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**Sunday March 26, 2023**

USA HI: 04:00, USA CA, CAN BC: 06:00, USA CO, CAN Calgary: 07:00, USA NY, MI, VA, CAN Montreal: 09:00, DOM: 10:00 UK, IRL, POR: 14:00, GER, SRB, FRA: 15:00, UGA: 17:00, UAE: 18:00, SGP: 23:00, JPN, KOR: 23:00

**Board members present:**

Robert "Nob" Rauch (chair), Kate Bergeron, Thomas Griesbaum, Caroline Tisson, Rob McLeod, Fumio Morooka, Caroline "Caz" Malone, José Amoroso, Shiellah Quintos, Alex Matovu

**Also attending (non voting):** Volker Bernardi, (Secretary General), Karina Woldt (Managing Director Events and Operations), Igor Janković (Administrative Coordinator), Tim Rockwood (Managing Director Broadcasting and Marketing)

**Board members absent/excused:**

Charlie Mead, Nicole Bulos, Steve Taylor, Jamie Nuwer, Yoonee Jeong, Lori Daniels, Brian Gisel, Haude Hermand

**Call to order (time: 15:03 CEST)**

Quorum reached with 10 votes of 10/18 needed.

**Report by the President**

Nob welcomed everybody and thanked all for participating.

**Decisions between meetings**

(none)

**Minutes of the meeting Board of Directors - 22 January 2023**

A motion was made by Matovu to approve the Minutes of the meeting Board of Directors - 22 January 2023, seconded by Morooka. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Minutes of the meeting Executive Committee - 25 February 2023**

These minutes were presented to the Board for reference.

## Decisions requiring votes of or input from the Board

### WFDF Events Team Report: 2023-2024 Plans

Woldt gave a brief overview:

- The 2022 event finances were in the midst of the normal audit
- The 2023 VSWTDGC did not happen as Disc Golf Valley owners indicated a lack of interest and time to host the event as planned for Feb/March this year.
- Planning for the Face-to-Face Board meeting for 21-23 April was on track
- For the World Under-24 Championships, the current bid list is 23 countries attending with 46 teams and approximately 920 athletes.
- The Pan American Ultimate Championships are capped at 86 teams due to lack of affordable extra fields.
- The previously designated host of the WOC 2023 from Italy had lost the venue and therefore the event will have to be cancelled. McLeod noted that the Italian hosts planned to submit a bid for 2024.
- The AOUGC in Manila, PHI, received much interest and, with pre-registration from 18 countries, the venue is at capacity at around 62 teams.
- The All African Ultimate Championships received more interest than ever and could have 16 teams attending.
- WBUC remains steady with 5 divisions. A parallel event for the International Beach Ultimate Mixed Club Challenge will be announced as a first attempt by WFDF to host a Beach Ultimate Club event given the excess capacity at the venue.
- Due to timing conflicts there would be no regional Team Disc Golf Championships in Europe this year. But events in the Pan-America and Asia-Oceanic regions were still planned.
- For the Wheelchair Ultimate World Championships in Italy the contract had been signed. Rules needed to be finalized and published.

Woldt noted that AFDA, the hosts for the World Ultimate Championships in 2024, had some logistical concerns around financial aspects of the contract, related to currency exchange rate fluctuations. AFDA has suggested that a local bank account under WFDF disbursement control, which would be acceptable to WFDF..

A motion was made by Malone to approve the new protocol for handling the bank account for AFDA, seconded by Bergeron. The motion was approved unanimously.

Woldt presented the proposal of a UK based company to tailor an existing event registration system to the needs of WFDF and its new fee collecting system. This would reduce the load of the bookkeeper and the Events Team for invoicing. It would

also have other registration benefits, such that athletes would be entered once into the system for an event which registration would carry over to additional events. The system would be GDPR compliant according to the needs of WFDF. The company would charge an annual fee instead of the percent of fees model that so many other systems require, roughly US\$20,000 per year. Woldt requested that we do the preliminary work on the system which would cost around GBP 1,250, to be applied against the initial license fee if we were to proceed.

A motion was made by Bergeron to approve the GBP 1,250.00 for the test round of the new registration system, seconded by Morooka. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Woldt reported that planning for the Face-to-Face board meeting in NYC for 21-23 April was on track and the attendees would soon receive further details.

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

Bernardi reported that the formal decision about the potential inclusion of Ultimate and Disc Golf in the 2025 World Games in Chengdu would be taken during the IWGA General Assembly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2023 in Madrid. He and Rauch were looking forward to having Disc Golf return to TWG.

### **Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games - WFDF involvement**

A Finnish company had approached WFDF looking for support to have Disc Golf become a demonstration sport at YOG 2026 in Senegal. This is an element in their master plan to develop a huge green space in Dakar. WFDF had expressed our willingness to support the project although we questioned whether demonstration sports would be added. WFDF cannot be part of the standard program because that was decided two years ago.

Bernardi emphasized the importance of being part of the YOG as a stepping-stone to the Olympics, but we await hearing back from the group.

### **FECODV Colombia (NF) - Conduct Committee procedures**

Rauch announced that a letter about this topic would be sent to Colombia within the next days. He expected to have a reply before the Face-to-Face meeting.

### **Finance: February 2023 Financial Statements**

The current fiscal year is running as usual with little income early in the year but as projected. Bergeron noted that the bookkeeper Gray had decided to stay for an extra year which was a big relief. The annual Audit process had commenced. Bergeron was looking for a new liability insurance broker given the issues with our previous broker.

### **Disc Community Survey Update**

Janković reported that, after a short period, the Disc Community Survey had received 1,007 responses with the aspiration to reach 10,000 respondents. He asked to reach out through social media and other channels. It was hoped that the fact that the survey was being offered in several different languages would promote participation.

### **WFDF 2022 Anti-Doping Test Distribution Plan, WADA Code Compliance**

A decision about the code compliance questionnaire was postponed to the Face-to-Face board meeting.

### **WFDF 2022 and 2023 census and membership dues invoices - update**

Three weeks after the deadline there were still many replies missing. Much work was needed to be done to get more replies. Members who do not file the census would be declared as not “in good standing” and lose the right to compete at WFDF events.

### **Reports and Updates**

#### **Athletes' Commission Report**

Tisson stated that the commission had not had a conference call since that last Board meeting. She asked for more information about the Conduct Committee regarding Colombia. Extra commission members would be proposed in April.

The question about a change in the policy regarding Russian and Belarus athletes to attend WFDF events arose. Rauch noted that this would be discussed at the Face-to-Face Board meeting and he hoped to have more input from other federations by then. It seemed that European countries have a different opinion to countries further away from the war. Bernardi added that we should decide what is the best approach for WFDF irrespective of what other federations were doing.

### **SOTG Commission report**

Amoroso reported that James Moore and Henrietta Papp had resigned from the committee. He expected to have one new member by the time of the Face-to-Face board meeting. The committee was in the process of finding SOTG Directors for WFDF's events in 2023 and was seeking for a volunteer for its social media management.

Amoroso plans to publish articles about SOTG in scientific magazines which would help reach new audiences. Since he wanted to collect statistical data at WFDF events from the athletes, he wondered whether he needed the authorization by the WFDF Ethics Commission. He was also working on an ERASMUS project.

### **Women in Sport Commission Report**

The commission was focusing on regular topics such as getting feedback on the gender equity toolkit.

### **Media and Broadcast Plans for 2023**

The three main WFDF events in 2023 would be covered through the continued partnership with Ultiworld. There might be a fixed fee to watch all WU24 games as opposed to having to sign up for a monthly Ultiworld subscription and perhaps geo-based lower fees for low income countries. The involved LOCs and WFDF have put up money for coverage and Rockwood plans recoup the money spent by WFDF and hopefully more by putting all games behind a paywall except for a few select games. These games could also be offered to the Olympic Channel which only streams free to watch events. All games would be free to watch as VOD after a certain period of e.g. perhaps as little as one week.

### **Continental Association Reports**

### **AOFDF**

Officials and Advisors of AOFDF would meet online on March 29<sup>th</sup> and hold its General Meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> before the AOUGC opening. A change of the constitution is planned and there would be elections for President, Secretary General and Board Members. Morooka would no longer run for President or any other position, as he is moving into his retirement phase of life after four decades of service to flying disc sport.

### **PAFDF**

PAFDF will host a meeting with its stakeholders in March with the focus on youth development. A PAFDF website within the WFDF website would make it easier to find. Ecuador had become the latest member.

### **AAFDF**

During the Congress Meeting, the Secretary General had resigned as he had been elected president of South African Flying Disc Federation. All members are trying to jump start their federations. Matovu emphasized the lack of discs in all member countries. It was discussed how WFDF could efficiently ship discs to the continent without them being held up by authorities of being exposed to exorbitant taxes. Matovu suggested to do test runs with smaller numbers as he had good experience with disc coming from Japan.

The All African Ultimate Championships was planned to accommodate as many teams and individuals to attend as possible. The next AAFDF meeting was planned for October.

### **EFDF**

EFDF held its Congress with 21 countries represented, with Sweden still discussing about becoming a member. At the EBUC, 48 teams are expected to participate. EFDF set up an Athletes' Commission including two Disc Golf athletes. EU-Project "Interact Plus" has started in January with Jörg Benner (from DFV, Germany) working for EFDF. EFDF is planning to meet with WFDF to address disc-golf coordination in Europe

## **Disc Sport Committee Reports**

### **Beach Ultimate**

The committee had its first online meeting in February. Quintos added to the WBUC report that having more publicity in regard to the IBUXCC would help. When the press release went out the response was very good, but the new division announcement was somewhat buried.

### **Overall**

McLeod was trying to hold the WOC 2023 in September as well as in 2024 and 2025 to get back on track with the odd year event cycle. He also suggested to host smaller regional Overall events in 2023 to make such events easier to attend and perhaps spark interest.

### **Next meetings/wrap-up**

Board: 22/23 APR F2F; ExComm: 20/21 MAY

**Closing: 17:15 CEST**

submitted by Thomas Griesbaum  
WFDF Secretary