

Sunday May 21st, 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, Kate Bergeron, Thomas Griesbaum, Brian Gisel, Karen Cabrera, Charlie Mead, Steve Taylor, Kevin Givens, Ryan Purcell, Fumio Morooka, Caroline "Caz" Malone.

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:

Tomas Burvall, Michael Hu, Jamie Nuwer.

Call to order (time: 15:04 CET)

The quorum was reached with 11 votes out of 8/14 needed.

Report by the President

Rauch welcomed everybody and thanked all for participating.

Decisions between meetings

(none)

Minutes of 23 April 2017 meeting

The minutes will be circulated for approval after the Board meeting.

Decisions requiring votes or input from the Board

2018 Youth Olympic Games - inclusion of Flying Disc

Bernardi reported about the proposal to be made to BAYOGOC for inclusion of Flying Disc sports Freestyle and Ultimate in the 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games. Rauch confirmed that this could be a stepping stone for WFDF's pursuit of 2024. The proposal includes a quota of 12 Freestyle athletes and 36 Ultimate athletes with 1 coach per country (6) for Ultimate and 4 + 2 technical assistance and instructors for Freestyle considering the nature of showcasing and sports initiation at the YOG.

A motion was made by Morooka to approve of the proposal seconded by Givens. The motion was approved unanimously.

AFDF (Africa) continental association - interim Board appointment

Rauch referenced the proposal in the briefing book to make a formal appointment of the AAFDF interim Executive Committee with Alex Matovu (UGA) as President, Jonathan Aronson (RSA) as Secretary General and John Waitumbi (KEN) as at-Large member.

A motion was made by Purcell to approve of the proposal seconded by Givens. The motion was approved unanimously.

WFDF Medical and Anti-Doping Committee appointment

Bernardi reported about the need to increase membership of the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee and presented the nomination of Matthias Zaccarin (DEN) for the Committee.

A motion was made by Givens to approve of the nomination seconded by Griesbaum. The motion was approved unanimously.

Sweden membership

Bernardi reported on the membership application sent in by the Swedish Ultimate Federation (SUF) requesting to take over the membership slot for Sweden from the current WFDF member SFF. He added that the Board had approved at their last meeting unanimously a proposal to Congress that in the future WFDF members should have responsibility for all Flying Disc sports in their country which would be voted upon at Congress on 24 June 2017. In Sweden the Ultimate-only Federation is applying to replace SFF; a concern is that WFDF could get an additional application from Sweden as Swedish Disc Golf association. Given the Congress proposal it was proposed to table the decision until the next Board meeting after Congress in Royan. The proposals to change the Bylaws must be explained to member associations fully repeating the Olympic Movement requirements.

A motion was made to table the decision by Purcell seconded by Givens. The motion was approved with one abstention.

Belgium membership

Bernardi reported that a proposal had been sent in by the newly formed Belgium Flying Disc Federation after the two inter-federal federations had agreed to take over responsibility for all Flying Disc sports in Belgium after the old BFDF was dissolved and replaced by the new BFDF structure. With a formal approval from the Board the BFDF could take over the membership slot for Belgium conditional on some final formal papers to be sent in.

A motion was made by Givens to approve of the motion seconded by Morooka. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was confirmed that the change would not need a Congress vote.

Commercial and Broadcast plans for 2017-2018

Rockwood reported about the discussions on the Unilad contract and suggested that WFDF should limit the term on the exclusivity. WFDF is getting a rights fee for streaming through Fanseat and they have a two week embargo, so Unilad should be limited to two weeks too, meaning that WFDF can use videos after those 2 weeks. Rauch asked to follow up on that. Rockwood added that they are planning to have “snackable” content and short interviews and will feed that to Unilad with their great reach. He also is looking at ViewLift with them having content on 28 platforms.

Approved Disc Policy

Rauch reported on the approved disc policy proposal which was already discussed several times. Should WFDF introduce this starting from next year there would be enough time to contact all producers and guide them to the changes.

A motion was made by Givens to approve the new approved disc policy and reach out to the approved disc companies seconded by Mead. The motion was approved with one abstention.

WFDF Bylaws Revision

There was a discussion on feedback to the Bylaws revision proposal. It was agreed to discuss the draft at Congress but table the vote in order to allow time for further input and discussion by members.

WFDF 2018 Budget - Final

Bergeron presented the 2018 budget. No amounts had been changed, but there had been several revisions to the chart of accounts for 2018. She also provided the 2018 budget broken out month by month.

A motion was made by Givens to approve this budget seconded by Gisel. The motion was approved unanimously.

WFDF 2017 Development grants and clinics

Malone presented the development grants projects and explained that WFDF had received more than 40 applications to fund projects with an excellent standard of applications. Allocation criteria included efficiency, regional spread, representation of disc sports and other criteria like sustainability of the projects. The Sport for All and Development Commission have chosen to propose projects from Haiti, Croatia, Nicaragua and Uganda, as well as provide disc support to Cambodia and Palestine and Tunisia.

A motion was made by Purcell to approve of the Sport for All and Development Commission proposal, seconded by Gisel. The motion was approved unanimously.

IT project and website revamp

Taylor reported about the status of the website revamp with some governance tools still in need to be implemented but going into the right direction. The test website is set up with a tool to match content from the old site with the new site. The project should be completed by the end of summer. Rauch asked that Board members address any comments or remarks to Taylor as soon as possible.

Reports and Updates

WFDF Governance

Athletes' Commission Report

Purcell reported that the Commission will have a meeting before Congress. Bernardi asked to submit the written report for Congress by next Friday.

Medical & Anti-Doping Commission report

Bernardi presented the new TUE application form and information sheet resulting from the work of the Commission on the WADA Code Compliance Questionnaire which was completed in time by 20 May. He added that WADA has increased their demands dramatically and as usual WFDF has tried to keep demands on athletes low, but for TUEs WFDF will have to comply with the full set.

A motion was made to approve of the new medical documents by Givens seconded by Mead and was approved unanimously.

Rauch added that WADA has started demanding that all NGBs subscribe to WADA rules. That would mean that all NFs would need to at minimum update or develop their own anti-doping codes. WFDF must discuss this at Congress and advise the members they need to fulfil that requirement.

2017 Membership survey and dues invoices

Bernardi referenced his report and added that Uganda has requested that their dues be reduced by 50% for 2017 under the "special terms of payment" clause.

A motion was made to approve of the reduction for Uganda by Givens seconded by Morooka and approved unanimously.

Disc Sport Reports

Disc Golf

Mead mentioned some highlights from his report and asked the Board to look at teams being registered for TDGWC 2017 and those absent. If members have connections to someone who might want to come, please let them contact the Disc Golf chair.

Guts

Taylor reported about the first ever Guts event in Australia with 25 participants. The first tournament in the US for this year is coming up. The content with things is going in the right direction. WFDF is getting calls from people from new countries on how to obtain Guts' discs.

Freestyle

Givens referenced his report and added that the Hall of Fame process is still being refined. He was working closely with Burvall about WOC.

Overall

There was no report.

Beach Ultimate

Cabrera reported about the working on scheduling of WCBU particularly for the games which will be broadcast. The Great Grand Masters event will have 6 national teams and 3 Currier Island teams.

Championship Events and others

2017 events - report

Woldt gave her report explaining that for PAUCC in Buenos Aires the TOC has been missing in action for quite some time. They still would need to do earth work to create fields for the event and it looks like they won't be able to create enough fields, and therefore it was decided to drop one third of the applications as one cannot allow teams to come and not find proper fields. Organiser Preckel is able to spend more time on the event and WFDF will need someone to overlook the earth work.

The All African Championships AAUCC will start in two weeks and the schedule needs to be finalized. Discs and medals haven't been received yet but went through diplomatic post box. There will be 10 teams from up to 7 countries (one team pulled out and combined).

Gisel added that the demand in Australia for WU24 shows a dramatic increase of interest in attending WFDF events. The interest for WUCC 2018 will be around 200 teams. In the future most countries will only get one bid as there is sometimes room for only 120 teams. For WUGC 2020, WFDF may not be able to accommodate all national federations with at least one team and there will be a need for regional allocations. Purcell asked this be well prepared and information be given at Congress. Gisel said he planned to mention at Congress that we may need to have a qualification event for WUGC 2020. It will also help us come up with a single format and schedule for future worlds. Rauch commented that WFDF will need a more formal discussion about this to determine the right qualification process. We still are in growth mode and trying to get to Worlds is the best recruiting incentive. WFDF might also consider splitting Mixed as we did with Masters.

2017 World Games - Update

Bernardi reported that on 31 May 2017 the final rosters must be submitted by all teams. WFDF is still missing the invoices for the Extra Officials from WOC.

Another briefing will be sent to all participating nations by end of May as Bulletin #5 giving explanations on details like travel schedules and late replacements.

Finance

Treasurer's report

Bergeron reported that dues are coming in well and the expenses are in the line with the projections.

Any other business

Bernardi asked all Board members to submit their written reports for the final Congress briefing book by next Friday.

On 25 May the Congress vote on the Afghanistan membership will close and WFDF will have reached 75 member associations.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was proposed for July 15/16, 2017.

Closing: 17:37 CET

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary