
Minutes for the ExComm meeting August 27, 2022

9am PST / 12pm NY EST / 6pm CET / 8pm GST

Attending:

Robert "Nob" Rauch (chair), Kate Bergeron, Thomas Griesbaum
Volker Bernardi, Karina Woldt, Igor Janković

Call to order

18:01 CET

Overview by the President

Rauch greeted the attendees and presented the proposed meeting agenda. He noted that 2022 was a busy season with many events but it seemed WFDF got through well.

Decisions between meetings

(none)

Decisions requiring votes of or specific input from the ExCom

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes JUN 19, 2022

The Board of Directors Meeting Minutes JUN 19, 2022 had been voted on online already and had been approved unanimously with two abstentions.

Congress minutes of WFDF Annual Congress

A draft of the minutes had been presented shortly the meeting and needed further review.

Finance: Treasurer's YTD 2022 report

Bergeron reported that WFDF had collected almost all membership dues for 2022, partially because many members were eager to attend the big WFDF events, some paying just days before WUCC. Only small amounts of dues were missing. All merchandize partners were paying the fees as agreed on by contract, broadcast fees from China had been received as well as some of UltiWorld funds.

Woldt reported that the WFDF event fees collected from WUCC and WJUC had been as projected, while the fees from WMUCC were considerably higher due to the much higher number of teams.

The expenses in 2022 were as projected so far. Event reconciliation was ongoing but Bergeron did not expect any unusually high expenses, although some broadcast expenses were still missing which were expected to be between US\$ 20.000 and US\$ 75.000. She also noted that she had not received any expense requests for Congress 2022 in Cincinnati. Woldt said that Congress expenses was under the event budget of WUCC. LOC had also offered to pay for the Meet & Greet on the day before, but this would depend on the final financial outcome of WUCC.

There was also a discussion about WFDF members who still owed money to LOC and how to deal with that.

WFDF still needs to pay some LOC invoices and it was unclear how much cash would remain on the accounts at year end. Bergeron expected to give an estimate at the next meeting.

Woldt noted that housekeeping and finances around broadcast were very difficult. With many different people asking to pay for bills took up very much time. It was recommended that the WFDF Events team should take care of finding rooms and doing logistical stuff for the broadcast team.

She remarked on the WOC that there had been no sanctioning fee.

Bergeron informed that she finally had found a bookkeeper candidate. He had received the job offer and she expected to receive a reply soon and have the transition done by year end, perhaps with the outgoing bookkeeper staying on until then.

WFDF 2022 events Update

Woldt reported that at all events bad behavior or poor manners by some teams or individuals caused extra work. She was compiling a list of complaints and would contact the respective WFDF members.

Bernardi reported about a breach of accreditation at The World Games which even made local authorities get involved. He suggested to establish a Conduct Committee to look into happenings at TWG 2022. If accreditations are counterfeited this is serious and might hamper WFDF's ambitions to attend TWG at Cheng Du. Rauch agreed that this would emphasize the seriousness of this behavior while also giving the involved individuals a chance to tell their side.

Woldt summarized that it basically had been a good summer with many people speaking to WFDF and seeing many new faces. She recommended to host a couple more open forums with members so they can raise voice about events side, e.g. have an open Zoom call in October/November asking for input.

An official feedback survey on events as WFDF had planned to run every 2 years should be carried out in 2023. Post event questionnaires were being prepared.

WFDF needed to push forward on 2023 events as there were not many bidders yet. Continental championships and the WFDF U24 were planned to happen as well as an inaugural Wheelchair World Ultimate championship. The latter was likely to take place in Italy in the fall and it was expected that mostly European teams would attend.

Woldt added that Continentals should take place in October/November 2023, WBUC in late November and WFDF U24 most likely in August 2023.

She reported on the World Team Disc Golf Championships in Croatia where 25 countries had attended. After last year's European Team Disc Golf Championship at the same location this year's event ran very smoothly. Participation of a team from the Ukraine was a highlight of the event and it was discussed if WFDF should ask UltiWorld to publish an article about this aspect of the event. Woldt agreed that she could contribute information she received from the Ukrainian athletes.

TWG 2022 Birmingham - recap and conclusions

WFDF needed to submit a report about its participation at TWG by August 31st. The biggest issue was the sub-optimal positioning of the lead camera of ISB for the live stream of the semis and the finals. The large tent opposite of the stands made it difficult for ISB to set up a camera tower but WFDF's broadcaster had been successful. There was some misunderstanding by ISB and it was suggested to send a letter to state the facts about who made the decision about size and location of the tent.

RFP for Coaches training and certification program

Rauch discussed the draft RFP and noted that he felt that important parts were missing which would not allow to actually compare any received bids. The bidders needed to be specific in what they would provide. Also it needed to be clear that certifications in countries which already had such a program would be accepted. He felt that WFDF should have a certification system by the end of 2023, not 2024 as the RFP suggested.

Rauch would discuss the updates needed with Gisel. He suggested to look into already established programs, e.g. from USAU or UKU and learn from that.

Membership application Italy - change of membership

Bernardi informed that CONI has agreed to consider Flying Disc within their national funding frame with the condition that FIFD join FIGEST (Federazione Italiana Sport e Giochi Tradizionali, non-olympic sports). This would mean that FIGEST would become WFDF's member in Italy. FIGEST has confirmed that FIFD will keep decision making for Flying Disc.

Membership application Malta - change of membership

Malta wants to split away from the umbrella federation and become a standalone federation.

Membership application Saudi Arabia (SFDC) - new membership

Bernardi informed that SFDC could be accepted by the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee. Since many Multi-Sport events will take place in Saudi Arabia it would be helpful to have SFDC as WFDF member.

Bergeron asked if there was any risk that women would not be able to play. Bernardi noted that the player community in Saudi Arabia is made up equally of women and men. This criteria would be checked when SFDC submitted their final statutes.

ExComm agreed unanimously to present the change of membership of Italy and Malta and the application of SFDC to the Board at its next meeting.

Other new memberships developments

Bernardi asked if ExComm agreed to declare COL and VEN not to be in good standing as they still had open payments towards LOC. ExComm agreed unanimously.

He then informed that so far the local Sao Paulo Flying Disc community had been the official member of WFDF. Now this community wants to concentrate more on local matters and proposed a withdrawal from WFDF. After discussion with SOTG Chair José Amoroso there is a chance that Sao Paulo will keep up the membership until the transition to a new federation will occur.

There is a chance that a federation in Uzbekistan will apply for WFDF membership.

In Italy an International Flying Disc Academy had been founded. Would such a group be considered to be accepted as associate member? Rauch replied that this group has the necessary affiliation with Flying Disc. But it could not be accepted exclusively as the only Flying Disc academy. Also, every IFDA coaching certificate would have to follow WFDF's standards and IFDA cannot be commercial or a competition to our RFP candidate.

Athletes' Commission composition - proposals to the Board for appointments

Caroline Tisson had been elected chair of the AC. The Board needed to decide to balance gender and geo representation. Currently there was an overwhelming number of female representatives.

USAU has announced a candidate of uncertain gender.

WFDF Commissions - proposals to the Board for appointments

Bernardi announced a few additions and replacements to various commission which would be presented to the Board for approval.

Application CGF/Victoria 2026 - inclusion at Commonwealth Games

Bernardi suggested to apply for Flying Disc to be included at the Commonwealth Games 2026 in Victoria, Australia.

EUSA Games 2024 and WFDF University event 2023

Bernardi announced the dates for these events: The WFDF University world competition will take place on 4-8 July, 2023 in Debrecen (HUN) and the EUSA European University Games in July 12-24, 2024, also in Debrecen (HUN).

Since there are only university teams allowed to participate he did not expect problems if there was an overlap with the WFDF U24 in 2023.

TAFISA European Sport for all Games, Perugia (ITA), 23-29 September 2022

Bernardi briefly introduced the schedule for this event.

WFDF 2021 census and membership dues invoices - update

Bernardi reported that dues of US\$ 74.000 had been received with US\$ 4.000 still missing. Two members claimed they have paid and it is still unclear where their dues are.

WFDF 2022 Development Programme - WFDF Sofia Coaching clinic

Bernardi reported that there was interest from non-members from the East of Europe to attend the WFDF Sofia Coaching clinic on October 7-9, 2022 (e. g. Uzbekistan, Tajikistan), but also from existing members. This event would help to reactivate some of the existing members.

Other business

Bernardi planned to send out call for elections after the next BOD meeting to have all applications in by end of October.

Next meeting

Board: 17/18 SEP; ExComm: 22/23 OCT

Closing at 20:17 CET

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum
WFDF Secretary