Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes
Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA)
September 6, 2022

Proceedings:
Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM 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 (JC), Dan Roddick (DR)

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes
Motion (WW/DS): Approve the August 16, 2022, Board monthly meeting minutes.

Yes: NH, WW, DS, GH, LN, LT
Abstain: CD
Motion passed 6-0-1-0

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

Finance
As of August 31, 2022, the PDGA had Total Assets of $8,972,277.96 as compared to $7,220,003.80 as of the same time in 2021, representing an increase of $1,752,274.16. The Total Equity during this same period was $7,388,308.04 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:
- Athena, Discraft
- Komodo, Reptilian Disc Golf
- Origo, Prodiscus
- Shorebreak, 3C Discs
- Blue Moon, GT Discs
- Dynamo, GT Discs
- Morning-Mid Range, Crown Me (Sunny Sporting Co. Ltd.)
- Crossfit-Mid Range, Crown Me (Sunny Sporting Co. Ltd.)
- Take Off-Putter, Crown Me (Sunny Sporting Co. Ltd.)
- Grunt, Pie Pan Discs
- Tykki, Taito Frisbeegolf
- Tosma, Taito Frisbeegolf
- Varma, Taito Frisbeegolf
- Addax V2, Wild Discs
- Cataclysm, Doomsday Discs
Membership & Growth – Graham

Women’s Global Event
• The 2022 Women’s Global Event took place on August 6-7. We had 129 events and 3,305 participants. Due to the complexities of receiving and confirming 129 global event reports, publication of the final results have been delayed but will be published at PDGA.com following wrap-up of Pro Worlds.

Memberships
• The memberships team, along with senior project manager Tim Messer, recently completed a 2-day workshop at the IDGC, where we solicited feedback from representatives of various subsets of PDGA members and non-members, related to member benefits.
• With 117,368 active members on Sep. 1, we have surpassed our 2021 record year end number of active members (109,861) by 7,507 members.
• Active members are trending 22.1% ahead of the number we had on Sep. 1, 2021.
• At 9.1%, we are closing 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.
• Our number of new members (30,003) on Sep 1, 2022, is 9.1% behind our 2021 YTD number of 32,740 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.
• Member retention remains high. With 87,365 renewals as of September 1, we have already surpassed our 2021 record year end number of renewals (65,439) by over 21,926 renewals.

2022 Year to Date Memberships

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<th>As of 1-Sep</th>
<th>Active Members</th>
<th>YTD PDGA #</th>
<th>New</th>
<th>Renewal</th>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>41,855</td>
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<td>8,987</td>
<td>32,868</td>
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<td>47,617</td>
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<td>9,958</td>
<td>37,659</td>
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<td>56,524</td>
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<td>14,544</td>
<td>41,980</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>96,162</td>
<td>#189458</td>
<td>32,740</td>
<td>63,422</td>
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<td><strong>2022</strong></td>
<td><strong>117,368</strong></td>
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<td><strong>30,003</strong></td>
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As of 09/01/2022, we have 7,754 potential sanctioned events for 2022 compared to 6,040 at the same time last year which is a 28.4% increase fueled by a 23.7% increase in the US, 46.2% increase in Canada, and a 48.1% increase internationally (Canada and International are still bolstered due to 2021 numbers that were COVID suppressed.) It should be noted that the 2021 numbers are from 09/08/2021 which included an extra week of sanctioning. With a current average of 140 events sanctioning per week, a truer overall growth rate is about 30.5%.
• Of the 5,991 events completed so far in 2022, 5,901 (98.5%) of them have fully reported their results. These plus any others that are fully reported by Sunday, September 11th, will be included in the Tuesday, September 13th Ratings Update.

**Event Support Team (EST)**

• The EST staff remains exceptionally busy and handled 1,177 tickets in the past month 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 55 minutes for those tickets, but that includes the time that off-hours tickets sit overnight, so the true response time is less. The largest classifications of tickets by type during the month were:

1. 209 - Event Director Training (various)
2. 148 - Errata Items (corrections to results)
3. 107 - Event Sanctioning Changes
4. 61 – Worlds Related
5. 47 – WGE Related
6. 44 - Membership Reclassification Requests
7. 41 – Event Waiver Requests
8. 34 – Ratings Related
9. 29 – Leagues
10. 19 – 2023 Rules Feedback

• The public comment article on 2023 ORDG/Competition Manual changes was published on 8/23 and the public comment period closes on 9/12. As of 9/1 we have received 19 feedback items so far.

• Ongoing special projects:

   a. Work on the Disciplinary policy to match with the Community Guidelines policy finished, both are published.
   b. On-boarding of the newly elected State Coordinators is completed.
   c. Back-office registration/scoring/payout support for Pro Worlds continues.
   d. Transfer of Worlds knowledge/processes to the O&L staff continues.
   e. Recommendation for adding a ratings-based component to invites/registration for Masters and Junior Worlds is awaiting discussion by the Majors Committee.
   f. Recommendation for a change in the tier mileage restrictions has been sent to the Competition Committee for review.
   g. Work on proposed divisional realignments, further senior divisions, and Affiliate Club policy continues.

• Two additional Event Support and Training Managers have been hired. The first started on 8/8 and training is coming along very well. The second starts on September 1st and training has commenced.

**2022 Pro Worlds and USMDGC**

**Pro Worlds – August 27 – September 3, 2022**

• 286 members are participating at Pro Worlds
USMDGC – September 8-11, 2022 – Quad Cities, IA

- Registration closed on August 29th
  - Current registration is 134 Pros and 120 Amateurs

Operations/IDGC – Downes

- The PDGA Subcommittee focused on banned substances continues to explore medical data and research and has developed a framework for an early draft of a proposal. This proposal is currently being reviewed by the larger Med Committee. If any policy is ultimately recommended by the PDGA Medical Committee and approved by the PDGA Board of Directors, it would be implemented in the 2023 season, at the earliest.

- Disciplinary cases are at an all-time high. We are monitoring their workload so that if the new Community Guidelines cause a spike in activity, we will consider recruiting a subcommittee to handle only CG-driven cases.

- IDGC has held several events since the last meeting. The IDGC Amateur Championships and the National Team Challenge were both fantastic events and were received well by competitors, staff, volunteers, and sponsors. Dem Dang Dubs, a USDGC Doubles qualifier, will take place on September 3.

- Training of new IDGC Pro Shop Manager continues.

- Safety and skill-based improvements to the Jim Warner course continues.

- We are seeing great interest in hosting a PDGA Major in 2024. Several interested parties have reached out to the O&L team for discussion and to relay their intent to place a bid. We have yet to receive a completed submission, but have confidence that we will have many options, come November.

Technology – Crist

Digital Scorecard - August
- Completed translations in Finnish, German and Spanish (available in PDGA Live app)
- 793 / 996 events (79.6%) used Scorecard
- 53.6k total players and 34.3k unique PDGA members used Scorecard
- 62.7% of submitted player rounds had multiple scorekeepers (68.5k / 109.2k)

App
- New PDGA Live app preparing for release in September
- Scorecard and Rules in 4 languages available at launch (English, German, Spanish, Finnish)

Marketing – Voss

- Successful launch of special media project: “The Holy Shot”
• Branding update entering next review cycle with senior staff
• The membership survey was launched

**Competition – Jacquart**

• Since the last report, one additional Major Events is close to being completed (now totaling nine for the year) and continue to be considered very successful tournaments by all involved stakeholders. The Professional Worlds wraps up tomorrow, includes the largest Pro Worlds purse, and host support and organization has been amazing.

• Most of the Team is immediately going from Pro Worlds to the Tim Selinske United States Masters Disc Golf Championships (USMDGC), which starts late next week.

• O&L supported 10 elite events so far, was unable to support 2 due to conflict with Major events, and have 3 remaining throughout the end of the year. Appreciation continues to be 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.

• Coordination activities with hosts of the 2023 Major events will pick up significantly after the USMDGC.

• More and more clubs have expressed interest in bidding on 2024 Majors. The Team looks forward to reviewing new locations for such events.

**New Business:**

**Welcome Newly Elected BOD Member (NH):** NH welcomed CD to the BOD followed by brief introductions from the group.

**Board Officer Elections (NH):** The Board nominated and elected officer positions for Sep 2022-Aug 2023. The elections were done via online poll during the meeting. The officers elected are as follows:

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

**Committee Board Liaisons (NH):** The board assigned liaison representatives to fill open committee and task force positions. The only open position was the Medical Committee. GH was selected by the BOD to fill this position.

**MOTION (NH/LN):** To approve GH to fill the vacant Medical Committee BOD Liaison position.

Yes: NH, WW, DS, GH, LN, LT, CD
Motion passes 7-0-0
Discussion: Additional discussion ensued on inactivating the Military Committee until it can be reestablished with an updated charter and repopulated with active members. The PDGA Event Support & Training team will work military specific inquiries in the meantime.

2022 Fall Summit (NH): NH lead a discussion on the upcoming Fall Summit to be held in Augusta, GA, in November.

MOTION (LN/WW): To adjourn the September 6, 2022 monthly Board meeting.

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

The September 6, 2022 meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM ET.