

**Sunday December 16th, 2018;** UK, POR- 14:00; GER, SUI, SWE- 15:00; UGA- 16:00; USA NY, VA, MI 09:00; USA CO, AZ 07:00; USA CA, CAN BC 06:00; Japan 22:00; Rep. of Korea 22:00; Hong Kong 21:00; Philippines 21:00.

**Board members present:**

Robert “Nob” Rauch, Kate Bergeron, Thomas Griesbaum, Fumio Morooka, Caroline Malone, Amandine Constant, Jesus Loreto, Karen Cabrera, Ali Smith, Charlie Mead, Alex Matovu, Yoonee Jeong, Travis Smith, Rob McLeod

**Also attending (non voting):** Volker Bernardi, (Executive Director), Tim Rockwood (Managing Director Broadcasting and Marketing), Karina Woldt (Event Manager), Gabriele Sani (Director of Development)

**Board members absent/excused:**

Brian Gisel, Kevin Givens, Steve Taylor, Jamie Nuwer

**Call to order (time: 15:05 CET)**

The quorum was reached with 14 votes of 18 needed.

**Report by the President**

Rauch welcomed all attendees and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

**Decisions between meetings**

(none)

**Minutes of last meeting - 27 October 2018**

T. Smith had joined meeting halfway through but was listed as absent. The minutes will be corrected.

A motion was made by Bergeron to approve the minutes of the 27 October 2018 meeting subject of the above-mentioned correction, seconded by Constant. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Decisions requiring votes or input from the Board**

**2018 Development program**

A new site has been developed and launched at <https://development.wfdf.org> with the specific purpose of showcasing development projects such as the WFDF Ambassadors Program, the World Coaching Certificate Program and the WFDF Academy.

Bernardi reported that the “WFDF 100” - membership project (bringing in those organizations and territories into WFDF membership where there is already a coordinated playing activity and a certain structure existing) had started very well.

### **WFDF new membership applications: Bulgaria**

Bernardi advised that he had received all but one documents for the Bulgarian membership application. He expected to receive it within the next week. He added that he expected to receive the application documents from the Republic of Malawi soon with just the letter of recommendation missing. He suggested to think about a new regulation which would allow such a letter of recommendation to come from the president of the respective continental federation instead of from a national federation.

On request Bernardi added that the missing document of the Bulgarian application was the formal minutes of the election of the Bulgarian board. He asked the Board to vote on the approval of Bulgaria as a new member subject to the receipt of these minutes.

A motion was made by Malone to approve the application for membership by Bulgaria subject to the receipt of the final document, seconded by Yoonee. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Congress minutes**

Rauch proposed for the Board to sign off the minutes and circulate them to the membership for review and comments.

A motion was made by Morooka to approve the Congress minutes for passing on to Congress members for comment and approval, seconded by Bergeron. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Freestyle at World Urban Games 2019 and African Beach Games 2019**

Rauch informed the board that GAISF would hold the first two World Urban Games in 2019 and 2021 in Los Angeles. This event is planned to take place in city centers and Freestyle is designated as one of the events for the inaugural WUG (19-22 September 2019). Givens was developing a format for this event together with Bernardi.

Rauch added that the African Beach Games 2019 would take place in Cape Verde (Sal, Cape Verde from 14 – 23 June 2019). The organizers were interested to have Freestyle on the program, but this will be hard since there is no Freestyle in Africa. Given agreed to consider whether there was development work that could be done to facilitate participation.

### **Multisport Games - Update (Gisel)**

Rauch reported that WFDF currently is involved with the IWGA World Games and the IMGA World Masters Games, and we note that participation in recognized Multisport Games is something that the IOC looks at in evaluating a sport. We try to balance the interests of certain members for additional playing opportunities against those who complain of an already overcrowded calendar.

A list of such events includes:

- GAISF - World Urban Games
- ANOC – World Beach Games
- Continental Games (European Games, PanAmerican Games, Asian Games)
- CGF - Commonwealth Games

- CIJM - Mediterranean Games
- TAFISA – Sport for All Games
- CSIT – World Sports Games
- United World Games
- IMGA – PanAmerican Masters Games

Bernardi added that at the United World Games event in 2019 in Austria there would be an Ultimate event included. Also the IMGA wants to add Ultimate to the PanAmerican Masters Games in 2020 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. A decision would be made by the end of January 2019.

## **Reports and Updates**

### **WFDF Governance**

#### **Athletes' Commission Report**

A. Smith reported that the AC now comprises 6 elected members and 5 appointed members. It has at least 2 members from each major region (Pan-American; Asia-Oceanic; Africa; Europe). The AC also now has improved gender representation (45% M; 55% F).

The elected members of the AC held a conference call in October 2018 and agreed on communication channels and frequency, including conference calls held quarterly. The AC was still working on getting representation in other WFDF Commissions. The next AC meeting was planned for January 2019.

Mead added that he strongly suggested to have a Disc Golf (and Freestyle and Overall) representative on the AC.

#### **Women's Commission report**

Malone referred to her comprehensive report for the last Board meeting and had no updates on that.

#### **SOTG Committee Mandate**

T. Smith presented a Spirit of the Game Committee Mandate. He also briefly reported on the success of the International Spirit of the Game Day on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Rauch reminded that the concept of the iSOTG Day had been developed by Patrick van der Valk together with Jim Gerencser. Both had approached WFDF for support. The two were to be the driving force behind it up through 2019 when the full rights to the concept for the iSOTG Day would revert to WFDF. It has worked out very well and is very visible. T. Smith confirmed that the working relationship with E.R.I.C. was very positive.

Bernardi expressed concern that the SOTG Committee mandate said that it had its own budget which no other committee has. T. Smith explained that in the past very small amounts of money had been spent and it seemed easier to have a certain amount approved beforehand rather than asking for reimbursement afterward.

Rauch suggested to discuss this further at the face-to-face meeting in January. Perhaps it would make sense to have budgets for committees for basic activities. He added that committee members always needed approval by the Board contrary to the wording in the mandate. He suggested to drop the mentioning of a budget and to add that committee members were subject to approval of the Board.

A motion was made by T. Smith to approve the Spirit of the Game Committee Mandate subject to revisions mentioned above, seconded by Mead. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Face-to-Face Board Meeting**

Rauch reminded the board that the bi-annual face-to-face board meeting would take place January 19/20 2019. Woldt had sent out details and she would answer any further questions.

Bernardi asked that all material to be included in the Briefing Book should be submitted by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Elections Results - provisional**

Griesbaum reported about a late change of the vote of one member but since it happened before the official end of the election period this was in accordance with the election rules. Another member had cast two different votes by two different representatives and due to communication problems it was not yet clear which of the two was eligible to cast the vote. This needed to be clarified before the results could be announced.

### **Commercial and Broadcast recap for 2018**

Rockwood referred to his last report(s). He announced he would make a presentation at the Face-to-Face Board Meeting. He stated that he was receiving more and more requests for footage which would raise the need for better archiving. While he was already in touch with broadcasters for WU24 in Heidelberg, Germany and EBUC in Portugal he felt that he was more and more occupied with distribution rather than coverage and that he was focusing on increasing the viewership.

Malone confirmed that she saw a need for video clips of all kinds to be readily accessible, e.g. when she needed a clip but could only get hold of an all-male players video. Bernardi added that also clips of other disc sports were needed for use by GAISF and other federations.

Sani reported that the EUF would have Fanseat to cover 14 events in Europe in 2019.

### **Website Project**

Rauch reported that the project had reached the stage where Taylor was looking for input from stakeholders to be sure that he was producing an acceptable end product. Rauch expected this to take a few weeks and noted that Taylor planned to reach out to staff and board members.

## **New Partner/Sponsor Agreements**

Rauch reported that WFDF had signed two contracts with Discraft and VC Ultimate, both for a period of 4 years each. The support by these contracts would enable WFDF to pursue more activities and programs and improve its capabilities.

## **Disc Sport Reports**

### **Disc Golf**

Mead reported that the European Disc Golf Federation (EDGF) had negotiated with PDGA Europe to cooperate and remain completely separate organizations. EDGF would be very important to get European disc golfers become members of WFDF through EDGF's affiliation with EFDF. He talked about the World Team Disc Golf Championships in August 2019 to be held in Estonia for which he expected at least 16 or 17 countries to attend.

He then presented the new WFDF Disc Golf World Rankings. The totals of points gained from PDGA Ratings and WTDGC events are added together to give an overall points total. World Rankings are then determined with the highest score receiving the highest ranking. Under the system used this currently represents an approximate weighting of 60% for PDGA Ratings and 40% for WTDGC results.

### **Overall**

McLeod as newly elected Chair announced he would prepare a report for the Face-to-Face meeting in January as well as an outlook on his plans.

### **Beach Ultimate**

Cabrera reported that the Beach Ultimate Committee has recommended Patrick Fourcambre-Maye to be the Tournament Technical Director for EBUC while the Spirit Committee has recommended Ekaterina Barabanova to be the Spirit Director. Rauch raised the question if there could be a more cost effective way to get a suitable Spirit Director to EBUC in Portugal. Cabrera said she would get back to the Spirit Committee.

She continued that EBUC and AOBUC were well underway. EBUC was well booked and since club teams would be allowed at AOBUC there was interest from 35 teams.

Cabrera had attended the first Xiamen Beach Ultimate Open in China. She spoke with some sports officials there who seemed interested to support Ultimate. She noted that the live stream at this event apparently had a few million viewers. The tournament organizers had expressed interest to get involved with AFDF.

Bernardi informed that the Master Games organizers in Brazil would like to see Beach Ultimate at their event.

Jeong mentioned that the Masters division at AOBUC had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

## **Continental Association Reports**

### **AAFDF - Africa**

Matovu reported that he was busy with staying in contact with all members. The All African Ultimate Club Championships had been successful. Using social media they had reached many young people interested in the sport. He raised concern that the 2019 All Africa Ultimate Championships (AAUC) would keep players from participating if it was an event for only national teams. Woldt informed that just like in Asia this event would be for national and club teams. It was however yet unclear how many teams could come as the TOC did not yet have an arrangement for the venue.

Bernardi reminded the Board that WFDF needed to invest more effort into Flying Disc activities in Africa to broaden disc sports' in that region.

### **PAFDF - Americas**

Loreto reported that in 2019 PAFDF would concentrate on disciplines other than Ultimate. A survey should find out what is being played in Pan America.

The 2019 Pan American Ultimate Championships in Sarasota, U.S.A., will be the largest ever. The call for expression of interest had just gone out.

### **AFDF-Asia**

Morooka reported that the AOBUC in 2019 in Japan had so far attracted 13 countries to apply. TOC was aiming for over 20 countries. For the AOUGC 2019 in China 16 countries have expressed interest. AFDF planned to change its name during its next annual meeting to Asian-Oceanic Flying Disc Federation (AOFDF). Morooka participated in various meetings about the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, the 2nd Asia Pacific Masters Games 2022 in Korea, Asian Games etc.

### **EFDF - Europe**

Constant referred to Mead's report about European Disc Golf. She reported about the elections that took place at the EUF general assembly in 2018. There were no changes in the EUF board. EUF had set up Youth Camps and the program "Train the Trainer" and introduced the Spirit Circle at the beginning of Ultimate matches. A new position of a Media Manager had been created in 2018.

### **Championship Events and others**

#### **2018/2019/2020 events - report**

Woldt reported that all registrations for events in 2019 had been opened except for the All African Ultimate Championships. She already had bid lists for all major events with work still needed to get more teams to come to the WTDGC.

The financials for the 2018 summer events were not finished yet but she was confident to be able to close them by the beginning of January. There would be 8 WFDF events in 2019 and 3 in 2020.

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## **Finance**

### **Treasurer's report**

Bergeron reported that towards the year's end large amounts had been collected already. She asked for draft proposals for money to be sent by the end of the year.

Bernardi asked for the accounting and invoices for the IOC to be sent to him and also an overview of the costs for the Game Advisor program.

### **Next Meeting**

Proposed: Board-Jan 19/20, 2019

**Closing: 16:50 CET**

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary