

## **Saturday, June 9, 2012**

Conference Call at 21:00 UTC (UK, POR- 22:00; GER- 23:00; USA NY, VA, MI 17:00; USA CO, AZ 15:00; USA CA, CAN BC 14:00; Japan 06:00 (Sunday June 10); Taiwan 05:00 (Sunday June 10))

### **Board members present:**

Robert „Nob“ Rauch, Thomas Griesbaum, Sandie Hammerly, Brian Gisel, Simon Hill, Michael Hu, Ryan Scott, Fumio Morooka.

Also attending: Volker Bernardi, Executive Director, non-voting.

### **Board members absent or excused:**

Patrick van der Valk, Kate Bergeron, Jack Cooksey

### **Call to order**

### **Report by the President**

President Rauch welcomed all Board members and thanked them for joining the conference call. He stated that the quorum of a minimum of 7 Board members participating in the meeting has been reached by the 8 members present and that the meeting could proceed.

### **Previous Minutes**

The updated minutes of the meeting of April 28, 2012, have been submitted as part of Board Briefing book. **Motion to approve by Nob Rauch, second Si Hill and Fumio Morooka. Approved unanimously.**

### **Decisions between meetings (none)**

### **Events**

### **WUGC 2012**

Volker Bernardi asked Fumio Morooka as President of TOC WUGC 2012 to make sure that the TOC would answer important questions immediately. Most important questions include:

- Revised Budget plan
- Risk Management plan
- Confirmation that the anti-doping tests are ordered by TOC/JFDA
- Meal plan – Update on the status
- Liability Insurance - approval of quote
- Congress preparations - hotel room reservation for delegates
- Guest Passes information
- Merchandise/Sponsors
- TV/Internet Broadcast: Media and Broadcast offers from various stations

Fumio Morooka answered that he would like to receive an e-mail outlining all open questions to discuss this within TOC. The mail will be sent immediately after the Board meeting.

With regards to the broadcasting contract Morooka underlined that TOC had paid to get nationwide broadcasting. Hill mentioned that the fact that TOC was making agreements about which WFDF was not informed could cause trouble. TOC needs to consult with WFDF on such major elements as required by the contract.

Hill mentioned that it is unacceptable that one single vendor has received the right to sell merchandise. Hammerly added that WFDF should be willing to authorize that one vendor received primary merchandising rights, but that other vendors should be allowed to get a contract to sell goods as long as they pay a commission.

The Board members are requested to inform the Executive Director regarding their attendance during the Congress in Sakai and provide travel details as soon as possible (for hotel booking, etc.).

### **WJUC 2012**

Hill informed that the preparations seem to be going well. Mark Kendall is supporting the TOC in Dublin from WFDF side. The field situation is better than expected. The TOC was able to add an extra low cost option for the accommodations resulting in more teams participating. Bernardi added that there was a recent conference call with the TOC and that there were no concerns at the time being. Participation will be 20 Teams Juniors Open division and 15 Teams Juniors Girls division. Three teams had recently withdrawn. TOC expects some 920 players including U17 teams (which it is running simultaneously with but separate from the WJUC).

Hammerly requested information on the Merchandising Plan and further documents on Sponsorship. TOC has promised to send these documents shortly.

### **WU23 2013**

There were no questions about the written report submitted by the Executive Director.

### **WUCC 2014 - bid situation and vote**

Hill reported about the bidding situation for WUCC 2014. He explained that there were discussions about a possible bid from the USA but this bid had not been fully completed and that it had not received an endorsement by USAU. Massimiliano "Max" Vitali (Italy) now has answered all questions and WFDF has reached a point where we need to make a decision. The fields in Italy are great but there are two main difficulties: (1) transport of players, as the accommodation is some distance from the fields and (2) provision of food at the fields, as the food service will need to be served under a temporary structure, which adds complexity.

There has little to no feedback received from the Ultimate Committee, other than the work that has been done by Hill, but he is comfortable that the bid is in good shape.

Hammerly requested the players' fees to be reviewed as they seem to be very low. It was proposed to compare fees with past events. Fee could be raised to perhaps improve transport. The bid looks very player-centric and there is actually no attention to guests / spouses or coaches. It was mentioned that there is no printed newsletter as players should get it online, but there was some concern about how many players would have access through their personal devices via the WiFi which is to be provided on the fields.

Rauch suggested that it was counterproductive to wait any longer to make a decision and lose more time for preparations. Rauch proposed to make a decision to move forward with the Lecco bid, sign a contract with Max Vitaly, and to establish milestones in the contract on the remaining areas of concern. Gisel mentioned that not all operational details need to be included to the contract.

Rauch proposed to establish a strict timeline on the remaining areas of concern with milestones in the autumn in the contract to have final solutions, and closely supervise those.

Hill proposed that WFDF should go back to USAU (who had some concern about timing) before any announcement, to see if we could accommodate those concerns as the event can be flexible within a couple week window if that would be helpful. It was agreed that it would not be possible to host this event in 2014 other than in July.

**Rauch made a motion to accept the bid coming from Max Vitaly on behalf of the city of Lecco (Italy) and move forward to finalize contract as soon as practical. It would include milestones for final transport and meal plans by October 2012 - Hill seconds.**

Board members present: 8, majority needed: 5  
Result: 7 yes, 1 abstention – motion accepted

It was agreed that WFDF would further discuss the WUCC timing with USAU.

### **PAUCC, AOUC 2013**

PAUCC: Panama is interested and has provided a confirmation of interest. They are going to send WFDF bid templates asap.

AOUC 2013: Japan will not bid for the event. Singapore, Philippines and Australia are interested and have confirmed they are doing their preliminary work now.

### **The World Games 2013 Cali (Colombia)**

The briefing book includes the work plan for the Games. Hammerly requested information on the documents being mentioned in the work plan. Hill will check and Bernardi will follow-up with Cali Organizing Committee (COC).

Morooka requested information on the qualification procedure. Hill answered that the procedure was decided on a year ago and it will be the same as in 2008 for the World Games 2009: At WUGC 2012 Open, Women and Mixed divisions' results will contribute to a point system which will be used to rank the participating nations. Morooka will be

sent a copy of the documents.

### **ECBU 2013 - sanctioning request**

Rauch provided an overview of the motion sent by Patrick van der Valk to have WFDF sanction the European Championship of Beach Ultimate. He is supportive, with the proviso that WFDF standards were met. Patrick has suggested that he views this similar to the Continental Championships such as PAUC and AOUC. Hill confirmed that EUF is comfortable with this being sanctioned by WFDF.

### **Hill made a motion to sanction ECU 2013 as WFDF event providing that the WFDF standards are met - Gisel seconds.**

Board members present: 8, majority needed: 5  
The Board voted: 7 yes, 1 abstention. The motion is accepted.

### **Liability Insurance**

Morooka confirmed that TOC would answer the requests sent by the Executive Director on Monday. The respective documents will be sent again.

### **WFDF Governance**

#### **Congress plans**

Rauch explained that in addition to the normal business of the formal agenda, the 2012 Congress would have an interactive discussion among the delegates. There would be a Spirit of the Game discussion on Saturday and another topic on Sunday and it would begin with a presentation by several speakers with different points of view.

#### **Face to face Board meeting in Oct./Nov.**

Rauch mentioned that the meeting had to be postponed from spring to early fall. There would be a poll whether Board Members would prefer November 3/4 or 17/18.

#### **Report on SportAccord convention**

Rauch referred to the report in the Briefing Book.

The formal schedule included meetings with World Games, the Association of Independent Members of SportAccord, SportAccord, and many others. In addition, there were many informal meetings with a variety of members of the IOC in connection with our application for recognition. We also met with the IOC Sports Department, who are well aware of our activities and did not seem to have any issues. There was a meeting with Cali to confirm plans for WG 2013 and with WADA representatives, who confirmed our plans for 2013 do not require any increase in Anti-Doping testing. The WFDF delegates also met vendors and tourist agencies.

## **Athletes Commission**

Bernardi explained that the initial deadline was 7 June but has been extended to 15 June as per the request of some Members. There is already one application from South Africa and we expect to get more from USA, Canada, Singapore and Germany. A reminder has been sent to all members.

## **India and Mexico Membership issues**

Bernardi mentioned that the India issue is not as pressing as the group from Chennai will not be able to travel to Sakai.

Mexico: There was a mediation agreement signed by both parties but one party is not willing to abide by agreement. We need to let them know that there might not be a Mexican member in the future if they do not cooperate. Bernardi will speak with the Mexican Sports Organisation (CODEME). He hopes to make them understand that the two groups will have to cooperate with each other.

Rauch added that the current WFDF Member had gone inactive in 2009, turning over activity to a new organizer, but that group appears to have been less than democratic or transparent in their activities.

## **Development project in Cali**

At SportAccord we had discussed the possibility of working on a development project that would include "Peace and Sport". Rauch told them what WFDF did with Ultimate Peace and that we would be willing to work together with them.

## **Finance**

### **Treasurer`s Report**

Hammerly had submitted the Financial Summary (Income v Budget), Member Dues Status and plan 2012, and a copy of the 2011 Financial Audited statement which were all included in the Briefing Book. Hammerly reported that USGPA had indicated that they had sent a check for dues. Other than that, Hammerly had nothing to add to the report given in the Briefing Book. Bernardi added that Mexico, Taiwan and China planned to pay in cash just prior to WUGC.

### **Anti-Doping Program Implementation**

Bernardi has sent a report and added that the report is fully approved by Jamie Nuwer, Chair of the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee.

## **Non-Ultimate**

### **Guts Committee report**

Ryan Scott reported that there are issues with the participation of Nigeria in WUGC. They paid and have sent a roster but nobody has received replies from Nigeria with regards to

WFDF Membership. Rauch suggested that they should participate merely as demonstration team if they actually show up in Japan.

### **Overall Committee report**

Rauch presented the report sent by Jack Cooksey. Sweden wants to go forward with the WOC in 2013. Cooksey wants to try to expand participation to new countries. Bernardi will work with him on a formal call for bids for WOC.

### **Disc Golf and Freestyle**

Rauch reported about the meeting with Jack Kelly, an advisor to PDGA, in Québec City. He mentioned that the new PDGA Board might be inclined to rejoin WFDF.

### **Communications**

#### **Website - Phase 2: WFDF OFFICE**

Bernardi reported that work is proceeding as planned. A draft of WFDF Office might be released next week. Board Members will be able to test the system. Bernardi asked for feedback within a week so the system could be fully operational by end of June.

#### **Use of Social Media**

Griesbaum suggested we should be cautious as there can be a negative impact if we are not fully committed to an ongoing effort.

#### **WFDF server system - Ultiserver - Ultiorganizer:**

This service should be cancelled by end of June and all data be transferred by then.

### **Media and Promotion**

Rauch mentioned that it is difficult to get videos and photos from TDs of WFDF events. We need to enhance media collection. Hammerly wants to have this as part of the contract that we receive footage from TOCs. Rauch added that a promotional video could be very useful, e.g. for IOC application. This should be made as 2-3min tape. He asked for feedback on whether we take small part of budget to have such a video/DVD made. Morooka mentioned that Japan made a promotional video and had given Rauch and Bernardi a copy.

Hammerly mentioned that the video should preferably have our event footage in it. Hammerly mentioned that before creating such a video, we need to plan what focus we want and which Flying Disc sports should be highlighted. Only then a call for bids be sent out.

### **Next Meeting**

Proposed date: June 30 at 21:00 or 22:00 UTC as short (30 mins.) recap before Congress.

**Closing**

The meeting closed at UTC 23:02.

Submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary