

## Sunday, May 19, 2013

Conference Call at Sunday May 19, 2013; UK, POR- 14:30; GER, RSA- 15:30; USA NY, VA, MI - 09:30; USA CO, AZ - 07:30; USA CA, CAN BC - 06:30; Japan - 22:30; Taiwan - 21:30.

## **Board members present:**

Robert "Nob" Rauch, Thomas Griesbaum, Michael Hu, Kate Bergeron, Brian Gisel. By proxy: Kevin Givens, Jack Cooksey.

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

#### Board members absent or excused:

Patrick van der Valk, Sandie Hammerly, Fumio Morooka, Ryan Scott, Si Hill

#### Call to order

The quorum was reached with 7 members being present including 2 proxies.

## Report by the President

President Rauch welcomed all Board members and thanked them for joining the conference call. The meeting would be a briefing on current issues and include reports on several events preparations as well as votes on key issues for the 2013 Congress papers.

## **Decisions between meetings**

None.

## Minutes of meeting of April 28, 2013

The minutes were approved with one abstention.

#### Decisions requiring votes of the Board

## Approval of 2014 budget proposal

Rauch presented the 2014 budget. On the expenses side he mentioned that a part time events manager might be hired as Gisel and Hill have set up a job description to start looking for a suitable person. The development budget was slightly increased. 2014 would be a good year for income with WUCC being held but 2015 is planned to result in a loss.

Purcell asked about the membership dues cap, its rationale and how well it has been used. Rauch explained that this has been in place for many years. The Congress votes are tied to the number of members of an association. The maximum was increased in



2008. 5 votes are allocated to the largest members. Purcell asked how many countries are hitting the upper cap and whether WFDF would consider raising the cap. Rauch mentioned that WFDF should reduce the reliance on dues and find alternative sources of income. The IOC recognition could be a catalyst for that to happen. WFDF does not want to increase top dues because if we increase the cap we would likely also have to give larger organisations more voting power. Purcell agreed that other revenue streams should be found and that we need resources to go after sponsorships. Raising the cap and thus raising income could help find sponsors. Rauch explained that some 50% of the Executive Director's time is going into event organization. More money is planned in the budget to increase staffing resources (i.e. with the proposed events manager). Rauch feels strongly about maintaining a US\$ 200,000 cash reserve to be able to pay 1.5 years of expenses as a contingency in case a major event such as WUCC did not work out and our income was sharply impacted. He also mentioned that if there were a specific proposal for a major development project or the like that it could be considered as a special case.

Rauch put the budget to a vote, seconded by Bergeron. The budget was approved with one abstention.

# Membership application - regular (new): Turkey (FDPAT-ORD) and upgrade from provisional to regular: Ukraine (UFDF)

Rauch explained that the approval of the membership application for Turkey (FDPAT) and the upgrade for Ukraine (UFDF) is needed urgently to permit their participation in the ECBU 2013 event; UFDF had already used the one time exemption. The Executive Director has helped both associations preparing their respective applications.

Bernardi added that the step to be accepted or upgraded as members helps the member associations to work on becoming better organized. Rauch referenced van der Valk`s recommendation letter and mentioned that both FDPAT-ORD and UFDF seem very much to legitimately represent the disc sport players in their country.

Rauch proposed a vote on turkey, seconded by Bergeron. The proposal to the Congress to accept Turkey membership as regular member was approved with one abstention.

Rauch proposed a vote on the Ukraine membership, seconded by Griesbaum. The proposal to the Congress to upgrade the Ukraine membership to regular was approved with one abstention.

The Congress will now need to vote electronically and their approval will bring us to 56 countries represented by WFDF with 59 member associations.

#### WFDF 2013 Risk Assessment

Rauch gave explanations on the assessment: What are potential risks to WFDF and are we addressing them appropriately. The assessment is basically the same as last year. The key element is quality assistance for events, maintaining financial ability, focus on SOTG, appropriate governance.

Various commissions have recently been brought in and this has broadened



volunteering. The Executive Director did a very good job in finding commission members. The broadening will help bring in new views, even if some commissions might seem not so important for us at this time.

Rauch proposed to approve the assessment, seconded by Griesbaum. Bergeron asked whether the assessment needed approval. Rauch responded that the assessment needed Board approval as opposed to Congress approval. The risk assessment was approved with one abstention.

## **Reports and Updates**

#### **WFDF Governance**

## **IOC Recognition Application Update**

WFDF still awaits the response from the IOC Sports Department which was promised for mid-May stating if we would be put forward for a voting of the IOC Executive Board during the SportAccord convention. Bernardi has had many contacts with them without any negative feedback.

#### **Member Association Census**

Rauch informed the Board that the aggregate membership figures of our Member associations have increased to 118,000. Bernardi reported that the collection of the responses can be quite frustrating as many reminders must be sent to the members. 51 members have replied so far and the collection is an ongoing issue. Hopefully all information will be available by the Congress time. Bergeron would like to share some numbers with the Womens commission. Rauch mentioned that WFDF publishes all data in the census, so Bernardi will give Bergeron Survey Monkey access she can pull out the raw data.

## **Member Association Opinion Survey**

The collection of the responses is ongoing.

## WFDF Congress 2013, Toronto

Bernardi asked that all Congress participants should inform him on their travel plans by 1 June 2013 as otherwise accommodation will be released.

## **Proposal sent by CTFDA**

Rauch explained the proposal which seeks to establish new Juniors, U23 and Guts events for the Asia-Oceanic region sanctioned by WFDF. There would be a potential conflict with WFDF events. The event would be supervised by AFDA, not by WFDF. Michael Hu explained that not many countries in Asia send teams to WFDF events. Having more youth players with chances to play internationally in Asia could help to find more interest and money to attend WFDF events. Hu also saw potential to increase numbers in Guts. On the time of the championships, the size of Asian events would be relatively small and easier to organize.



Rauch stated the proposed schedule shows the national teams in Guts in the same year as WUGC and he expressed doubts if Junior championships every year make sense. He understands the desire to increase the numbers of players. But input from Japan and Australia on these proposals is needed before it can be considered.

## Anti-Doping program plan 2011-13 / Update - Plan 2014

Bernardi has briefed all teams attending the WU23 in Toronto. All testing contracts have been worked out. In Cali, for the Out-of-competition testing, each team will have one athlete in the RTP on-site as per the current status. During the SportAccord convention WFDF will discuss with WADA our plan for 2014. Rauch added that as per WADA information the limits on cannabis will be increased significantly in the new Code.

#### WFDF 2013 Congress agenda draft

Rauch went through the agenda and there were no questions or comments

#### **Ultimate Events**

## **BULA & WFDF European Championships of Beach Ultimate, 27-30 June 2013**

Bernardi had no news to report since the last Board meeting.

## WFDF World U23 Ultimate Championships, 22-28 July 2013

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## The 2013 IWGA World Games, 28-30 July 2013

Bernardi reported that the payments for 16 extra officials were made by the deadline May 15. May 31 will be the deadline for the registration of all attendants. It was very difficult to get proper passport photos and personal information from participants to enter into the participants system. Anthony Salomon is dropping out as WFDF official meaning that two official's quota places are free and we need to fill these spots. We could give one to an official from Colombia who was late in signing up an extra official. Again the important information has been sent to teams. The schedule of the training day was fixed. In general the preparations and planning are running well.

## WFDF 2013 Asia Oceanic Ultimate Club Championships, 9-11 August 2013

The official invitation was sent out and the AOUCC 2013 website is working. most likely there will be no womens division as only 1 team entered the event so far. There are 4 teams in open division, and this might go up to 6 teams, and the mixed division has attracted broad interest. Two teams from India had expressed interest but they have not been sanctioned by FDFI. FDFI has not answered any requests from WFDF for several months and in particular is not responsive on AOUCC. Hu asked whether the womens team from Chinese Taipei is counted, that is confirmed. Japan did not enter a womens team so far. Bernardi asked Hu to confirm the date of the AFDF Congress.



## WFDF 2013 Pan American Ultimate Club Championships, 14-17 November 2013

The official invitations were sent out and the web site is working. Perhaps there will be entries from clubs from non-member association countries and we intend to be flexible, encouraging new member associations to be formed.

## WFDF 2014 World Ultimate Club Championships, 2-9 August 2014

TOC has sent over the signed contract for the venue.

## WFDF 2014 World Junior Ultimate Club Championships

Four bids were received by the first deadline which ended on 15 May 2013. There are bidders interested from USA, Italy, Canada and Slovenia as per the report. The deadline for submitting the complete bids will be 30 June.

## WOC 2013, 22-27 July 2013

Bernardi reported that he is working on the medals now with Peter Lundmark.

## U.S. Open, 4-7 July 2013

Rauch indicated that USA Ultimate were very busy with their High School and College championships and therefore there is no recent news from USAU. Japan women, Danish men, 3 Colombia teams, and Canada will be joining. Purcell asked about the conference with WFDF leading a track, and Rauch responded that Hammerly was planning to be there to represent WFDF at the conference.

Purcell: We need a discussion to prepare what WFDF will present at U.S. Open conference and need enough lead time. Rauch asked to send an email with ideas and thoughts. Purcell added that he would be coaching at a Rise Up camp in Amsterdam and can share some insights from that event. He could be at the U.S. Open conference to help out if he were needed.

#### **Finance**

#### Membership dues 2013

Invoices for 2013 dues have gone out, with a fair amount of responses already.

## Development

#### Peace and Sport project in Colombia – sponsors

Rauch advised that Discraft has agreed to donate discs for the project. The project scaled back a bit because Cali and CLOC have reduced their participation and instead of 225 participants there will be only 100-125 participants. We were not able to find a teeshirt sponsor so per our commitment we will purchase them for the project.



# **Next Meeting**

Proposed date: June 22. A poll on availability will be circulated soon.

## Closing

The meeting closed at 16:47 CEST.

Submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary