

## **Sunday, March 13, 2016**

Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016; UK, POR- 14:00; GER, SUI, SWE- 15:00; RSA- 16:00; QAT- 17:00; USA NY, VA, MI- 10:00; USA CO, AZ- 08:00; USA CA, CAN BC- 07:00; JPN- 23:00; TPE- 22:00.

### **Board members present:**

Robert “Nob” Rauch, Kate Bergeron, Thomas Griesbaum, Brian Gisel, Patrick van der Valk, Tomas Burvall, Steve Taylor, Fumio Morooka, Caroline Malone.

Also attending: Volker Bernardi, Executive Director (non-voting), Karina Woldt, Event Manager (non-voting).

### **Board members absent/excused:**

Charlie Mead, Ryan Purcell, Kevin Givens, Michael Hu, Jamie Nuwer.

### **Call to order (time: 15:07)**

The quorum was reached with 9 votes, with 8/14 needed.

### **Report by the President**

Rauch welcomed the participants and thanked all for their participation.

### **Decisions between meetings**

The proposal to approve Charlie Mead as WFDF Disc Golf Committee chair with immediate effect was approved by 11 members voting yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions with a quorum of 8/13 needed.

### **Minutes of 27 February 2016 meeting**

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Burvall, seconded by Gisel. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Decisions requiring votes or input from the Board**

#### **Asia Oceanic Ultimate Championships 2017 - host decision**

Gisel reported that one bid was received from Manila, the Philippines. The Ultimate Committee proposes the bid for approval. The TOC has already a long history in running the Manila hat tournament. The site is easily accessible from all of Asia/Oceania. WFDF will have to work with TOC on the budget. Morooka recommended the bid to be approved on behalf of AFDF. As there were no bids for AOUGC the hosts agreed to add Guts to the program.

A motion was made to approve of the bid from Manila by Morooka, seconded by Taylor. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **WFDF Disc Golf - strategy/Committee members identification**

Rauch confirmed that Charlie Mead was approved by the Board as WFDF Disc Golf Committee chair. Mead is tasked with identifying Committee members to be added to this Committee. WFDF is seeking strategic guidance on how to move forward with Disc Golf and the respective event portfolio. The WFDF board looks forward to finding the proper way to

support and develop disc golf globally, while not duplicating what is already being done. Mead, with his history and familiarity with both WFDF and PDGA, is well-placed to serve in this role as chair.

#### **WFDF Disc Certification Program update**

Burvall reported that the certification should spread the sport to new and young people and recommended to check the website on [www.throwto.me](http://www.throwto.me). Certification levels are Novice, Expert, Master and World Class Master. Officials of local clubs could check that requirements are fulfilled and print certificates. The requirement lists will be checked by knowledgeable athletes of the various disciplines. The program might get rolled out in May.

Rauch added that it should be feasible to have this incorporated in a purely online system at least until the expert level. It should be like a class room, have someone sign off and a certificate to be issued online similar to the rules accreditation system. Top level World Class master should only be certified by peers at overall events, but having a teaching level through a fully online process would be very helpful supported by a PDF teaching/lesson plan manual.

#### **WFDF Broadcast and Kickstarter campaign for WUGC**

Rauch reported that the kickstarter campaign currently has achieved 45% of its goal. Rauch asked board members to publicize through their channels in order to reach the goal. WFDF and USAU have pledged support and chances are high that the project will succeed.

#### **Approval of new bookkeeper**

Bergeron reported that Hammerly has asked to be replaced as bookkeeper. Bergeron proposed to appoint Deborah Gray as bookkeeper being based in Colorado. She worked with several sports organizations in the past.

A motion was made to approve of the proposal by Taylor, seconded by van der Valk. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Reports and Updates**

##### **WFDF Governance**

##### **Athletes' Commission Report**

Rauch, on behalf of Purcell, asked for support in finding candidates for the Athletes' Commission elections 2016 at WUGC as there will be a call for nominations as soon as possible. Rauch reported that Purcell will be on the WJUC 2016 Spirit committee. Van der Valk added that there will be a Spirit workshop during the WJUC in Poland.

##### **Census process update**

Bernardi reported that the census will be sent out the coming Monday.

## **Ultimate Events and others**

### **WUGC 2016 - report**

Woldt reported that the player fee deadline would be on 18 March and teams have received a reminder. WFDF might lose up to 10 teams now that players' fees are to be paid. Teams withdrawing must do so before 18 March to get a refund of the team fee. If many teams get lost TOC can go back to using just the main event venue, although we still expect overflow participation.

### **WJUC 2016**

Woldt reported that she and Bernardi met in Poland with TOC and felt very good about them, although they still need to improve communications (e.g. website). TOC is handling the event management process well. The registration has 42 teams committed and Colombia will send two more teams. It was really important to fly there and look at the venues. A total of 21 countries have registered and most teams are sending Open teams, some not having a Women's team.

### **TDGWC 2016**

Woldt reported that she had a two hour meeting with TOC. There are several committed teams with 7 more countries highly likely to attend. It was decided to pull the payment of the fee to get the highly likely teams to commit to coming. With under 100 participants the preparation for the event is quite small. On the question whether nations can send more than one team Woldt responded that Australia and Canada have indicated they might be able to send two teams. Rauch confirmed that like in Guts, participation of up to 2 teams per country would be fine with WFDF if PDGA agrees.

### **World Overall Championships - report**

Burvall reported that WFDF has received 3 bids and 2 more are expected. These will be evaluated by the Overall Committee, including Givens on behalf of Freestyle.

### **WCBU 2017**

Van der Valk reported on a potential conflict with TOC in France as they have a local merchandiser applying to sponsor for the event. As WFDF has a global merchandise/apparel partner, this cannot be allowed and Rauch confirmed that a contract would not be signed if the conflict cannot be resolved.

### **World Games - Venue Change**

Bernardi reported that during the meeting in Wroclaw the WOC informed WFDF that they were facing problems with the approved TWG venue, the Oporowska stadium, which would not be available any more due to a change in government officials. The WOC has proposed a new model which is not finalized yet suggesting to use the GEM venue for training day, playing day 1 and day 2 and using the Wroclaw stadium for the Finals day. Now they have artificial turf at GEM and for the Finals day a grass field of play in a FIFA standard stadium. Bernardi will follow up with WOC.

Morooka reported about his cooperation with Tokyo 2020 and the Kansai 2012 World Masters Games. He would try to accommodate Flying Disc as a demonstration sport at both events using platforms like a sports lab or other models if possible.

## **Finance**

### **Treasurer report**

Bergeron reported about the financials. Rauch asked her to prepare the 2016 budget for approval at the next Board meeting as this needs to be sent to Congress on 18 April 2016. Any proposals requiring resources must be submitted to the Treasurer immediately.

### **Other business**

Rauch stated that Ultimate Canada had to withdraw their offer to host the biannual face-to-face WFDF Board meeting in Vancouver as they had decided to host it elsewhere. Rauch commented that the meeting will likely be held in New York in mid-November, with further details to follow.

Bernardi reported about issues with the invoices sent to VC Ultimate for the 2015 events.

He also reminded Board members to indicate their availability for meetings as early as possible.

Van der Valk reported on the attempt of the Beach Ultimate Committee to establish the qualification criteria for the World Beach Games. Bernardi had recommended waiting until the sport is approved on the program by ANOC in April. Rauch asked this to be put up for the next meeting.

Burvall noted that two members are about to be added to the Overall Committee. This needs to be approved by the Board at the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is proposed for April 9 or 10.

**Closing: 16:30 h**

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary