

Saturday, November 23, 2013

Conference Call at Saturday November 23, 2013; UK, POR- 22:00; GER- 23:00; RSA - 00:00 (November 24); USA NY, VA, MI - 17:00; USA CO, AZ - 15:00; USA CA, CAN BC - 14:00; Japan - 07:00 (November 24); Taiwan - 06:00 (November 24).

Board members present:

Robert "Nob" Rauch, Thomas Griesbaum, Kate Bergeron, Fumio Morooka, Michael Hu, Patrick van der Valk, Brian Gisel, Kevin Givens.

Also attending: Volker Bernardi, Executive Director (non-voting), Ryan Purcell (Athletes' Committee, non-voting).

Board members absent or excused:

Sandie Hammerly, Jack Cooksey, Ryan Scott, Si Hill.

Call to order (time: 23:08 CEST)

The quorum was reached with 8 members being present.

Report by the President

President Rauch welcomed all Board members and thanked them for joining the conference call.

Decisions between meetings

None.

Minutes of meeting of October 26, 2013

Rauch proposed the approval of the minutes, seconded by Morooka. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Decisions requiring votes of the Board

World Games 2017 - application to IWGA

Rauch informed the Board that Bernardi has discussed with IWGA the chances with regard to the addition of Disc Golf to the 2017 World Games sports program. The response from IWGA was negative as IWGA is looking to get new sports into the program. The request to get additional slots for 1 or 2 athletes also was discussed. IWGA replied that the addition of 1 athlete per team would perhaps be considered favourably. The application to IWGA thus will be made increasing the team size to 14 players per team.

A motion was made by Griesbaum to approve the application, seconded by Gisel. The approval was given unanimously.

WFDF will try to support the team from Poland to improve their level at mixed Ultimate.

Appointment Overall Chair, Board of Directors - Tomas Burvall (SWE)

Rauch informed the Board that Overall chair Jack Cooksey has asked to be replaced due to work overload. The proposal for the replacement for Cooksey to serve until end of the term (end of 2014) is Tomas Burvall from Sweden. Burvall is a current World Champion in Overall competition. The appointment would take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Griesbaum to approve the appointment with immediate effect, seconded by Givens. The appointment was made unanimously.

Promotional Video (Rauch)

Rauch feels that WFDF needs to have a promotional video be produced to circulate e.g. amongst IOC members and for other audiences. The question is how to get a professional video under the WFDF budget. We would have to put out a Request for proposals (RFP) for a 90 – 120 seconds promotional video for WFDF. The available budget for promotional material is 10,000 USD over the next year. The video should be done by April. Gisel asked whether this could be done outside of a WFDF event as the events in Lecco would be great for getting interviews and great photos. Givens mentioned that we need more compelling content, going to Lecco with a script would be helpful. Rauch added that WFDF has a reasonable video library and the companies being interested in this might have their own libraries. It is uncertain whether exactly this group would be doing the video in Lecco. Rauch is convinced that producing Broadcasters are looking for exclusivity at such events.

Morooka suggested to review the JFDA promotional video on DVD, featuring 15 minutes material including WOC material and Disc Golf in Akita. This could be changed to English language and perhaps some footage from the World Games in Kaohsiung 2009 and Cali 2013 be added. Rauch added that we need something very short with appropriate music. Other videos e.g. seen at Sportaccord are between 90 - 120 seconds. It was agreed that the video should not be longer than 2 minutes. Morooka will send the video footage from WUGC 2012 in Sakai to Bernardi for usage.

Reports and Updates

WFDF Governance

IOC recognition/national NOC recognition - update

Bernardi informed the Board about the meetings with IOC members and NOC representatives during the WADA conference in Johannesburg. WFDF will attend key events like the Sochi Olympic Winter Games and Sportaccord convention in 2014 to further promote Flying Disc sports on that level.

Rauch added that WFDF officially has been accepted as ARISF member and the IOC has confirmed that WFDF will receive 25,000 USD for the year 2013 already in early December.

Membership issues - update

Rauch reported on the latest development with several membership issues referring to the written report sent by Bernardi.

The Board supported taking appropriate steps to ensure good governance in WFDF's member associations. This is also needed with regard to the NOC recognition requested in all member countries.

WFDF 2013 elections – information

Bernardi reported that votes are coming in and that he has already sent first reminders. WFDF is happy to have one candidate for each position to be filled. Elections will end on 15 December.

WFDF Event Coordinator - update

Rauch reported on the incoming applications and informed the Board about the next steps. After having received answers to a questionnaire over the next weeks the Search committee members will discuss replies to bring down to a pool of a maximum of 4 candidates for interviews. There will be a recommendation to the Board no later than the next Board meeting.

Pan American Association

The report from Mauricio Moore on the meeting in Brazil came in just some hours before the Board meeting. The foundation of PAFDF has been postponed for several weeks and it will be founded during a conference call.

Wheelchair Ultimate - update

Bernardi has met with two representatives from the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and received important advice on how to establish Flying Disc for the disabled within WFDF. More information should be available within the next weeks. Rauch added that WFDF has also received information from around the world.

Indoor Ultimate - update

Bernardi reported to the Board that Viktor Katolyk (Ukraine) has proposed that WFDF would set up a consolidated set of Indoor Ultimate rules. Bernardi had contacted the President of UFDF (Ukraine) who confirmed that Victor is heavily involved in Indoor Ultimate activities. It was proposed to set up a WFDF Working group to deal with this issue. Rauch proposed that we should send out note to our members asking for participation. Perhaps around six people could form a group to solidify and unify Indoor rules. USAU says that it is not a hot topic for them but they feel it needs to be taken care of. Gisel added that it might be a good plan to hold a seminar at WUCC in Lecco and that Canada is hot bed for Indoor as there are leagues existing.

The Board supported setting up such Working group. Proposals will be made for the next Board meeting.

IF Forum 2013 Lausanne - report

Bernardi referred to his report and informed about potential candidates for the IWGA Executive Committee. Morooka was nominated by WFDF for an at-large member seat. IWGA will release the list of candidates in early December. Morooka thanked Bernardi for his support in promoting the candidature.

WADA Conference

Bernardi referred to his report and informed that the new WADA code was approved in Johannesburg including new international standards on testing and other topics. He hopes to have a detailed report about what WFDF needs to do in detail soon after consulting with the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee.

IWGA The World Games Channel - information

Bernardi reported that at the IF Forum IWGA held a presentation about the planned channel. This only can succeed if all World Games sports participate and provide footage. This is no Broadcast system but a collection like we have it at the Sportaccord Sports Hub plus other features. The Board supported contributing to the channel if the project comes into reality.

Report form Athletes' Commission

Purcell has nothing to add.

Events

PAUCC 2013: report

TOC from Brazil has reported that PAUCC was a very good competition with 338 players and they were very satisfied. USA took both Gold medals with Silver medals going to Venezuela; Bronze went to Colombia and Venezuela. A problem occurred as the medals which arrived 10 days prior to event at the customs could not be cleared in time until one day after the Victory ceremony.

WUCC/WJUC 2014 Status Report

WUCC - bid allocation - complaint by Venezuela

Rauch asked why Venezuela has received only one bid as they are the strongest country in South America. Gisel responded that the bid process had been outlined in April based on participation which made Venezuela come short and there is not anything which could be done. Venezuela will be informed accordingly.

WCBU 2015 - status of applications - information

Van der Valk reported that several organizers have declared their intentions to bid coming from UAE, USA and ITA.

WOC 2015 - status of applications - information

None.

Other Disciplines

Freestyle

Givens had no new report. Rauch mentioned that it is being discussed to have a WFDF Freestyle World Championship during WOC. Van der Valk added that they have now Freestyle in Portugal.

Guts

None.

Overall

None.

Disc Golf

Rauch presented the outline of terms for a co-operation between the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) and WFDF. Further discussions are needed but he is optimistic that WFDF and PDGA will be working together in the very near future.

Finance

Financial statements and membership dues status

Rauch informed the Board that whilst there is no financial update we can report that all members but 3 have paid their dues (IND, ISL, UGA).

Bernardi added that China has paid reduced dues and we will clarify the issue.

Any other business:

- Hu asked for a bid for Chinese Taipei in WUCC. This will be checked.
- Morooka asked when the WU23 host will be decided for 2015. This will be further discussed soon.
- Rauch informed the Board that USGPA has spoken to Ryan Scott and he will step down from his position as Guts Chair.

Next Meeting

Proposed date: 21/22 December 2013.

Closing

The meeting closed at 0:15 CEST.

Submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary