

Saturday September 22nd, 2018; UK, POR- 22:00; GER, SUI, SWE- 23:00; RSA- 23:00; USA NY, VA, MI 17:00; USA CO, AZ 15:00; USA CA, CAN BC 14:00; Japan 06:00 (23 SEP); Hong Kong 05:00 (23 SEP); Philippines 05:00 (23 SEP).

Board members present:

Robert "Nob" Rauch, Brian Gisel, Kate Bergeron, Thomas Griesbaum, Karen Cabrera, Ali Smith, Fumio Morooka, Kevin Givens, Charlie Mead

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

Board members absent/excused:

Tomas Burvall, Caroline Malone, Jamie Nuwer, Steve Taylor, Amandine Constant,

Call to order (time: 23:07 CET)

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

Report by the President

Rauch welcomed all attendees and in particular Ali Smith (Athletes' Commission chair) to her first Board meeting and thanked all for participating.

Decisions between meetings

(none)

Minutes of last meeting - 12 August 2018

A motion was made by Givens to approve the minutes of the 12 August 2018 meeting, seconded by Gisel. The motion was approved unanimously.

Decisions requiring votes or input from the Board

Athletes' Commission delegations to Commissions and additions

As announced at the last Board meeting Bernardi presented the final list of proposed assignments of Athletes' Commission members to other WFDF commissions and committees:

WFDF Athletes Commission member	Position	Responsibilities	assigned to
Ali Smith (GBR)	Chairperson	Anti-Doping & Game Advisors	Medical & Anti-Doping Committee
John MacNaughton (AUS)	Member	Event Bids & Competition Formats	Sport for All and Development Commission
Felix Angue (PHI)	Member	SOTG Activities	Youth and Sport Commission
Liam Grant (IRL)	Member	Media Relations	Entourage Commission
Davide Morri (TA)	Member	University and School Sports	University & School Sport Commission
Véronique Riopel (CAN)	Member	Athlete Communications	Women in Sport Commission

A motion was made by Givens to approve the proposed appointments of Athletes' Commission members to WFDF commissions, seconded by Gisel. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bernardi added that per the recommendation of the IOC to ensure the principles of continental representation and gender equality, the AC Chair would like to nominate the following individuals to be appointed members of the Commission:

Eleanor Shadwell (Female) – Zimbabwe
Salma Serag El Din (Female) – Egypt

Rauch asked if it had been considered to add disc golfers to the Athletes' Commission. Bernardi replied that this would happen during the next round of additions. Rauch suggested that Smith and Mead discuss how to proceed.

A motion was made by Griesbaum to approve the addition of the two proposed individuals to the Athletes' Commission, seconded by Skippy. The motion was approved unanimously.

2018 Development program

Bernardi reported that the calls for applications for development grants would be sent out within the upcoming week. It was quite urgent now as the money needed to be spent before the year end. But Sani had confirmed that the new evaluation software would speed up the decision process very much. Bernardi felt that awarding the grants at the next board meeting at the end of October would be too late and suggested to have an electronic vote.

Rauch confirmed that perhaps the applications could be discussed at the Executive Committee level before the board meeting.

WFDF new membership applications Sri Lanka (SRI) and Kazakhstan (KAZ)

Bernardi informed that he had received extensive application material for provisional membership from Sri Lanka (SRI) and the Republic of Kazakhstan (KAZ). SRI had applied and received a development grant two years ago and had successfully carried it out. India supported the application. Kazakhstan is well known to WFDF's member Russia and has confirmed playing activities and a reliable contact.

Givens and Rauch asked if these countries had expressed interest to attend regional/continental championships. Bernardi stated that SRI lacked the financial resources but KAZ was expecting to receive national approval which would help them get fund to attend championships.

A motion was made by Givens to approve the membership application of the Sri Lanka Flying Disc Association (SLFDA), seconded by Mead. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Gisel to approve the membership application of the Federation of Flying Disc of the Republic of Kazakhstan (FFDRK), seconded by Givens. The motion was approved unanimously.

WADA Corrective Action Report (CAR) - conclusions and stage 2

Bernardi reported about two meetings he had with WADA representatives in Lausanne and it was confirmed that WFDF had concluded stage 1 of the CAR successfully. It was further confirmed that if WFDF implemented the proposed changes for stage 2 by the end of October it would pass. On one particular aspect, WFDF planned to cooperate with other similar sized international federations and WADA liked this idea and encouraged WFDF to coordinate with other federations.

Bernardi commented on the newly founded International Testing Agency (ITA) which offered testing and anti-doping related administrative services. However the fees the ITA was asking for were outside of the range of affordability for WFDF.

Appointment of TWG 2021 Competition Manager

Gisel informed the board that he had been appointed as the TWG 2021 Competition Manager after USAU did not feel comfortable with WFDF's request to give the USAU employee David Raflo time to spend for TWG. Gisel looked forward to get more involved with IWGA and was heading to the first Competition Manager meeting in one week.

Rockwood suggested he find out about the broadcasting plans for Birmingham as soon as possible.

Rauch reported that conversations with the Birmingham Organizing Committee (BOC) looked good. BOC knew Ultimate and Disc Golf and WFDF was trying to find a way to get some formalized exhibition for a Disc Golf event during TWG. Mead might get Gisel in touch with DG contacts in the area.

Mead mentioned that PDGA was very aware of TWG and would help as much as possible to raise the awareness of Disc Golf through TWG. Bernardi advised not to push this idea in an uncoordinated manner.

Reconstituted Board

Rauch briefly gave an overview of the new board composition under the new bylaws as described during the last board meeting. This new board would be comprised of: President, Secretary, Treasurer, 6 disc sports Chairs, Athletes' Commission Chair, representatives from WFDF's 4 continental associations, Medical Director, Spirit of the Game Committee Chair and 2 at large members. This would raise the size of the board from 14 to 18 members.

Rauch proposed keep all the current board members and include these four new members:

- Alex Matovu (African Representative)
- Jesus Loreto (PanAmerican Representative)
- Travis Smith (SOTG Committee Chair)
- Yoonee Jeong (at large)

Amandine Constant would be appointed as EFDF representative because the EFDF President Thomas Griesbaum was already on the board.

A discussion arose how to make board meetings more efficient given the higher number of members. Rauch suggested to have 4 to 5 board meetings per year with more frequent meetings of the Executive Committee. ExComm's decisions would need board approval. Bernardi suggested we set clear definitions what topics would be decided on by ExComm.

Mead was worried that some board members might not be interested in topics not related to their own interests and reaching a quorum would be difficult with the larger board. Gisel suggested that ExComm meetings could invite more members to attend depending on the topics discussed.

Rauch concluded that WFDF needed to continue to discuss how to make meetings effective.

A motion was made by Givens to approve the proposed board set up, seconded by Griesbaum. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approved Disc policy

Rauch introduced the latest version of the Approved Disc policy which would improve WFDF's ability to handle its relationships with approved disc manufacturers. WFDF would still rely on USAU and PDGA for disc testing. USAU approved discs would be eligible to apply for licensing by WFDF for an annual fee. PDGA approved discs would be eligible for use in WFDF-sanctioned competition.

Givens noted that the discs mentioned for DDC and Guts needed to be updated and that there was no reference to Freestyle discs.

A motion was made by Givens to approve the proposed Approved Disc policy subject to three changes (refer to Freestyle under Overall, and to clarify the molds used for Guts and DDC), seconded by Bergeron. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commercial and Broadcast recap for 2018

Rockwood informed that he could not present a metrics report of the WUCC 2018 in Cincinnati yet because some of the data had not yet been received. But so far he concluded that the numbers were not as high as needed to attract major sponsors. He would try to get numbers from other sports within the scope of WFDF to compare them with WFDF's.

Bernardi reported that the Olympic Channel was very pleased with the viewing numbers.

Rockwood confirmed but he doubted that these numbers would help WFDF find sponsors. He suggested to spend money on marketing and perhaps attend marketing events.

IT project and website revamp

Rauch presented an action plan by Taylor. He would have a small dedicated team work on the new WFDF website for four weeks to push the project. It should get mobile ready and Taylor expected to have an update by the end of October.

Sponsor/Partner RFPs

Rauch announced that new RFPs for WFDF's apparel and disc sponsors had been worked on by Gisel and Woldt.

A discussion ensued about whether a contract should be made for two or for four years. Four years would give vendors a more stable base as well as fit into WFDF's four-year cycle of

events. It ensures that a vendor gets to profit from the WUCC. Rauch was concerned that a four-year contract would discourage other vendors from submitting bids for the next round and potentially might even knock them out of the market. Gisel suggested to create an RFP for specific item suppliers for two years only with the large apparel and merchandise sponsor submitting bids for a both a two-year and a four-year cycle.

Mead asked if the RFP should reflect more on the needs of Disc Golf and Givens asked the same question about Freestyle.

A motion was made by Gisel to approve RFP process subject to the additions of Disc Golf and Freestyle as outlined in the briefing book, seconded by Givens. The motion was approved unanimously.

Reports and Updates

WFDF Governance

Athletes' Commission Report

Smith remarked that the fairly busy summer was now over and the next AC meeting was scheduled for October 9th.

Women's Commission report

Rauch presented the written report of Malone. The commission had been working on reviewing the workshops at WUCC in Ohio. Malone was trying to get more active members for the commission.

Rauch asked Smith to contact Malone about the AC member who had been assigned to the Women's Commission.

Face-to-Face Board Meeting

Rauch announced the suggested dates for the bi-annual face-to-face board meeting as January 19/29, or 26/27 2019, or February 2/3 2019. The site was to be determined.

Report on Parasports Commission activities and next steps

Bernardi reported on the first WFDF Parasports commission meeting in Hamburg during the wheelchair basketball world championships. WFDF was on good track to establishing its Parasport disciplines. IPC had changed the classification policy a bit and WFDF needed to change its classification. Bernardi announced to have more information at the next board meeting.

Disc Sport Reports

Disc Golf

Mead reported about the European Disc Golf Championships in Croatia which had attracted 200 players representing 27 countries. That was the largest number of countries ever to meet at the same event in the history of Disc Golf. Representatives from nearly all these countries also met to discuss the future organization of Disc Golf in Europe. A major topic was the question how to reach the one member per country requirement by WFDF. The organizational disc golf structure in Switzerland was presented as a viable solution for all associations in other countries.

Mead mentioned that the invitation to the WFDF 2019 WTDGC in Estonia would be sent out by October 1st. So far Mead had received considerable interest from many countries which had not participated before, noting Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Norway.

Mead suggested that invitations to host both 2021 and 2023 WTDGC should be issued in January 2019 with a decision on both venues being announced in Estonia in 2019. The athletes wished to be able to plan further ahead.

Mead expected the updated WFDF Disc Golf World Rankings to be published in October.

Guts

(none)

Freestyle

Givens reported that Valentino de Chiara, the grandfather of Frisbee in Italy, had been inducted into the Frisbee Hall of Fame. De Chiara had bought a church in Milan to be used as a Frisbee museum and, to honor his induction, the traditional Freestyle event "Coppa Città di Milano" would take place at a field adjacent to the church. It would be streamed live through <http://www.frisbeeguru.com/>.

Overall

(none)

Beach Ultimate

Since Bruno Gravato needed to step down from his position in the Beach Ultimate Committee Cabrera introduced the applications of two additional members:

Corinne Tupling - Portugal
Alex Motavu - Uganda

A motion was made by Givens to approve the addition of Tupling and Motavu to the Beach Ultimate Committee, seconded by Morooka. The motion was approved unanimously.

Championship Events and others

2018/2019 events - report

Woldt presented a thorough report of the World Under-24 Ultimate Championship in Perth. She stated that she was trying to get financial reports from the 2018 events as quick as possible but she expected it to take 2 - 3 months.

She mentioned that the funding provided to Bruno Gravato to make changes to UltiOrganizer had resulted in making the application far more effective in recent events.

Mead added that Gravato had also very successfully helped to provide scoring at the disc golf European championships in Croatia.

2021 World Games Birmingham format

Gisel informed that the number of Ultimate teams at TWG had been raised from 6 to 8. He proposed a slight adjustment to the playing schedule with 2 pools of 4 with round robin. There would be no quarters, just semi-finals. Each team would have one game on each of the five days. This would be good for the teams, the competitiveness of the games and at the same time give room for potential schedule adjustments due to weather problems.

Bernardi added that IWGA had proposed to WFDF to align the schedule with other IWGA sports.

Finance

Treasurer's report

Bergeron reported the current assets were higher than last year at the same time. However she had not yet received the invoice from the WFDF hotel in Cincinnati. She was also still waiting for the expense reports from WFDF volunteers and officials. While during the next months more money would be spent than brought in, she expected no adverse outcome when closing the books for 2018.

Other Business

Rauch announced that the next meeting would already include the expanded board.

Next Meeting

Proposed: October 27/28, 2018

Closing: 01:42 CET

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary