

Minutes – WFDF 2014 Congress

SATURDAY, 2 August 2014

1. Call to order

President Rauch called the Congress to order at 09:13 hrs thanking everybody for coming to Lecco and commemorating this 25th anniversary of the first World Ultimate Club Championship (WUCC); this year's WUCC will be the largest WFDF event ever held with almost 4,000 athletes.

2. Roll call of National Associations present and confirmation of votes allotted

The list of attendees is attached to the minutes as Annex 1. Rauch noted that this was the largest Congress ever, with 32 members represented.

3. 2013 Congress Minutes (already approved)

The 2013 Congress minutes were previously approved by online vote.

4. Decisions taken by Congress between 2013 and 2014 Congresses

The decisions are annexed to these minutes as Annex 2.

5. Report by the President

President Rauch reported on WFDF's activities since the 2013 Congress. The World Games 2013 in Cali, Colombia, were extremely successful for WFDF and its Ultimate event. Some 44,000 spectators watched the Games in the Pascual Guerrero Olympic stadium and Ultimate was the leading sport in video streaming popularity. The gold medal winning Team USA later on was elected as "The World Games Team of the Year 2013." The foundation of the Pan American Flying Disc Federation (PAFDF) just before this Congress in Lecco will strengthen WFDF's continental governance structure. The Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) was reinstated as a WFDF member. The Task Force for on-field governance issues concluded its report and recommendations that will be implemented in 2014 and 2015. Congress has admitted Estonia (EFDF) and Argentina (ADDVRA) as new WFDF regular members. WFDF added its second staff member with the hiring of Ms. Karina Woldt as Event Manager. A Development Grants program was established to foster Flying Disc development around the globe. A revision of the SOTG scoring system was finalized by the SOTG Sub-Committee. The hosts to the World Overall Championship in Sweden tried to find ways to boost Overall events. With regard to Olympic recognition, three additional countries received national recognition by their National Olympic Committees (Japan, Sweden, USA) bringing the count to eleven countries. Rauch concluded his report by mentioning the Global Disc Sport Community Survey which was conducted by WFDF for the first time in early 2014.

6. Report by the Executive Director

Executive Director Bernardi stated that the last year since the 2013 Congress has been extremely important in the development of WFDF reaching a high professional level as an International Federation. The communication with member associations has been a big focus. We have raised our expectations for event support and organization with the hiring of a new Event Manager. New tasks have arisen from WFDF's success in getting into Multisport Games like the World Beach Games and World Urban Games. WFDF has consolidated its Continental structure by setting up such associations as required by IOC in Europe (EFDF) and the Americas (PAFDF), following AFDF which was founded in 2011 for Asia-Oceania. Bernardi advised that the WFDF Anti-Doping rules will have to be amended to meet the new provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code which becomes effective on 1 January 2015. In official international relations, Bernardi reported about the attempt to become recognized by the International University Sports Federation (FISU). Regarding the IOC, he reported that permanent recognition by the IOC will be on the Agenda of the IOC Session in Kuala Lumpur in July 2015. Bernardi concluded his report by thanking the WFDF member association representatives and staff, the WFDF Commission members, and in particular the members of the WFDF Board of Directors and Executive Committee for their support and contributions to WFDF.

7. Review of 2014 Member Census

Rauch referred to page 22 of the Congress briefing book showing that 146,000 Flying Disc athletes are represented by WFDF member associations. In the year 2004 there were 41,200 athletes. There are an estimated 7 million players worldwide. Rauch thanked the member associations for the timely submission of the Annual Member Census.

8. IOC Recognition - WFDF participation in Multi-Sport Games - international governance issues

Bernardi reported on the latest development in official multisports events. Under the previous IOC rules, participation of flying disc in the Olympic Games seemed difficult and several decades off if at all. This was largely due to the strong position of incumbent sports in the Program and the caps of 28 sports and 10,500 athletes in the Summer Program. However, given the potential recommendations that may come out of the Olympic Vision 2020 task force set up by the International Olympic Committee, changes are expected that among others could include a shift from sports to disciplines and a greater emphasis on sports that are attractive to youth. Another opportunity on the multisport side are the Continental Games such as the PanAms or the European Games, the latter of which holding their first edition in Baku in 2015. Bernardi suggested we should work towards inclusion of Ultimate into the 2019 European Games program. WFDF also might want to attempt to become involved in the Youth Olympic Games.

The Ultimate event of the 2013 World Games in Cali was a success story for WFDF also with regard to global streaming broadcast figures where WFDF ranked at the top. The next edition will be the 2017 World Games in Wroclaw, Poland. On this IWGA governance side, WFDF successfully managed to support Board member Fumio Morooka to gain election as an IWGA Executive Committee member.

WFDF participation has been secured for Beach Ultimate in the program of the SportAccord World Beach Games and for Freestyle on the SportAccord World Urban Games. WFDF wants to have Disc Golf included in the program of the SportAccord World Target Games if they are eventually introduced.

With regard to the attempt to establish FISU World University Championships in Ultimate, WFDF was unable to get all the materials together by the May deadline (falling merely one support letter short) but has submitted a complete application package now and will pursue recognition in the next review cycle.

Hill added that there are also potential downsides of inclusion into Multisport events like a congestion on events or struggling to get players to these. Also we might lose some control over the sport. Bernardi responded that the athletes' quota is always a problem in Multisport Games. He underlined that the WFDF administration tries to open doors and it remains a decision of the Board of Directors and Congress whether we want to take advantage of these new opportunities.

Deaver asked how urgent it is for WFDF to enter into Multisport events. Rauch responded that the IOC requirements are divided into several sections and that participation in Multisport Games is one element they review, indicating that the IOC staff had strongly recommended that we increase our involvement. As a showcase sport in the World Games and with our recent inclusion in the World Beach Games and World Urban Games we have already improved, with experience in these events giving us more credibility in pursuit of the Olympic Games.

9. Review of 2014 Global Disc Sports Community Survey

Rauch referenced the 2014 Global Disc Sports Community Survey to which WFDF has received nearly 3,400 responses in gathering player demographics and opinions. The full report was included in the briefing book. Rauch highlighted that WFDF events rate good to excellent. Over 50% want a WUCC to remain as is. The semi-professional leagues in North America are considered to be basically good for Ultimate but there is a strong feeling that these should play by the existing rules. There is a reluctance to adopt referees and a broad agreement that self-refereeing is important; 55% of players who played with Observers think WFDF should use them. Based on this feedback, it will be interesting to see how the Game Advisors trial will work here in Lecco.

10. Discussion Topic 1: SOTG and on-field governance; recommendations from the Task Force

Rueben Berg gave an update on the Spirit of the Game Task Force, of which he was chair. He highlighted that the two main objectives were (1) to develop a working definition of Spirit of the Game that promotes a clearer and more consistent understanding; and (2) answer the question on how WFDF can ensure that Ultimate athletes play a fair game that is also viewable (interesting for spectators in person and on TV/internet to watch). Rules accreditation is important as it is raising awareness and helps to make sure players know the rules. The other broad new initiative was the introduction of a new official, the Game Advisor. Players remain solely responsible for making and resolving all calls, and no one can make a call or resolve a call other than the players. The Game Advisors are there to help players in clarifying rules and ensuring that time limits for discussions of foul calls and violations are respected.

Berg outlined the five recommendations which came out of the Task Force:

Recommendation 1: That Congress approves all the contextual statements about Spirit of the Game and the WFDF Officiating process used for Ultimate

Recommendation 2: That Congress approves the initiative which recommends that WFDF encourages and supports its members to get exposure to the Game Advisor System and the USAU Observer system

Recommendation 3: That Congress approves all the additional initiatives which are designed to enable the overarching statements, outlined in Recommendation 1, to be achieved

Recommendation 4: That any changes that are approved as part of this process shall be on a temporary basis and shall be reviewed by Congress following WUGC 2016

Recommendation 5: That any changes that are approved as part of this process shall be communicated to the relevant Ultimate Committees, with specific direction that these changes be implemented

In the ensuing Questions and Answers session, Rueben Berg explained:

- there have been time limit rules in the past but they have been made more precise and extended;
- offsides still can only be called by players, but Game Advisors can signal them and players can choose to echo that call; penalties as of now are a repull;
- the Tournament Rules Group will meet daily;
- the Game Advisors are experienced observers from USAU, from Canada and from the UK who have been trained for the job;
- WFDF encourages and supports its members to get exposure to the Game Advisor system and the USAU Observer system; a Game Advisor manual will be published; Berg noted that the USAU has the concept of the "instructional observer" which the Game Advisor is loosely modeled after;
- Game Advisors will be used mainly for showcase games and finals at WUCC this year so that they are better managed;
- every team at WUCC will be required to appoint an official translator to aid the Game Advisors when there are language difficulties.

A motion to accept the above recommendations of the SOTG Task Force was put forward by Purcell, seconded by Morooka. The motion was approved with 83 votes in favor and 11 votes abstaining.

11. Ultimate Committee Discussion Topics

Gisel reported on the Ultimate Committee topics.

a) General Update

Gisel reported that the new Event manager has been working very well and is a fantastic addition to the team. The reason for hiring her is WFDF decided to centralize many functions, not only schedules but also registration and all documentation. There needs to be consistency between the events and

the WFDF should take some of the burden from the TOC. By 2016 WFDF will have a centralized registration system.

b) Upcoming WFDF events: 2014 - WUCC, WJUC, 2015 - AOUC, PAUC, WU23

As for the 2014 events in Lecco, Gisel reported that Simon Hill as WFDF Technical Director worked through the difficulties posed by the torrential rains at WJUC. The upcoming WUCC will be the largest event ever with nearly 4,000 participants.

In 2015, PAUC and AOUC are coming up. While we still wait for the bid to be finalized for AOUC, the PAUC have been awarded to Mexico.

On the 2016 WUGC, we have received several expressions of interest. There is now a two-step process where expressions of interest are requested before the full bid is due, which for WUGC will be at the end of September 2014.

The bids for 2016 WJUC will be requested in August and announced in January. The goal is that the WJUC in 2018 will be announced 24 months before the event. There is always some pressure to hold that event in Europe. But it cannot stay there forever and with enough lead time European teams should be able to plan going overseas.

c) WU23 2015 - Presentation

Hill informed Congress that the event will be held from 12 to 18 July 2015 outside of London at a venue that has great fields. There will be a range of lodging options, from on-site camping to single room accommodations at the University dorms and local hotels. The Arena field will have stands on-site. The TOC intends to open up all the books and work through how WFDF needs it to be done as we change our event management practices. Hill confirmed that he has been on both sides of the fence of the organization. Hill added that WFDF should have more direct control over registration and merchandising. Rauch mentioned that many TOCs reinvent the wheel when they do registration so this will be a good test event.

There is no decision yet on the 2015 Congress venue.

d) WCBU 2015 - Presentation

Rauch informed the Congress that the early preparation work is solid and there are many discussions with local authorities. Information will be given on do's and don'ts in Dubai. In response to concerns about some of the "horror stories" athletes had heard about the lack of tolerance in the middle east, Rauch stated that as long as people use reasonable discretion there should not be problems and it should be a lot of fun, and that Dubai is the most westernized country in the region.

e) Other variations: Indoor and Wheelchair

Indoor Ultimate: Rauch confirmed that a Working group for standardizing Indoor Ultimate was established and we have an indoor world championship as a target in Winter 2015/2016. He asked the members to encourage the group to finalize its work and to give them input.

Wheelchair Ultimate: Bernardi reported about his meeting with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) on Wheelchair Ultimate. We are in an early stage but after the success of the 2012 London Paralympics many things are changing. Should WFDF decide generally to try to encourage wheelchair Ultimate then we should apply for IPC recognition very soon. Other Para-Federations could pop up and make it difficult to get them together. He reported that in principle Wheelchair Ultimate must be different than Ultimate to be recognized. We have to be careful to define Wheelchair Ultimate separate from how we define Indoor Ultimate. We know that Wheelchair Ultimate is already being played in a few countries. The IPC recognition is much easier than the IOC procedure as we fulfill all requested points already.

f) World Games 2017, Wroclaw, Poland

Competition Manager Michal Dul reported that currently the IWGA LOC is planning to set a program for all disciplines. All Games will be in one city. Almost all venues are finished, as only a few are being built or need renovation. The Ultimate venue is not decided yet. As WFDF's Technical Delegate, Dul acts as liaison between WFDF and LOC. Ultimate in Poland is developing fast. Now there are 50

teams and they will soon be hosting their first Junior national championships. They aspire to have as many spectators as in Cali and video streaming. LOC has committed to promote Ultimate, too. He invited everyone to come to Wroclaw.

g) Ultimate Central presentation

A presentation was given by Liam Rosen on "Ultimate Central," a global technology platform for Ultimate with a customized organization and event website to run events. Tools include online registration and payment systems, communication with player and teams, creation of pools and brackets. There are currently 177 organizations in six countries and two Federations using the system already. In April 2014 a merger was announced between Ultimate Central and FFINDR including the transfer of all FFINDR features to UC; once finalized, FFINDR will cease to exist. UC's revenue model is to charge a standard rate of between 2 and 3% of payments process, with no other explicit fees.

12. Disc Sports Other Than Ultimate

a) Disc Golf

Rauch stated that the Disc Golf Committee is planning a World Championship event co-hosted by PDGA and WFDF in 2015 as a national team oriented event.

b) Freestyle

Rauch mentioned that the World Championships 2014 were happening in Medellin, Columbia on the weekend of Congress. In 2015 FPA and WFDF plan to co-host a World Championship, likely in connection with WOC. FPA is also in the process of establishing a Freestyle Hall of Fame.

c) Overall/Field Events

Burvall made a statement to renew the connection and exchange between the different disc sports. Athletes can benefit from practicing other disc sports, e.g. Ultimate players could improve their distance throwing skills by getting help from experienced distance throwers. Overall and Field Events are trying to get more women and young players into the sport. Rauch added that as part of its branding message WFDF wants to emphasize that disc sports can be a life time sport.

d) Guts

Rauch reported that the Guts Committee has the goal to build their national team participation to get at least 8 teams competing at the 2016 WUGC. The International Frisbee Tournament (IFT) is continuing to be hosted by the Guts players annually in Michigan in August. This event goes back to 1958 and is the oldest disc sports tournament.

13. Annual Risk Assessment

Rauch presented the Annual Risk Assessment. A challenge for WFDF in the future will be to identify what control we have on events and what measures are we taking. The Annual Risk Assessment outlines eight risk areas this year:

- Sustaining or improving the quality and consistency in the delivery of all our events
- Ensuring safety for participants, coaches, officials, spectators and volunteers
- WFDF's ability to recruit/attract sufficient volunteers
- Maintaining and increasing membership and participation
- Sustaining and improving financial viability
- Protecting or improving public image and reputation with stakeholders, regulators, potential sponsors, and media
- Maintaining Spirit of the Game (SOTG) as an essential component of flying disc sports
- Applying good corporate governance principles including compliance with regulatory requirements

A motion was made to approve the Annual Risk Assessment for 2014 by Saunders, seconded by Morooka. The motion was approved unanimously.

14. WFDF Anti-Doping Program & WADA Compliance

Bernardi reported on the new educational Anti-Doping online tool which was introduced by WFDF for the 2014 events. The "Real Winner" application was used by more than 800 athletes competing in Lecco. The system worked well and there were no complaints on the model. The set-up of the testing procedures in Lecco was difficult, but with the help of the SportAccord DFSU it worked out. Bernardi referenced the document in the briefing book on the major changes resulting from the new World Anti-Doping Code being introduced in 2015. WFDF is working on the draft of the new WFDF Anti-Doping rules. A vote will be conducted by Congress on the new rules after the final draft is completed in early October. The new Test Distribution Plan for 2015 will see the changes implemented so as to keep WFDF Code compliant.

Bernardi thanked the WFDF DCP and MADC members including chair Nuwer, WADA staff and SportAccord DFSU staff for their support in executing the WFDF Test Distribution Plan.

Rauch added that the WADA changes in 2015 try to have their guidelines better reflect risk, increase penalties for deliberate and repeat offenders, include support staff of athletes, basically less of a "one size fits all" approach. These should be positive changes and we are working on implementing them.

Special Presentation: Address by the SportAccord Director General, Vlad Marinescu

SportAccord Director General Vlad Marinescu thanked WFDF for the opportunity to address Congress and highlighted the good cooperation between WFDF and SportAccord on many levels. SportAccord will move forward strengthening the bonds with its member associations and asks for WFDF support for the ongoing projects. Marinescu outlined the WFDF participation in the Multisport Games such as World Beach Games, World Urban Games and other Games in the future.

15. Conflict regarding India Membership

Rauch asked the media to leave the room and informed the Congress that the next topic was being discussed in a closed session of the Congress Members.

Rauch stated that WFDF had received an application in the second half of 2013 from another group in India to join WFDF as member organization for India. The Ultimate Players Association of India (UPAI) had been formed by a group of athletes in India who felt that the current incumbent Member, Flying Disc Federation of India (FDFI) was not fairly representing the interests of the majority of the active flying disc players in India. WFDF had separately been reviewing FDFI's activities since 2011 and, in response to the 2013 application by UPAI, established a Conduct Committee to review the matter. Before finalizing its report and recommendations, the Conduct Committee had invited representatives of both FDFI and UPAI to make a written and oral presentation to Congress and to answer any questions from its Members.

The FDFI Joint Secretary Narinder Singh was flying in that day but had not arrived yet. Therefore, the UPAI representative Amberish Jaipuria was given the floor. Mr. Jaipuria read a letter sent to Congress by UPAI President Jaidip Patel. After the presentation by Mr. Jaipuria, there was a question and answer period. At that point Mr. Jaipuria was excused and a discussion among Congress members ensued. When the discussion was completed and Mr. Singh had still not arrived, Mr. Bernardi put their presentation up on the screen for the Congress to review and it was agreed we would allow Mr. Singh an opportunity to present if he were to arrive.

The media and Mr. Jaipuria were invited back into the room.

16. Financial Report

Treasurer Bergeron presented the financial report.

a) Presentation of year end 2013 and interim 2014 reports

Bergeron presented the assets, 2013 was a good year for WFDF in terms of membership dues and 2014 will bring US\$60,000 in dues and a significant amount of event sanctioning fees from WJUC and

WUCC. This is important for WFDF as we have a 4-year event cycle with very low revenues in odd years. She noted that it is difficult to get interest on liquid money as this is 0% in the USA.

There was a motion made by Loreto to approve the 2013 Audit, seconded by Chiappin. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Vote: Approval of 2015 budget

Bergeron reported that given our quadrennial event cycle there would be less income next year. She indicated that we nonetheless were increasing our development budget substantially given its importance.

Vanhemelryck asked whether WFDF needs the income from Youth events. Rauch responded that WFDF has a reduced rate for youth events. Compared to flight costs this fee is really a small part of it but it remains an essential part of WFDF's revenues. Bergeron added that this helps us take over more duties from TOCs and raise quality of events and thus influence players' experiences.

A motion was made to approve of the 2015 budget by Purcell, seconded by Kramer. The motion was approved unanimously with three abstentions.

c) Vote: Approval of 2014 Auditor

A motion made by Bergeron to continue with the current auditor, seconded by Hill, was approved unanimously.

d) Other

Kramer reported that there was letter written to WFDF stating that participation in WFDF events is too expensive for young players. He asked whether there could be a cap on the profit of an organizer. Rauch responded that WFDF always looks at the costs in reviewing bids, but that it is expensive to stage a world championship event. WFDF will take some duties off TOCs in the future which eliminate some costs. In reviewing bids, WFDF's policy is that player's fees should only cover the actual costs of the event and that any profit should come through sponsorship and merchandising. We recognize the difficulties many players in various countries have and try to balance costs with the quality of the event. In response to the suggestion, WFDF does not have resources to subsidize teams/countries in need. Schneider stated that transparency is needed. Players often felt there was a too large profit margin for accommodations and food and he would like to ask for transparency as it will make players accept fees more easily. Rauch responded that we are receiving financial reports from TOCs and will consider what level of transparency is appropriate.

Tapuach stated that he is running a lot of tournaments and his view is that the bigger the event the higher the risk, and that it is important for tournament directors to build in their budget a larger margin for error between revenues and expenses. Tosnerova added that with the new WFDF Event Manager it might get easier and we can define a standard. Rauch stated that despite that, there were 4-5 visits in Lecco and a detailed event contract, but not everything was delivered as promised.

Kramer recommended splitting the WUCC by divisions to make the event more manageable and to reduce costs. Rauch confirmed that this was discussed with potential WUCC bidders, but they all rejected that and we only got one bid for WUCC in the end.

Deaver added that advancing the sport costs money. Transparency takes staff and costs money. WUCC represents an amazing playing opportunity, but players need to recognize that there are also other tournaments that are closer and cheaper if the costs of participating in a world championship event are too high.

17. Commission Reports

a) Athletes' Commission

Purcell reported that he had worked with Anna Haynes (AUS) and Matt Doyle (CAN) over the last two years and they were all pleased to help the Board keep the Athletes' perspective in mind. He referenced the report in the briefing book and underlined that he was a non-voting member on the Board but attended the Board meetings. The term for the Athlete's Commission will change to 4 years

and grow by three in 2016. All three representatives will be elected for 4 years on a staggered basis going forward.

Burvall suggested there should be non-Ultimate representatives in the Commission.

b) Women's Commission

Bergeron reported that per our recent Census a third of the players globally are female. A key conclusion is that all Member Associations need to help local groups increase the number of women who are playing. With Kate returning to her position as Treasurer, the Commission had voted to replace her with Valeska Schacht as chair of the Commission.

c) Youth Commission

Chair Tapuach reported on the task to develop ideas and initiatives for youth participation in Flying Disc sports. The Commission has reviewed the bids for WJUC and he worked on the report. It is important to develop the infrastructure for grants, e.g. if someone moves to a new country he/she should be supported to help spread the sport. They are trying to use RiseUp for schools/teachers. Another idea is to create a free online shared resource by WFDF for anybody as a beginning level manual.

It was brought up that there is some confusion in the names for junior divisions: U23, U20 or U19? A recommendation for U17 is "do not reach 17 within the year of the tournament". Rauch suggested that the Commission come in with a proposal that allows Flying Disc to be consistent with what is typically used in the world of sport, and asked that they research what other sports do. Hill added that the confusion also comes from inconsistent usage in Europe.

18. Discussion Topic 2: WFDF Strategic Plan

Rauch indicated that the board would be updating the WFDF Strategic Plan as part of the discussions at our biannual face-to-face board meeting in November. He presented the 2012-2014 version of the WFDF Strategic Plan and asked the members to review it and send suggestions and ideas to the Executive Director.

19. Discussion Topic 3: Development Projects - WFDF as a Partner

Rauch referred to page 139 of the briefing book and explained that WFDF is supporting several development projects included in the 2014 plan such as the SOTG conference in Lecco, financial support for the Continental Associations, and a Coaching program for Poland in preparation for the 2017 World Games. In 2015 there will be Coaches training programs in Uganda at the 7-Hills-Tournament and in Latin America and Asia at the PAUC and AOUC. WFDF plans to spend about 16-18% of its budget on development programs in the next cycle (2014-2017). Members are asked to send suggestions.

20. Other Business

a) Rauch advised Congress that the PanAmerican Flying Disc Federation (PAFDF) had selected their officers. Elected as President is Jesus Loreto (VEN), with Danny Saunders (CAN) being elected as Secretary and Nikolas Restrepo (COL) and Sergio Ramirez (MEX) being elected as at-large Board Members.

b) Schneider mentioned that the Swiss Association has concerns about the bid allocation for WUCC. For the last WUCC the bid allocation rules had been published retroactively but they were changed for 2014. Rauch responded that the new process was announced well in advance and that former Championship results were the basis for awarding bids. Hill stated that in his opinion the process was not good for 2010 and that for 2014 it clearly was an improvement. But correcting the flawed 2010 system means that there might have been some inconsistencies in 2014. Schneider added that there are many more situations and he thinks that the process is even worse this year as it should not be done behind closed doors. Rauch mentioned that the process is done by the Ultimate Committee, is fully transparent, and published immediately. Deaver added that there are many moving parts: the size of the venue, the number of teams and that this changes every four years as the number of countries changes. There are seven members in Ultimate committee involved. Saunders recommended that this

should be discussed together with other countries and Rauch agreed that we are happy to look into this.

21. Adjournment

President Rauch expressed his appreciation to all participants for joining Congress and helping to address several difficult topics. He congratulated everybody on this largest Congress ever. Rauch thanked the members for their efforts to grow Flying Disc sports.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:42hrs.

SUNDAY, 3 August 2014 – Special Session

15. Conflict regarding India Membership – part 2

Congress reconvened at 17:05 hrs

President Rauch opened part 2 of the Congress thanking all participants for coming back to business on Sunday. The purpose was to receive a presentation by Flying Disc Federation of India, represented by FDFI Joint Secretary Narinder Singh. Mr. Singh was to have presented during the main session of Congress the previous day but only arrived after its conclusion due to flight delays. After the presentation by Mr. Singh, there was a question and answer period. At that point Mr. Singh was excused and a discussion among Congress members ensued.

There not being any other business, the Congress was closed at 18:35 hrs.

Submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary

Annex 1: WFDF 2014 Congress: Roll Call

2014 voting rights regular membership		WFDF 2014 Congress, Lecco, Italy, 2-3 August		
Member**		# Votes	*void	Name
1	Australia	AUS	5	Matt Hill
2	Belgium	BEL	4	Fery Vanhemelryck
3	Brazil	BRA	2	Paolo Chiappin
4	Canada	CAN	5	Danny Saunders
5	People's Republic of China	CHN	2	Ken Su
6	Colombia	COL	4	Nikolas Restrepo
7	Czech Republic	CZE	3	Rachel Tosnerova
8	Spain	ESP	3	Nicolas Chauveau, Nicky Chapman
9	Finland	FIN	3	Jarna Kalpala
10	United Kingdom	GBR	5	Simon Hill
11	Germany	GER	5	Thomas Griesbaum, Robert Jablko (SUN), Anita Möcks (SUN)
12	Hungary	HUN	2	Peter Kramer, Tamasz Löviwz
13	India	IND	0	2 Narinder Singh (SUN)
14	Ireland	IRL	2	Brian Boyle
15	Israel	ISR	2	Dan Tapuach
16	Italy	ITA	3	Dario Lucisano, Prof. Francesco Franceschetti
17	Japan	JPN	5	Prof. Fumio Morooka
18	South Korea	KOR	1	Allison Walford, Hillary Dumas, Hangil Lee, Kim Min-Joon
19	Mexico	MEX	3	Eliud Hernandez, Rolando Garcia, Sergio Ramirez, Angel Alvarez Marcen
20	Netherlands	NED	4	Ted Beute
21	New Zealand	NZL	3	Martin Wilson
22	Poland	POL	1	Michal Dul, Ewa Banbula
23	Portugal	POR	1	Sofia Pereira van der Valk
24	Russian Federation	RUS	3	Kate Barabanova
25	Switzerland	SUI	4	Christian Schneider
26	Slovakia	SVK	2	Richard Kollar (SUN)
27	Sweden	SWE	4	Peter Lundmark, Paul Eriksson
28	South Africa	RSA	2	Jonathan Aronson, Nick Zaloumis
29	Chinese Taipei	TPE	3	Michael Hu
30	Uganda	UGA	1	Alex Matovu
31	USA Ultimate	USA	5	Will Deaver, Mike Payne (SUN)
32	Venezuela	VEN	2	Jesus Loreto
Total Votes (ALL)			94	2
Comments:				
1	Calculation only valid if all regular members are in good standing. I.e. have paid the 2014 membership dues and filed the 2014 census.			
2	* void - not in good standing.			
3	**In alphabetical order of abbreviation code.			
Board members:				
Robert "Nob" Rauch				
Thomas Griesbaum				
Kate Bergeron				
Brian Gisel				
Patrick van der Valk				
Prof. Fumio Morooka				
Michael Hu				
Tomas Burvall				
Ryan Purcell				

Annex 2:

Online Votes taken by members between Congress Meeting 2013 (Toronto, Canada) and Congress Meeting 2014 (Lecco, Italy)

2013:

WFDF 2013 Election Results

The QUORUM for votes outside of meeting has been achieved: "No fewer than 50% of Voting members".

Total members in good standing: 45, 24 members voting required for passage.

Total voting: 33 members.

Votes required for passage: Simple majority (50% + 1) of votes available to be cast. Total votes available: 121. Votes required for passage: 62.

WFDF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thomas Griesbaum (GER), Secretary (88 yes, 7 abstain)

Sandie Hammerly (USA), Treasurer (88 yes, 7 abstain)

Brian Gisel (CAN), Ultimate Committee chair (84 yes, 11 abstain)

Kevin Givens (USA) Freestyle Committee chair (73 yes, 22 abstain)

Vincent Gaillard (SUI/FRA), At-Large member (91 yes, 4 abstain)

Michael Hu (TPE), At-Large member (91 yes, 4 abstain)

Jamie Nuwer (USA), At-Large member (91 yes, 4 abstain)

ULTIMATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Elizabeth Houtrow (KOR/USA), Events Subcommittee Chair (93 yes, 2 abstain)

Patrick van der Valk (POR), SOTG Subcommittee Chair (93 yes, 2 abstain)

Proposal 2013.6 - Approval of Argentina (ADDVRA) regular membership

The WFDF Board of Directors recommends that the Asociación de Deportes con Disco Volador de la República Argentina (ADDVRA) be approved by Congress as a regular National Member of WFDF. The Board certifies that ADDVRA has met the membership requirements cited in the WFDF Bylaws.

Result: The proposal was accepted.

Approve 92 out of 121 available votes

No 0

Abstain 0

Needs 62 in favor votes and 24 members voting to pass.

Total voting: 33 members. 25 January 2014

Proposal 2013.7 - Approval of 2013 Congress Minutes

The WFDF Board of Directors recommends that the 2013 WFDF Congress Minutes be approved by Congress.

Result: The proposal was accepted.

Approve 84 out of 121 available votes

No 0

Abstain 8

Needs 62 in favor votes and 24 members voting to pass.

Total voting: 33 members. 25 January 2014

2014:

Proposal to the Congress – 2014-1: Approval of Estonia (EFDF) regular membership

The WFDF Board of Directors recommends that the Estonian Flying Disc Federation (EFDF) be approved by Congress as a regular National Member of WFDF. The Board certifies that EFDF has met the membership requirements cited in the WFDF Bylaws.

Result: The proposal was accepted.

Approve 95 out of 127 available votes

No 0

Abstain 0

Needs 65 in favor votes and 25 members voting to pass.

Total voting: 33 members. 3 April 2014