interviews are being scheduled and we expect for this new employee to begin work at IDGC by December.


**Technology – Crist**

**PDGA Live App**

- PDGA Live app released on iOS and Android
- Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive

**Rankings**

- US Tour Rankings updated with final standings for 2022

**Digital Scorecard – October (through Oct 27)**

- 663 / 793 events (84%) used Scorecard
- 43.2k total players and 29.4k unique PDGA members used Scorecard
- 71.6% of submitted player rounds had multiple scorekeepers

**Marketing – Voss**

- PDGA brand refresh is ready for initiation
- Marketing and Media planning is underway for 2023 PDGA Majors:
  - Champions Cup
  - Masters Worlds
Competition – Jacquart

- Since the last report, the final Major Event was completed (USDGC) totaling eleven for the year. It was estimated around 3,500 spectators were on-site Sunday during the finals. USDGC was a perfect closing event for the Major tours, and staff is already working with 2023 Major hosts including ongoing site visits (specifically USWDGC, Masters Worlds, and USWDGC). The O&L team has realized some new duties for the 2023 season to ensure the events are as professional as possible, including additional “starter” and “scoring” assistance, and expanding the marshaling program to include roaming and stationary positions.

- O&L supported 13 of the 15 elite events (2 were not supported due to conflict with Major events). The DGPT Championship was a perfect closing event for the Elite tour. O&L staff has already started discussions with the DGPT to address 2023 spectator flows, rule enforcement, and marshal expectations at events.

- The 2024 Majors bids are due by November 1st. As stated in the last report, many clubs have expressed interest in bidding, including ongoing discussions with Europe. The Team looks forward to reviewing new locations for such events, and if needed, site visits may occur in November to ensure course appropriateness for the division(s) of concern.

-----End Office Report-----

Membership Benefits (BG/TM):

BG and TM presented the new member benefits that will be announced for the 2023 membership season. They also provided an overview of various membership benefits and services currently being developed to enhance member offerings starting in 2024. The information presented during this session will be released as part of upcoming promotional campaigns.

PDGA Branding and Website Refresh (DV, KS, GZ):

The Media & Marketing team unveiled new PDGA logos and branding concepts. These will be launched late winter 2022/early spring 2023 and will represent the first major overhaul of PDGA branding since its founding.

PDGA Majors Committee Update (NH)

NH provided an update on various items currently being worked by the Majors Committee.

Player packs for pros at Masters Worlds: Previously player packs were not required for pro divisions at Masters Worlds. However, given the feedback from players (especially international) who attended this year, the committee voted to approve the requirement that a small player pack item such as a disc must be included started in 2023.
Appropriate number of courses for Masters/Junior Worlds: Two courses will continue to be preferred for most divisions, but three can be used for youngest/oldest divisions.

Future of the Final 9 and Masters/Junior Worlds: No change for 2023.

Stipend amounts for Majors hosts: The cost of hosting a Major has increased significantly the past few years and the stipend amount for hosts to use to assist with initial operational and logistical costs have not kept up. Stipend amounts for Major hosts will increase in 2023 to keep up with inflation.

Additional time for courses to be set up for Majors: There will be no change for 2023. Requiring additional time for courses to be set up presents a real cost (money, staff, volunteers, and time) to implement and will likely impact the number of bids we receive to host majors. The committee will continue to review this item for future consideration.

Field events at Worlds: Field events require a substantial amount of resources to run in conjunction with a Major. Given the popularity of the putting and long drive competitions, those will continue to be provided in 2023. However, due to much lower demand, mini golf will be discontinued. The EDGE Skillshot Challenge is currently under review and more information will be released prior to the event dates.

Red/Green colored baskets: In rare instances where multiple baskets exist on the same hole and the inactive basket cannot be removed, hosts will be required to use colored flags indicating which baskets are/are not in play.

Divisions of two players at Majors: NH presented a proposal from the Majors Committee to eliminate divisions consisting of only two players at Majors. The primary concern is the number of staff and volunteer resources needed to manage a division of two is rather significant considering the total number of players and multitude of larger divisions being offered. The other concern of the committee was beating one other competitor should not constitute a world title. Additional discussion ensued arguing for and against the Majors Committee proposal culminating in the following motion:

Motion (NH/DS): To accept the Majors Committee’s recommendation to eliminate divisions of 2 at all PDGA Majors.

Yes: NH, DS, LT, CD
No: WW, GH, LN
Motion passes 4-3-0-0

Pro Worlds dates and number of courses: Beginning in 2023, the preference for Pro Worlds will be to begin on Wednesday and end on Sunday. This has been requested by players, spectators, and event hosts to maximize the amount spectators, volunteers, and at home viewership on Saturday and Sunday. Pro Worlds will continue to be run on two courses with four player pools.

Tiered registration for all World Championship events: A tiered registration system will be used for all World Championships to ensure the best players in the world have an early window to register before it opens to players with lower ratings.

Ratings floor for PDGA Majors: Updated ratings floors will be established for certain Majors and divisions beginning in 2023 and 2024. These ratings thresholds will be released on pdga.com.
Ensuring at least four Pro Majors from year to year: If Pro Worlds is held in Europe, the intent will be to continue to host four Pro Majors, which could mean two Pro Majors may be hosted in Europe.

The session concluded with additional discussion from the group.

**Rules and Competition Committee Revisions for 2023 Approval/2024 First Look (NH, AS, TL, MS)**

NH led a discussion to finalize the 2023 rules and competition revisions. After a brief discussion these items were approved for publication and implementation beginning 1/1/2023. The staff liaisons for the Rules Committee and Competition Committee then presented conceptual revisions under consideration for the 2024 season. The group spent a significant amount of time discussing each proposed revision and voted to approve or disapprove the continued development of each proposal. The approved items will continue to be developed by their respective committees and presented to the Board for approval during the 2023 Spring Summit.

**Day 1 Closing Remarks - NH**

NH provided closing comments before adjourning the day 1 session.

**Motion (NH/DS): Adjourn day 1 of the 2022 PDGA Fall Summit.**

Yes: NH, WW, DS, GH, LN, LT, CD

Motion passes 7-0-0-0

*Day 1 session was closed at 3:44 pm ET.*

**DAY 2 – November 3, 2022**

**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am ET by Board President, Nate Heinold

*Present: Nate Heinold (P), Wilbur Wallis (VP), David Schreff (T) (via Zoom), Geoff Hungerford (S), Laura Nagtegaal, Leah Tsinajinnie, Conrad Damon*

*Quorum present? Yes*

*Others Present: Joe Chargualaf, Mike Downes, Peter Crist, Andrew Sweeton, Danny Voss, Brian Graham, Jeff Jacquart, Tim Messer, Steve Ganz, Ginny Sweeton, Mike Sullivan, Sid Olcott, Brian Hoeniger, Justin Menickelli, Elaine King, guest speakers (3); Attending via Zoom: Dan “Stork” Roddick, Kristen White, guest speaker (1)*

**Gender-Based Divisions Eligibility Criteria**

The entire second day was dedicated to discussing the PDGA policy on transgender participation in gender-based divisions. The morning session began at 8:00 am ET and included the following topics which generated significant discussion:

- Results of the PDGA Medical Subcommittee report on Considerations for Women’s Sex-Restricted Divisions in PDGA Events
- Results of a survey of current PDGA members on transgender participation in sports and disc golf
- PDGA staff feedback
- Legal analysis
- Discussion and presentation of position papers, academic research, and additional studies on this topic

The BOD entered into executive session the remainder of the day starting at 12:00 pm ET. They specifically received presentations from guest stakeholders and used the majority of time to deliberate on material presented on day 2. Significant dialogue and debate ensued which culminated two weeks later with the BOD approving the following motion via online poll:

**Motion: (NH/GH), 11/22/2022:**

Effective 1/1/2023, the PDGA adopts new standards as it relates to the eligibility of transgender athletes competing in gender-based divisions:

- **For PDGA Amateur Majors, Pro Master Majors and all other PDGA events sanctioned at A-Tier level and below** the requirements regarding a player's level of testosterone have been lowered from under 10 nmol/L for one year to under 2 nmol/L for two years.
- Players are only eligible to compete in the gender-based **FPO division at PDGA Pro Majors (Champions Cup, USWDGC, European Open, and Pro Worlds)** if they began medical transition during Tanner Stage 2 or before age 12, whichever is later. The player must also continuously maintain a total testosterone level in serum below 2.0 nmol/L.
- Organizations which are specifically designated by the PDGA under the terms of an explicit agreement to run **Elite Series** tours may use any set or subset of the eligibility criteria above at their events. Application of the chosen criteria must comport with the terms of their agreement with the PDGA.

Yes: NH, WW, DS, GH  
No: LN, LT, CD  
Motion passed 4-3-0-0

Additional details from the day 2 session will be released as part of a public announcement and policy update on PDGA.com.

**Motion (NH/GH):** Adjourn day 2 of the 2022 PDGA Fall Summit.  
Yes: NH, WW, DS, GH, CD, LT  
No: LN  
Motion passes 6-1-0-0

*The summit was adjourned at 7:36 pm ET.*