

**Sunday, September 29th, 2019**

**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), Igor Janović, Patrick Fourcampre-Maye

**Executive Committee absent/excused:**

(none)

**Call to order**

20:10 CET

**Overview by the President**

Rauch greeted the participants to the third ExComm meeting in 2019.

**Decisions requiring votes of or input from the ExCom**

**Update on 2019 Congress minutes and minutes from the last Board meeting**

Rauch informed that the first drafts had been submitted and they would be circulated during the next week.

**IT Issues**

Rauch stated that he expected the ten person IT Committee to give top priority to the tasks

- 1) Establish process to find paid consultant for urgent matters. This could be a member of the IT Committee.
- 2) Finalize and launch new web site

Woldt reported that she had recently been in contact with IT Committee Chair Luke Tobiasowicz. Rauch confirmed that these two topics were very urgent.

**BULA/WFDF MOU - Timeline on decision/negotiation with BULA, EOI 2021/2022**

On request of Bernardi and Griesbaum Rauch clarified that at the face-to-face Board meeting in January 2019 no decision had been made about the renewal of the BULA/WFDF MoU. The Board had only taken note of the the Beach Ultimate Committee Chair estimate of the committee's inclination but that still a confirmation of the committee was needed.

Rauch reported that he had difficulties in getting replies from the Beach Ultimate Committee Chair. It was discussed how to proceed and it was decided that Woldt would reach out to the Chair and/or to committee member David Raflo to get the BUC working and communicating with ExComm.

Bernardi recommended that clarity about the MoU should be reached before the upcoming decision on the World Beach Games would be made.

### **PanAmerican Masters Games Rio de Janeiro 2020 - update**

Bernardi reported that BULA had claimed it would run the Flying Disc part of the PanAmerican Masters Games for WFDF. He had corrected this with IMGA CEO Jens Holm and would meet him for further discussions in the upcoming week. Through the help of APUDD President José Amoroso he was also in contact with Luiz Desiderati of the Brazilian Masters Sports Committee and was receiving updated information about the event.

### **Approval: of including Disc Golf to the TWG 2021 Demonstration Program**

Bernardi reported that he had received the proposal to include Disc Golf as a demonstration sport at TWG 2021 prepared by Mead. It was discussed if WFDF should propose for more disciplines to be included as demonstration sports during breaks of the Ultimate competition, e.g. Freestyle or Self Caught Flights. It was agreed that Disc Golf should have top priority and by proposing any other additional discipline it could happen that Disc Golf would not get chosen.

It was generally agreed on that Bernardi should propose to include only Disc Golf.

### **Approval: Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts, Overall in TAFISA World Sport for All Games 2020**

Bernardi reported that the APUDD President José Amoroso was very interested to get all these disciplines into the Games. TAFISA president Baumann would have a meeting with the LOC from Lisbon to find out which disciplines would be possible to include. Bernardi asked for approval to propose these disciplines.

Rauch suggested to do so but by prioritizing the disciplines in the order Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts, Overall. Thus if only 2 disciplines were possible it would be Disc Golf and Freestyle.

This was agreed on unanimously.

### **Approval: of awarding Footwear partnership, Universe Point Cleats (period of 2020-2024)**

Woldt reported that a contract had been drafted for the cleats producer Universe Point and it needed Board approval before it could be presented to them.

Rauch noted that the proposal was very good and that the draft was for a 4 year contract. The pros and cons of 4 years vs. 2 years were discussed. If the market heated up WFDF would be trapped with a 4 year contract. Gisel pointed out there currently were only 2 producers on the market and that with the proposed funding a 4 year contract made it easier to deal with. He did not expect to see many more producers within the next 4 years and did not believe that a 4 year contract would keep new producers to start a business.

### **WFDF Commissions - proposed appointments**

Bernardi reported that he would present to the Board a proposal for new members to commissions as some had resigned.

He added that Mead had asked to include members of the Disc Golf Committee to the commissions. He asked if ExComm would also recommend that other disc committees members be added.

It was agreed that this should only happen on the request of the respective committee chairs.

### **WFDF Commissions meetings - update**

Bernardi reported that Janković had started to contact commissions as well as continental federations to help them to improve their activiness. Discussions had already taken place, e.g. with the Asian Flying Disc Federation president Morooka, but some commissions still hadn't replied yet.

### **Initial feedback: World Urban Games, Budapest 2019 - preparations 2021**

Bernardi announced that he would meet GAISF Director Gueisbuhler soon and be fully briefed by him, also about the viewership on the Olympic Channel. Initial feedback had been fine, but it was also mentioned that some things needed improvement.

Bernardi asked for all feedback, e.g. through a questinnaire provided by Givens to all athletes be sent to him before dissemination to LOC or GAISF.

### **P.R. of China membership in WFDF - UAC / CESA situation**

Bernardi reported that after informative meetings with delegates of UAC in Heidelberg, Shanghai and at Congress in Estonia he was awaiting a letter from the top level Chinese sports association General Administration of Sport in China to clarify which association would

represent Flying Disc sports in China in the future. This letter had been promised for October 2019.

### **New memberships: Albania, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Serbia (90 by end of 2019)**

Bernardi reported that together with the help of Janković he was working on reaching a total of 90 WFDF members by the end of 2019. Albania, Cayman Islands, Jamaica and Serbia had been in contact with him for quite a while now and under his guidance had reached the level to apply for membership.

### **WFDF 2019 Development Programme and Grants - Update**

Bernardi reported that by the end of September WFDF did not have a list of grant proposals and also had not received any reports so far. He had plans to propose to the Board who should receive grants as well as finding a new Development Chair and deputy chair. This was agreed on unanimously.

### **WADA World Anti-Doping Conference 2019, Drafting of WFDF intervention**

Bernardi reported that together with Nuwer and colleagues from other IFs was working on a draft of an intervention (a short 3 - 4 min speech in the plenum) during WADA World Anti-Doping Conference in November 2019 in Poland. This had been asked for by the WADA IF Relations manager. It was a good opportunity to present WFDF's position towards WADA.

### **WFDF cooperation with International Testing Agency (ITA)**

Bernardi reminded that at the Face-to-Face meeting the Board had decided what to hand over to the ITA (International Testing Agency) and that WFDF would participate in the Joint International Federations Intelligence and Investigation Unit. He would meet the ITA in the following week and receive a proposal for a contract. IOC was strongly advising to cooperate with ITA. He would have more information at the next Board meeting.

Rauch expressed his hope that this would be a cost effective move for WFDF.

### **Overview of events in 2019-2020: Issues to flag**

Woldt noted that she had no issues to flag. PAUCC was coming up within 1 month. Participation there exceeded the expectations.

Bernardi expressed his hope the PAFDF meeting there would run fine and strengthen the federation.

## **Reports and Updates**

### **Finance**

#### **Treasurer's report**

(None)

### **Other Business**

Rauch reminded that elections were coming up. He asked that those officials whose term was up announce to Bernardi or him if they were running again.

Bernardi reported that Travis Smith had announced a proposal to rename the Men's division to "Open". So far he had not received a formal proposal, just a working document in progress with many comments. Bernardi suggested that Gisel work together with Smith to streamline that document into a formal proposal. Gisel agreed to work on the proposal with Smith. He informed that the proposal had received a lot of positive feedback but he was not in favor of the change. He added that Smith was proposing for a change in all disciplines not just Ultimate.

Rauch suggested that Woldt see how other team sports handle this issue.

Rauch thanked all for being available on short notice.

### **Next meeting**

Board: October 18/19, 2019

Closing at 21:03

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary