

# Saturday, September 08, 2012

Conference Call at UK, POR- 22:00; GER, RSA- 23:00; USA NY, VA, MI 17:00; USA CO, AZ 15:00; USA CA, CAN BC 14:00; Japan 06:00 (**Sunday September 9th**); Taiwan 05:00 (**Sunday September 9th**).

# **Board members present:**

Robert "Nob" Rauch, Sandie Hammerly, Patrick van der Valk, Brian Gisel, Simon Hill, Fumio Morooka, Michael Hu, Thomas Griesbaum

#### Also attending:

Volker Bernardi (Executive Director, non-voting), Ryan Purcell (Athletes' Committee, non-voting)

#### **Board members absent/excused:**

Jack Cooksey, Ryan Scott, Kate Bergeron

#### Call to order

# Report by the President

President Rauch welcomed all Board members and thanked them for joining the conference call. He stated that the quorum of a minimum of seven voting Board members participating in the meeting had been reached by the 8 members present.

#### **Previous Minutes**

The updated minutes of the meeting of June 30, 2012, had been submitted as part of Board Briefing book. **Motion to approve by Sandie Hammerly, second by Simon Hill. Approved unanimously.** 

#### **Decisions between meetings**

The Congress Minutes from Sakai went through a few revisons and will be put out to Congress members for approval on Monday (September 10).

#### **Events**

#### **WUGC 2012**

Fumio Morooka thanked all attendants for coming. There had been 1392 players from 23 countries making it the biggest WUGC so far. The final budget for WUGC will be submitted by mid-September.

The report on media coverage was still to be presented and needed also as part of the application for IOC recognition. So far Morooka could say that eight TV channels and five radio stations had broadcast. Detailed reports will be submitted. Volker Bernardi mentioned that viewer statistics and other details must come from the broadcasters. He will send a sample of such viewer statistics to Tournament Director Makoto. He also emphasized that it is important to get hold of as much video footage and photo material (e.g. from official photographers) as possible, including the DVD which the TOC will produce.

Simon Hill added that we need to learn from the problems encountered. He sees a need for WFDF officials checking venues before the events. He reported that the attendance of Board Member Brian Gisel who was there to oversee how the sports part of the event



went along, was a massive help. So much work came up that WFDF officials who also compete at events cannot commit to solve problems in a timely manner. Brian Gisel expanded this idea and suggested that up to two WFDF officials dedicated solely to help running the event should attend. Sandie Hammerly confirmed that the current budget allows WFDF to send a technical delegate to WFDF events with a budget for travel and a \$500 stipend. WFDF typically tries to send people from the respective continent to be cost effective. Patrick van der Valk proposed to also have a Spirit of the Game representative at WFDF events in order to take care of of spirit related work and events.

#### **WJUC 2012**

Volker Bernardi reported that the contract with the TD had not been fulfilled in various aspects. The event ran mostly well from a player's point of view. But other details did not work well. A discussion arose about some of the details which had worked out poorly and how this can be avoided in the future. Brian Gisel pointed out that in Canada the national federation has taken over registration of players to national championships thus giving the NF some leverage towards the local organizing committees (LOC). Sandie Hammerly suggested that WFDF should help LOCs concentrate on local organizing and WFDF take over more general organizing, e.g. merchandising issues. Other suggestions included that WFDF take care of the event's web site as well as results reporting.

#### **WUCC 2014**

Simon Hill reported that a few more details needed to be worked out (concerning fields and transportation) before the contract with the Max Vitali for the WUCC 2014 in Lecco, Italy, could be signed. There is a slight chance that the event can be held on the date preferred by WFDF, one week earlier than first indicated by Vitali.

## WU23 2013

Volker Bernardi will propose to the TOC that the WFDF results system shall be used. Sandie Hammerly has discussed a merchandising plan with TOC, but nothing has been decided on yet.

# **PAUCC 2013**

A preliminary bid and budget has been received by the Panama Ultimate Frisbee Association.

#### **AOUCC 2013**

Volker Bernardi reported that there have been proposals to host the event from Australia, Singapore and the Philippines, but no formal bids. He will contact these interested bidders and set a deadline of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

# **European Championships of Beach Ultimate 2013**

Patrick van der Valk reported that the ECBU 2013 will take place in Tarragona, Spain, from June 27–30, 2013. The event might have more players than initially planned for, as a Womens Master division has been added to the six other divisions. BULA will be in contact with the national federations about the event. He asked for a timeline for sanctioning by WFDF, and Rauch indicated he would present a draft of the sanctioning contract by Tuesday, September 11.

## The World Games 2013, Cali, Colombia, July 25 – Aug 4, 2013

Volker Bernardi reported that the LOC has been informed about the teams which



qualified for TWG at the WUGC in Sakai. The exact travelling dates haven't been announced yet. Since the games start two days after the opening ceremony WFDF will try to arrange that the teams may arrive early enough to attend that event. Each team may send 13 players and the IF passport covers 15 officials in addition.

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# **WFDF Governance**

# **IOC** recognition procedure

Volker Bernardi said that WFDF sent an update about the WUGC 2012 to the IOC Office as an addendum to WFDF's application for recognition from April. Still, the final report from Sakai is needed to complete the information about this world championship and our application. So far, WFDF hasn't received a formal reply from IOC. Given that the application was submitted in late April with the London Olympics coming up soon it is not a surprise that this reply is taking time.

# **WFDF 2012 Congress**

Robert Rauch mentioned that the WFDF Congress minutes from Sakai still needed approval by the Members and Volker Bernardi indicated this would be initiated Monday, September 10.

# Face to face Board meeting in November

Robert Rauch proposed scheduling the meeting in New York City on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Saturday and Sunday). The agenda for this meeting will be set up at the next Board Meeting at the end of September.

#### WFDF 2012 elections - procedure/candidates

The election committee must be made up of participants who are not up for re-election. Sandie Hammerly has agreed to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Any volunteers should notify Hammerly.

#### Athletes' Commission

Ryan Purcell, Chair of the WFDF Athletes' Commission, reported that the commission had its first meeting and had discussed the goals of the near future. It would be helpful to receive some feedback by WFDF. The commission will meet again later during the month and will try to set up a plan for the next 18 months. Robert Rauch will send the documents created to set up the commission to Purcell. Sandie Hammerly mentioned as one of the tasks for the commission that WFDF would like help in getting feedback from participants of WFDF's events.

#### **Members**

In India, Mexico and Korea there are groups more or less competing for WFDF membership.

**India**: Volker Bernardi reported that the WFDF Member in India, FDFI, had signed up teams for WUGC but did not send any team and did not attend Congress, either. This has been a regular occurrence. There is a group of active Ultimate players that is not affiliated with FDFI that has approached WFDF about becoming recognized. Patrick van



der Valk and Simon Hill will try to get more information about the corporate status of this group.

**Mexico:** Volker Bernardi and Robert Rauch have been in discussion with two competing groups within Mexico. Both had committed in writing with each other and WFDF to cooperate but there has been limited progress to date.

**Korea:** Volker Bernardi had described the situation during congress at WUGC. There was a Guts team from KFDF, under the auspices of WFDF Member KUPA. KFDF is interested to apply for WFDF membership for Disc Golf and Guts and KUPA apparently does not object. We plan to work with the two groups to ensure that we do not set up a situation leading to conflicts.

# Spirit of the Game - SOTG Latest developments

Patrick van der Valk suggested that at WFDF events there should always be one person officially dedicated only to Spirit matters, e.g. to collect and compute Spirit scores and to answer any Spirit questions coming up during the event. We will discuss further with a need to consider the budget ramifications.

#### **Conduct Committee issue at WJUC**

Robert Rauch reported that at WJUC several players of a team had stolen merchandise from the Five Ultimate vending tent. The goods were returned after the coaches of this team found out about the theft. Five Ultimate chose not to inform the local police authorities but asked WFDF to address this situation. It was discussed if this behaviour falls under the Spirit Committee. But it was felt that only actions on the field could be a Spirit violation. WFDF's Conduct Policy concerns action on and off the field. The WFDF Conduct Committee will address this issue in addition to the immediate response taken at WJUC. The national association has already imposed sanctions on the players and WFDF will take these into consideration.

## **Finance**

## Treasurer's Report

Sandie Hammerly had submitted a financial update in writing and had nothing to add to that report. Robert Rauch mentioned that for the rest of 2012 WFDF expects little additional income besides dues from four members which have yet to be paid.

#### Merchandising Policy

Sandie Hammerly spoke about the Request for Bids which has been created to be handed to all potential bidders for sale of merchandise at a WFDF event. All merchandisers will have to go through the same formal bidding process. On economics, 80% of merchandising revenue would go to the LOC, 20% to WFDF. Hammerly asked for comments on the RFB. Patrick van der Valk stated that he would send the RFB for WCBU 2011 to Hammerly.

# **Non-Ultimate**

# **Guts Committee report**

Since Ryan Scott was not in attendance Robert Rauch mentioned that Scott was working with Michael Hu to get Guts integrated in AOUC.



# **Overall Committee report / WOC 2013**

Robert Rauch reported that the Overall Committee was still working on the Swedish bid to host World Overall Championships (WOC) in 2013.

# **Freestyle Players Association**

Robert Rauch reported that the FPA has submitted an application to be reinstated as a WFDF member. Since the FPA bylaws do not have a non-discrimination section some more work will have to be done before the application is complete. FPA will have a Board meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Professional Disc Golf Association**

Robert Rauch reported that he intends to engage with PDGA about potential cooperation.

#### **Communications**

## Website - Phase 2: WFDF OFFICE

Volker Bernardi reported that the last step to set up the virtual WFDF Office would be finalized in ten days. So far he had received no comments from the Board members who could test certain aspects of the WFDF Office already. Robert Rauch suggested to circulate his last message about the WFDF Office again to the Board members.

#### **Social Media**

Robert Rauch had activated the WFDF Facebook Page during WUGC in Sakai and used it to post quick snippets of interest. So far the page has 660 likes. The objective of this page is to try and reach out to the individual player. The typical player has no idea what WFDF is doing and the Facebook page can be used to present a face. Ryan Purcell mentioned interest in using the page for matters of the Athletes' Commission and will contact Rauch for more information about it individually.

#### **Next Meeting**

Robert Rauch proposed to hold the next meeting on Sunday, Sept 30, 2012, but this date clashes with the European Ultimate Championship Series Final 2012. There will be a Board poll to find a better date.

#### Closina

The meeting closed at UTC 23:14.

Submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary