

### **Saturday, September 29, 2012**

Conference Call at UK, POR- 22:00; GER, RSA- 23:00; USA NY, VA, MI 17:00; USA CO, AZ 15:00; USA CA, CAN BC 14:00; Japan 06:00 (**Sunday September 30th**); Taiwan 05:00 (**Sunday September 30th**).

### **Board members present:**

Robert „Nob“ Rauch, Patrick van der Valk, Thomas Griesbaum, Michael Hu, Jack Cooksey, Ryan Scott, Kate Bergeron

### Also attending:

Volker Bernardi (Executive Director, non-voting), Ryan Purcell (Athletes' Commission, non-voting)

### **Board members absent/excused:**

Sandie Hammerly, Fumio Morooka, Simon Hill, Brian Gisel

### **Call to order**

### **Report by the President**

President Rauch welcomed the Board members present and gave an overview of the agenda for this meeting.

### **Previous Minutes**

The updated minutes of the meeting of September 29, 2012, had been submitted as part of the Board Briefing book. **Motion to approve by Jack Cooksey, second by Kate Bergeron. Approved unanimously.**

### **Decisions between meetings**

(none)

### **Events**

#### **WUCC 2014**

Simon Hill announced that he expects it will take another one or two weeks until the contract with the Max Vitali for the WUCC 2014 in Lecco, Italy, can be finalized and signed. **Robert Rauch motioned to approve the form of the contract (with the caveat that the exact date of the WUCC 2014 still needs to be negotiated before the contract is signed). Second by Kate Bergeron. Approved unanimously.**

#### **PAUCC 2013**

Volker Bernardi reported that he is discussing the preliminary bid with the representatives from Panama and has clarified a few basic questions in the process. A full bid should arrive within the next seven days. Bernardi added that some WFDF provisional Members have expressed interest to attend PAUCC 2013 and will have to become WFDF Full Members to be allowed to participate as they already have used the one-time exemption under per WFDF rules, and there may be a couple others who will have to apply for Provisional Membership.

#### **AOUCC 2013**

Volker Bernardi reported that preliminary bids (without a budget) have been received from Australia and Singapore. The Philippines so far have expressed interest but have

not submitted anything in writing yet. Bernardi has informed all parties that there is a deadline for full bids with all documents of October 7, 2012.

### **The World Games 2013, Cali, Colombia, July 25 – Aug 4, 2013**

Volker Bernardi reported that there will be 9 spots for official WFDF representatives at the WG as six quota places are reserved for coaches of the participating teams. The participating teams will receive information about uniform policies and other logistics from Bernardi within several weeks.

### **European Championships of Beach Ultimate 2013**

Patrick van der Valk reported that he will be requesting a few small revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding that was included in the Briefing Book. A draft website for ECBU 2013 will be set up within one week and it will be suitable to be used as a template for other events. With an expected 60 teams, the ECBU will be the second largest Beach Ultimate event after Paganello. **Ryan Scott motioned to approve the ECBU Memorandum of Understanding. Second by Kate Bergeron. Approved unanimously.**

### **WFDF Governance**

#### **IOC recognition procedure**

Volker Bernardi reported that WFDF has received a formal confirmation indicating that IOC is reviewing WFDF's application for recognition. WFDF still needs to submit the final WUGC 2012 report, as we are awaiting the translations from JFDA and TOC. On November 14-16 during the Sportaccord IF Forum Bernardi has scheduled a meeting with IOC Sport Department representatives in Lausanne.

### **Face to face Board meeting in November**

Robert Rauch referred to the preliminary agenda for this meeting that was included in the Briefing Book and asked for any input from board members. As of now the entire Board will be attending except for Michael Hu. Rauch proposed to hire Dr. David Barkan as moderator for various parts of the meeting. Barkan cannot attend the meeting in person but will join through a conference call, preferably with video. With his time for preparation before the meeting and the actual moderating time expenses would be US\$1,800 which Barkan asked to be paid as a contribution to Ultimate Peace. Patrick van der Valk expressed concerns about whether it would be productive to have the WFDF Board meeting in person while having a remote moderator. Rauch stated he had discussed this with Barkan who has had positive experiences with remote moderation and is confident that it will work out well. Barkan will bring in useful perspectives and will help the discussion very much, especially as being an impartial person from the outside. Kate Bergeron confirmed that Dr. Barkan had been very helpful in consulting USA Ultimate in the past. **Robert Rauch motioned to hire Dr. David Barkan for US\$1,800 as a contribution to Ultimate Peace. Second by Patrick van der Valk. Approved unanimously.** Separately, Volker Bernardi asked to add some 10 – 15 minutes to the November board agenda for Anti-Doping matters.

### **WFDF 2012 elections - procedure/candidates**

Robert Rauch reported that a total of five positions are up for election. Over the next month the election committee will be asking the current position holders to run for election as well as looking for other suitable candidates.

### **Athletes' Commission**

Ryan Purcell, Chair of the WFDF Athletes' Commission, had submitted a written report on the Commission's last meeting. Volker Bernardi had joined the conference call and provided the members information about Anti-Doping. It was confirmed that the head of the Commission could rotate if they wished. Ryan Purcell has sent a few items to be included in the agenda for the face-to-face Board Meeting in November.

### **Anti-Doping program plan 2011-13**

Volker Bernardi outlined that to fulfill WADA requirements it is necessary to find new athletes for the Registered Testing Pool (RTP) for 2013. He proposed that WFDF nine select players from the six teams going to the 2013 World Games in Cali, with two players (one open, one woman) each from the three top ranked teams and one player each from the other teams. He further recommended to do the mandatory out-of-competition tests in Cali before the competition starts if CLOC would agree we could use their doping control facilities. While approval of the Board was not necessary, **Robert Rauch put forward a motion as follows: The nine RTP athletes should be selected from the six teams attending the World Games in Cali with two players from each of the three top ranked teams and one player from each of the other teams. The gender distribution should be six men and three women. Out-of-competition testing would occur in Cali prior to the official start of the flying disc competition. Second by Thomas Griesbaum. Approved unanimously.**

### **Members**

#### **Korea**

Robert Rauch described the membership situation in Korea. The grass roots organization KUPA is the current WFDF member from Korea and only covers the sport of Ultimate. KFDF, which now has applied for WFDF membership, is officially recognized by the Korean government and in the past has only taken care of the disciplines of Disc Golf and Guts, not Ultimate. Therefore it would be possible to accept both groups as members. However, the current Korean WFDF member is worried if this separation will stand in the future. To gather facts regarding the situation, WFDF could accept the invitation sent by KFDF for WFDF delegates to attend a competition in Korea and meet with them. WFDF would plan to pursue face-to-face meetings between the two groups and evaluate whether it were feasible to establish a basis for cooperation between the two groups. KFDF had offered to cover the expenses of up to three WFDF officials, so we intend to have Volker Bernardi as Executive Director and Michael Hu as AFDA representative join this meeting.

#### **Mexico**

Volker Bernardi reported that, after several attempts, both groups have met and agreed to work together and eventually to combine. This is after meetings by Nob Rauch with members of each group in Mexico and several discussions while at WUGC. A new organization will be founded with meetings in the next two months, perhaps by the end of November.

#### **Freestyle**

Robert Rauch explained that the FPA board had amended their Bylaws to integrate a fully acceptable non-discrimination clause on Board level. **Rauch motioned to accept the application for presentation to WFDF Congress to vote on it. Second by Ryan Scott. Approved unanimously.**

### **Spirit of the Game - SOTG**

#### **Conduct Committee issue with Italy at WJUC**

#### **Conduct Committee issue - Colombia at WJUC**

The Conduct Committee for the Italian issue has been formed with Robert Rauch, Volker Bernardi, Patrick van der Valk and Ryan Purcell. The committee should have a final report on both topics by the end of the month. With regard to a complaint about problems during a game in the Open Masters division at WUGC 2012, Robert Rauch said that such complaints should be handled by the Tournament Rules Group during the event, not by the Conduct Committee, and that the matter would be referred to the Spirit of the Game Committee.

### **Non-Ultimate**

#### **WOC 2013**

Jack Cooksey has been in touch with the bidder from Sweden after the bidding guidelines had been sent some five weeks ago. He is still waiting for a reply from them.

### **Guts Committee report**

Ryan Scott reported that Michael Hu, Fumio Morooka and he have agreed to propose to enter Guts into the AOUC event. A formal proposal will be sent to WFDF soon. Volker Bernardi mentioned that the bidders need to know as soon as possible if they will need to cater for an additional discipline.

### **Communications**

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

Volker Bernardi reported that the new structure has been established and that the documents from the Yahoo group are currently being copied into the new file system. He welcomed any feedback from Board members.

### **Next Board Meeting**

Face-to-face meeting in New York, NY, on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### **Closing**

The meeting closed at UTC 22:29h

Submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary