
Minutes for the Executive Committee meeting Saturday February 25, 2023
9am PDT / 12pm NY EST / 6pm CET / 9pm GST

Attending:

Robert "Nob" Rauch (chair), Kate Bergeron, Brian Gisel, Thomas Griesbaum
Volker Bernardi, Karina Woldt, Patrick Fourcampré-Maye, Igor Janković

Call to order

18:12 CET

Overview by the President

Rauch greeted the participants to the first ExCom meeting of 2023.

Decisions between meetings

(none)

Decisions requiring votes of or specific input from the ExCom

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes JAN 22, 2023

The Board of Directors meeting minutes of January 22, 2023 were presented to ExCom for review.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes DEC 18, 2022

A motion was made by Gisel to approve the Executive Committee meeting Minutes of December 18, 2022, seconded by Bergeron. The motion was approved unanimously.

WFDF 2022 events Update

Woldt reported that preparations for all 2023 WFDF events were running well. WU24 and PAUC had currently not received as many teams applying as expected and therefore the booked venues had been reduced. Should sufficiently more teams sign

up and pay more fields could be booked. The date for WBUC has been shortened to 5 days from November 1 – 5.

She noted that she received feedback from some NFs that they were struggling after COVID to get enough athletes to attend national tryouts. For example, Denmark was not sending any team to WU24 as they did not have the number of young players as they had in the past.

Some continental Disc Golf events hosts had not signed contracts yet or were still looking for venues. There was still time for this to happen but at a certain point the Disc Golf committee would have to accept that certain events just could not happen. For the Pan-American Team DG event there was a suitable venue at the PDGA headquarters, but PDGA could not run the event and the DG Committee would have to find a tournament director. In Asia Oceanic there was a potential host in Chinese Taipei but communication was difficult and it was unclear how experienced the host was. She proposed to set a deadline of the end of March to nail down all logistics.

Bernardi noted that WFDF would likely not participate in the inaugural Olympic Virtual Sports Festival in Singapore in June 2023 as the deadline was within the next three days and Disc Golf Valley, the company which hosts the virtual DG game, had not yet committed. Woldt said she would contact DG Valley immediately to find out if an application could be submitted to the IOC by the deadline of February 28.

As for the World Overall Championships the LOC seemed overwhelmed by the initial contract. When it was redone and sent the LOC replied that they had lost the venue. As the expected TD also informed the WFDF Event team that he did not have time during the proposed date, Woldt had suggested to the Overall Chairperson McLeod to move WOC to 2024.

Woldt added that she expected the income through tournament fees in 2023 to be as projected in aggregate.

All WFDF events of 2024 would soon be announced once the contracts had been signed giving the WFDF members more lead time to plan ahead.

From the written report given by the Event team Rauch highlighted the online registration system which was currently being proposed by a software company and looked promising. He also noted that two volunteers (Dominique Santini and Yenny Pardo) had agreed to work for the Event team as interns. WFDF had had good experience with interns in the past. He suggested that ExCom approve the idea to bring them in after both sign a confidentiality agreement and conflict of interest statement.

A motion was made by Gisel to approve Dominique Santini and Yenny Pardo as WFDF interns, seconded by Griesbaum. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was then discussed that Congress 2024 would be at the WFDF event at Gold Coast, Australia, during WUC.

Congress 2023 was planned in Nottingham before the WU24 for Saturday July 1st as an 8 hour meeting with a social reception on the Friday evening before.

WWUC 2023 Wheelchair Ultimate Championships contract

Bernardi reported that the contract for the WWUC in Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy, contained the IPC accessibility guide which describes the accessibility for wheelchair athletes. It was known that Lignano Sabbiadoro had all the facilities needed but he preferred it to be regulated in the contract.

He referred to the preliminary set of Wheelchair Ultimate rules on the WFDF web site under the “Development” section and added that the event was still in an experimental state. He expected to announce the event together with the information about the current set of rules within the next day. Rauch suggested to revise section “7. Rules of Play” of the contract by adding the link to the set of Wheelchair Ultimate.

A motion was made by Gisel to approve the contract between WFDF and ASD Flying Disc with the above mentioned addendum, seconded by Griesbaum. The motion was approved unanimously.

Tim Rockwoods 2023 compensation

Gisel presented the 2023 compensation plan for Managing Director Broadcasting and Marketing Tim Rockwood. It was similar to 2022 but for 10 months instead of 9 as the tournament season was longer.

A motion was made by Gisel to approve the presented contract between WFDF and Rockwood, seconded by Griesbaum. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was discussed that WFDF events which would not be covered by Rockwood’s contract could do their own streaming/broadcasting but Rockwood and Gisel should be consulted.

Broadcasting Overview 2023 events - allocation of money to broadcasting at WU24

Gisel presented the broadcasting revenue plan for 2023. Ultiworld would again be the broadcasting partner. The focus would be on WU24 and the gained experience would be applied to the next events WBUC and PAUC. Ultiworld could not go to Manila for AOUGC. Viewers could either buy the normal Ultiworld subscription or Ultiworld was considering to introduce an event package. WFDF would also work with UltiWorld to create a geo-targeted access model which will allow spectators from some developing countries access to streaming at a reduced cost. Unlike WUCC 2022 all finals of WU24 should also be offered as a pay-per-view stream.

For WU24 the broadcasting team expected upfront costs for production and commentators of US\$ 40,000 with an expected revenue of US\$ 40,000 to US\$ 50,000. Additionally WFDF might be able to earn licensing fees for the stream from the People's Republic of China.

Rauch noted additional transaction costs. Gisel wanted to get more information from Ultiworld. Bergeron was skeptical about the revenue but agreed with going forward. Bernardi reminded to keep the Olympic Channel in the loop whenever possible, even though all streams there are free for the viewers.

A motion was made by Bergeron to approve up to US\$ 40,000 from WFDF to fund the streaming for WU24, seconded by Griesbaum. The motion was approved unanimously.

Partnership agreement with FLIK for Coaching Materials

Gisel presented the agreement between WFDF and Flik Ultimate LTD. This will enable WFDF to offer coaching material to a certain number of licensees identified by WFDF.

insidethegames.biz media co-operation review and proposal

Bernardi proposed to buy coverage from the internet magazine insidethegames.biz just like WFDF had done in 2022 with full coverage of WUCC 2022. In 2023 WBUC would be fully covered, as well as WFDF Congress and 18 stories published on the web site about Flying Disc.

A motion was made by Gisel to approve the £10,000 GBP (~US\$ 12,000) contract with insidethegames.biz, seconded by Griesbaum. The motion was approved unanimously.

F2F board meeting: preparation

Woldt informed that all arrangements with the hotel had been done and she would soon pay the deposit. There is full flexibility to run sessions as desired. There are two rooms WFDF can use for the meeting and as break out room.

The hybrid Board meeting is currently planned for session 2 on Saturday possibly at around 5.00 pm New York local time. As of now only Morooka will be able to attend online.

F2F board meeting: agenda draft

Rauch presented a first draft of the F2F agenda similar to the ones from former meetings. He asked everyone to look over it and get back with comments to make sure that everything of importance is included. A major topic will be the update of WFDF's Strategic Plan.

Finance: Treasurer's YTD 2022 report and 2023 budget

Bergeron reported that at this time of the year as usual the census was being prepared and based on the replies the members would be invoiced. The next expenses she expected were those for flight tickets of Board members to the Face-to-face meeting in April. Cash at hand was strong but some of it would soon be sent to the TD of the first WFDF event in 2023, the WU24 in the UK.

Work with the auditors had started.

WFDF bookkeeper Gray had planned to retire but she offered to continue her work for another year and Bergeron expressed her gratitude.

She had been in contact with the insurance broker and consultant to set up event liability insurance for WFDF but so far the negotiations had been very difficult. Bergeron had reached out to USAU to find another insurance broker. Unfortunately the request from an insurance service provider to pay an overdue invoice for international event insurance for which WFDF had never received a quote was still not closed. Gray and Bergeron were working on it.

WFDF 2023 Global Disc Sport Community survey

The questions had all been decided on and written in English but it was a main goal to translate the survey into several other languages. Janković had done research to find a suitable tool as WFDF's tool of the past offered multi-language surveys only at a high cost. Of three evaluated tools SurveyHero was best suitable and affordable for WFDF's needs. The survey would be finalized by checking all translations and be sent out at the beginning of March with results available in time for the next Board meeting.

TWG 2025 Chengdu - WFDF application for Ultimate and Disc Golf

Bernardi gave an update on the process and informed that the final decision would be made at the IWGA AGM in early May.

WFDF new membership developments 2023

Bernardi confirmed that Congress had approved the membership change in Italy to Federazione Italiana Giochi E Sport Tradizionali (FIGeST). Since CONI has approved FIGeST, Flying Disc in Italy is now recognized by the Italian NOC.

Currently Congress was voting on Ecuador and Monaco. Several WFDF members had already voted in favor of both applicants and Bernardi expected WFDF could welcome members #105 and #106 soon. With Monaco receiving approval other small countries like San Marino could consider to send in an application. He also saw Jamaica as a potential applicant in the near future.

Rauch asked for an overview of the WFDF members with NOC recognition and if it was advisable to send out a press release or if WFDF should wait until Monaco gets approval. Bernardi urged to send a press release very soon about Italy gaining CONI recognition and not wait for Monaco.

Bernardi added that once the International Committee of the Mediterranean Games (ICMG) approves the Mediterranean Flying Disc Confederation then the door is open for all WFDF's members in the Mediterranean to be accepted by their respective NOCs.

Other Business

Rauch asked about the status quo of the conduct complaints about Colombia. Bernardi informed that he was still waiting for the Colombian NOC recognition as he did not want to interfere with the recognition process. He was in frequent contact with Mauricio Moore as Colombia was interested to attend the university event in Hungary. Rauch asked to stay on this topic as he wanted to present a report of the Conduct Committee at the next Board meeting and it needed to be clear if Colombia could attend upcoming WFDF events.

Next meeting

Board: 25/26 Mar; F2F Board: 22/23 Apr

Closing at 19:20 CET

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum
WFDF Secretary