

Minutes of the Meeting of the WFDF Board of Directors June 25, 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, June 26th); Taiwan 5:30 (Sunday, June 26th).*

Board members in attendance: Robert Rauch, Kate Bergeron, Sandie Hammerly, Jack Cooksey, Fumio Morooka, Simon Hill, Michael Hu, Ryan Scott, Jesus Loreto. Also attending Volker Bernardi (executive director – non-voting)

Unable to attend: Patrick van der Valk, Brian Gisel.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of May 14, 2011: Approved, unanimous

Decisions between meetings – none

Events

WUGC 2012 – Rauch reported that WFDF has received updated information from JFDA relating to their bid to host WUGC 2012. WFDF sent a list of questions to them and they have responded and provided more detailed information.

Hill called attention to the fact that the event has not been in Japan since early 1990s. Need to acknowledge that the event may be more expensive than other years but it is also important that we move the event around the world.

Morooka asks that Board support the JFDA bid. Proposed TOC has extensive experience running events of this kind and Morooka feels confident in their ability to run a first class event.

Hu states that he also supports this bid. It has been 20 years since the last time the event was run in their hemisphere. Bringing the event to Asia will help to build WFDF membership.

Morooka states that because JFDA is already a member of their anti-doping federation, this will also assist WFDF in running a strong event.

Scott expressed concern that based on the event being in Japan it may be difficult to get eight teams to attend (there were eight teams in 2008i Vancouver). Rauch suggests that according to the Bylaws WFDF can be flexible in the number of teams; however it is important that greater efforts be made by the Guts Committee to build the sport

Motion to approve JFDA bid to hold the 2012 WUGC in Sakai City, Japan – Approved unanimously. Public announcement of this decision will be subject to execution of final contract.

WJUC 2012 – Rauch called attention to initial document bid document submitted by the Czech Republic and reminded the Board that the bid is not yet complete.

Bernardi stated organizers have committed that they will submit a budget by June 30.

Hill noted that the submitted bid still includes plans to place two Ultimate fields on a soccer field at same venue as 2010 event which will create pretty large safety issues for WFDF. Hu expressed concern that WJUC proposal dates were the same as WUGC. Board members agreed that the two events could not be held during the same time frame.

Rauch asked Hill reach out to Czech Republic to discuss the safety issue, as well as timing of the event.

WU23 Championships – Hill reports that the Ultimate committee appears to be leaning toward having the next event in 2013. Discussions continue on whether to hold it every two years or every four.

AOUC/PAUC 2011 – Rauch pointed out that the contracts for both events have been executed and copies distributed to all members of the Board

WOC 2011 – Cooksey reported that the contract has been finalized with the tournament organizer, Bill Wright. Registration is not looking as high as they had hoped (about 40-50 registered to date) but still have some verbal commitments that they are hoping will come together as the event gets closer.

Event Calendar

Per the bid policy, a call for bids for the following events will be posted on the WFDF website immediately.

WFDF Asian-Oceanic Ultimate Championship 2013(AOUCC)
WFDF Pan American Ultimate Championship 2013 (PAUCC)
WFDF World Under 23 Championship 2013 (WU23)

The deadline for submitting completed bids for any of these events is September 30, 2011 and it is anticipated that bids will be awarded no later than January 31, 2012.

For **WFDF World Ultimate Club Championship 2014 (WUCC)**, there is an ongoing discussion regarding whether Mixed and Masters divisions should be held separately from the Open and Womens divisions, as the tournament attracts so many teams. The issue is expected to be clarified shortly after Congress in late August and the formal call for bids will go out thereafter.

WFDF Governance

Census 2011. A report of data from most recent census was shared with the Board and will soon be posted on the WFDF web site.

WFDF Congress 2011 Draft Agenda was presented to the Board by President Rauch. In accordance with the Bylaws the agenda and accompanying materials will be distributed to the members on Monday June 27 (two months in advance of the meeting)

According to Rauch, a number of items were submitted by member associations for consideration at Congress as follows:

JFDA (Japan) – a request to allow flexibility in the size of the field for WFDF world events. Current rule : 100m x 37m. Proposal : 100-105m x 34-37m

ADJU (Dominican Republic) – request that WFDF comply with the bid due dates stated in the WFDF Event Bid document. ADJU requests Bid Proposals Submission Deadline of November 1st, 2011; WUCC2014 Host Announcement, 2012 Congress.

DFV (Germany) requests that the Ultimate Committee should agree upon a minimum size of Ultimate fields that would still make it appropriate for Continental and World Championships. DFV also requests that the Ultimate Committee shall deal with the question how a qualification mode for Ultimate Worlds by the different Continentals would work.

FFDA (Finland) submits the following items for consideration: 1) Raising the age limit for the masters division and 2) inclusion of the Women's master division in WUGC 2012.

Rauch stated that according to the Bylaws, none of the items require a vote at Congress. Most are appropriately referred to the Ultimate Committee for their discussion and decision (such as raising Masters Age, inclusion of Women's masters at WUGC, field size). For topics such as Continentals, WFDF has included a related question on the 2011 Member Association Opinion Survey with data to be released later this summer, and continuing discussion at Congress. In addition, WFDF will release the bid information for AOUC, PAUC and WU23 this week. Rauch will follow up shortly with a personal email to all those submitting proposals as to the manner in which their proposals will be handled.

WFDF Ultimate Committee Restructuring discussion. Hill provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Ultimate Committee structure, including process for election of subcommittee chairs. Rauch reminded the group that the reason we have undergone this process is to ensure that the Ultimate Committee is more accountable to the member associations as well as that the structure complies with the Bylaws. Information on the restructure will be presented to the members at Congress 2011.

Motion to accept Ultimate Committee restructure document. Approved with one abstention.

Membership

New member application - Latvia. Volker Bernardi verified that Latvia has submitted all the needed materials to become a Regular Member of WFDF. Once approved by the Board, materials will be submitted to members for final approval at Congress 2012.

To approve Latvia as a Regular member of WFDF - unanimous approval.

Case NF India – Bernardi reported about the latest correspondence exchanged with FDFI (India) about FDFI governance and issues resulting from the participation of players from India in WFDF events. VB will follow up Visa issues related to World Championships and general questions about governance with FDFI.

Finance

Year to date Financial Summary – Bergeron provided an overview of the year to date income (\$16,830.09) and expense (\$40,363.67). Balance sheet reflects total assets of \$296,929, of which approximately \$26,000 is restricted donations for Ultimate Peace. Things are on track on both the income and expense sides.

Budget 2012 proposal – Bergeron provided an overview of the proposed budget for 2012. Documents also included a preliminary projection of revenue and expense through the next quadrennial. The 2012 budget will be approved by Congress at the meeting in Italy in 2012.

To approve 2012 Budget to be presented to Congress – unanimous approval

Auditor for 2011. Rauch stated that WFDF has reached the point where it makes sense to have a professional handle the WFDF audit. This process was started in 2010 and Rauch asked that it be continued for review of 2011 financials. He also asked that Job Blomberg again be appointed as auditor for 2011. Bergeron concurs with this recommendation.

To approve Jon Blomberg as Auditor for 2011 WFDF financial statements – unanimous approval

Anti-Doping

WFDF Anti-Doping Program 2011

President Rauch provided an overview of the document "WFDF Anti-Doping Program 2011-2013" which sets forth WFDF program for Anti-Doping for the next three years.

Rauch pointed out that based on data collected during the 2011 census a number of national Member Associations are already signatories to the WADA code at a national level. These include: Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, India, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden and the USA. Provisional member Latvia also indicated they were a signatory.

WADA is presenting its definitive report on compliance November 2011. It is believed that WFDF will have to approve an updated Anti-Coping Code and show tangible proof in each of the following areas by September in order to be certified: Education, Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs), Testing (in-competition and out-of-competition) and Results Management.

According to Rauch, education will be main thrust of program in 2011. Among the initiatives to be implemented: update of the WFDF website to include basic information about anti-doping and direct athletes and administrators to WADA education pages; distribution of anti-doping education materials in player packs at 2011 WCBU, AOUC and PAUC; initial work with member associations to identify individual anti-doping coordinators and update website with anti-doping information.

Bernardi will take the lead in establishing the infrastructure internally within WFDF to handle TUE's and results management with a goal to have it functional by no later than October 2011. A Medical and Anti-doping Committee will be established for review of TUEs, comprised of at least three physicians with specialized knowledge of anti-doping and sports. A Doping Control Panel (DCP) will be established with responsibility for the results management process. It will be comprised of three individuals with medical and legal expertise: Bernardi (Chair); Donald McKenzie, MD, PhD (Director of the Sports Medicine Department at the University of British Columbia), and one other individual to be identified. WFDF will keep all testing results and information strictly confidential within WFDF and the board will decide what data to release publicly upon recommendation of the DCP.

For 2011, it is believed that WFDF may need to do at least a pilot program for in-competition testing. WFDF proposes to do two in-competition tests at the Pan American Games, which are being held in Colombia this November, using the local testing service which is WADA affiliated.

WFDF has established a budget for the Anti-Doping Program for 2011, 2012, and 2013 of US\$8,000 per year. It is expected that the 2011 budget will be divided into US\$6,000 for education and US\$2,000 for testing and results management.

To approve the WFDF Anti-doping plan for presentation to Congress – unanimous approval (Cooksey no longer in attendance)

Anti Doping Rules: The version of the WADA Code on which WFDF's Anti-Doping Rules were based was revised in 2009. Executive Director Bernardi has made several additional revisions of our WFDF's Anti-Doping Rules to bring it up-to-date with the new version. After incorporating any feedback from the board, he recently submitted the document to WADA for their comment to ensure that we conformed to their standards. The document was deemed in conformance, and therefore the new WFDF Rules will be submitted to Congress for approval. If approved, the new version of the WFDF Anti-Doping Rules shall come into effect on September 1, 2011.

Vote to approve the Revised WFDF Anti-Doping Rules: unanimous approval

Communications

Website/System revamp. All Board members were asked members to check the new website to provide input on any sections that might be missing. Bernardi will send an email to all Board members with the link and login for the new site, as well as a copy of the site map for the existing site.

Newsletter. Targeted release date mid July. Bernardi states that the focus will be on anti-doping issues.

Next Meeting – targeted for the end of July. Final date to be determined

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 23:18 UTC.

Respectfully submitted

Sandie Hammerly
Secretary
WFDF Board of Directors