
Minutes of the Meeting (via conference call) of the WFDF Board of Directors

Saturday, May 14, 2011

UTC, UK, POR- 22:30 GER- 23:30 USA NY, VA, MI 17:30 USA CO, AZ 15:30 USA CA, CAN BC
14:30, Japan 6:30 (Sunday, May 15th) Taiwan 5:30 (Sunday, May 15th)

In attendance: Robert Rauch, Kate Bergeron, Sandie Hammerly, Brian Gisel, Jack Cooksey, Patrick van der Valk, Michael Hu, Si Hill, Volker Bernardi (executive director, non-voting).

Unable to attend: Fumio Morooka, Ryan Scott, Jesus Loreto

The Meeting was called to order by WFDF President Robert Rauch at 2241 UTC.

Previous Minutes: **Vote to approve Minutes from Apr 9, 2011.** Approved – unanimous.

Decisions between meetings --- None

EVENTS

WUGC 2012. Per Rauch Austria has withdrawn its bid. Germany has decided not to submit a bid. Only bid in hand is from the Japanese Flying Disc Federation to be held in Fuji City, Japan.

Rauch requests that we move forward with Japan in finalizing a bid. He acknowledged that concerns have been voiced that the bid document is so incomplete.

Hammerly expressed concern that we make any official vote based on a bid that is so incomplete.

Motion to move forward on completing bid document such that 2012 WUGC can be hosted by JFDA and held in Fuji City, Japan. The Ultimate Committee is charged with obtaining a revised bid from JFDA with final approval of bid to be based on recommendation of Ultimate Committee and approval by WFDF Executive Committee.
Yes 7, Abstain 1.

WJUC 2012. Discussions continue with the Czech Flying Disc Association regarding the 2012 event. Venue that they originally hoped to use is not available and they are now looking at the Strahov area that was used at the 2010 WUCC.

Si Hill expressed concern that we must not allow fields to be configured in the same way that they were for the 2010 event due to the proximity to obstacles and the potential for athlete injury. Rauch asked that Hill communicate with the Prague organizers immediately regarding our concerns.

Bernardi and Hill are to continue dialogue with CFDA in order to secure a detailed bid.

WU23 Championships – Hill reminded the group that we are already struggling with securing bids for 2012 events. Hill recommends that we not run this event in 2012.

It was agreed that Hill discuss with the Ultimate Committee as to whether we should next pursue this event in 2013 or 2014.

AOUC 2011. Rauch reports we are very close in finalizing contract. Hu reports Asian countries are anxious to learn details of the event. Hill committed that finalizing the contract will be a priority for this week.

PAUC 2011. Per Bernardi we have received an updated report from Moore, but we are still waiting for an updated budget. Hammerly stated that she thought it was important that we receive an updated budget since it appears that organizers may have lost some of the government funding projected in the initial budget.

WOC. Cooksey has sent an revised version of the contract originally drafted and sent by Hammerly. Budget from tournament organizer Bill Wright is still needed to include with the contract. Only 3-4 dozen participants have registered to date, but traditionally registration occurs up to the last minute for WOC events. Cooksey anticipates 150-200 participants due to the great venue and strong background of event organizer Bill Wright.

WFDF GOVERNANCE

Census 2011. Bernardi reported that 29 regular members and 6 provisional members have reported to date. Thus far we are showing an increase in membership even without the membership numbers of those who have not reported.

Bergeron asked if invoices have been sent. Bernardi stated that invoices had not yet been sent but he hopes to do so this week.

WFDF Congress 2011. Since Ultimate chair Si Hill cannot attend the meeting the weekend before it has been suggested that we consider holding the meeting the second weekend of the WCBU.

Van der Valk recommends that we set up a poll to determine whether the first weekend or the second works better. Hammerly will set up the poll on Survey Monkey so that Bernardi can forward to members with responses due no later than Wednesday, May 18.

Hammerly reminded the group that based on WFDF Bylaws, date and site of the Annual Congress must be announced three months in advance of the meeting.

WFDF Ultimate Committee reorganization. According to Hill, the Ultimate Committee have been swamped with event bid and other discussions and they have been unable to discuss this issue yet. It is his current plan to have a proposal and/or discussion document ready in time for Congress 2011.

Rauch reminded the group that all motions for a vote at Congress must be distributed to the members two months in advance of the meeting.

SportAccord World Beach Games. WFDF has submitted the updated questionnaire to SportAccord for possible participation in this world multi-sport event. Fumio Morooka, who recently stepped down as SportAccord Council member, made a personal request to the head of SportAccord for consideration. Hill expressed caution that as we continue to increase the number of events we will place pressure on our members who will have to choose which events they can participate in based on resource limitations. As result, WFDF may see a decrease in participation at some events as members will not be able to send teams to all events.

Peace and Sport. Rauch reported that the Memorandum of Agreement has been signed with this group. Efforts continue to initiate a development program in Colombia as a lead up to the 2013 World Games through a partnership with WFDF, Ultimate Peace and Peace and Sport.

MEMBERSHIP

Votes by Congress to approve Slovenia and Hungary as full members have been completed and both have been accepted. Both will be considered as members in good standing upon completion of 2011 census and payment of appropriate dues.

The final results are based on a total of 34 members in good standing, and an available vote total of 95.

Slovenia: Total number of members voting – 27. Total number of “approved” votes: 79 (100%)

Hungary: Total number of members voting – 26. Total number of “approved” votes: 76. (100%)

NOTE: Required quorum for Congress votes outside of meeting (per the Bylaws): "No fewer than 50% of Voting members" =17. # Votes required for passage: Simple majority (50% + 1) of votes available to be cast:
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Latvia update. Bernardi reports that Latvian leadership continues to gather their materials. Process has been somewhat delayed based on need to translate Bylaws to English.

India: Bernardi reports that he has further investigated into that case and has sent a formal request to the Flying Disc Federation of India. He informed them that various sources have expressed concern that FDFI leadership and administrators do not conform with several general principles of good governance as ruled by the WFDF Bylaws. He requested them to answer to that request immediately.

Bernardi will follow-up this issue and call the Federation should they not answer until end of next week.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year to date Financial Summary. Bergeron reported that through the end of the 1st quarter of 2011 income totals \$26,178. This includes a little over \$25,000 restricted for use by Ultimate Peace. We have little other revenue YTD as dues invoices have only recently

been prepared. Year to date expenses total \$36,701.76 and consist primarily of contractor fees for staff and expense reimbursement for Ultimate Peace programs.

Bergeron reminded the group that WFDF's primary revenue source for 2011 will be member dues, and that that the organization is budgeted to run at a loss in 2011.

Bergeron indicated that she had checked the website to determine the status of invoices and that they had been prepared. She asked that Bernardi confirm with her when they are sent so that she will know to begin looking for dues payments.

2010 Audit has been completed (Financial Statement as per 31 December 2010). This is the first time that WFDF has undergone a review by an professional financial auditor. Final document will be posted on the web site for review by members.

Anti-Doping

Bernardi reported that an updated draft of WFDF Anti-Doping Rules has been submitted to the Board of Directors.

Rauch stated that the plan at this point is to submit the current document and our plan for anti-doping efforts to WADA for their review/approval this week.

Subject to acceptance of the revised WFDF Anti-Doping Code by WADA, WFDF will submit the document for approval at Congress 2011. Anti-doping education can start as soon as possible, hopefully within the next month.

Motion to submit revised WFDF Anti-Doping Code 2009 version 2.0 to WADA for approval.
Approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Website/System revamp. Rauch asked that Bernardi provide a site map of the proposed site re-design to the Board as soon as possible.

Per Bernardi the next newsletter should go out this week.

NEXT MEETING: Proposed date: Saturday, 18 June 2011, 2230 UTC.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2350 UTC.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandie Hammerly
Secretary