World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF)

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Minutes of the Meeting of the WFDF Board of Directors August 18, 2011

UTC, UK, POR- 22:30; GER- 23:30; USA NY, VA, MI 17:30; USA CO, AZ 15:30; USA CA, CAN BC 14:30; Japan 6:30 (August 19); Taiwan 5:30 (August 19)

Board members in attendance: Robert Rauch, Sandie Hammerly, Ryan Scott, Patrick van der Valk, Simon Hill, Michael Hu. Also in attendance: Volker Bernardi, Executive Director – non-voting.

Board members unable to attend: Kate Bergeron, Brian Gisel, Jack Cooksey, Jesus Loreto, Fumio Morooka.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of June 25, 2011. Due to the fact that quorum was not reached, vote to approve Minutes did not occur.

Decisions between meetings - None

Report by the President - None

Report by the Executive Director - None

EVENTS

WUGC 2012. Rauch reported that after follow up answers to a number of questions, WFDF submitted WUGC 2012 Contract to JFDA. Contract has been executed by both parties. A copy of the contract was distributed to all Board members as part of the Meeting Briefing BookConfirmation for the Board's approval. Due to the fact that quorum was not reached, vote to approve WUGC 2012 Event Contract did not occur.

WJUC 2012. Si Hill met with officials of the Czech Flying Disc Association during the recent EUC to discuss their possible bid for this event. Despite a number of efforts to obtain a suitable site on dates that would work for WFDF and its members, the Prague organizers were unable to secure sites/dates that would work well. Combined with the field safety issues that were already of concern, Hill and the Prague organizing group agreed that it did not make sense to move forward with the Prague bid. Hill has contacted the Irish Federation to determine if they could submit a bid based on interest in hosting other Ultimate events. Sandie Hammerly has also contacted Danny Saunders, Executive Director of Ultimate Canada, as well as Rodger Oakes of Columbus, OH (USA) regarding their potential interest. It was noted that the Columbus prospect has extensive experience hosting USA Ultimate's College Championships (3 years) and if the event were held in Columbus it is planned that the tournament would take place on the campus of Ohio State University with housing for athletes in the OSU dorms.

WFDF is concerned that while members are expressing frustration that WFDF is not announcing tournament hosts in a timely fashion, WFDF hands are tied based on the fact few countries are coming forward with suitable bids.

Event Calendar: Thus far Hill has had interest from Toronto, Canada as well as the United Kingdom for possible hosts for WU23 in 2013. India has expressed interest in a possible bid for AOUC 2013. No interest has been expressed for PAUC 2013.



Bid requests for WUCC 2014 are still pending subject to resolving the issue of whether to split Mixed and Masters from Open and Women's divisions. Because this issue is so intertwined with other events, Hill is unsure when this issue will be resolved.

WFDF GOVERNANCE

Census 2011 has been updated to include New Zealand. Updated results will be posted on the WFDF web site immediately.

2011 WFDF Member Association Survey. Results of the survey have been compiled into a report that was shared with members of the Board. A total of 34 members completed the survey 30 of 34 regular members completed the survey. Four Provisional members also completed the survey. 1 regular and 1 provisional member started the survey but did not complete it.

In addition to a report card on WFDF past performance, the survey requested member input on a number of key issues including pursuit of IOC recognition and the need for disc sports to embrace anti-doping. Feedback on what WFDF's priorities should be was also provided. Input on a number of event specific issues provided interesting results. Members also provided their thoughts on areas where WFDF could be of most assistance to member associations. Rauch expressed appreciation to all member associations which took the time to complete the survey.

Hammerly: what is the plan for distributing the information contained in the survey to members? Rauch: Survey will be distributed to all members in preparation for discussion at upcoming Congress and will be posted immediately on the WFDF web site.

WFDF Congress 2011 Congress will be held over two days in the mornings of the 27-28 August. The briefing book was sent with the required notice and a supplement was recently sent.

MEMBERSHIP

Case NF India. A packet of information has been provided to Board members in response to allegations that FDFI is not operating according to WFDF requirements for member organizations. Packet includes copies of two letters sent by WFDF to FDFI and FDFI responses, as well as a timeline of events/concerns. Results of inquiries to date have not lead to any definitive proof of misconduct. Rauch will attempt to meet with members of FDFI at Congress later this month and asked that anyone with additional facts to please share them with WFDF as soon as possible.

FINANCE

Member Dues Status. In the absence of treasurer Kate Bergeron, Rauch reported that a significant number of members have yet to pay 2011 dues. Volker Bernardi has been charged with following up with members to obtain payment. Board members were reminded that only members in good standing may vote at Congress which means that they must be current on dues payments.

Financial Summary. Rauch also provided an overview of the WFDF Financial statements through the end of July. On the dues side, while we are ahead of YTD budget, we still have a significant number of members who have not yet remitted 2011 dues. YTD revenue projections have also been exceeded for management fees in conjunction with handling of Ultimate Peace contributions. Rauch expressed thanks to Hammerly for her efforts in handling the financial reporting related to WFDF's fiscal sponsorship of Ultimate Peace. Overall WFDF is at 91% of projected YTD revenue, mostly due to the fact that player fees have not been remitted for hosted events.



On the expense side, WFDF is also well under YTD budget (61.84%). However, expenses have not yet been submitted for a number of items that were budgeted to occur before the end of July, including expenses related to Congress, anti-doping and events. Net income YTD is -\$6,613.95.

Rauch noted that total assets for WFDF as of July 31, 2011 are \$325,843. Hammerly reminded the group, however, that approximately \$39,000 of this amount includes contributions that are restricted for use by Ultimate Peace.

ANTI-DOPING

WFDF Anti-Doping Program 2011-13. Rauch called the Board's attention to the document WFDF Anti-Doping Program 2011-2013 which has been revised to accommodate requirements set forth by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Rauch noted that in order to meet WADA requirements, out of competition testing will occur 24 hours prior to start of AOUC, as well as at AOUC. WFDF will plan to implement Registered Testing Pool (RTP) in 2012 and will be in contact with target member nations during 4th quarter of 2011.

The revised document will need to be approved by the Board of Directors and presented to Congress next weekend. Due to the fact that quorum was not reached, vote to approve REVISED WFDF Anti-Doping Program 2011-2013 did not occur.

All Board members were asked to review the revised plan immediately. Bernardi will set up an online poll to obtain Board approval.

Report Guts

Ryan Scott provided a brief overview of his report submitted August 16 (Due to the late arrival of the report/request, it was noted that ExComm has not had time to review or discuss). Ryan reminded the group that per WFDF Bylaws, Guts is required to have 8 countries at World Championships in order to be name a WFDF World Champion. Have only had 4 in the past, but Guts committee would like Board to consider moving the goal down to six. Rauch and Scott will work together over the next several weeks to review the plan and to prepare a proposal for discussion/approval at next meeting.

Communications

Work continues on the new website. Rauch and Hammerly will work with Bernardi over the next two weeks to try and get critical information updated and ready for release.

Next Meeting/Closing – Rauch stated the September meeting will return to a similar time as has been used in the past – 22:30 Saturday.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 23:46 UTC.

Respectfully submitted, Sandie Hammerly Secretary, WFDF Board of Directors