

Sunday July 16, 2017; UK, POR- 14:00; GER, SUI, SWE- 15:00; RSA- 15:00; QAT- 16:00; USA NY, VA, MI 09:00; USA CO, AZ 07:00; USA CA, CAN BC 06:00; Japan 22:00; Taiwan 21:00; Philippines 21:00

Board members present:

Robert "Nob" Rauch, Thomas Griesbaum, Brian Gisel, Karen Cabrera, Steve Taylor, Ryan Purcell, Fumio Morooka, Jamie Nuwer, Caroline "Caz" Malone, Michael Hu.

Also attending: Volker Bernardi, (Executive Director, non-voting), Karina Woldt (Event Manager, non-voting), Tim Rockwood (non-voting), Rob McLeod (non-voting).

Board members absent/excused:

Kate Bergeron, Charlie Mead, Tomas Burvall, Kevin Givens.

Call to order (time: 15:07 CET)

The quorum was reached with 9 votes out of 8/14 needed.

Report by the President

Rauch welcomed everybody and thanked all for participating.

Decisions between meetings

(none)

Minutes of 21 May 2017 meeting

A motion was made by Taylor to approve of the minutes of the 21 May 2017 meeting, seconded by Gisel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Decisions requiring votes or input from the Board

ISF Memorandum of Understanding with WFDF - school sport

Bernardi explained that this topic was connected the next topic "Approval of 2019 School Sport World Championship" and he reported how the co-operation with the International School Sport Federation (ISF) was established and developed since WFDF and ISF met at WUGC 2016 in London with the support of the French Federation (FFDF). The ISF members are national school sports organizations and the age category usually includes the school level with 14 - 18 years. FFDF has a close cooperation with the French school sports Federation (UNSS) and the co-operation with the ISF would mean a milestone for WFDF with regards to the IOC requirement to strengthen youth sport activities.

The first step would be signing the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with ISF, followed by the hosting of the first School Sport World Championships 2019, working together with FFDF.

Rauch asked for clarification on the proposal and its nature as championships for school club teams where team members must come from the same school. Bernardi explained that ISF has a set of rules defining what qualifies as a school team. Pupils participating in event must be 14 - 18 years old and from the same school, defined as registered in the school registry in the particular year of the event. Usually this is not a club but a school team, not a national team (as in being from different schools). Usually the national school sport champion would qualify for the world event. WFDF would have to discuss within the Ultimate Committee how this would fit in within framework of bi-annual WFDF World Junior Championships. The date in 2019 is a proposal at this stage. Gisel commented that it would make more sense for WFDF to push this event as a more casual school team event and not to put much strain on national member associations. Bernardi added that from each country participating one school would be nominated by the national school sports federation and that should not affect the WFDF Junior Championships at all as these are just 14 pupils from one school.

Gisel agreed and added that the onus is more on the school, pupils and parents than on WFDF's national member associations. Bernardi commented that the system works much like the University sport system operated by FISU. Rauch added that there is a need to explain the system well to WFDF members looking at this proposal for new championships.

A motion was made by Purcell to approve of the MoU with ISF, seconded by Taylor. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Approval of 2019 School Sport World Championship - Le Mans (FRA)

A motion was made by Gisel to approve moving forward to try to find a way to have this event happen, seconded by Purcell. The motion was accepted unanimously.

WFDF Women in Sport Commission appointments

Bernardi reported about the Women in Sport Commission needing a fresh impetus since its establishment in 2012. The Commission will need a new chair with Bergeron stepping down. The list as presented shows great expertise and regional representation. Rauch confirmed that this is a great list of active people.

A motion was made by Malone to approve of the proposed new membership composition of the Women in Sport Commission, seconded by Nuwer. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Luxembourg regular membership proposal

Bernardi underlined that WFDF must not only focus on finding new member national associations but must be looking in improving the status and quality of existing members permanently. Provisional members need to develop and particularly find a good financial basis. The member national association in Luxembourg now has provided full documentation of their activities and can be fully supported on their upgrade to regular membership for which they applied. Paying full membership dues is always a problem for small state members but WFDF can find a solution for that.

A motion was made by Morooka to send the Luxembourg regular membership proposal to Congress for approval, seconded by Griesbaum. The motion was approved unanimously.

Belgium membership proposal - final approval

On the Belgium membership re-application Bernardi reported that a formal anti-discrimination clause originally was missing but BFDF will update this in the very near future. WFDF can trust that they will close this formal gap and the approval can be recommended. On the question whether the proposal needs Congress approval Bernardi explained that this is a re-establishment of the correct situation which previously existed before some level of internal discord in Belgium and as such this needs not go to Congress.

A motion was made by Taylor to approve of the reconstitution of BFDF's membership, seconded by Griesbaum. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commercial and Broadcast plans for 2017-2018

Rockwood reported that looking at viewing numbers of WCBU the Fanseat numbers are still missing but there were Fanseat viewers from more than 100 countries which is a step ahead of WUGC 2016 at London and WUCC 2014 at Lecco. WFDF is moving in the right direction. Rauch commented that these are impressive numbers and more people watched WUGC finals than WCBU finals. WFDF would need to make NFs more aware about their teams being streamed and make them promote that.

Bernardi asked for detailed proposals how this could be done as several mailings were sent to members. McLeod proposed to add online promotion via Facebook and Twitter with hash-tagging. Rauch added that WFDF should more give specific details shortly before the event so people are aware of it as many forget the event when it is announced long in advance.

Rockwood asked that the event contracts be updated and make TOC's better aware of their responsibilities. As an example, he mentioned that in Royan at WCBU there was a Wi-Fi-Bridge which got disturbed by a nearby naval base and one could hardly could check if the stream was getting through. He suggested that in the future TOC's should have one private sector expert in each group.

Woldt proposed to potentially treat any Broadcasting as a side event and manage it all in house, taking it away from the TOC as they have already lots of responsibilities. Rauch asked to find the right balance looking at TOC's responsibilities. The efforts in the last years reflect the fact that it seems important for WFDF to be able to push and manage this visibility. He asked to discuss the matter further offline.

WFDF Bylaws Revision - Task Force

Bernardi reported that WFDF had called for members to nominate people for the Task Force about the Bylaws revisions as agreed at Congress. The list as established is balanced now after additional nominations came in. The Task Force will be charged to make proposals for a compromise on the wording of the changes which could find a large support from the members.

IT project and website revamp

Taylor referenced his report and mentioned that he missed the draft URL in the report, which he would send later on. He is very much relying on his support staff. McLeod had pulled most of the content from the old site and that was more data than expected. There were discussions on the governance part of the website. Taylor hoped it will get further in 3 - 4 weeks and that he would start to re-engage in discussions. Bernardi asked that the test site would be secured by a password access. Taylor agreed.

McLeod addressed the video data archive which would come separate from the website. WFDF gathers around 5 TB video data at every event and must decide where to archive. Rauch was not prepared to support the project at this point of time as this would possibly eat up our budget over the time. He asked whether this could it be part of the WFDF website project and whether there was an option to focus on subset of key games like Finals and Semifinals and as well to separately offer to download to national members the games involving their players.

Reports and Updates

WFDF Governance

Athletes' Commission Report

Purcell reported about his personal perspective about WCBU at Royan, which he considers as a great event as all players gave positive feedback. WFDF is earning back its reputation on hosting world-class events.

Medical & Anti-Doping Commission report

Nuwer reported on how the Commission is working on new things coming down from the IOC and WADA including TUE procedures, medical strategies and safety matters.

Disc Sport Reports

Disc Golf

There was no report.

Guts

Taylor reported on the development in Japan. He is trying to get Guts discs into more hands.

Rauch asked about the 60th anniversary of IFT. Taylor mentioned that this was the biggest Guts tournament for a long while with 20 teams in the competitive division. The next event in Marquette will be more of a Masters event.

Freestyle

There was no report.

Overall

There was no report.

Beach Ultimate

Rauch thanked Cabrera for the detailed report on WCBU at Royan. Cabrera added that most of the participants really enjoyed the event and there were only minor hiccups which were fixed quickly. The heat wave was a problem, but it got better towards the end of week, and fortunately no schedule changes were needed. The live-scoring was great and players were checking online with no need to go to the main tent. McLeod added that the setup in Royan was amazing for scoring and WFDF should look at this system. Rauch agreed on that aspect being something to emulate.

Championship Events and others

2017 events - report

Woldt reported on WCBU as TOC finished well; however the the stress of the event took its toll and WFDF is doing the post event report without them.

Rauch reported that there were problems with PAUCC in Argentina with TOC being unresponsive. WFDF had evaluated whether there was a need to cancel/revise the event but that one of the early organizers in Argentina has stepped up to support the event preparations and it was moving forward satisfactorily.

2017 World Games – Update

Bernardi reported that he was about to leave for the event in Wroclaw. WFDF can be fully represented with all Teams at the Opening Ceremony. There was one late replacement due to an injury. All preparations are done and the latest bulletin for teams was sent out. On the medical part there were problems with the Testing pool of the teams which WFDF has been scrambling to manage.

2017 TDGWC

Woldt reported that fewer teams have registered than expected. The outcome would have to be discussed with TOC.

Finance

Treasurer's report

Rauch reported on dues incoming and that WFDF is at good shape here as dues income increased.

Bernardi added that the IOC has confirmed that their funding should come in shortly. He asked Malone and Gisel to help prepare the next 4 years' development plan.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was proposed for September 23/24, 2017.

Closing: 16:26 CET

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary