

Saturday, June 30, 2012

Conference Call at 21:30 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 06:30 (Sunday July 1); Taiwan 05:30 (Sunday July 1))

Board members present:

Robert „Nob“ Rauch, Thomas Griesbaum, Sandie Hammerly, Patrick van der Valk, Simon Hill, Kate Bergeron.

Also attending: Volker Bernardi, Executive Director, non-voting.

Board members absent or excused:

Jack Cooksey, Brian Gisel, Michael Hu, Ryan Scott, Fumio Morooka.

Call to order

Report by the President

President Rauch welcomed all Board members and thanked them for joining the conference call. He stated that the quorum of a minimum of seven Board members participating in the meeting has not been reached with only six members present and that the meeting would only proceed without formal voting.

Previous Minutes

The updated minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2012, had been submitted as part of Board Briefing book. Bernardi will set up a poll to achieve approval of the minutes.

Decisions between meetings

None.

Events

WUGC 2012

Volker Bernardi reported that TOC still has not submitted the risk management plan. Some other important documents have been received or the respective issues have been solved:

- Revised Budget plan
- Preparations of the Anti-doping tests by TOC/JFDA/JADA
- Liability Insurance - approval of quote
- Congress preparations - hotel room reservation for delegates
- Guest Passes information
- TV/Internet Broadcast: Media and Broadcast offers from various stations

There are still discussions on the question whether Five Ultimate could participate as a

vendor at the event. After a series of negotiations, TOC has agreed that Five would be allocated a space in a tent provided by TOC as long as it agreed to pay commissions.

Bernardi informed that the team from South Korea playing in the Guts Open division is not sent by the official WFDF member in South Korea (KUPA) but that KUPA has allowed them to represent South Korea as KUPA member for this single event.

Si Hill mentioned that the meal plan and provisions like seating capacity still seem to be an issue and that it seems that there is only public transportation and no dedicated shuttle service for the players. Hill confirmed that the players have been informed about the transportation schedule.

Bernardi informed that all players have received a “general information” package which is included to the Board briefing book.

Patrick van der Valk requests information on the budget items “accreditation system” and on the “official merchandiser”. The budget showing USD 70,000 seems to be really high for accreditation issues. Bernardi informed that according to TOC information this includes all services provided by the travel agency serving as staffing each hotels’ entry desk, event management, accreditation and registration services including all accreditation badges and stuff. The company “Club Jr.” is the official merchandiser for branded items but WFDF would like to see Five Ultimate being allowed to do sales in the venue. Hammerly confirmed that WFDF would typically like to see an open bid process for the official merchandiser but TOC just had contracted Club Jr. without consulting with WFDF on that. WFDF agrees that there should be only one official merchandiser but that every other interested company should be allowed to have points of sale in the venue as long as there is an appropriate commission schedule and no conflict in selling “official event” merchandise. Bernardi confirmed that Five Ultimate had agreed only to sell non-branded gear like national clothes (Team USA) and Five Ultimate gear.

Rauch confirmed that some of the issues WFDF has had with TOC are a result of the language barrier, as JFDA relies on only a handful of English-speakers. This has overwhelmed the few contact people coordinating with WFDF. Van der Valk mentioned that WFDF might be too picky here but Rauch confirmed that basic issues like the meal plans were not addressed except after significant pressure. Rauch was convinced that despite our advance concerns every issue would be solved by the TOC and that the event would run relatively smoothly.

WJUC 2012

Bernardi confirmed that the preparations of WJUC are in line with the contract provisions. TOC will send updated documents such as the budget shortly. Main issues like meals, transportation etc. are covered. TOC has assured us that they are able to cover the expected expenses. TOC also has submitted a risk management plan. A conference call will be held with TOC shortly in order to receive final information on some plans.

WUCC 2014

Hill reported that he yet has to get in contact with Max Vitali on the contract as he wanted to wait for a conversation with Will Deaver to clarify some points about the

communication of the decision of the Board.

WFDF Governance

Congress plans

As Rauch explained during the last Board meeting the 2012 Congress would have an interactive discussion among the delegates on the AUDL and Spirit of the Games issues. Speakers will include Rauch as moderator, Si Hill presenting the pure self-refereed position, Tom Crawford supporting the use of Observers, and a statement from AUDL putting forward their position on the use of referees. . Bernardi mentioned that he will need to reconfirm the names of all speakers to be able to prepare credentials.

Face to face Board meeting in October/November

Rauch mentioned that, based on poll results, the meeting was scheduled now for 17/18 November 2012 to be held in North America. Proposals for the venue include New York, San Francisco, Vancouver or Denver (with USAU), and Volker will compare flight costs so that we are cost-efficient. A decision will be made shortly in order to provide Board members sufficient time to plan ahead and make travel arrangements.

Athletes Commission

Bernardi reported that WFDF had received seven candidatures for the elections, five male (RSA, CAN, USA, ITA, GER) and two female candidates (GER, AUS) from six countries. Elections would proceed as announced. WFDF has received endorsements from all members for their candidates.

Membership Association Opinion survey

Hammerly reported about the results and mentioned that she has put data in a report, but still needed to compare with former years. Basically, Members felt that the communication has been improved by tools like the new website. Congratulations to Volker and Nob for that. We have received good reviews on 2011 events, better than before. There was a great participation this year: 49 responses out of 56 members based on the fact that Bernardi was so tenacious in getting Members to respond.

Finance

Treasurer`s Report

Hammerly reported that WFDF's revenues are ahead of budget since Volker has been pursuing the Members diligently. Some countries will bring their dues to Japan as they announced and pay in cash. Some fees are promised (India) but have not received yet. WFDF has collected 50% of WUGC player fees; other 50% of WJUC is due in 2 weeks. WFDF is doing well on the collections. Brian Gisel's attendance at WUGC was not budgeted, but having such an experienced tournament organizer should provide valuable support to the TOC. WFDF will be saving US\$100/month due to the termination of the contract with the Finnish server for the scoring system.

Hill mentioned that WJUC TOC might be struggling to collect all the player fees and might find it hard to pay 50% of player fees on time.

Communications

Website - Phase 2: WFDF OFFICE

Bernardi reported that Board Members have received access to the alpha version and should test the system. Bernardi again asked for feedback.

Next Meeting

Proposed date: September 8 at 22:00 UTC. Hammerly mentioned that this might be too long between meetings. Rauch will propose an alternative date in August in a poll to see if board members are available.

Closing

The meeting closed at UTC 22:27.

Submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary