

Minutes of the 2011 Congress of the World Flying Disc Federation

Saturday August 27, 2011 - 8:30 am to 11:30 am Sunday August 28, 2011 - 9 am to 12 noon Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy

Online Votes taken by members between Congress Meeting 2010 (Prague, Czech Republic) and Congress Meeting 2011 (Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy).

Board of Directors Election Results (December 2010). 29 of 32 members in good standing casting ballots. Total of 87 votes cast.

President: Robert Rauch – 44, Jonathan Potts – 40, Abstain – 3.

Guts Chair: Ryan Scott – 63, Abstain – 24.

Overall Chair: Jack Cooksey – 64, Abstain – 23.

Beach Ultimate Chair: Patrick Van Der Valk – 84, Abstain – 3.

At Large: Fumio Morooka – 51, Robert Rauch – 15, Pedro Vargas – 20, Abstain – 1.

- To accept Beach Ultimate as a disc sport and co-host World and Continental Beach Ultimate Championships with BULA for the next five years. The World Championships (for National Teams) will be held in 2011 and every four years thereafter. The Asia-Pacific, European, African, and Pan American Championships (for National Teams) are scheduled for 2013 and every four years thereafter. The chair of the Beach Ultimate (disc sport) Committee shall be added as a member of the WFDF Board of Directors in conjunction with the Fall 2010 Election and thenceforward according to provisions set forth in the Bylaws (total number of WFDF Board members shall remain at 11). Existing National Ultimate Organizations shall become the representative for Beach Ultimate in their respective countries unless WFDF is notified to the contrary by the existing National Ultimate Organizations. Approved 20 September 2010. Members in good standing available to vote 35, voting 22. Approve 62, disapprove 0, abstain 0.
- All WFDF junior events (including the WJUC) shall be considered alcohol-free events to include the following provisions: All players to agree in their participant agreement that they will not drink alcohol (or use any illicit drugs) while at the tournament. No alcohol may be sold, served or distributed at official tournament venues. Team officials and support staff, WFDF officials and tournament staff may not drink alcohol while on duty or within a tournament venue or official accommodation. No alcohol sponsors at the tournament. Approved October 1 2010. Members in good standing available to vote 35, voting 27. Approve 63, disapprove 7, abstain 3.
- That WFDF recognizes a World Under-23 Ultimate Championship commencing with the event held in Florence, Italy on July 19th 25th 2010. Approved October 1 2010. Members in good standing available to vote 35, voting 26. Approve 50, disapprove 5, abstain 16.
- That World Junior Ultimate Championships be held every 2 years, starting in 2012, separate from the senior divisions at World Ultimate Championships Approved November 2010. Members in good standing available to vote 35, voting 25. Approve 64, disapprove 5, abstain 5.
- **To approve the 2010 WFDF Budget** Approved October 2010. Members in good standing available to vote 32, voting 21. Total votes available 93. Yes 61, no 0, abstain 3.
- **To approve the Minutes of Congress 2010** Approved October 2010. Members in good standing available to vote 35, voting 22. Total votes available 95. Yes 53, no 3, abstain 7.
- **To approve the Minutes of Congress 2009.** Approved October 1 2010. Members in good standing available to vote 35, voting 28. Approve 57, disapprove 0, abstain 17.
- **To approve the Minutes of Congress 2008** Approved October 1 2010. Members in good standing available to vote 35, voting 27. Approve 55, disapprove 0, abstain 14.
- **To accept the 2011 WFDF Budget.** Approved March 2011. Members in good standing available to vote 32, voting 20. Yes 59, no 0, abstain 4.
- To approve the Polish Ultimate Players Association as a National (regular) member of WFDF Approved April 2011. Members in good standing available to vote 34, voting 24. Approve 65, disapprove 0, abstain 0.
- To approve the Hungarian Frisbee Association as a National (regular) member of WFDF. Approved May 2011.

 Members in good standing available to vote 34, voting 26. Approve 76, disapprove 0, abstain 0.
- To approve the Slovenian Flying Disc Federation as a National (regular) member of WFDF Approved May 2011.

 (27) Members in good standing available to vote 34, voting 27. Approve 79, disapprove 0, abstain 0.



August 27, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order by WFDF President Robert Rauch at 9:03 am (local).

Goal for the day is to work efficiently to get through as much of the agenda as possible due to the fact that many participants have matches.

Attendees introduced themselves and their position with respective federations.

Tom Crawford (USA) congratulated and thanked Patrick van der Valk for outstanding organization of the WCBU. Event is getting great reviews from athletes.

2. Attendance

Regular members in attendance (votes available): Austria (5) Christian Leitner, Wolfgang Wurz; Canada (5) Tushar Singh; Chinese Taipei (2) Michael Hu; Colombia (4) Hernando Zapata Melo; Finland (3) Marja Elonheimo, Hanna Ounar; France (5) Jose Pires; Germany (5) Thomas Griesbaum; Italy (3) Stefano Carcangiu; Japan (5) Fumio Morooka; Poland (1) Ewa Banbula; Russia (1) Ekaterina Barabanova; Slovenia (1) Klemen Zupancic; Spain (3) Alberto Gilsanz Avellon; Switzerland (3) Christian Schneider; United Kingdom (5) Simon Hill; United States (5) Tom Crawford.

Provisional members in attendance: BULA Matt Kass; **Iceland** Patrick Nadonley; **Portugal** Patrick van der Valk.

Others in Attendance: Patrick Fourcampre-Maye (United Arab Emirates).

WFDF Board members/staff in attendance: Board: Robert Rauch (president), Sandie Hammerly (secretary), Simon Hill (Ultimate chair), Patrick van der Valk (Beach Ultimate chair), Michael Hu (at-large), Fumio Morooka (at-large). Staff: Volker Bernardi (executive director).

3. Report by the President – submitted prior to the meeting as part of Congress Briefing Book.

One of the major topics at this meeting will relate to approval of WFDF anti-doping plan and policy. Also want to have open discussion on a number of key topics related to Ultimate.

Rauch also introduced WFDF's new full time executive director, Volker Bernardi. Bernardi has extensive experience as an international sports federation professional as well as a background as an attorney. Although Bernardi started with WFDF in January, this will be his first experience with WFDF Congress as well as his first exposure to a flying disc event as a member of the WFDF staff.

4. Financial Report

2010 Audit

President Rauch called attention to the 2010 WFDF Audit and Review of Financial Statements. Based on WFDF's continued financial growth, the Board agreed that it was



appropriate to have an accountant perform a professional external audit. It was also reported that the Board has approved the change from cash to accrual accounting for the WFDF financial records.

Christian Schneider reminded those present that at the 2010 Congress he and Simon Hill were

appointed as auditors for the 2009 Financials. This was never done. It was agreed that WFDF needs to send the Final 2008 and 2009 Financials to Hill and Schneider for their review and approval.

Going forward WFDF will use an external professional to conduct its annual financial review and audit. As part of approving the 2011 Budget, WFDF members are agreeing to WFDF's use and selection of an external professional to complete this process. Once the Audit is completed, WFDF Audited financials will be published on the WFDF web site.

2011 Year to date financials

Rauch provided a brief review of the WFDF year to date financials. Total income through July 31 is \$43,263. This compares to a year to date budget projection of \$47,389.

The primary shortfall is related to payment of event fees for WFDF sanctioned events. In setting up the budget WFDF projected these expenses to arrive too early in the year – PAUC and AOUC will not be received until December; WCBU fees would not be due until September.

Dues receipts are ahead of schedule (\$39,000 compared to YTD budget of \$35,650). Nonetheless a number of members have yet to remit dues and Bernardi will be following up upon his return from Congress. Members were reminded that in order to vote on WFDF proposals, dues must be paid for the current year.

On the expense side, year to date actual expenses are significantly under budget, primarily due to the fact that expenses have not yet been recorded for event management and Congress (most of which are scheduled to occur on August). It was also noted that budgeted expenses for Anti-Doping activities will occur during the third and fourth quarter.

Despite the lower expenditures, WFDF loss for the year is currently reported at \$6613.95, compared to a budgeted shortfall of \$33,263.

The WFDF Balance sheet reflects Assets of \$325,843, of which approximately \$38,000 consists of restricted donations for Ultimate Peace activities. Rauch noted that it is important for WFDF to maintain robust financial reserves in order to withstand the ups and down in over our four year event cycle.

2012 Budget Presentation and Approval

President Rauch presented an overview of the 2012 WFDF Proposed Budget. For 2012 the WFDF Board has estimated total income of \$103,225 and total expenses of \$117,150 for a net loss of \$13,924.

The primary sources of income are projected to be dues \$48,225 and event sanctioning income from the WGUC and the WJUC (total \$54,000). Primary expenses for 2012 are related to event management (\$7500), Congress (\$8500), Memberships in affiliated organizations (SportAccord, IWGA - \$10,000) and Anti-doping program implementation (\$8000). \$5000 has also been included for development, and \$77,000 for Administrative expenses (including the salary for full time executive director, a face-to-face meeting of



the WFDF Board of Directors and to secure an outside professional to complete WFDF's annual Audit).

Christian Schneider commented that it would be helpful to see both four year projections for WFDF as well as prior expenses as part of the budget presentation. Rauch directed participants to the Board Briefing book distributed to all member organizations prior to the meeting which includes both projections through 2016 as well as historical data back to 2004. He apologized that a slide was not available.

Rauch noted that future efforts of new executive director Volker Bernardi will be to focus on developing new revenue sources for WFDF (without raising event fees or dues). In response to a question by Tushar Singh regarding a time frame for this effort, Rauch noted that one has not yet been established. The primary focus for Bernardi at this juncture is to put WFDF's administrative functions in order and to organize/implement anti-doping initiatives.

Motion to approve the 2012 WFDF Budget as proposed: Tom Crawford; second Tushar Singh, **approved unanimously**.

5. Membership Applications

Application of Latvian Flying Disc Association to become National member Robert Rauch called attention to the materials submitted by the Latvian Flying Disc Federation in support of their application to become a National (regular) member of WFDF and asked if anyone in attendance had any question or concern about the materials.

Motion to approve the Latvian Flying Disc Association as a National Member of WFDF: Christian Schneider, second Thomas Griesbaum, approved unanimously.

After the Latvia vote, Rauch noted that over past several years, WFDF's goal has been to standardize membership application process, including collection of formal business documents. It is WFDF's hope that with this new process, WFDF will help to ensure that new members have basic structure to maintain activities regardless of changes in volunteer leadership.

He noted that one of the things that members had asked for in the Opinion Survey was for WFDF to help members become stronger.

6. Review of 2011 Member Census

President Rauch called attention to data gathered as part of 2011 WFDF member census. He noted that with this year's process WFDF sought additional data regarding operational activities outside of competition with the hope that it will help WFDF better provide services and support to members. He thanked all members for taking the time to complete the census.

Referencing the USA Census Report, CEO Tom Crawford stated that the USA was proud to report that youth membership now exceeds adult membership in the organization. Continued growth of youth Ultimate is a primary goal for USA Ultimate future and as result USAU is committing significant resources to youth programming and the development of coaching and other administrators responsible for the management of youth teams.



7. Review of 2011 Member Association Survey

Rauch also called attention to results of the 2011 Member Association Opinion Survey. Based on responses provided by members it does appear that members are supportive of WFDF's efforts to bring flying disc in compliance with anti-doping expectations of WADA, SportAccord and IWGA – 52% of respondents indicated that "if flying disc sports are to be taken seriously, we need to fully embrace anti-doping". Another 36.1% recognized that "anti-doping programs need to be introduced to flying disc sports, but hope that the impact can be minimized". Only two members indicated they were opposed to anti-doping programs being introduced into WFDF events in any form.

Rauch noted that as a result of the survey WFDF would be exploring in greater detail ways that it could address some of the priorities sought by members, among them Coaching Training which was cited by almost 50% of members as an area where WFDF could be "most helpful". General promotion of the sport in the media was cited by 44.1% of members where WFDF could be most helpful. Rauch also invited members to share ideas with the Board as to what they expect as far as "promoting the sport" especially in light of WFDF's limited financial and volunteer resources.

Christian Leitner inquired as to how many members completed the survey. Sandie Hammerly reported that this information was available on the last page of the Report provided to members (32 members, including 4 provisional members) completed the survey. An additional 2 members started the survey but did not complete it).

Rauch thanked all members for completing the survey indicating that it was part of WFDF's current goal of increasing two way communications with its members. The Report from the 2011 Member Association Member Opinion Survey will be published on the WFDF web site, as will the results of WFDF Event Participant Surveys.

8. Risk Management Policy

According to Rauch, the document presented to Congress is the completion of a task started by former WFDF President Jonathan Potts. While the WFDF Board has always implicitly recognized the variety of risks outlined in the presented document in its decision-making, the organization has never had a formal written framework related to the practical application of specific risk management practices for the organization. The document presented is dynamic in nature and will be modified time to time based on changing risk factors and organizational appetite for such risk.

The WFDF Risk Management Assessment 2011 cites 8 key areas of risk, among them ensuring safety for participants at events, sustaining and improving financial viability, the ability to recruit/attract sufficient volunteers, and applying good corporate governance principles including compliance with regulatory requirements.

Patrick Nadonley inquired as to the cost to implement the plan. According to Rauch, the Board does not anticipate a budgetary cost; the goal of the effort is to formally create a mindset within the organization that there are risks involved with various decisions.

Simon Hill pointed out that there are real costs in relation to implementing this "mindset". For example in making decisions regarding player safety, WFDF requires a buffer zone between fields and dangerous obstacles. This often limits WFDF ability to accept bids from sites which do not meet these safety buffer zone requirements.



Tom Crawford applauded WFDF's efforts to move in this direction. He noted that while outsiders may question the decision made (change is always a challenge), ultimately they appreciate the fact that decisions made positively impact their safety and the environment in which competition occurs.

The policy will be published on the WFDF web site.

9. WFDF Anti-Doping Rules and WADA Compliance

President Rauch provided a brief historical review of WFDF's activities related to anti-doping. As a part of the 2003 WFDF Congress in Santa Cruz, WFDF first voted to adopt the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code effective in 2004. Based on revisions to the code by WADA, WFDF must approve a new code based on changes as well a plan for implementing the code and related activities. Rauch reported that he, Simon Hill and Volker Bernardi have been in ongoing communications with representatives of WADA and met face to face with them in April in London as part of SportAccord meetings.

As noted in the WFDF Code, WFDF Anti-doping programs seek to preserve what is intrinsically valuable about sport, "the spirit of sport" which is the essence of Olympism and how we play true. The principle of the Spirit of the Game, as endorsed by WFDF Bylaws and regulations, serves the spirit of Fair Play and thus requires the existence of Anti-Doping rules in any sport of Flying Disc.

Rauch provided an overview of the four key areas of the WFDF Anti-Doping Program 2011-2013: education, therapeutic use exemptions (TUEs), testing (in-competition and out-of competition), and results management.

He noted that the most "controversial" component – testing – does not fit in with disc sport's competitive philosophy and feels similar to referees. However, if our national associations want recognition within their own country's sport governing organizations, as well as to continue participation in organizations like SportAccord, the World Games, and to achieve recognition within the Olympic movement, we must comply with WADA rules.

Rauch reminded the group that based on responses of member associations as part of the 2011 Members Association Opinion Survey, less than 6% were opposed to the introduction of anti-doping programs into WFDF events. Almost 90% recognized that anti-doping programs need to be introduced to flying disc sports, although approximately 40% of these respondents expressed hope that the impact can be minimized. Significantly, approximately 20% of member reported already having anti-doping efforts in place for their association; and additional 25% have the topic under consideration.

Thomas Griesbaum inquired as to the number of member associations that have started to move forward in the area of anti-doping. Rauch called attention to the 2011 Census data (page 55 of the Congress Briefing Book) which provides such a report.

Patrick van der Valk expressed concern that WFDF is doing this "just to be a part of the World Games", which is regrettable in light of the fact that only six nations are able to participate in the World Games. According to Rauch, the issue is much bigger. In order to receive IOC recognition, WFDF must comply with WADA requirements. This will provide significant positive impact for our members/national associations who are currently seeking recognition by their government and/or respective national sports governing organizations.



Christian Schneider noted that Switzerland is currently trying to get recognized by their national federation. In order to do this, they must sign on to WADA. Nonetheless, they are also concerned about what implementation of anti-doping activities means to smaller federations.

Rauch responded that at this juncture WFDF has not included any requirements for antidoping programs at the national level in our 2011-2013. So far WADA has not said we have to do this. If in the future they require this, we can re-evaluate and make a decision.

Schneider agreed that it is important to keep in mind that there are options, and we need to continue to evaluate as requirements on WFDF and its members evolve.

Schneider also expressed concern about public release of testing results. Hammerly noted that WADA has approved our plan which clearly states that our Board will control what is released publicly.

Patrick Nadonley states that approving WADA code/approving drug testing is a slippery slope and expresses concern about what it could mean to the players long term. Players find it humiliating. It's expensive (both in terms of finance and personnel). Players do not necessarily believe that being part of the Olympic movement is important in terms of the costs.

Tom Crawford responds with thanks for offering this perspective. On the other hand, the USA has a different outlook especially based on their focus on youth. The overwhelming message from the US player is that they want legitimacy. Need to embrace anti-doping because it's important to our public perception (especially parents).

Simon Hill notes that sometimes the link between anti-doping and legitimacy are not always clear or the same for everyone. But if we don't do it, there is probably not a work around that members who need it can use to address the need for anti-doping implementation. He further noted that by buying into programs like anti-doping can often have ramifications that we don't yet recognize, but that can be very positive for disc sports and their ability to build credibility within their national sports infrastructure.

Wolfgang Wurz pointed out that a key issue is that players have a choice. If they want to be part of the national team then they agree to it...and if they don't then they just choose not to part of national team and forego participation in World Championships. It does not mean they cannot compete in disc sports, they just may not be able to compete at certain levels.

Tushar Singh inquired as to the timing be for selection of registered testing pool? According to Rauch, WFDF will need to identify the athletes by the end of the year. Communication with impacted countries will occur before the end of September.

Ekaterina Barabanova inquired as to whether Russia will need to test at their national championship in three weeks? Per Rauch, no national associations will be expected to test in the immediate future. WFDF will notify members if and when this appears to be imminent.

Motion to approve the WFDF Anti-Doping Program 2011-2013. Approved by all present with one abstention.



Motion to approve the World Flying Disc Federation Ant-Doping Rules (version 2.0 – Based upon the 2009 Revised WADA Code May 2011). Approved by all present with one abstention.

10. Ultimate Committee report/discussions

Ultimate Committee chair Simon Hill reported that bids have been accepted for the 2012 WUGC, 2011 PAUC and 2011 AOUC.

WFDF is still seeking a bid for the 2012 World Junior Ultimate Championships. Although initially it was thought that a bid from Prague was possible, due to a clash of dates with the approved WUGC bid, Prague will be unable to host. Hill has had promising conversations with Ireland for the WJUC and has a couple of other options in the event that the Irish bid falls through.

He stated that while he recognized that members were frustrated due to the late announcement of host selections and date, much of the problem has been based on the challenge of obtaining bids. He encouraged all members to consider hosting a future WFDF event. Among the smaller events needing hosts are the 2013 WU23, AOUCC and PAUCC. While some interest has been expressed in the WU23, bids are still needed for all events.

It is hoped that bid process for 2014 WUCC will be released shortly. <u>This has been delayed</u> at the Ultimate Committee has yet to make a recommendation regarding splitting Mixed and Masters from Open and Women.

Tushar Singh states that WFDF must make the team bid process for the WUCC more transparent. There were far too many issues in 2010 and this must not be repeated. Canada has submitted a proposal to WFDF in this regard and this far has received no response.

Hill reports that the Ultimate Committee is planning to implement a <u>Women's Master's division</u> in conjunction with the 2012 WUGC subject to getting enough teams to commit. Currently the Ultimate Committee is suggesting a minimum of four teams, but questions whether teams will want to come if there are only three other teams participating.

Marta Elonheimo comments that Finland would really like to see the Women's Masters Division added. What age has been established for Women's Masters? According to Hill this has not yet been determined. The original proposal stated between 30 and 33 with a goal of reaching 33 by the year 2020. The Ultimate Committee will discuss this with the teams who indicated an interest via the 2011 Member Association Opinion Survey.

Hill noted that while discussions are still underway <u>regarding frequency of World Under 23 Ultimate Championships</u>, it appears like that the Ultimate committee will recommend that the event will occur every two years with the next event occurring in 2013 (same year as Regional events).

Simon Hill provided a brief overview of the plan for <u>restructuring the WFDF Ultimate</u> <u>Committee</u> (page 134 of Congress Briefing book). It is planned that in 2011 an election will occur for chairs of key subcommittees with the hope that this process will make the process of committee selection more transparent to members. Elected chairs will be able to select their members. Subcommittee Chairs will serve along with Board level Ultimate Chair on overall Ultimate Committee. Hill comments that the WFDF Ultimate committee must do better job of getting more people involved so decisions can be made in a timely



manner. He hopes to eventually introduce more regional representation within the committee structure.

Tom Crawford comments that it is extremely important that WFDF ensure that National Associations are involved in nominations for committees. WFDF is an association of member organizations, not players, and as such decision-makers should be representing the views of their national associations. Individual players, while certainly concerned and committed, may not always have the full depth of knowledge of the member association. It is important for WFDF to ensure this link occurs.

Hill reminded those present that 2011 <u>Continental events are NOT qualifiers</u> for 2012 WUGC. However, we do have a ticking bomb for how many teams we can accept in 2014 WUCC (more teams wanting spaces than there are spaces) and questions regarding the process for teams qualifying for the WUCC must be resolved soon.

Adjourn for the day.

August 28, 2011

11. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Rauch

12. Attendance

Regular members in attendance (votes): -- Australia (5) Emma Briggs; Austria (5) Andrea Furlan; Colombia (4) Hernando Zapata Melo; Canada (5) Tushar Singh; Chinese Taipei (2) Michael Hu; Germany (5) Thomas Griesbaum; Japan (5) Fumio Morooka; Slovenia (1) Klemen Zupancic, Nejc Kodric, Anze Zorman; Switzerland (3) Christian Schneider; United Kingdom (5) Simon Hill; United States (5) Tom Crawford

Provisional members in attendance: BULA Matt Kass; **Iceland** Patrick Nadonley; **Portugal** Patrick van der Valk.

Others in Attendance: Juliana Jee (United Arab Emirates).

WFDF Board members/staff in attendance: Board: Robert Rauch (president), Sandie Hammerly (secretary), Simon Hill (Ultimate chair), Patrick van der Valk (Beach Ultimate chair), Michael Hu (at-large), Fumio Morooka (at-large). Staff: Volker Bernardi (executive director).

13. Ultimate Committee discussions (continued).

Simon Hill provided an introduction to the discussion on whether we should look <u>into</u> <u>Continentals as qualifiers for WFDF events</u> such as World Ultimate Championships (National teams)

Tom Crawford states that as long as event is self-funded, if competition is not going to be high level, then USA would not be supportive of Continentals. Hill states that the United Kingdom agrees and that forcing players to go to competition that is not good just so they can get to World competition is not acceptable.



Tushar Singh states that while Canada likes idea of Continental qualification, the sport has not yet developed enough around the world to make this viable right now. Thinks it needs to further in future.

Crawford asks if there has been any consideration given that in order for a member to send a team to world championship is that it has to have a viable national championship.

Hill states that for some developing countries, impetus for growth is the excitement of participating in a world event (maybe this is only applicable for European nations).

According to Hill there is an ongoing conflict as to whether the goal of WFDF events should be top level competition or development. Based on recent responses via Member Association Survey, right now it appears most members support both goals equally. When asked whether some form of Continental Championship should be introduced as a qualifier for WUGC in the future, 35.3% of Member Association Survey 2011 respondents stated they would be "willing to see a well-designed program in the future but that their region is not yet ready". 29.4% stated that it is still best to let all nations compete in the WUGC. 17.7% stated "uncategorically yes" Continental qualifiers should be implemented; 14.7% thought Continental qualifiers "is a bad idea".

Hill stated that discussions on the topic would continue within the Ultimate Committee.

14. WFDF involvement with sports other than Ultimate

Robert Rauch introduced a discussion on WFDF's support of sports other than Ultimate and ways that member associations could be of assistance in growing these sports.

Tushar Singh: Appears that other sports are not as organized as Ultimate. And probably won't be able to develop the way Ultimate has...probably the thing to do is to find ways to help "promote/showcase" these other sports as "demonstration" events at their events. He also suggested that WFDF add more media on its web site regarding these sports.

Singh recommends that WFDF focus some efforts on developing tools for introducing disc sports in Africa and other areas, including information on what is recommended to establish a sustainable structure. WFDF would not be responsible for the personnel, but would supply tools if someone like Singh were to go there and want to organize disc sports.

Patrick van der Valk knows a person who has started a program in Africa. He will contact them to come up with a model for how to implement disc sports in Africa.

Suggested that WFDF needs to provide a simplified set of goals for a local organization to grow/develop the sport. While the outline for becoming a member helps, many areas need something more basic than this. Crawford suggests development of a starter kit for new nations, similar to the one that USA Ultimate provides to local organizers.

15. Other

Christian Schneider provided an update on use of new WFDF Spirit Scoring system at WCBU. Efforts will continue to modify, improve and automate the system based on feedback received during this event. It was noted that it might be valuable in the future to provide advance education on the use of the system.



Tom Crawford announced that USA Ultimate is currently conducting a disc review process. As a result of the process it is likely that a number of different discs will be approved for use at USA Ultimate events.

16. Formal Announcement of formation of the Asian Flying Disc Federation.

Michael Hu and Fumio Morooka announced the formation of the Asian Flying Disc Federation effective November 30 2011. Headquarters will be located in Taichung, Chinese Taipei. AFDF will be the first formally organized regional disc organization under the WFDF umbrella.

Robert Rauch congratulated Hu and Morooka on the founding of the new organization which will initially have five members Chinese Taipei, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong and Philippines.

17. Adjournment

Robert Rauch thanked everyone for their attendance and provided closing comments. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 local time.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandie Hammerly Secretary, Board of Directors World Flying Disc Federation