

Sunday December 17th, 2017; UK, POR- 14:00; GER, SUI, SWE- 15:00; RSA- 16:00; USA NY, VA, MI 09:00; USA CO, AZ 07:00; USA CA, CAN BC 06:00; Japan 23:00; Taiwan 22:00; Hong Kong 22:00; Philippines 22:00.

Board members present:

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

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

Board members absent/excused:

Charlie Mead, Michael Hu, Tomas Burvall, Kevin Givens.

Call to order (time: 15:06 CET)

The quorum was reached with 10 votes of 8/14 needed.

Report by the President

Rauch welcomed all attendees to the last meeting of the year and thanked all for their participation.

Decisions between meetings

(none)

Minutes of last meeting - 5 November 2017

A motion was made by Gisel to approve the minutes of the 5 November 2017 meeting, seconded by Bergeron. The motion was approved unanimously.

Decisions requiring votes or input from the Board

WFDF Transgender Policy Update on minors

Nuwer reported that the WFDF Medical Committee was working on an amendment of the Transgender Policy in regard to youth players. Age related categories will be added because gender transition must occur more quickly at young ages than at adult age. Without this amendment transgender athletes might get tested positively. Nuwer said that the committee would also have a look at how other IFs deal with the IOC required amendments for minors.

Purcell asked how feedback had been so far from the community and suggested to reach out for feedback also for these amendments.

Nuwer replied that questions so far had been on how to apply the current policy. No criticism had been received as WFDF's policy is also in line with other IFs' policies.

Rauch added that so far the Transgender Policy hadn't yet been needed to be applied. He thanked Nuwer and the Medical Committee for their work.

WFDF 2021 TWG Birmingham sport program proposal

Gisel presented ideas what WFDF could try to ask for to be changed for the flying disc competition at the next World Games 2021 in Birmingham, U.S.A. Suggestions centered around getting Disc Golf back into TWG (it was in WFDF's first WG participation in 2001) and increasing presence in Ultimate (more teams, more player, more competition days). It was discussed if adding Disc Golf should be of top priority as it would give the Disc Golf community a stronger incentive to reconnect with WFDF. Gisel stated that adding a new discipline to TWG would most likely increase the visibility of our sport.

Bernardi reported that he had already received the official form to apply for program changes for TWG in 2021. He also mentioned that former WFDF intern Sebastian Riediger was now head of IWGA IF and Game services which might help in getting our application considered thoroughly. He advised that WFDF could ask for Disc Golf as an additional sport in TWG as long as it was considered really important for WFDF and if we could demonstrate that it would be a valuable addition to TWG in Birmingham.

Bernardi asked the Board to give him authorization to negotiate with IWGA about this proposal. Rauch stated that Bernardi should present both proposals to IWGA.

A motion was made by Purcell to approve that WFDF would apply to IWGA to include the discussed changes at TWG 2021, seconded by Gisel. The motion was approved unanimously.

UltiOrganizer proposal

Woldt reported about her experience with using Ultimate Central for the past WFDF events. She had tried to get UC to work better as the official WFDF registration and results management system but with little success. Most events ended using some other system. In the past WFDF had often relied on using UltiOrganizer, some times at the very last moment on short notice. Bruno Gravato had always been essential when configuring UltiOrganizer for WFDF's events.

Woldt introduced the proposal for Gravato to upgrade the score reporting system UltiOrganizer to meet WFDF's needs for event registration at an estimated cost of \$500 - \$700. This would be WFDF's share along with BULA who was looking for some upgrades as well in order to use the system more effectively.

Rauch confirmed that Gravato had confirmed his abilities several times in the past and gone beyond the call of duty to assist WFDF and the community.

A motion was made by Griesbaum to approve contributing \$500 - \$700, seconded by Gisel. The motion was approved unanimously.

WFDF - FISU Memorandum of Understanding

Rauch presented a MoU between WFDF and Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire (FISU) after WFDF's FISU recognition as a first step towards getting Flying Disc into the Universiade.

Bernardi confirmed that FISU was waiting for WFDF to sign the MoU so work could start to get into the first international event in Colombia in 2018. The MoU establishes simple set of obligations for each side.

A motion was made by Moro to approve signing the FISU MoU, seconded by Nuwer. The motion was approved unanimously.

Islamic Republic of Iran membership proposal

Rauch reported that WFDF had received feedback from Iran after questions about their bylaws had been raised at the last Board meeting.

Bernardi summarized that the participation of foreigners in Iranian events was confirmed. He reminded the Board that some rules and regulations of sports governing bodies in the Middle-East are different from what the West is used to. Bernardi suggested to present the IRI application to Congress for vote by December 31st, 2017.

A motion was made by Morooka to approve sending the application to Congress, seconded by Taylor. The motion was approved unanimously.

IRI international tournament proposal

Bernardi informed the Board that the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI) had proposed to hold an international men's Ultimate tournament for a selection of invited countries on February 21 - 25, 2018. The tournament should also be used as a coaching event from February 26 - March 2, 2018. Bernardi asked if WFDF could encourage an event where only certain countries were invited. Obviously IRI could go ahead with the event without WFDF's approval. Bernardi clarified that IRI was not looking for WFDF to sanction the event. With WFDF's involvement the image of the event would be raised.

Rauch summarized that IRI might be looking for credibility by working with WFDF and showing to their government that they are internationally active.

In the ensuing discussion concerns were raised that the preparation time for the event was much too short. Also, 2018 would be a very busy year on WFDF's Ultimate calendar which would make it rather unlikely that many of the invited countries could participate. It was also too short to find suitable coaches to attend. Another concern was the explicit restriction to a men's event.

Rauch proposed that WFDF suggests to IRI another date that fits better into the WFDF tournament calendar by outlining conflicting events. If IRI agrees, then WFDF

- offers to provide guidance and visibility for the event
- suggests to hold concurrent men's and (separate) women's event
- offers to find coaches to attend the event

A motion was made by Rauch to approve the abovementioned proposal, seconded by Purcell. The motion was approved unanimously.

WFDF NomCom replacement

Bernardi informed the Board that Nomination Committee (NomCom) member Amandine Constant (FRA) had changed her status to candidate. Therefore a replacement was needed and Bernardi proposed Rolando Garcia (MEX).

A motion was made by Purcell to approve the replacement of Constant by Garcia, seconded by Griesbaum. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commercial and Broadcast plans for 2017-2018

Rauch reported that preliminary discussions between USAU and ESPN about a live coverage of the WUCC 2018 finals were still ongoing. Two proposals for streaming the WUCC week had been received and three more were expected. There was no progress with the Olympic Channel.

On the marketing side WFDF has found an official footwear supplier and planned to sign a two year contract with Universe Point.

Great Grand Masters World Beach Championships complaint

Gisel informed the board about the complaint received by the Conduct Committee due to an allegedly dangerous defensive play at the Great Grand Masters Division Beach Ultimate Championship in Portugal. The committee consisted of Richard Moore, Karen Cabrera and Brian Gisel.

Gisel noted that the incident most likely could have been taken care of during the event if a WFDF official had been at the event. He recommended that future events should only be sanctioned by WFDF if it was ensured that a WFDF official could attend.

IT project and website revamp

Taylor described the latest advances with the new WFDF web page. He announced that WFDF board members would get access to it within the next days and asked everyone to pass on any comments or input about it.

Reports and Updates

WFDF Governance

Athletes' Commission Report

Purcell reported about the commission meeting on December 11th. It was noted that the International Spirit of the Game Day had received some traction in many countries, but not on a national scale. The idea was brought up to host a gender equity event at WUCC 2018. There would be Spirit clinics at the WU24UC in Perth.

Rauch asked Purcell to give an overview about the AUDL boycott based on gender equity. Purcell described the AUDL as men only which made a group of male and female players announce that they would boycott AUDL. This action resulted in lively discussions, mostly in the USA and Canada.

Malone added that giving women more chances to play was a huge support for them (e.g. Eurostar tour).

2017 elections - results

Rauch informed that the election period had run from November 15 to December 15. The results would get reviewed by NomCom and announced soon.

Bernardi expressed his concern about the dwindling participation in the elections which some times even made it hard to reach a quorum. Another problem was that Ultimate only members chose to abstain from voting for non-Ultimate positions. Following up on the voters was very time consuming. Possible remedies were discussed as having elections only every two years or only at Congress.

IF Forum and international relations update

Bernardi reported about the International Federation Forum hosted by GAISF which he had attended. He had meetings with the World Beach Games sports director from Kuwait, the sports director of the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games, FISU and the International School Sports Federation.

The program at World Beach Games was 95% fixed but WFDF might still have a chance to get in. At the Youth Olympic Games the sporting program was closed but Freestyle might be included as a showcasing event.

2017 Development program - update and reporting to IOC/ARISF

The report was not finalized yet.

Disc Sport Reports

Disc Golf

(no report)

Guts

Taylor considered 2017 to have been a good year for Guts. The sport was still struggling to become more globalized, but USA, Japan and Australia had had good years. Getting other countries, e.g. in Europe, to play more Guts was a challenge.

Freestyle

(no report)

Overall

(no report)

Beach Ultimate

(no report)

Championship Events and others

2017/2018 events - report

Woldt provided the outlook for 2018. The local organizing committees were all working very well. WU24UC in Perth was about to start in 20 days. The WUCC in Cincinnati was fully booked out with 38 countries represented. The WMUCC in Winnipeg was in the process of collecting money from the teams. Call for bids for 2019 Ultimate events had been sent out and initial signs of interest received. Calls for bids for Freestyle and Disc Golf were to be sent out soon. Woldt also reminded the board that WFDF should send out RFPs for merchandise and the official disc provider by mid-2018.

Bernardi reminded that potential event bidders must be in good standing with WFDF.

Rauch thanked Woldt for her efforts in 2017.

Finance

Treasurer's report

Bergeron reported that WFDF had a little less cash than at last year's end, but that this had been expected. She expressed confidence that she could get the final financial report out early in 2018.

Bernardi announced that the ARISF payment should arrive within the following week.

Rauch thanked everyone for their contributions in 2017 and that he looked forward to working with the Board in 2018.

Next Meeting

Proposed: January 20/21, 2018.

Closing: 16:38 CET

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary