

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Conference Call at UTC 21:30 (UK, POR- 21:30; GER- 22:30; USA NY, VA, MI 16:30; USA CO, AZ 14:30; USA CA, CAN BC 13:30; Japan 6:30 (Sunday, January 22nd); Taiwan 5:30 (Sunday, January 22nd))

**Board members present:** Nob Rauch (chair), Sandie Hammerly, Patrick van der Valk, Thomas Griesbaum, Brian Gisel, Ryan Scott, Fumio Morooka, Simon Hill. Also attending: Volker Bernardi, executive director, non-voting.

Board members absent - Jack Cooksey, Kate Bergeron, Michael Hu

Call to order

Report by the President

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of November 19, 2011 – Updated minutes submitted as part of Board book. Motion to approve by Nob Rauch. Second Sandie Hammerly. Approved.

## **Decisions between meetings**

#### **Events**

#### AOUC/PAUC 2011

Volker Bernardi provided a brief update on participation of Indian Federation in the AOUC. It was noted that the team was composed of only seven players. There continue to be concerns regarding the legitimacy of FDFI and its representation of Ultimate players in India. Bernardi referred Board members to his written report on the event.

Morooka noted that the Asian Flying Disc Federation was officially established during this event.

Hill reported that since both Continental events did occur last year, we should plan to continue the events in 2013. The Ultimate Committee (UC) will revisit the issue of whether these events should serve as a qualification event for World Events, but there is virtually no possibility that Continental Championships would be considered as qualifiers in 2013.

# WUGC/WJUC 2012

Morooka reported that drafts of their web site have been submitted to WFDF and JFDA is waiting for approval. He also indicated that JFDA was waiting for more information from the Ultimate Committee on the topic of Women's Masters. Hill indicated that he was not aware that JFDA was awaiting his approval. Bernardi was directed to sort out the communications issues and make sure that questions were answered within the week.

Brian Gisel inquired as to WFDF plans for Congress and other official meetings in conjunction with the WUGC and WJUC. Rauch reported that a survey is currently



underway to inquire as to member preference for Congress dates (WUGC or WJUC). A face to face Board meeting is scheduled for some other time of year, and not in conjunction with either of these events.

Bernardi has been in contact with WUGC organizers with a timeline/checklist of tasks to be completed and will continue follow up on a monthly basis. He will follow a similar process regarding the management of the WJUC.

WU23 2013 – Hill reported that efforts are underway to finalize the contracts and that we should be able to wrap it up with the next week to ten days.

WUCC 2014 – Rauch reported that WFDF had four initial expressions of interest. Hill reported that Ben Wiggins/Seattle USA has declined; Italy still appears to be interested. Bernardi was directed to follow up with Italy, Dominican Republic and Mexico to confirm whether they will submit a bid. Bids are due the end of January.

Tournament Bid Packages – Rauch asked that Hill establish a Task Force to review documents by the end of February. Hill stated that he could not make this commitment and that he was still struggling with getting the subcommittees in place. He stated that he would aim for the end of March for completion of this task.

Follow-up on previous events - request for photos, videos, results, reports – Rauch expressed concern that we have not been receiving these items as part of the final report process. Bernardi reported that this has been requested at least twice from AOUC and PAUC organizers as part of final reports. Final reports are still pending from both. The contract for the WCBU did not have the same stipulations as a normal WFDF contract and provision of these images was not required, but Patrick stated he would see what might be made available from the event.

## **WFDF Governance**

#### Elections

IOC recognition/WFDF member files – Bernardi reported that activities continue to collect governing documents of various member organizations. As a result, it is becoming evident that some of our members may not meet requirements for membership.

Rauch asked that Bernardi distribute a copy of the Application Requirements for IOC Recognition document to all Board members. Any Board members who wish to become involved in preparing these materials should contact Rauch/Bernardi.

Merchandising Policy - Establishment of Task Force / WUGC and WJUC 2012 – Sandie Hammerly has volunteered to assist in developing WFDF guidelines for this area, both on an initial basis for 2012 events and on a more formalized basis for future events.

Bylaws revision – There are a couple technical revisions needed to conform our Bylaws to current practice and to become compliant with IOC requirements for our application. The first would allow WFDF to hire a professional auditor (as we did for 2010 and 2011 reporting), rather than the previously used process of selecting two non-affiliated



individuals. We will also need to meet IOC guidelines for the use of Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for the final appeal of conduct issues. If Board members have any other items that they feel should be updated, please contact Rauch/Bernardi as soon as possible.

#### **Ultimate issues:**

Subcommittee membership – Hill stated that he has started a conversation with the newly elected subcommittee chairs regarding the process for appointing new members. He is encouraging chairs to pursue geographical diversity and hoping to make committees more active than they have been in the past. Rauch recommended that Hill post an announcement on the web site seeking appointments that will help achieve geographical diversity.

#### **Beach Ultimate:**

Patrick van der Valk discussed growing interest in a European Beach Ultimate Championships to take place in Spain in a May/June timeframe. He would like to see if there is way that WFDF can have a more formal relationship with this event. In general, the Board appeared supportive of van der Valk's efforts to pursue this event, and looks forward to continued dialogue regarding potential WFDF "approval."

## **Development:**

Rauch gave an update report on the Ultimate Peace project in Medellin around the PAUC.

He also highlighted the need to find new ways to support current members and pursue new members. A coaches training program is one area that has been mentioned often and there are some initial ideas about how to start developing this. Board members were asked for other ideas and input.

## **Finance**

Hammerly called attention to the written report included as part of the Board briefing materials. Two major income receivables are still outstanding: player fees for AOUC (\$1670) and PAUC (\$3850); hope to wrap up 2011 as quickly as possible so we can move forward with professional audit of 2011 financials and Bernardi was to follow-up. She is working with Kate Bergeron on completing the transition of duties.

## **Anti-Doping**

Anti-Doping Program Implementation of the WFDF Anti-Doping Program 2011-13: In addition to the "WFDF Anti-Doping Program Update" given by Bernardi in the Board Briefing Book, he reports that one Ultimate athlete from the US has dropped out of the Registered Testing Pool (RTP). It has not been decided by USAU who will replace this athlete.

Rauch reports that testing both out of competition prior to the AOUC and in-competition at the AOUC was done and all tests were negative. No problems or complaints have been reported.

Van der Valk asks if there are plans to have anti-doping tests at Beach Ultimate events. Rauch sees the current focus on WFDF events with a longer history and does not expect testing at Beach Ultimate events until at least 2013.



## **Non-Ultimate**

Guts Committee report – Ryan Scott reported that Japanese organizers are working actively to encourage more Asian countries to send teams to the WUGC.

Overall Committee report – None due to absence of Overall Chair Jack Cooksey (who was in the hospital due to an illness).

Disc golf and Freestyle – Establishment of Task Force for outreach. Rauch indicated he would be looking to establish a formal approach to international disc golf and freestyle players to get input on what role, if any, they wanted WFDF to play, looking to coordinate any efforts with PDGA and FPA if possible. Bernardi stated that prior to submitting our application to the IOC, WFDF will need to clarify roles/relationships.

#### **Communications**

Website – communications task force met on Thursday (January 19). Members are Volker Bernardi (WFDF executive director, GER), Thomas Griesbaum (WFDF Board – GER), Joerg Brenner (GER, representing member federations), André Kruse, IT Administrator (GER).

Thomas Griesbaum commented that this was the first time that he had met André Kruse and felt confident with Kruse's technical skills and ability to develop the site. Development of tools for the "WFDF Office" have not yet been discussed in detail. Rauch commented that he would like to see emphasis placed on developing tools for the site such that WFDF files can be stored on the site rather than individual WFDF Board member/staff/volunteer computers and/or Yahoo groups.

Rauch sought Board member input on WFDF use of social media. Griesbaum supported the use of social media, but suggested that the Communications task force should be directed to develop a Policy outlining the goals of a WFDF presence on and use of social media. Rauch asked that Griesbaum take the lead on development of such a document. Rauch also asked whether the group had considered whether WFDF should continue to use Yahoo groups as a communications tool, or whether other means should be pursued.

Sandie Hammerly inquired as to whether there was the ability for WFDF to provide limited access to key volunteers so that they could update/change content using the Joomla content management system. Rauch stated that there was this ability as he was pretty sure that Dan Roddick was recently given access to update the World Records pages.

Rauch directed Bernardi to create an administrative document regarding use of Joomla and access to the new site to ensure that WFDF leadership still had access to the site in the event Bernardi or Kruse were not available.

Bernardi provided a brief overview of the various servers used by WFDF. Currently we have three servers (USA, Finland, Germany) and we pay:

USA for old web site (USD 25 per month – USD 300 per annum)
Germany for new web site (Euro 240 per annum for the shared host option)



Finland for Ultiserver (Euro 97.17 per month – Euro 1166 per annum)

Bernardi was directed to work on bringing the Ultiserver onto the German webserver as soon as practical given the very high cost of the Finnish server.

# **Next Meeting**

Proposed date: March 10, 2012

Meeting closes UTC 23:45.

Respectfully submitted
Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary