WFDF 2004 Congress Minutes

30th July 2004 Bors Hamburger Hotel Turku, Finland.

1. Welcome by Bill Wright

2. Attendance and introductions of delegates

Person	Abbreviation	Organisation(s)	Position
		Represented	
Bill Wright	BW	WFDF	President
Juha Jalovaara	JJ	WFDF	Treasurer
		FFDA	President
Jonathan Potts	JP	WFDF	Secretary-General
Todd Demetriades	TD	WFDF	Board Member
		UPA	Board Member
Sandie Hammerly		UPA	Executive Director
Kate Bergeron		UPA	President
Deirdre Abrahamsson		WFDF	Ultimate Committee
		UPA	Board Member
Brian Gisel	BG	WFDF	Ultimate Committee
Fumio Morooka	FM	JFDA	Vice President
		WFDF	Board Member
Thomas Griesbaum	TG	WFDF	Board Member
Paul Eriksson	PE	WFDF	Ultimate Committee
		SFF (Sweden)	Board Member
John Harris		CUPA (Canada)	International
			Representative
Jeroen Pouwels	JeP	NFB	Treasurer
		(Netherlands)	
Barry O'Kane	BOK	UKUA (UK)	Chair
Erik Hammer		WFDF	Board Member
Rene Oskjaer		DFSU	President
		(Denmark)	
Michael Hu		ROCFDA	Director of
			International
			Department
Liu, Ming Chung		ROCFDA	General Director
Paul, Yuan-Ping, Liu		Taiwan Guts	Chairman
		Union	
Cheryl, Yu-ching, Chu		Taiwan Guts	Secretary-General
		Union	
Dave Nesbitt		PDGA	Competition Director
		USA Guts	

Chris Schneider		BULA	Rep
Marco Durrer		SFSU	Head Natioinal Teams
		(Switzerland)	
Leon Smith		AFDA	President
		(Australian)	
J K Khodadhra	JKK	FDFI (India)	Secretary
Girish Patel		FDFI	President
Shane Vuletich		NZUPC/NZFD	International
		A (NZ)	Coordinator
Rue Veitl	RV	WFDF	Board Member
Per Adolfson		SFF (Sweden)	

3. Approval of 2003 minutes – corrections by Fumio Morooka

World Disc Games -> World Games

Moro did not attend

WUC -> WUGC

Motion: Moved to accept 2003 mins (as amended) by Dave Nesbitt seconded by Fumio Morooka – passed.

4. President's Report - Bill Wright

BW indicated he would not be seeking reelection as president, outlined election process. Voting on bylaws and antidoping to occur in September.

Discussion by Christian Schneider about whether electronic vote is a valid vote.

Agreed that changes to bylaws can be made in a special meeting in an electronic forum with 2 months notice of motion for consultation with members (no changes within that 2 month period).

5. Treasurer's report (JJ)

JJ – outline of major expenses – admin salaries, travel, IWGA/GAISF fees

TD proposed using merchandising fees for diversifying revenue streams

DN questioned the amount allocated to admin – answered that it is a minimal amount ot keep the organization running

JeP noticed disparity between summary of 2003 accounts and itemized bank accounts – to be revised by $BW\ \ \,$

6. Ultimate Committee Report (DA)

Openings in Ultimate Committee to replace Dan Engstrom (chair) and Julia Jouhkki Major issues – plan for future, WUGC2004, WUCC2006 timing

Future – standardizing event procedures, regional events, WG2005, WUCC2006, input to website, outreach and development, TD manual, bidding for future events

Discussion of juniors age-groups/timing & student division

JeP – rules changes with enough time to go through national associations

7. DG Committee Report

BW introduced issues – not included in WG2005 unfortunately

DN; PDGA supports inclusion of DG in WG2009 and will help PDGA international committee could be recognized as WFDF dg committee More standardization of DG around the world Levying fees at PDGA world champs to go to WFDF golf committee Paul Francz has a different model for internationalization focusing on amateurism Proposals

- WFDF endorsement of World Champs
- WFDF recognize PDGA international committee as DG committee

Motion: In principle WFDF will endorse the PDGA International Committee as the WFDF DG comiittee subject to approval by the WFDF Board and subject to new WFDF by-laws. Moved Bill Wright. Seconded BG. Passed.

Motion: That WFDF has the intention of sanctioning the PDGA World DG Championships with open negotiations with PDGA in regards to a formal agreement and approval by the WFDF and PDGA boards. Moved BW. Seconded BG. Passed.

Lunch

8. Guts report (DN)

Paul Liu to be chair of guts committee. Steve Taylor & Dave Nesbitt to sit on the committee. To be approved by the board.

9. Freestyle (BW)

Resurgence of freestyle in Europe, nike commercial – freestyle world champs 2003 & 2004. Around 200 members.

10. Other disc sports (BW)

Hoping to sanction Distance and DDC world champs. World records will be recognized.

11. Bylaws

Discussion of voting – some contention on whether proportional voting was preferable to 1 vote per country/organization – (RV) could change the minimum to be a higher proportion of the max.

Much discussion on whether this is the correct voting system and that it could be a sticking point with getting the bylaws approved.

Question about definition of disc sports and whether current disc sports conform with the definition.

12. Membership

JKK introduced India's application for membership 500 members in 17 states PE introduced applications for Estonia and Belarus which require a formal request

Motion: That India be accepted as a regular member - TD moved, LS seconded. Passed.

Agreed that we ask Korean Ultimate and Seoul Ultimate to reapply for membership.

13. Antidoping (TD)

Outline of antidoping rules – in-competition, out-of-competition testing and registered testing pool

TUE procedures

History of wfdf antidoping rules

Some discussion of options regarding cannabis – minimal sanctions, apply to WADA to have removed from prohibited list, apply to WADA to have special case for WFDF. Discussion of effects on national ognisations/athletes.

Outlining of TUE process for UPA – 3 accepted, 1 rejected

Motion: That WFDF adopts the Antidoping rules on 10th August 2004 as approved previously by the WFDF Board with future amendments to align WFDF with a minimalist approach to adopting the rules, pending further information from WADA and with undertaking by WFDF to investigate removing non-perfromance-enhancing substances from our list of prohibited substances or to deal with such offences as a special case. Those member federations that do not accept the antidoping rules shall not be allowed to compete in the World Games 2005. Moved JP. Seconded JeP.

Roll Call:
Finland – Y
Australia – Y
SUI – N
PDGA – Abstain
Chinese Taipei – Y
NED – Y
UK – Y
DEN – Y
SWE - Y
CAN - Y
USA – Y
JAP - Y

CS objects to the motion being voted on at this congress as the vote was explicitly taken off the agenda prior to the congress, as BW confirmed in an e-mail prior to the congress that there will be no vote and as BW specifically mentioned at the beginning of the congress (as noted in these meeting minutes) that the vote will take place electronically in November.

14. Staffing

BW – explanation of current staffing arrangements and outlining of current board and those positions up for election in 2004.

15. Events

TG – presentation on WG2005

66 athletes, 6 officials

3 days, players don't want 3 games per day – need to look at schedule perhaps opportunity to have other players attend and pay for

FM - need for ROC to change name to Chinese Taipei

Reply by PL – ROCFDA unhappy with name change but will do it for the good of the sport.

Suggestion by DN that we continue to use ROCFDA for all non-official use

LS presented summary of WUCC2006 bid

Informal meeting tomorrow 10am – 2pm at Scandic Julia Hotel

JeP – invited all delegates to drinks to celebrate 25th anniversary of Dutch Frisbee Federation and acceptance by their Olympic committee

16. Close

Meeting closed by BW at 6:30pm.

Other issues to be discussed further, perhaps tomorrow:

- Rules of ultimate
- Juniors age limits
- Bylaws
 - voting
 - disc sports definition

Notes on Informal Congress Meeting July 31, 2004

Asian-Pacific organization – Jonathan.

General Regional Championship series
Include other events such as disc golf with the regional championship series
Guts / Disc Golf / Ultimate

WORLD GAMES

- on field officials
- signals for officials
- confirmation of teams
- iwga press officer

Media – Peter Cornelissen (Netherlands)

GUTS DISCUSSION:

Beginning of all disc sports – Reenergized Add Guts to the WUCC Missing the every two year formats for Guts Include with Overalls?

- Travel Issue
- Formalization of Rule changes

WFDF Communication (Chris Schneider)

- People
- Maintain communication to multiple
- Bulletin Board Discussion Board
- Information time-lines
- Archived information
- Jonathan Potts Big Step
- Home Page
- Email

Monthly ExCo – All Committees Report (specific Date)

- Active Committees
- Discussion Board

BOARD DIRECTION:

Create Discussion Board
Highlight Memberlink
Need a policy about memberlink
Memberlink contact list available to see
Reply to sender
Blog Functionallity
Point of Contact

DECISION MAKING PROCESS

- Don't make a decision without proper timing
- Admin vs. policy
- Congress
- Board
- ExCo

MARKETING

- Video
- Print Material Projects
- Budget specific Line Items
- Branding the Organization
- Personnel
- Grass Roots Use what's available

- PR Success
- Instructional Kit

GROWTH AND SPIRIT OF THE GAME

- Self Responsibility
- Favorable poll for removing the Observer rule
- Jonathan interested in fixing/rewriting the rules
 Publish WFDF Rules by January 1st.
 Difference Document