
Sunday, May 26th, 2019 (part 1)

Executive Committee members present:

Robert "Nob" Rauch, Brian Gisel, Kate Bergeron, Thomas Griesbaum

Also attending: Volker Bernardi, (Executive Director, non-voting)

Executive Committee members absent/excused:

(none)

Call to order

18:30 CET

Finances

Bergeron reported that the audit was running well, so far no problems had surfaced. All documents for 2018 were in, but the bookkeeper Deborah was currently on vacation.

As for the update to this year's budget due to the new staff members Bergeron needed the contracts and an estimation how much the new staff would travel.

Rauch informed that Patrick Fourcampre-Maye had started his contract on May 1st and Igor Janković on May 19th. He added that Congress needed to approve the updated 2019 budget given the significant revisions that had been made.

Gisel stated that Fourcampre-Maye would attend WU24.

Congress

Rauch informed ExComm that participants should plan to fly in to Tallinn on Friday (August 23rd). The Congress venue is located in Alutaguse, Ida-Virumaa, around 3 hours by car from Tallinn, giving participants a chance to see the last day of the WTDGC. Congress will take place on Sunday, August 25th, in Alutaguse, Ida-Virumaa. Return to Tallinn will not be possible before the evening of Sunday.

New web site

Rauch informed that many changes had been incorporated and asked to have a look and suggest more changes. The web site could currently be reached at <http://wdf.buckusruckusgolf.com/>

Premier Ultimate League (PUL) MoU

Bergeron asked to have a look at the MoU between WFDF and PUL and pass on any comments as it should be executed soon.

The meeting was postponed to the next day as the Event Manager was unavailable.

Monday, May 27th, 2019 (part 2)

Executive Committee members present:

Robert "Nob" Rauch, Brian Gisel, Kate Bergeron, Thomas Griesbaum

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

Executive Committee members absent/excused:

(none)

Call to order

17:09 CET

Agenda

Report on new staff transition plans

Woldt on Patrick Fourcampre-Maye

Woldt reported that Fourcampre-Maye had been working for 3 weeks and all was going well. It was planned to split events so that he would take on a complete event rather than tasks of an event. But no decision had yet been made on which events he would take over and that would be postponed until August. Woldt shared documents with Fourcampre-Maye online so both could work on the same documents.

Fourcampre-Maye had been in Portugal and saw EBUC. He had also started to work on WUGC 2020.

It was planned that he would go to AOUBUC in Japan and WU24 in Germany. Either Woldt or Fourcampre-Maye would go to PAUC in November. In 2020 they would split between WUGC in the Netherlands and WJUC in Sweden.

Bernardi on Janković

Bernardi stated that Janković had started just a week ago (May 19). On that day he had a 7,5 hour meeting together with Griesbaum discussing the topics of how to get actively involved.

It was planned that Janković would attend WU24 in Germany, Congress in Estonia and EUF European championships in Hungary.

Bernardi preferred to have task requests to go through him and not directly to Janković. It was not planned that Janković would do bookkeeping or invoices.

Rauch asked Bernardi to put together a draft of a press release about the new staff with bios from Janković and Fourcampre-Maye.

Events Update

Woldt described EBUC as very successful overall with key take-aways on how to make an event successful.

Next would be AOBUC in Japan. JFDA was host and generally working very well, although there was only one contact with AOBUC which could make things challenging. Three WFDF reps going there had been asked to fly in a bit earlier to assist with registration. 40 teams with a large amount of players was expected. The schedule went out well. The opening ceremony needed to be scheduled a day earlier because of the higher than expected participation, but this was a problem only for one team.

All African Ultimate Championships (AAUC) would be in June. Attendance originally had been expected to be 24 teams, but teams had dropped out at registration time and it was now going to be 10 teams. Efforts had been made on getting more women to play. The event would be very basic but there would be good fields and meals.

Bergeron asked how WFDF could support the AAUC TOC. Woldt stated that WFDF provided medals and game discs, which normally was charged on TOCs. It was unfeasible to get merchandize there. Perhaps at the next African event, WFDF needed to see how to subsidize getting some people there if WFDF wanted the event to grow. It was happening for the third time and hadn't grown.

Bergeron added that WFDF needed to add about US\$ 500 to the overall video budget since some costs had arisen which normally TOC would cover.

For WU24 in Heidelberg, Germany in mid-July everything seemed to look good. Game Advisers had just been trained.

At the AOUGC in July some teams had dropped out resulting in an uneven schedule. TOC was still working on sponsorship, which could turn out to be between US\$ 0 and US\$ 200,000. If they would get such a large sponsor there was a chance that an important official from China would go there. In that case WFDF needed to have a WFDF rep there. We would determine that as there was clarity around the event. Bergeron announced that she might be able to meet contacts in China.

The WOC in July currently had only 76 participants signed up, despite planning for 100 athletes. Woldt had received some requests to get disc golf discs there.

For WTDGC in Estonia discussions were going on, but Woldt had no concerns at this stage. Rauch asked if Japan and USA planned to send teams to WTDGC. Woldt replied that PDGA was working hard to send a team. She asked for support through Morooka to get JFDA to send a team. It should be made clear that WTDGC would be used to update the WFDF Disc Golf World Ranking which might be used for qualification at future events.

Woldt reported that the discs for the International School Federation Championships were in production. ISF would put WFDF and Discraft logos on their website.

Woldt said she would reach out about the Pan Am Masters Beach event. Rauch suggested to also get Beach Ultimate Chair Cabrera in the loop.

Rauch informed that Patrick van der Valk had asked for a call and announced that he would be stepping as BULA President and his wife Sofia would take over BULA. The renewal of MoU would be coming up at the meeting. Woldt suggested that at the upcoming Beach event in Japan she could meet with those BUC members present to get their input on renewing the MOU with BULA.

Administrative update

Bernardi reported that 50 dues invoices had been issued. Some information in the member census was not complete, but many more than usual provisional members had replied to the survey.

He asked about the status of the Global Disc Community Survey since there had been many requests to add questions. Rauch confirmed that the requests were being moderated and the final questions would be decided on in a few days.

Bernardi reminded that Congress material had to be finalized by June 25th. Still some commission members needed to be appointed.

Bernardi mentioned that he needed to clarify with Givens why there was no Hungarian team at World Urban Games in Budapest. He would write a master list of other outstanding topics.

IT update (Nob)

Rauch announced that Luke Tobiasowicz would chair the WFDF IT Committee. Rauch suggested to put together a quick press release to see if more people wanted to be involved.

Web Site - <http://wfdg.buckusruckusgolf.com/>

Rauch reported that he had sent the web designer Heather Miller (who has been doing the work under board member Steve Taylor) a bunch of change suggestions and hopefully they would be put in within the next few days. After that more people would be asked to look at it.

Woldt had just gone through the web site and summarized each discipline's technical information, e.g. the committees and marked old and missing information.

Congress preparations

Rauch explained that Congress would be on the Sunday after the finals of WTDGC on the site of the event. He expected a limited participation and suggested it to be very useful to have some sort of telephonic or video connection for those not attending.

Gisel suggested to have a recording of what the meeting. People could email or text in questions instead of asking on a phone. He asked if WFDF was reaching out to NF who were sending golf teams to appoint delegates.

Woldt replied that she would look into the online access to the event for those not attending. She reminded that some attendees of the 16 countries at WTDGC had nothing to do with WFDF's actual member of the respective country. Not even the NFs from the 16 countries might have Congress on their radar.

Bernardi commented that he was concerned about having delegates from non-member federations.

Woldt reminded ExComm that Bergeron could not be in Estonia. All WFDF representatives there would be male and she suggested to participate and/or reach out to someone else to attend. Rauch agreed that Woldt should attend, but he did not see any other potential candidate.

Commercial Developments

Rauch mentioned the possibility of developing a sponsorship relationship with Chinese firms at WU24. Bergeron and Rockwood had been working on this, but the outcome was still highly speculative.

Gisel informed that Rockwood had requested the Board to forward him a stipend of US\$ 2,500 for his work in May and previous months. This would be credited against any sponsorship income that came in. Gisel would send this proposal by email to ExComm to have an email ExComm vote on it.

Any other business

(none)

Next meeting

Board: June 8-9; ExComm: July 13-14

Closing at 18:00 CET

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary