

President Bill Wright opened meeting for discussion and introduction by attendees at 7:30 PM. The planned agenda, briefing booklets, 2001 budgets and World Games materials were provided to wall delegates and made available for observers. Opening remarks and introductions were entertained. (Voting delegates*)

- **Freestyle Players Association** (organizational member)- Larry Imperiale- **Action Item**- Arthur Coddington will be in contact with Secretary to update the freestyle rules as the WFDF version has fallen behind the FPA practice.
- **Sweden** (regular member)- Stefan Palm*, SFF Secretary-Reports 5000 members, 1000 licensed members. With assistance of the government, is planning a National Jr. Program for next year. Considerable interest in Spirit of the Game as a concept of practice for other sports. Looking forward to participation in both golf and ultimate in World Games. Secretary thanked SFF for their fine cooperation in the process of arrangements for the games.
- **Japan** (regular member)- Mami Tezuka*, Board Member of JFA-Reports much preparation work for hosting of the World Games in Akita Japan.(The WFDF Secretary also added commentary on the World Games at this point. Special notice was made that the World Games effort would not have been possible without the inspiration of WFDF Board Member and World Games Technical Director, Fumio Morooka). Mami reported four big annual tournaments. Overall (World Biggest-Same day in all parts of the country), Golf, Ultimate, Student Ultimate. 2000 ultimate players. Most universities have disc clubs which practice field events and golf.
- **Mexico** (regular member)- Tita Ugalde* (USA) - Proxy
- **Disc Golf Committee**- Chair, Blair Paulsen- Reported that the main committee work of the past year has involve assisting on the qualification process for World Games. No rule work in the past year. Looks forward to working with the PDGA rules committee in their current process of revisions. The chairman will be on staff in Akita.
- **Goaltimate**- Rick Conner, President- Offshoot of ultimate. Has sent kits to 19 countries. Television exposure on ESPN andESPN 2. Has made an investment in excess of one million dollars. Will be providing a demonstration and an opportunity for players to participate at WOC. Looks forward to participation with WFDF.
- **Norway** (regular member)- Sune Wentzel, Member of Norwegian Sports Association. 400-500 members. Well known in Norway. Freestyle well known. Golf as well. Ten golf courses in Norway. Two annual championships. Three teams in overall. Twenty in overall. Ultimate growing in schools.
- **Republic of China** (regular member)- Kuan Chen*- ROCFDA- Taiwan Ultimate Association- Six teams. Taiwan Disc Golf Association- Monthly tournament. Eight local flying disc associations. Five hundred players. Thirty guts teams. Twenty ultimate teams. Twenty seven players on the team coming to the WOC. Interest in the possibility of hosting overall in ROC in 2003. Ten courses in Taiwan, five in Taipei. Strong youth program in field events and golf. Freestyle, discathon and ddc not well know, but players at WOC have enjoyed those events and they will be practiced more now.
- **Professional Disc Golf Association** (organizational member)- Conrad Damon*, Board Member and Member of the PDGA Rules Committee- Professionally managed organization based in Toronto. Rule changes in committee. Will facilitate cooperation between that effort and the WFDF golf and rules committee as in the past.
- **Germany** (regular member)- Chris Voigt- Ultimate in virtually every city. Association is mostly ultimate. Chris works mainly with PDGA Germany and international contacts. Annual meetings between the two groups. No overall events. Annual German disc golf event. About 80 entrants which are most of the players in the country. Mostly club-based activity. Three courses in the country.
- **Ultimate Players Association** (organizational member)- Joey Gray*, Executive Director and WFDF Treasurer- Eight annual division championships. Twelve thousand members. Professional staff of six. World Ultimate Club Championships 2002 in Hawaii. Looking forward to the World Games in Japan. Joey will attend as staff
- **Israel** (provisional member)- Dori Yaniv, Member- Disc Sports very little known in the country. Has been concentrating on making discs available through the importing of sport discs. Now has

a web site for the association. Doing school shows and has a college course pending. First Israeli tournament was three months ago.

- Approximately ten additional observers also were present at this point.
- The President opened the planned agenda at 9:15 PM.
- **Treasurer's Report-** Joey Gray- First year for a [formal budget](#) in 2001. Passed by the Board in May 2001. Also displayed in the Congress booklet were the 1996-2000 financial summaries. Joey pointed out that the last three years show net losses. She stressed that this trend must be reversed if we are to continue to operate. We have had a margin of financial relief through a one-time windfall from WorldSport last year. Problems with dues payment have included keeping contact information up to date. There are many things that could possibly be done to increase our income possibilities, but staff time has been very restricted. One specific plan, which was suggested by Stefan Palm is to assure that the funds held by WFDF will be put into an account that will generate a higher level of interest. Details of the budget were discussed. Some proposed projects were discussed including the application from Seppo Nieminen from Finland for a video of the 1999 WOC.
- **General Organization and By-Laws-** Bill Wright- Discussion of the general question of national versus event organization members. This issue has largely been driven by certain countries in which there have developed distinctly separate organizations which are focused on particular disc sports. There was concern about the short time that the members have had to consider the issue. Some comments from the floor were entertained. Stefan Palm pointed out that having a single organization in Sweden was critical in their communication with the governmental authorities. The secretary made a suggestion that the Congress authorize the formation of a task force to examine this issue, including the implications of any proposed changes for the by-laws. A motion was made by Dan Roddick that a task force be named to consider these issues. The motion was seconded by Conrad Damon and passed without dissent. Action Item. The Board will proceed to set up that committee. A time line was added which requires a specific proposal be returned to the Board by no later than three months prior to the 2002 Congress. It was further asserted that there be broad international representation on the task force. There was some discussion about the national versus domestic responsibilities of PDGA and UPA. There was also discussion of the participation of such new activities as Beach Ultimate and Goltimate and the suggestion was made by Stefan Palm that such activities fall directly in the responsibility of the Team Events Committee to determine their appropriate form of participation. This met with general agreement.
- **Elections** – The president called for nominations for WFDF Board positions that are to be received by the end of September 2001. The nominees will then be forwarded to the voting members for voting which is scheduled to be from November 7-14, 2001. The position of WFDF Secretary and five Board positions and a deputy will be open for nomination. See the [WFDF Board listing](#) for details.
- Strategic Vision- No specific discussion on this topic because of time restraints. There was talk of a need for a specific gathering, not at a competitive event, for this purpose. Cost implications were mentioned.
- **Committees-** The president discussed the Board [resolution](#) regarding the committee structure of WFDF. The planned process of reconstituting the committees per the WFDF by-laws was detailed. It was generally agreed that the movement toward our original by-laws structure is important in order to proceed with changes. Nominations for all committees and subcommittees will be accepted by the Board until the end of September, 2001. At that time the members of the committees will be named and they will be given initial operating procedures and charged with selection of their chairpersons and ongoing procedures. This process is then to continue on an annual basis.
- **World Records-** The secretary continues to maintain these records and post them on the WFDF [website](#).
- **Scheduling-/Bid Reviews-** WUCC 2002 Hawaii is the only confirmed future event. Bids were encouraged for all events with particular emphasis on the importance of getting WOC 2003 and WUGC 2004 in place shortly. There was general discussion about the importance of a broader reach of sanctioned WFDF events to further generate critical operating income. It was also noted that World Games 2005 will take place in Germany.
- **Other Business-** None

Adjournment- The Congress was adjourned at 11:15PM by the president.