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**Minutes for the Executive Committee meeting Sunday December 18, 2022**  
9am PDT / 12pm NY EST / 6pm CET / 8pm GST

**Attending:**

Robert “Nob” Rauch (chair), Kate Bergeron, Brian Gisel, Thomas Griesbaum  
Volker Bernardi, Karina Woldt, Igor Janković

**Call to order**

18:02 CET

**Overview by the President**

President Rauch opened the meeting and briefly introduced the Agenda.

**Decisions between meetings**

(none)

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

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes NOV 20, 2022 meeting**

The minutes were presented to the Executive Committee for reference.

**WFDF 2022 election - preliminary results**

Bernardi reported that the election had closed on December 15 after reaching quorum. He noted that some members with a strong affiliation with only one of the Flying Disc disciplines still tended to abstain from voting on representatives of other disciplines. According to the bylaws, counting the results would start three days after elections had terminated by the scrutineer Ulrike Lehmann. He expected to announce the results before Christmas.

**Results/status of Congress votes**

Bernardi planned to present the Saudi Arabian application to Congress within the next days, together with the Congress 2022 minutes and the application of Malta for change of membership status.

### **WFDF 2022 events Update**

Reconciliation of event financials was still underway but close to be finalized and the first invoices to participants of the World Beach Ultimate Championships in 2023 had been sent out. Invoices for other events would follow soon. The last contracts for events in 2023 would be finalized soon and contracts for 2024 events were already in the hands of tournament hosts waiting to be studied and signed by them.

Woldt noted that interest in WBUC was lower than in 2017 in Royan, France. It would not be WFDF's largest event in 2023. Three divisions had been dropped due to poor numbers and two more divisions were close to being dropped. She had asked the Beach Ultimate Committee to reach out to federations which had sent teams in the past but had not yet signed up for 2023.

Rauch suggested to have a meeting with the BU Committee in early January after the change of the Chair. Bernardi noted that some national federations had expressed interest to serve on the BU Committee and this was a chance to get more active members into the committee.

The Italian federation has a strong interest to host the Wheelchair Ultimate championships in 2023, proposing Lignano Sabbiadoro as host city where the Italian Beach championships would take place. Suggested date is September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sponsorship RFP (Gloves, Bags)**

Only Tokay had shown interest to become WFDF's footwear partner but had not yet sent a bid or been available for talks. Rauch suggested to try to talk again in early January.

Two bids had been received for glove partnership by Friction Gloves and Layout Gloves. One of them proposed to give WFDF value in kind as a return, the other proposed to give cash. Details needed to be sorted out and prepared for a decision at the next Board meeting. Woldt added that Layout also sells sandsocks.

Greatest Bags had submitted a bid similar to the current bid. The product seemed to be very popular and it was expected for WFDF to renew the contract.

### **SOTG - fundraising ideas**

Woldt presented the campaign “Play for Ukraine” of the Ukrainian Flying Disc Federation. The campaign suggests to have WFDF’s logo on its website to manifest WFDF’s support or to have the campaign’s logo on WFDF’s web site with a link. All suggested donations go to humanitarian causes. Also, bracelets could be sold with the proceeds going to the campaign.

It was considered to allow the campaign to use the WFDF logo, perhaps for three months and evaluate after this time. Also, a social media post could highlight the campaign and provide information how to contact them.

Rauch asked about the state of the reports of the Ukrainian Disc Golf participants at the World Team Disc Golf Championships 2022 which had been planned to be published. Woldt confirmed that she was in contact with DG Chair Mead about this.

### **F2F board meeting: dates and quotes on location**

Possible dates for a F2F board meeting were in late March or April. Woldt had asked for quotes from hotels in New York City and Frankfurt/Main for 20-25 participants. Final date and location would be determined soon.

### **Finance: Treasurer's YTD 2022 report**

Bergeron reported that most invoices for 2022 had been received and processed and that she expected to close the books for 2022 soon.

She mentioned a request from an insurance service provider to pay an overdue invoice for international event insurance for which WFDF had never received a quote. Bergeron was confident that this request could be clarified as wrong soon.

Taking all expected cash flows in account WFDF could expect to finish the year 2022 with around US\$ 475,000 in cash, better than budgeted, but it was clear that 2023 would be a year of much lower income.

Bergeron mentioned online payments as a topic for 2023 with the goal to take off the burden from the bookkeeper of tracking money flows. But these would cost roughly 3% of the transferred money. Woldt saw currency conversion as an issue especially concerning the event in GB.

### **FECODV Colombia (NF) - Conduct Committee next steps**

Bernardi presented the next steps to be taken. FECODV had already paid missing fees. It seemed that the first communication with FECODV had already helped to achieve some goals.

### **TWG 2025 Chengdu - WFDF application for Ultimate and Disc Golf WFDF**

Bernardi reported that WFDF had submitted its application for Ultimate and Disc Golf at Chengdu on December 16, 2023. The Disc Golf application comprised 32 athletes and one competition manager (with a chance to lower the application to 24+1 if needed). Bernardi noted that while PDGA had supplied written material to back the application it was essential for IWGA that WFDF is the applicant, not PDGA. Gisel confirmed that PDGA understands this and is eager to help even if they are not a direct partner.

The preliminary programme for Chengdu would be decided on by IWGA on January 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and passed on to the General Assembly in May 2023.

Rauch noted that a key question in the decision for Disc Golf was that there must be a DG course in Chengdu. It has been made clear that the NF would take care that a course will be built and paid for.

### **Development Programme 2022**

Bernardi reported that two proposals for the development programme which had been approved could not be carried through. He presented three new proposals for 2022:

The Comoros / team Shifininkio Ultimate (US\$ 1,000):

- Improve ultimate practice and perform at AAUC 2023 with a mixed team and represent the Comoros in an international competition (not for travel expenses)
- Develop the practice of mixed sport in the Comoros
- Teach conflict resolution through the game spirit of this self-refereed sport.

Association Malienne de Flying Disc (AMFD) (US\$ 1,000):

- Pursue creation of teams of Ultimate Frisbee all over the country, particularly in high schools;
- Organization of the second national championship;

- Organization of try-outs for players from the different Mali teams in order to create the first national team which may participate to the next All African Ultimate Championships.

IPC classification documents (US\$ 2,000): The International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS) has agreed to draft an IPC compliant classification document for Wheelchair Ultimate.

ExComm approved of these three proposals.

### **WFDF Athletes' Commission further procedures**

Bernardi reported that the additional members of the Athletes' Commission still needed to be appointed by the Board. The AC has suggested a group of appointees but since they are not well balanced sport-wise and location-wise the AC has asked for the written appointee selection procedure. It was unclear to the ExComm members if such a written procedure exists but Bernardi informed that they were part of the written AC election procedure and he would circulate those among ExComm.

Rauch added that since it was so hard to find candidates for the appointed AC members taking AC suggestions as a start seemed plausible.

Bernardi informed ExComm that IWGA was in the process of electing its first Athletes' Commission.

### **Next meeting**

Board: 21/22 Jan 2023; ExComm: 25/26 Feb

Closing at 19:23 CET

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum  
WFDF Secretary