Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
June 14, 2022

Proceedings:
Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM ET by Board President, Nate Heinold

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

Quorum present? Yes

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

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes
Motion (DS/WW): Approve the April 12, 2022, Board monthly meeting minutes.

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

Motion via online poll (NH/EK): Approve the 2022 Spring Summit (May 10-11, 2022) meeting minutes.

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

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

Finance
As of May 31, 2022, the PDGA had Total Assets of $9,969,144.69 as compared to $7,308,821.95 as of the same time in 2021, representing an increase of $2,660,322.74. The Total Equity during this same period was $7,749,793.89 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 May 2022 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:
- Paradigm, Discmania
- Douglas Fir, Above Ground Level
- Havu, Exel Discs
- Shadowfax, Prodigy Disc
- Walker, Lone Star Disc
- Kanto, Exel Discs
- Money Shot, Lucky Discs
• JokeriX (beaded), Prodiscus
• Takapu (PA3), RPM Discs/Disc Golf Aotearoa
• Despair, Doomsday Discs
• Bleak, Doomsday Discs
• War Dove, Premier Discs
• NSH8 Defiant, Newb Simhouse Custom Discs
• TOSY Ultra LED 512, TOSY
• Silicon, Loft Discs
• Construct, Thought Space Athletics
• Guld, Kastaplast
• Dystopia, Doomsday Discs
• Blackout, Doomsday Discs
• Monsoon, Doomsday Discs
• Telos, EV-7
• Bull Snake, Long Star Discs

**Targets:**
- Disc Golf Target, Franklin Sports
- Deluxe Disc Golf Target, Franklin Sports
- Elite Disc Golf Target, Franklin Sports

**Membership & Growth - Graham**

**International Program**
- PDGA Europe BOD meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th.

**WFDF**
- 31 PDGA members have been recruited to work the disc golf demonstration area at the World Games to be held in Birmingham, AL July 7-17, 2022. Demos will take place every day from 3:00pm – 8:00pm.

**Youth & Education Program**
- Investigating the feasibility of a “Drive, Pitch & Putt” competition nationwide or worldwide.
- Finalizing agreement with Uplay to provide funding for that 501-c3 disc golf educational program.
- Received updated EDGE partnership agreement, currently under review.

**Senior Committee**
- The Global Masters Series was approved by the BOD at the spring summit and the creation of an introduction video is underway. The video will debut at the players meeting for the PDGA Masters & Junior World Championships in Peoria, IL.
- Senior Committee meeting held on May 18, 2022. Discussed the possible creation of videos to appeal to seniors, and creation of a logo for the Global Masters Series.

**Women’s Committee**
- Women’s Committee meeting held on June 6, 2022. The WGE POC provided the committee with an update on the Women’s Global Event scheduled for August. Subcommittee created to develop criteria for recognizing Women Friendly Events.
**PDGA Elections**

- The deadline for Global BOD candidates to submit their candidate documents was May 31, with 14 members submitting their candidacy for the 2 positions up for election this year. We currently have 4 candidates for the 2 open positions on the PDGA Europe Board and the deadline for submission is June 14. The deadline for submission of state and provincial coordinators is June 21st and we currently have 25 candidates for the 33 available positions.
- Annual PDGA Elections will take place from July 1 to July 31, 2022.

**Memberships**

- 1,500+ WGE Player’s Packs have been sold.
- 50,000 discs and 75,000 minis for the 2023 season are currently at BEI w/ more on the way.
- 2023 Renewal tags are ordered
- 2023 membership cards are ordered
- Planning for PDGA #250K promotion is underway

### 2022 Year to Date Memberships

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<th>As of 9-Jun</th>
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### 2022 YTD Gender

- Female 7,614 7.1%
- Male 99,203 92.9%

### 2022 YTD Classification

- Pro 15,724 14.7%
- Amateur 91,093 85.3%

### 2022 YTD Upgrades

- Eagle 5 (181)
- Ace 2,344
- Birdie 2,769
As of 06/09/2022, we have 5,869 potential sanctioned events for 2022 compared to 4,249 at the same time last year which is a 38.1% increase overall in comparison to 2021.

- The 133% increase for Canada and 85.3% increase for International are due to 2021 sanctioning numbers that were still very suppressed in early 2021 due to COVID.

- There has been a marked increase in A-Tier sanctioning outside of North America this year accounting for that large increase.

- In the past several months there were a lot of cancellations due to extreme weather in the US with late winter storms. In past years, more of these would have only been postponements, but with an increasingly dense event schedule and more events being planned at non-standard venues that have limited date availability, it is harder to reschedule some cancelled events to another date.

### Event Support Team (EST)

- The EST staff has been exceptionally busy and handled 1,433 tickets in the past month (up from 1,294 last report) 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 26 minutes for those tickets, but that includes the time that off-hours tickets sit overnight, so the true response time is less, with many tickets resolved within 10 minutes of arriving in the system.

- Work with the Rules Committee and Competition Committee has been finished with the few items requested by the board for further work provided to the Board liaisons for the 6/14 meeting.
The amount of day-to-day support work has made it very difficult to find time for special projects other than during off hours, but several have been completed.

a. Transfer of knowledge/processes to the O&L staff has been done and continues.
b. IT equipment was procured and deployed for new employees
c. Recommendation for adding a ratings-based component to invites/registration for Masters and Junior Worlds has been sent to the Majors Committee for discussion.
d. Recommendation for a change in tier mileage restrictions has been sent to the O&L team for discussion, the Competition Committee will follow.
e. An automated email for Amateurs accepting cash was developed by EST and implemented by Technology on 6/6/2022. The email welcomes the member to the Pro ranks and explains what that entails and is also sent to the Event Director that reported the acceptance of cash. The purpose is to better inform the member as to their new status as well as provide early detection of any acceptance of cash that was reported in error.
f. An updated participant release form was developed and posted online. It is inclusive of all participants, not just players – staff, volunteers, media, caddies, etc.
g. A concept paper for an automated Event Director/State Coordinator date approval process has been developed and is currently under review by some State Coordinators and Event Directors before going to Technology.

2022 Worlds and WGE Info

Amateur Worlds

- MA1 is full at 336 players with 74 on the waitlist
- FA1 has the largest Amateur Worlds field ever with 78 FA1 players currently registered
- Registration has closed and those still on the waitlist will be refunded on June 18

Masters Worlds

- Registration has opened to all members and currently we have:
  - 13 Pro divisions: 367 of 420 spots registered, 7 players on 2 waitlists for filled divisions
  - 12 Amateur divisions: 478 of 488 spots registered, 48 players on waitlists for five filled divisions
- Registration closes on July 1

Junior Worlds

- Registration has opened to all members and currently we have:
  - 10 divisions: 289 registered for 352 spots with 81 players on the waitlist for 4 filled divisions (72 are MJ18 and MJ15)
- Registration closes on July 1

Pro Worlds

- The first reg tier for 1000/900 rated players consumed 213 of the available 304 spots
- The second reg tier for 985/850 rated players filled the event.
- The later tiers have all gone to the waitlist.
- Currently we have:
MPO: 224 registered with 38 on the waitlist
FPO: 80 registered, with 7 on the waitlist
- Registration closes on August 15th

Women’s Global Event (WGE)

- As of 6/6/2022 we had:
  - 104 Registered WGE events
  - 1,618 Registered WGE Competitors
  - 1,500 WGE Player packs sold (started on 6/1)

Event Operations & Logistics – Downes

- IDGC is hiring a Pro Shop/Office Manager. Resumes are being accepted until June 26.
- IDGC has worked with Dynamic Discs to acquire 18 portable Veteran targets that will be distributed to schools and clubs throughout the Augusta, GA area. An RFP is being created and will be released in the coming weeks.
- Construction on the new bridge on 18 Jackson is beginning soon. This new bridge will better accommodate players and their equipment and will increase crowd control measures to ensure safety of all spectators on-site.
- The Jim Warner course at IDGC will soon see safety and skill-based upgrades. The goal of the project is twofold; to make the Warner a course option for more divisions during tournaments by providing varying levels of difficulty, and also to level teeing surfaces. New tee and pin placements are being tested now.
- PDGA Medical Subcommittee continues to review criteria for eligibility for gender-based divisions. Next steps are to request feedback from affected populations, including transgender athletes and a selection of female PDGA members.
- TSWG is exploring an update to the TS guidelines and is working with industry manufacturers to acquire feedback on the proposed changes. Any changes approved by Board will not go into effect until January 1, 2023, at the earliest.

Technology – Crist

**Digital Scorecard**
- 755 / 987 events (76.5%) used Scorecard in May
- 56.7k total players and 36k unique PDGA members used Scorecard in April
- 49.5% of submitted player rounds had multiple scorekeepers (54.5k / 110k)

**Ratings (May update)**
- 36,723 player ratings updated (2nd most all-time)
- 3,902 new player ratings (6th most all-time)

**Disc Golf Scene**
- Implemented performance and reliability improvements to DGS->PDGA registration sync
**Miscellaneous**

- Automated email notifications when players accept cash and are reclassified as Pros

**Marketing – Voss**

- GMS global media request underway
- PDGA Elections promotion ongoing, including candidate interviews
- Brand refresh ideation and house organizations phase completing
- Disc golf survey in SRS review
- Non-pro major coverage and promotion finalized
- Graphic support for USWDGC nearing completion

**Competition – Jacquart**

- O&L Team, now fully staffed, are working incredible as a group, with each team member taking a “lead” on a 2022 Major Event (for communication/coordination purposes with our hosts), supporting key elements of a major (like doubles, field events, DGS support, etc.), and ensuring the team as a whole succeeds with Major Event preparation or implementation.

- The first 2 Major Events of the year have come and gone and were considered to be very successful tournaments by all involved stakeholders. The College Disc Golf National Championship and the PDGA Champions Cup ran on back-to-back weekends in April.

- June 10th is the start of the United States Amateur Disc Golf Championship, a PDGA Major, in Milford, Michigan, USA. The O&L Team will then travel to Princeton, Indiana for the PDGA Amateur World Championships, then straight to Madison, Wisconsin for the United States Women’s Disc Golf Championship, and then straight to Peoria, Illinois for the PDGA combined Masters/Juniors World Championships. The Director of Competition will then head straight to Finland to support the European Open. After European Open at the end of July, only 2 Major Events are left. Currently, part of the team is on-site in Michigan and have been working with Local Organizing Committee to offer as much support as possible.

- The USMDGC registration opened on May 18th. So far, the event is about half full, at 286 competitors.

- USWDGC has a field of 100 FPO registered! Total of 340 players registered for the event thus far and will break records for almost every division. The higher-than-expected registration is being reviewed for the 2023 event.

- Changes to registration procedures for Worlds events, as well as a potential reduction of mileage restriction in North America are two items currently being discussed by the PDGA Major and Elite Events Committee. Any approved changes will not go into effect until January 1, 2023.

- The team also continues to meet bi-weekly with the leadership of the DGPT to review prior Elite Events successes and concerns, and address future Elite Event coordination (with focus on marshalling and rule/competition expectations). The ongoing communication ensures everyone is on the same page and PDGA rules and policies are being maintained.
• O&L supported 7 elite events so far, will miss the next 2 (The Preserve and Idlewild due to scheduling conflicts with Major Events), and have 6 remaining throughout the end of the year. Appreciation is well received from the local TD hosts, Elite players, and DGPT partners. Spectator flow, interaction, rules, and expectations at events will be future issues to address. The Portland Open had 2,300+ spectators on Sunday and OTB had 1,000+ spectators on Sunday.

• Event contracts for the PDGA-owned Majors in 2023 have been sent to Event Hosts and initial communication has begun. This document, along with the initial bid package prepared by the Hosts, will serve as the blueprint for execution of the event in 2023. Some on-site coordination activities have already begun including course design and lead/key volunteer discussions for USWDGC, USMDGC, and Master Worlds.

• Dates for the 2023 Majors have been published on the website. Pro Worlds date is being announced this week in coordination with our Hosts.

New Business:

Final Approval of 2023 Rules Book and Competition Manual Revisions: The Board discussed and approved the final revisions to the rules and competition standards for 2023. However, three items were sent back to committees for administrative updates. LN will work with the Competition Committee on these items and return to the Board for final review and approval.

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MOTION (NH/EK): To adjourn the June 14, 2022, monthly Board meeting.

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

The June 14, 2022, meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM ET.