

**Sunday November 5, 2017; UK, POR- 14:00; GER, SUI, SWE- 15:00; RSA- 16:00  
USA NY, VA, MI 09:00; USA CO, AZ 07:00; USA CA, CAN BC 06:00; Japan 23:00; Hong  
Kong 22:00; Taiwan 22:00; Philippines 22:00**

**Board members present:**

Robert "Nob" Rauch, Thomas Griesbaum, Kate Bergeron, Brian Gisel, Karen Cabrera, Charlie Mead, Michael Hu, Caroline Malone, Fumio Morooka.

Also attending: Volker Bernardi, (Executive Director, non-voting), Tim Rockwood (non-voting), Karina Woldt (Event Manager, non-voting), Jennifer Thomas (non-voting).

**Board members absent/excused:**

Ryan Purcell, Jamie Nuwer, Tomas Burvall, Kevin Givens.

**Call to order (time: 15:06 CET)**

The quorum was reached with 9 votes of 8/14 needed.

**Report by the President**

Rauch welcomed all attendees and thanked all for their participation.

**Decisions between meetings**

(none)

**Minutes of last meeting - 24 September 2017**

A motion was made by Bergeron to approve of the minutes of the 24 September 2017 meeting, seconded by Mead. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Decisions requiring votes or input from the Board**

**WFDF Rules of Ultimate - Appendix changes**

Gisel reported that mostly grammar changes and wording improvements had been incorporated. The biggest changes were the change of determination of gender ratio in Mixed Ultimate (to come in effect in 2019) and the adjusted age eligibility for female Mixed Masters players to align with the Mixed Women division. Rauch confirmed that the proposed changes had been approved by the Ultimate Rules subcommittee and the Ultimate committee.

A motion was made by Gisel to approve the WFDF Rules of Ultimate - Appendix changes, seconded by Moro. The motion was approved unanimously.

**WFDF Sustainability strategy: IFA MoU proposal**

Bernardi announced that he would represent WFDF at the 2017 SportAccord IF Forum on Sustainability in Sport in Lausanne. He presented the proposal for a sustainability Memorandum of Understanding between WFDF and the International Fistball Association (IFA) and the plan to sign it officially during the forum in Lausanne. He had also been invited to give a speech about the MoU at the forum. Rauch applauded Bernardi for the invitation to speak at the forum which was a high visibility opportunity.

A motion was made by Griesbaum to approve the proposed MoU with IFA, seconded by Moro. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Nomination for IWGA Executive Committee 2018 elections**

Rauch reminded that WFDF Board member Morooka had served as member of the IWGA Executive Committee for the last several years and his term was coming to an end. The new IWGA president had indicated to us privately that future ExComm members would be expected to be Secretary Generals or Presidents of IFs. IWGA would welcome the application of Bernardi for the 2018 elections if so desired.

A motion was made by Morooka to approve of Bernardi's application for a position in the IWGA Executive Committee, seconded by Griesbaum. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **2017 Game Advisor report**

Gisel reported that the amount of training programs have been increased. In the past the focus had been on Europe and with upcoming WFDF events in North America more training events had been scheduled there. Another focus was on the increase of female participation and at WU24 in Perth chances for complete gender equity were high. He expected a busy 2018. Rauch stated that the program seemed to be successful. Woldt confirmed that teams were asking for Game Advisors to be present at their games and she had not received any negative feedback.

Bernardi mentioned that the Game Advisor program was well recognized by the IOC and it agreed to have its annual contribution towards WFDF used for it. He advised that the IOC funding of GA clinics should not be mixed with development clinics.

Rauch suggested that the Game Advisor report should be publicly released.

### **Review of Palestine membership proposal**

Rauch reported that some players from the Palestinian community had raised concerns about the leadership of the Palestinian association after it became known that their membership application was being considered. WFDF conducted an investigation and had extensive discussions with the PFDA head, stressing the importance of adherence to principles of inclusion and non-discrimination. This commitment was confirmed in a statement signed by all of the PDFDA board members. On the back of this, it was agreed that PFDA's membership would be announced in the next week.

### **Islamic Republic of Iran membership proposal**

Bernardi reported about Iran's application and described some aspects of their bylaws which looked unusual as compared to those from other WFDF members. He had received a letter of recommendation from Morocco. Bergeron noted that some of the criteria to become a member of the Iranian federation looked problematic: Only Iranian nationals are allowed, as well as lack of criminal record and academic ability required. Bernardi remarked that with more applications coming from the EMEA region WFDF would experience such criteria more often.

Malone reported that she had met a female representative from the Iranian federation at the Asia Oceanic Ultimate and Guts Club Championships in Manila, Philippines. The federation seemed to be fairly substantial. Men and women participated separately. Bernardi reported

that he met an Iran delegation in Dubai at the WCBU. They showed evidence of their activities during the meeting. The application was fulfilling all of WFDF's requirements except for the sexual discrimination clause.

Rauch confirmed that people knowledgeable of Iran had described that sports there are strongly organized by governmental organizations and that WFDF needed to be flexible. There was an agreement that Bernardi would reach out to the applicant to address the questions raised and report at the next board meeting.

### **Commercial and Broadcast plans for 2017-2018**

Rockwood said he was waiting for USA Ultimate to confirm broadcasting plans for the WUCC. He was looking for different types of live coverage: Linear TV, streaming TV, some tertiary fields streamed from behind a paywall.

### **2017 Congress Minutes**

Rauch proposed to circulate the minutes to Congress members to get feedback and then have a final version voted on electronically. He suggested to get comments back from members within one week and then have the vote.

### **IT project and website revamp**

Rauch reported that there was still content which needed to be moved from the old site to the new one. It was planned to be done by mid December and have the new site go live by January 2018.

Mead and Malone asked for some updates on the web page about the committees and Rauch confirmed that it would make sense to update the old web site as it would most likely be used for a while after January 2018.

## **Reports and Updates**

### **WFDF Governance**

#### **2017 elections - nominations and vacancies**

Rauch announced that the voting period would start by mid-November. Bernardi mentioned that he was still missing feedback from some of the incumbents but other than that was ready to start the election period.

#### **WFDF 2018 Congress - venue and date**

Rauch asked for suggestions. Woldt reported that at WUCC teams were expected from more than 40 countries making this event likely to attract the most participants for Congress. With WUCC's opening game starting on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, afternoon Congress would have to end on that day by 12 noon. It was felt that having Congress split on two days would divide the attention. Bernardi suggested to have only reports on Friday afternoon and have decisions made on Saturday morning. It was agreed to finalize plans around the idea to start on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 4 or 5 pm until 8 or 9 pm and continue the next day in the morning.

## **2017 Development programme - update and reporting to IOC/ARISF**

Malone referenced the report to the IOC in the Briefing Book. Bernardi reminded that IOC requires written reports and photos and videos from the funded groups by the end of November.

### **Disc Sport Reports**

#### **Disc Golf**

Mead explained the ongoing calculations to establish a world ranking list for Disc Golf countries. He mentioned that Disc Golf committee members were interested in joining the WFDF Womens commission. He had asked for bids to host the 2019 World Disc Golf Team Championships. So far Estonia and Croatia had expressed interest, as well as New Zealand. Mead added that he received several requests for Disc Golf to be represented more visibly on the WFDF web site.

#### **Overall**

Burvall reported that Givens and Lori Daniels were working on an equipment box and tools for overall events. He expressed the necessity to visit future event sites 6 months prior to the event. There might be bids from Steve Taylor and out of Santa Barbara for WOC 2018. Rauch added that the past WOC was not organized as well as WFDF and the participants had expected. Therefore future events needed tighter cooperation with WFDF.

#### **Beach Ultimate**

Cabrera reported that the Beach Ultimate Committee had reached out for bids to host European and Asian Oceanic Beach Ultimate Championships. Deadline for bids was November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The committee was also working on aligning age limit for Masters with mixed Masters. Rauch added that the age limits should also be conform between beach and grass Ultimate.

He continued to explain that the ANOC Beach World Games had been downsized considerably and perhaps due to this fact Ultimate had been dropped from the program. He did see chances to get back in as the program was not final yet. Bernardi described the strong change of concept, also highly due to the huge decrease of the event budget. All sports would only get small fields and so far all non-olympic sports had been cut off. If WFDF wanted any chance to be in the event it needed to be very flexible. Gisel suggested to consider reducing the team size to four on four which would reduce field and squad size. Bernardi confirmed that WFDF would continue talks with ANOC but it needed to match the new frame given by ANOC.

### **Championship Events and others**

#### **2017 events - report**

Woldt had done a call to bid for 2018 European Beach Ultimate Championships with Latvia and Portugal expressing interest. So far there had been no expression of interest for the Asian Oceanic event, but Cabrera mentioned that India had expressed interest to her.

Woldt added that for all grass championships expressions of interest had been received except for the Asian Oceanic region.

Woldt continued that for the upcoming 2017 PAUCC a new TD had had to be found but that worked out well.

For WU24 in Perth there was still work to do but the local organizing committee was very experienced.

For WFDF World Junior Ultimate Championships now 36 teams were signed up. The WUCC was fully booked with 128 teams and still some countries on the waiting list. For the WMUCC there were 98 teams on the list but it was expected that this number would go down a bit.

## **Finance**

### **Treasurer's report**

Bergeron reported that the financial activities were ahead of where they were in the year before. Also the overall situation looked better than last year. She asked reimbursement requests to be sent by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bernardi added that there were a few membership payments due in the following week.

### **Next Meeting**

Proposed: December 16/17, 2017.

### **Closing: 17:11 CET**

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary