From the President's Disc

by Robert J. Rauch

The snow is finally gone and I was out tossing a disc with my friend Danny Weiss at the Sheepmeadow in Central Park near my home here in New York City yesterday. Next weekend, I'm going to participate in the April Fool's Fest Ultimate tournament in Washington DC for the seventeenth year in a row. I've put in a lot of time this winter working on WFDF administrative tasks, which makes me even more grateful to be able to get out again and do what makes it all worth while; PLAY DISC!

For most players, the organization of disc activities is, understandably, of little interest. In the end, all any of us really want to do is go out and throw and catch. Makes sense. But, we also like to be able to participate in organized tournaments that are well run, to see disc sports on television, to know how to get together with other disc enthusiasts when we go travelling. And, unfortunately, that takes a lot of administrative work by a lot of people. I think that most players feel that there is value in having an international organization to coordinate disc activities across the globe. WFDF's role is that of an umbrella organization, working with the local associations to keep it all together.

Over the last year, we have worked to streamline and restructure WFDF so that it can better achieve its objectives. We have adopted a new set of Bylaws to conform with our current administrative practice. We have legally incorporated WFDF in the State of Colorado in the United States in order to gain the protection of the corporate structure from legal liability which is increasingly needed in today's litigious society. We have greatly improved the financial situation of WFDF, and currently have over USD 10,000 in assets with which to pursue our development goals for the year. We are a professional enough organization to allow the 1993 World Ultimate Club Championship.

WFDF Disc Missionary Program

Any disc player traveling to Asia (except Japan and Taiwan), South America, Africa or former Eastern European countries (including the former USSR) may apply to receive five free discs to take with them to these countries to distribute them.

To apply to the program send an application letter (1-2 pages) no later than 45 days before scheduled travel to: Wham-O, Sports Promotion Office, Disc Missionary Program, P.O. Box 4, San Gabriel, CA 91178, USA. Phone: +1 818 287 9681, Fax: +1 818 287 1040. Please include name, address, telephone, a rough itinerary with dates and places, and why you want to participate as a missionary.

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To keep WFDF working, we need our member associations to give us help in three primary ways: cooperation, input and participation.

1. Cooperation: We need your cooperation in getting information about your activities, in paying dues on time, in meeting the deadlines set by tournament directors, and in supporting our development efforts throughout the world. Specifically, later this spring, each member association will be contacted by a board member asking a lot of questions about your activities. Please be responsive so that we can get through this survey of our fifty members as painlessly as possible.

2. Input: WFDF cannot accomplish what its members wish unless those wishes are communicated. The best forum for this is the Annual Congress. We need member associations to make an effort to participate, and to come prepared to discuss the issues. Furthermore, members should take the initiative to influence the agenda to be sure that their concerns are heard. In addition to the normal Congress, we are going to introduce a special evening discussion to which all disc players during this year’s World Championship are invited. The topic this year will be “The Tradeoff Between Tournament Fees and the Professionalism of Tournament Organization.” This is an issue of grave concern to the Board and we hope to gather valuable feedback from this session, which will certainly affect the format of tournaments for many years to come.

3. Participation: The final area of support needed is participation. We need individuals to do some of the work. This can be accomplished on a variety of levels. For individuals travelling to areas in the world where disc sports are not yet actively played, participation in the Disc Missionary Program has a great impact. Our recent progress in South America is directly attributable to the efforts of one or two individuals’ work in specific countries. For individuals involved in the work of National Associations, we need your continuing input on what programs work for you and any assistance you can provide to less well organized associations. Finally, we need people who are willing to devote their attention beyond their own national association and become involved in the work of WFDF as an officer or committee member. All positions are volunteer but a small amount of effort goes a long way.

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I have spent most of the preceding paragraphs talking about the work of maintaining our disc organization. Admittedly, it is not always so much fun and it is just that--work. However I opened my column by talking about the fun side, tossing a disc in the park, getting together at a tournament with friends with whom you’ve been playing for almost two decades. To see disc sports grow in terms of participation and public awareness has made all the work worthwhile, personally satisfying, and, in the end, fun.

However, I’ve been involved with WFDF since 1987, when I became director of the UPA and, thus, Chairman of the Ultimate Committee. Seven years later, I’ve decided it’s time to hang up my cleats. I’ve advised the Board that I’m resigning as WFDF President as of the Congress meeting August 20. Anyone interested in the position should feel free to contact me, as there currently are no announced candidates for the position.

I look forward to seeing you all in Colchester this August.
GAISF 27th Congress and General Assembly

By: Seppo Niinimaa
Lahti, Finland 25-28 October, 1993

The 27th GAISF Congress and General Assembly in Lahti, Finland was a large scale event. The City of Lahti spent about USD 450,000 just to renovate the Congress facilities. The Congress was extremely well organized, largely due to the fact that the City of Lahti is one of the most experienced places in the world in organizing large scale winter sport events. The Congress utilized the organization and volunteers that organized the annual Salpausselka Winter Games held in Lahti. There were, for example, volunteer attaches available at all times to assist in guiding, chauffeuring, interpreting etc.

The guest list was impressive, including the Prime Minister of Finland. Naturally, the City of Lahti had its own interests strongly represented throughout the Congress, as Lahti is applying for the mandate of the Nordic Winter World Championships for 2001 and the Winter Olympics for 2005. In my opinion, it stands an excellent chance to get at least the first one. As stated, the organization was superb with 150 volunteer staff, excellent speeches and entertaining evening activities hosted by the City of Lahti, the Minister of Culture at the Finnish Sports Institute, Adidas, and a nearby garrison.

The theme of the Congress was "Commercialization: In Favor of or Against the Sports?" Most of the speakers seemed to be of the opinion that commercialization is something you cannot avoid, that you need it, and even, as one speaker put it, "commercialization is the democratization of Olympic sport."

Speakers included Wolfgang Stein, President of the Telemundi Group, who raised millions of dollars for the Americas Cup and made a little known sports event far on the open sea a multi-million dollar spectator event, and Tapio Korjus, the 1988 Olympic javelin champion. He highlighted the major problems of commercialization, specifically the fight for spectators, sponsors and practitioners.

There were 58 Full Members (with voting rights) represented in the Congress, 12 Associate Members (non-voting), one Provisional Member (WFDF) and 6 observers, for a total of over 200 representatives and another 200 members of the press etc.

It was well noted that the World Flying Disc Federation was represented. The General Assembly was chaired by the President of GAISF, Dr. Un Yong Kim of Korea. Dr. Kim seemed to be quite influential within GAISF. The newly elected Executive Director, Jean Claude Schupp from France, was also introduced.

Initially, I was led to believe that WFDF would be promoted to full membership in GAISF as it was on the agenda. During the week, however, I was advised that this was not to be the case after hearing that, on Monday, the GAISF Council had decided that WFDF not be recommended for Full Member status. When I found out, I arranged for videos to be shown in the lobby and press room of the Congress. I also passed around several copies of the WFDF Rule Book (donated by the Finnish FDA) and distributed a condensed history of the disc sports which I had prepared.

I spoke with Dr. Kim about the process to upgrade our membership status. He indicated that neither he nor the other Council members knew enough about WFDF or our activities to recommend us for Full Member status. He and the other Council members favorably noted our attendance at the meeting and strongly suggested we provide them with more information in order to allow them to make a positive decision next year.

It was very illuminating to attend the Congress. It is obvious that if we wish to pursue the recognition which comes with Full Membership status, we must do a much better job of publicizing our successes in introducing disc sports throughout the world and organize an active lobbying effort of the voting members of GAISF. Given our increased level of internal organization developed over the last several years, this should be achievable within the next year if it becomes a priority of the federation.
Rising Costs

By Jukka Jalovaara

Dear National Association Representatives:

Background
The Dutch Association has approached all of us to provoke the discussion of a very important topic: the cost of participating in WFDF (and EFDF) Championship events. We share their concern that the cost of participating in these showcase events not become prohibitively expensive to the point that players and teams are unable to participate, and truly hope that their participation will not be impacted by the cost structure of this year’s tournament.

Notwithstanding this concern, we remind everyone that Tournament Director Charlie Langdon-Mead supplied the 1992 WFDF Congress with a detailed bid outlining his budget and pricing, which was unanimously accepted and also recommitted during the 1993 Congress. As you know, the Congress is the ruling body of WFDF responsible for approving Championship bids and representing the interests of the membership of WFDF. With the exception of having to adjust his costs in order to add an extra day to the tournament at WFDF’s request, the original fee structure proposed by Charlie was not changed.

Financial Considerations: A Rebuttal
In order to set the record straight upfront, and referring to the table and diagram presented by the Dutch Association, please consider the following:

1. The players fee for Colchester 1991 was actually £ 190 (i.e. 20% more than indicated).

2. The players fee for Utsunomiya 1992 was actually ¥ 50,000, whereas the team deposit (¥ 50,000 per team or, on average, ¥ 3,300 per player) was refunded within the players fee. Using the exchange rate given this comes out to a total of about fl 895 per player (i.e. more than 6 times as much as indicated).

3. The duration of the WFDF tournaments has been extended to 7 days of play (including finals) since 1993. This extra day naturally means extra costs of almost 15%. Comparing Colchester 1994 with Papendal 1993 is absurd, if one does not take into account that players will be lodged in Colchester from Saturday till Sunday (next), altogether 8 nights, where the respective days in Papendal were from Sunday until Saturday, a total of 6 nights.

4. Although the Dutch Guilder is a hard currency, it is debatable whether such comparisons as we have seen can be made by taking today’s exchange rates and using these values three years backwards. The Tournament Director will have to plan and carry his expenses in the local currency anyway, and these need to be adjusted for the impact of inflation. Looking at the cost of Colchester in pounds (£) in 1991 and 1994 and taking into account items 1 and 3, we should compare an estimated figure of £ 220 to £ 265, an increase of 20%. Given that inflation has been running on average at 5-7% p.a., the costs of participating at this year’s tournament are roughly equivalent to those in 1991, for an event which we expect will achieve an even higher level of quality.

Conclusion
Over the last several years, there have been four considerations in whether a tournament bid was accepted.
1. Quality of tournament venue;
2. Amenities for players (accommodations, food, other);
3. Organizational experience of the tournament director in past events; and
4. Ability of the organizer to put on a professionally run event in order to showcase our sport in the best possible light.

Our opinion is that this year’s tournament fees are not unreasonable in the context of these objectives. Unfortunately, things cost money.

Having said this, we are sensitive to the concerns raised by the Dutch Association. Perhaps we need to examine the objectives by which we have judged tournament bids. One alternative, for example, would be to restrict the number of teams invited to the events (which would make it easier to find a site with sufficient field space), reduce the number of days (to reduce costs), limit player amenities (not require the organizer to provide lodging and food except for a camping site, no free parties), and not demand a professional approach (no lined fields, scorekeepers, finals stands). Yet, we are not sure that this is what most players want either.

So that we can get input on this issue, we propose to arrange a Roundtable Discussion during the week that the Ultimate World Championship is held in Colchester. Representatives of all countries will be invited to discuss...
the issues. Topics will include:

1. Participation: Can we afford to invite all possible teams or should we have a qualification procedure?
2. Length: What is the appropriate length for the event? Is one week too long?
3. Player Amenities: What amenities (accommodations, food plan, parties) should be arranged for players? What are the minimum standards?
4. Format: What should our objective be in setting the format for the tournaments (maximum playing time for all teams, focus on elite teams)?
5. Tournament Organizers: How do we ensure that qualified tournament organizers remain interested in hosting our tournaments? What is appropriate for profit expectations? What do we do if no one comes forward to host an event?
6. Showcase Aspect: Is it appropriate for WFDF to use the Championships as a means to showcase our sport in front of the press and public? At what cost?

We are looking forward to Colchester being our best event ever and hope you will all be able to participate. We strongly encourage you to participate in our Roundtable discussion. Hope to see you there.

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- To: WFDF Members
- From: Robert L. Rauch WFDF President
- Re: Operating Procedures and Board Resolutions

The following is a series of operating procedures and board resolutions that were approved by the WFDF Board during a telephone conference call on March 12, 1994. The purpose of this procedures and resolutions memo is to supplement the new form of the statutes so that issues important to the administration and organization of WFDF -- which are not appropriate for inclusion in the corporate Bylaws -- are addressed formally. The WFDF Secretary will maintain a file of these operating procedures and board resolutions and will update it as additions, modifications and other changes are agreed upon. All of the Operating Procedures and the Board Resolution relating to the 1995 Dues are subject to approval by the Congress in its meeting in August 1994.

**Operating Procedures**

1. Membership Application

In applying for Regular, Organizational or Associate Membership in WFDF, a prospective member association must provide, not less than three months prior to the Annual Congress in which their membership application is to be reviewed, the following information to the WFDF Secretary:

a. A copy of its Bylaws/Statutes, with a translation into English; b. A list of all board members and officers, with addresses, telephone and fax numbers; c. A listing of the number of players represented by the organization; d. A description of activities of the organization in the previous year and objectives for the coming year; and e. The appropriate dues amount for the class of membership being considered.

Membership can only be considered once per year at the Annual Congress by its voting members.

In applying for Provisional Membership in WFDF, a prospective member association must provide the following information to the WFDF Secretary:

a. A copy of its Bylaws/Statutes (if any), with a translation into English; b. A list of all board members and officers (or at least one primary contact person), with addresses, telephone and fax numbers; c. A listing of the number of players represented by the organization; d. A description of activities of the organization in the previous year and objectives for the coming year.

Membership can be considered at any time by the Board.
2. Sanctioned Tournaments

Currently, WFDF officially sanctions three World Championships:

a. WFDF World Ultimate and Guts Championship (WUGC); b. WFDF World Overall Championship (WOC); and c. WFDF World Ultimate Club Championship (WUCC).

The WUGC shall be held biannually during each year ending in an even number. The WOC and WUCC shall be held biannually during each year ending in an odd number. The WUGC and WUCC shall be administered on a day-to-day basis within WFDF by the Team Disc Sports Committee and the WOC shall be administered on a day-to-day basis within WFDF by the Individual Disc Sports Committee.

3. Participation in Sanctioned Tournaments

The following rules are in effect for governing participation in officially sanctioned WFDF World Championships:

a. A team or individual intending to participate in an officially sanctioned WFDF World Championship must belong to a member association in “good standing.” A member association will be considered in good standing if it has paid its membership fees as established by the Congress and fulfilled all its other obligations to WFDF as established by the Board or the Congress. b. For the purposes of defining the rules governing participation, the affiliation of a team or individual may be with a regular, associate or provisional member but may not be solely with an organizational member. c. All participants must abide by the tournament’s administrative rules as established by the tournament organizer, in accordance with the guidelines established by WFDF, including rules relating to the payment of tournament fees and other charges.

4. Awarding of Sanctioned Tournament Mandates

a. A written bid should be submitted to the WFDF Secretary no later than two and no earlier than three years before an event. The format for submitting a bid is available on WFDF’s “Request for Proposal” (“RFP”) form, which lists the issues to be addressed in the preparation of a bid. All sanctioned tournaments must be played according to the current WFDF Rules. If the organizer of a championship wishes to modify the tournament protocol rules, such modifications must be highlighted in the tournament bid initially sent to WFDF. b. Responsibility for actively soliciting bids will lie with the WFDF Team Disc Sports Committee and the Individual Disc Sports Committee, respectively, which will also provide the preliminary bid review. c. Bids for the respective Championships will be reviewed at the Annual WFDF Congress two years prior to each event, whenever possible. d. In case no suitable bid is received two years in advance of a Congress, the relevant Committee chairperson will be responsible to report to the Board on a quarterly basis the progress being made in identifying a tournament organizer and site. If no bids are received one year prior to an event, the Congress – upon recommendation of the Board – may vote to cancel the event for that upcoming year or shall otherwise instruct the Board on a course of action.

5. Recognition of World Records

a. WFDF shall officially recognize World Records in the following events: Accuracy, Distance, Maximum Time Aloft (MTA), and Throw, Run and Catch (TRC). WFDF shall officially recognize World Records for these events in the following divisions: Open, Women, Juniors (18 years old and younger), Under 12, Masters (35-44), Grand Masters (45-54), Senior Grand Masters (55-64), and Legends (65 and older). The age limit for records is calculated by day of birth. b. In order for a record to be valid, it must be achieved at an international tournament sanctioned by WFDF, at a national tournament sanctioned by a member nation, or at a European tournament sanctioned by the European Flying Disc Federation (EFDF). The current WFDF Rules must have been used at the event. A new record must be reported to the WFDF Secretary as soon as practicable using the WFDF Flying Disc World Record Report Form, which must be completely filled out and accompanied by evidence that the tournament was properly organized or sanctioned. c. The WFDF Individual Disc Sports Committee shall designate an individual or organization to compile all such records and maintain an updated listing with the WFDF Secretary. The Secretary shall publish and distribute lists of the standing world records to all member associations not less than once each year. d. If the WFDF Board, or the committee designated by the Board to review new world records, does not accept the submission of a new record, the national association to which the player belongs may appeal to the Congress directly at the next annual meeting to have the record reconsidered. d. If any member association disagrees with any new record, it may appeal to the Congress directly at the next annual meeting to have the record struck down.
Board Resolutions

March 12, 1994: Approval of Bylaws

As per the vote of the attendees at the 1993 Annual Congress, a revised draft of the proposed Bylaws of WFDF was sent to all members in the fall of 1993. The Board affirms that a vote of the full membership was taken in accordance with the agreed upon procedures. A total of eighteen member associations responded, with all votes supporting the adoption of the new Bylaws. In confirmation of this vote, the Board affirms that the draft of the Bylaws so presented be adopted by the corporation.

March 12, 1994: Official Language

The official language for the transaction of business, discussions during meetings, and for communication about play-related matters during sanctioned tournaments shall be English.

March 12, 1994: Banking Relations

The Treasurer and/or President are empowered to establish relations with one or more financial institutions and to engage in the transaction of regular banking business on behalf of the corporation. Such activities include the establishment of a checking or savings account, the making of deposits, writing of checks and making other payments through wire transfer or cable. For payments under USD 1,000.00 or for payments in excess of USD 1,000.00 which were outlined under the budget approved at the annual Congress, either the Treasurer or President may singly sign a check or instruct a wire transfer. For payments in excess of USD 1,000.00 which were not included in the budget approved at the annual Congress, payments may only be directed with the joint signature of both the Treasurer and President.

March 12, 1994: Definition of Members

The previous WFDF Statutes do not define “membership” very specifically. As a result, there are some ambiguous listing in our files as to whom properly represents national interests and, therefore, is the official member of WFDF. Among our larger members, both the UK and Canada fall into this category. Among our provisional members, there is even greater confusion, with multiple contact persons in countries such as Russia, Brazil and Spain.

In order to clarify this membership situation, the more stringent membership criteria outlined in the Operating Procedures will be introduced after approval in the next Congress. In order to facilitate a smooth transition, the board resolves to establish a working group to contact each member association before the Congress to ascertain their status and work with them to gather the material required for formal membership under the new requirements. The report of this working group is due June 10, 1994.

March 12, 1994: Membership Dues

As per the vote at the Annual Congress on July 24, 1993, annual dues and fees for 1994 are as follows:

- Dues: Regular Members CHF 150
- Dues: Organizational Members CHF 150
- Dues: Associate Members CHF 150
- Dues: Provisional Members CHF 0
- Tournament Sanctioning Fee: CHF 12 per participant

Invoices for 1994 annual dues were sent no later than December 31, 1993. All dues payments must be received prior to March 31, 1994. Payments made in US dollars or Swedish krone should be converted at the going exchange rate on date of payment and must received in the full amount after netting out exchange rate agio or transactions fees. In 1994, Members making dues payments no later than the beginning of the Annual Congress will still be eligible to vote at the Congress and will be considered to be in “good standing.” No team will be able to participate in the 1994 World Ultimate and Guts Championship unless the member association which it represents is in good standing.

For 1995, the Board recommends the following schedule of annual dues and fees:

- Dues: Regular Members CHF 150
- Dues: Organizational Members CHF 150
- Dues: Associate Members CHF 75
- Dues: Provisional Members CHF 0
- Dues: Late Fee CHF 25
- Tournament Sanctioning Fee: CHF 12 per participant

Invoices for 1995 annual dues will be sent no later than December 31, 1994. All dues payments must be received prior to March 31, 1995. Payments made in US dollars or Swedish krone should be converted at the going exchange rate on date of payment and must received in the full amount after netting out exchange rate agio or transactions fees. Members making dues payments after March 31, 1995 will be assessed an additional charge of CHF 25. The total dues payment along with late fee must be paid no later than the earlier of (a) the beginning of the 1995 WFDF Annual Congress or (b) the beginning of the 1995 World Ultimate Club Championship or the 1995 World Overall Championship, whichever is relevant.
for a member to be considered in "good standing." No team or individual will be able to participate in the 1995 World Ultimate Club Championship or the 1995 World Overall Championship, respectively, unless the membership association which they represent is in good standing.

March 12, 1994:

Dissolution of the Corporation

WFDF can only be dissolved by affirmative resolution of a two-thirds majority of attendees at two consecutive Congresses, one of which must be a regular annual Congress. There must be at least six months between the two votes. If WFDF is dissolved, the net assets shall be donated to the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), or its successor.

- BOARD TASK LIST

  Brochure: Rauch/Roddick

  Teaching Video: Roddick/Rauch

  Ultimate Tournament Protocol Manual: Jalovaara

  Address Program/Bulletin Board: Lindgren

  GAISF/IWGA Application: Rauch/Morooka/Lindgren

  Juniors Review: Tami Pellicane

  Request for Proposal (RFP) Form: Rauch/Jalovaara/Roddick

  Membership Questionnaire: Rauch/Lindgren

JFDA PRESIDENT HONOURED

by Robert E. Rauch

Professor Shinshiro Ebashi, President of the Japan Flying Disc Association and former board member of WFDF, was awarded the Second Order of Merit by the Japanese government in late 1993. This award, the second highest civilian award in Japan, was presented to Ebashi's long-term dedication to the enhancement of the leisure and recreation movement in Japan and for fostering international relations through recreation.

In addition to his role with JFDA, Ebashi is Professor Emeritus at the University of Tokyo and president of the Japanese Volksport Association. Further, he is vice president of the National Recreation Association of Japan and former president of the National Institute of Fitness and Sports in Japan.

WFDF congratulates Professor Ebashi on this well-deserved honor and thanks him for his continuing contributions to the growth and acceptance of flying disc sports in Japan and throughout the world.

WFDF BOARD MEETING


Participants: Robert Rauch (RR), Johan Lindgren (JL), Dan Roddick (DR), Juha Jalovaara (JJ), Tomas Griesbaum (TG), Tami Pellicane (TP) and Fumio Morooka (FM).

1) RR greeted everyone and declared the meeting opened.

2) The agenda was accepted.

3) The Board Resolutions as presented by RR and commented by the other previously was reviewed. The full text of the resolutions are included with these minutes. a) The Board unanimously adopted the new WFDF bylaws. b) It was decided that the official language of WFDF shall be English. c) The part dealing with the financial restrictions for the board was accepted as suggested by RR. d) Due to the new member categories we need to go through the current members and investigate their wishes and status. More later. e) The board propose the following fees for 1994: Regular member 150 CHF, Provisional member 0, Tournament fee per player: 12 CHF. For 1995 the board suggests a fee for regular and organisational members of 150 CHF, half fee (75) for associate members and 0 for provisional members. Invoices shall be sent out by december 12th and fees shall be payed so WFDF recieve them before march 31st. Payments after march 31st will

Ultimate player killed by lightning

According to local newspapers in Nashville, lightning killed ultimate player Shawn Adams of Chattanooga in mid-April. A woman was seriously injured and several others recieved lighter injuries. The game was being played in a tournament with 24 teams. In the middle of a game the lightning struck. It was like a grenade had been detonated in the field.
cause a late fee of 25 CHF. Fees must be paid before the Congress/World Championship for that country to be allowed to send players to the championship and to vote at the Congress. The tournament player fee is suggested to be 12 CHF. f) The part dealing with the possible dissolving of WFDF was accepted. 4) Operating procedures. These are also included with these minutes. a) Application for membership. Such must be sent to WFDF three months prior to the Congress. An application shall include the bylaws of the association translated into English, list of officers, past and present activities and the dues for the year of application. An application form will be prepared by JI and RR. DR and RR will prepare a pre-membership kit with info on WFDF, application procedure, suggestion of typical bylaws etc. The board will make preliminary decision on the application. There are applications from Mexico and the Czech Republic. Venezuela has shown interest in applying. b) Tournament participation. Teams or individual players from member member countries in good standing are eligible to participate in World championships. Only regular, associate or provisional members. Not organisational members. Tournament fees etc must have been payed. c) World championships sanctioned by WFDF. Presently there are tournaments in ultimate+guts for national teams, ultimate for club teams and overall tournaments in the individual events. The wording of the article will be changed so it does not exclude world championships in other combination of events. A “Request for proposal” form is being developed by JJ, RR and DR. Applications can be made three years in advance and will be decided two years in advance. d) World Records. DR said that they will review the setup of records in the rule book further. A certificate has been developed which will be sent to all present and new world record holders. 5) Member status confirmation. RR has set up a list for each board member with member associations to contact during the spring. This will be the ground for putting the members into the new member categories but will also give direct contact between the members and the board. JL will investigate the new Ultimate Canada and JJ will pursue the Italian transition. 6) The project of “Approved Disc List” is still being worked on. 7) JL gave a report of the financial situation. Last years result had been sent to the auditors. At the time of the meeting the assets were roughly USD 10,000. The Madison organising committee has decided to donate a large amount of money to WFDF to be used as a trust fund for future organisers of the club ultimate championship. The board decided not to set up an account in the US. It had proven to be more expensive than converting the USD income to SEK and keep it in Sweden. 8) JJ reported that the work of on the 1994 WUGC is going along according to plan. A letter with financial considerations from the dutch has been answered. Charlie has promised to organise some form of cheap accommodation. There will be an international evening during the WUGC. The board decided to donate 1,000 rulebooks to the players at the WUGC. JL will work with Charlie on the medals. For 1995 there are no interested parties for either the Overall nor the WUCC. For 1996 there is interest from both Sweden and Atlanta to organise the WUGC. FM said that the major of Utsunimoya wanted another flying disc championship in 1996. The board said that it was unrealistic to put another WUGC there for four years but raised the idea for FM to think about possible world championships in individual events. FM and DR would talk about it. 9) RR is working on a PR-package for both GAISF and IWGA officials and delegates. 10) Project updates: a) The WFDF info brochure is ready for printing any day. b) An ultimate teaching video is soon ready for distribution. c) The junior age limit. TP will investigate the situation in our federation and in other international sports federations. 11) Other topics. a) An issue of trade marking had been raised but it is not possible to trade mark a sports event. b) The suggestion from JJ on a Healthy & Safety officer was discussed but it was decided that it should be solved within the respective committees. c) DR said that the rulebooks were soon ready for distribution. It is still hard to get payments from the member associations. DR said that it was the most up to date and error free WFDF rulebook. d) JL reported that he had started a cooperation with SPORTCAL with exchange of tournament database info. 12) Preparations for the Congress. RR said that he would not be accepting a reelection. RR will still prepare the roster for Congress election. 13) The meeting was ended.

WFDF 1994 Congress

You are invited to participate in the 1994 WFDF Congress. The meeting will be in two parts, preliminary on Tuesday and Thursday, during the World Ultimate and Guts Championships in Colchester, England. The first night will hold the official, formal issues like voting etc. The other night will be more of an informal meeting were the member associations can discuss how they promote flying disc sports and get ideas from each other.
WFDF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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30-04>01-05-1994 KansasC,MO USA KC Wide Open Rick Rothstein +1 913-648-1905
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28-05>29-05-1994 Huntsville/AL USA Rocket City ST golf Bill Wagnon +1(205)859-2313
02-06>05-06-1994 Munich GER EFDF european club champ ult. Thomas Griesbaum +49-721-67698
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This list can always be viewed in the WFDF forum + 46 60-115371. By using the tournament calendar you can add tournament info. It can also be downloaded from the same place. It is also possible to FRQ from 2:205/106. If none of these options are open to you - send a fax to +46 60-115371 and I will fax the list to you. For additions and corrections to the list use the above numbers. Please include: Tournament name, place, location, country events, divisions, starting date & time + ending date & time contact person, phonenumber, your name + additional info.

Dear Friends,

Welcome to 1994! This letter contains a lot of new information, some of which replaces previous information. Please read this letter carefully.

The information in this letter covers the following topics:

- An update of team and player registration
- A reminder of tournament costs
- Early-arrivals and Late-departures
- A letter from WFDF President and Chair of the Team Disc Sports Committee
- Revised tournament payment arrangements
- Late payment penalties
- Refund policy for tournament fees
- WFDF subscriptions
- Revised Diary Dates
- Team Requirements
- Team Rosters
- Team and Player Eligibility
- Team Uniforms
- An update on the Tournament Site
- Media coverage
- Children.
- Accommodation Options Form

Update of team and player registration

The hope of attracting over 700 players to WUGC '94 and making it the largest ever Worlds has been exceeded. At present there are 45 Ultimate teams and 5 specialist Guts teams who have registered, totalling over 800 players. Since the last mailing Austria, Canada, Czech Republic and the USA have confirmed that they will be coming. Well done and thank you. We still look forward to receiving registration forms or letters, or fax or phone messages from:

Australia  Belgium  Denmark
France  Italy
Norway/Taiwan
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Note: This is the first paper of several from an earlier mailing from Charlie Mead to all member associations. If you have not received this or have specific questions regarding the 1994 Ultimate and Guts Championships - do not hesitate to contact Charlie Mead at the address below.