
Minutes of the Meeting

WFDF Board of Directors

Saturday, October 8, 2011 – 22:30 UTC

UTC, UK, POR- 22:30; GER- 23:30; USA NY, VA, MI 17:30; USA CO, AZ 15:30; USA CA, CAN BC 14:30; Japan 6:30 (Sunday, October 9th); Taiwan 5:30 (Sunday, October 9th).

Board members in attendance: Robert Rauch, Sandie Hammerly, Kate Bergeron, Ryan Scott, Fumio Morooka, Michael Hu, Patrick van der Valk, Jesus Loreto. Also attending, Volker Bernardi (Executive Director, non-voting).

Board members unable to attend: Simon Hill, Brian Gisel, Jack Cooksey.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Rauch.

Minutes of the June 25, 2011 meeting: Motion to approve: Hammerly, second, Bergeron. Approved unanimously.

Minutes of the August 18, 2011 meeting: Motion to approve: Hammerly, second Scott. Approved unanimously.

Decisions between meetings --- None

EVENTS

WCBU Final Financials. Van der Valk called attention to the final budget submitted by the WCBU organizers and commented that everything seems to be in order. Overall players were really pleased with the event. Post-event survey has been developed and will be sent out to players in the near future in order to gather their feedback on the feedback and to assist with planning for future events.

Asia Oceanic Ultimate Championships. Michael Hu provided an update on the event. Thus far it appears that 4 Open teams (Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan, and Singapore) and 8 Mixed teams have committed to attend the event. Only two women's teams have indicated interest. And Morooka confirmed that Japan could not send a women's team. Due to the fact that only two teams are now planning to attend it appears unlikely that a women's division will occur. Hu inquired as to whether it had been confirmed that the Mixed and Open teams submitted by FDFI will be permitted to attend. Rauch confirmed that this will occur.

Hu asked for more information related to anti-doping testing that will occur at the event. Rauch stated that there will need to be three out-of-competition tests prior to the official start of the event (athletes designated by Japan, Australia and Chinese Taipei) and two in-competition tests prior to the finals in the Open division (one athlete from each of the finalists), a total of five tests. Hu asked that WFDF/Bernardi immediately send an email outlining the details of what is expected in regard to testing at the event so that he can provide it to the local testing authority. Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee (CTOC) will arrange all thing (including physicians and other staff). Cost of the tests will be the equivalent of approximately US\$700 per test, including actual testing, sending the samples to the testing laboratory in Japan, and the final reporting back to WFDF.

Pan American Ultimate Championships. In the absence of Ultimate Chair Simon Hill Rauch provided a brief overview of planned attendance at the PAUC. A total of 7 countries have confirmed participation: Argentina, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, the USA, and Venezuela. Canada has yet to be able to confirm a team. There are currently 12 Open and 8 Women's Division teams committed. David Raflo (USA) will serve at WFDF's technical delegate to the event. Jesus Loreto reported that efforts were underway to organize a face to face

meeting of leaders from the various Pan-American Members attending the meeting in an effort to further support development efforts in the region.

World Ultimate and Guts Championships 2012. Fumio Morooka provided an update on planned attendance at the WUGC by division. For Ultimate, to date only 19 countries have responded their intention to attend (13 Open (4 maybes), 11 Women (4 maybes), 10 Mixed (5 maybes), __ Masters (4 maybes)). For Guts, 4 countries have committed (Australia, Chinese Taipei, Japan, and USA) and a number of other countries are considering it (Canada, Colombia, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, and Sweden). JFDA plans to provide a targeted outreach mailing (containing a DVD and guts discs) to five countries which have indicated they might be able to send a guts team in effort to support development of these new guts programs and asked that WFDF support the event with funding for the mailing expenses of the materials. Rauch asked that Morooka send a proposal to WFDF with a detailed outline of what is planned and the approximate cost for further consideration.

World Junior Ultimate Championships 2012. Rauch reported that bids are being considered from Italy and Ireland. WE hope to receive final written bids shortly so that a decision can be made.

World Under 23 Ultimate Championships 2013. Rauch reported that the only bid received to date has been submitted by Toronto, Canada.

Pan American and Asia Oceanic Club Ultimate Championships 2013. Rauch reported that no bids have been received to date for these events and asked that Loreto and Morooka/Hu reach out to members in their region encouraging bids.

World Ultimate Club Championships 2014. Rauch reported that the call for bids for this event has been delayed subject to a final decision by the Ultimate Committee whether to split off the Mixed/Masters divisions from Open/Women, due to logistical reasons. The Ultimate Committee has decided to release a call for bids offering bidders to submit a bid comprising all four divisions OR a bid for split division. As soon as the bid announcement is prepared by the Ultimate Committee it will be released.

WFDF GOVERNANCE

WFDF Congress 2011. Rauch called attention to his written report on Congress 2011 (information to be included in upcoming WFDF newsletter) as well as the Draft of Minutes as prepared by Secretary Hammerly. Hammerly will be mailing the draft out to those in attendance and asking for a review and suggested revisions. Once all corrections have been received, the final draft of the Minutes will be submitted to Congress for approval via an online vote.

IOC recognition. Executive director Bernardi reported that a letter has been sent to the IOC requesting official recognition. In response, IOC has requested that an extensive application be submitted which will provide detailed information on WFDF, its governance structure and programs as well as information on its Members. Hammerly inquired as to WFDF's target timeframe for completing the required documentation and submission to the IOC. Rauch stated that it is hoped that WFDF will be ready to submit sometime during the 1st quarter of 2012, as this is a medium priority after activities such as managing ongoing championship events, elections, and anti-doping program implementation.

Fall 2011 WFDF elections. A brief update was provided on plans for the fall 2011 WFDF elections. Six Board positions are up for election: Treasurer, Secretary, Ultimate Committee chair and 3 At-large positions. All positions will be for a two year term. In addition, as a result of recent restructuring of the Ultimate Committee, elections will also be held for deputy chair of the Ultimate Committee as well as four Ultimate Subcommittees: Events (logistics, event bid review, and other technical issues); Championships (play issues, eligibility, scheduling, formats, event cycles, etc); Spirit of the Game; and Rules.

Rauch will serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee and Bernardi as Administrator. Two scrutineers will also be appointed.

Van der Valk asked if there were any restrictions regarding him running for Spirit of the Game subcommittee chair when he is already serving as a member of the Board of Directors (Beach Ultimate chair). Rauch stated that this would not be an issue as the subcommittee chairs are not Board level positions.

MEMBERSHIP

Case - India. Volker Bernardi provided an update related to ongoing investigations regarding regular member Flying Disc Federation of India. A letter had been sent by WFDF seeking more information on topics related to FDFI governance structures. FDFI has responded in writing to all questions, but it is still hard to reconcile the allegations of impropriety and unrepresentativeness made by certain flying disc athletes within India with the official responses received. WFDF will continue to monitor the situation.

Membership application Panama. Rauch called attention to the application materials submitted by the **ASOCIACIÓN DE ULTIMATE-FRISBEE DE PANAMÁ** to become a provisional member of WFDF.

Hammerly expressed concern that upon her review of the documents she could not find that Panama has included a non-discrimination statement anywhere in its governing documents: as noted the WFDF Bylaws a provisional member "*must be open to participation without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex or sexual orientation*".

Rauch suggested that a motion be made allowing the application to go to final vote of Congress once this addition had been made.

Motion to recommend to Congress the approval of ASOCIACIÓN DE ULTIMATE-FRISBEE DE PANAMÁ as a provisional member of WFDF subject to addition of the non-discrimination statement to Panama's governing documents. Motion: Hammerly, Second, Loreto. Approved unanimously.

FINANCE

Member Dues Status. Of all Regular members who have been invoiced, five have yet to pay. However, in a reconciliation done by Rauch, it was discovered that seven members had yet to have been invoiced for 2011 dues. Rauch asked that Bergeron and Bernrdi sort out the issue and ensure that appropriate invoices are sent out ASAP so that all Members can be in good standing in advance of Elections.

Financial Summary. Kate Bergeron provided an overview of the year-to date financials through August. Everything appears to be on track; as budgeted, dues are the major source of revenue in 2011. Event fees for WCBU should be received shortly. PAUC and AOUC fees will not be received until the 4th quarter. Thus far no unusual expenses are anticipated. Bergeron called attention to the WFDF Balance sheet which provides an overview of WFDF's cash on hand. She reminded the group that approximately \$60,000 of WFDF's \$345,841 in assets is comprised of restricted contributions for Ultimate Peace fiscal sponsorship.

ANTI-DOPING

WFDF Anti-Doping Program 2011-13: As previously outlined, the anti-doping program introduction has been initiated with materials circulated directly to Members, via Memberlink, and through postings on the web site. This will be an iterative process and continuing education will always be a priority. Initial efforts have focused on establishing the basic framework for the program, which

will permit us to report to WADA that we are full-compliance in advance of their November report.

Nominations for Doping Control Panel (DCP) and Medical & Anti-Doping Committee (MADC). Rauch reported that nominations have been received by WFDF for members of these two critical anti-doping committees; for the DCP: Volker Bernardi (GER), Don McKenzie, MD, PhD (CAN), and Koki Yamashita (JAP); and for the MADC: Jamie Nuwer MD (USA), Flordian Beiglboeck Dr. med (AUT), and Jascha Wiechelt Dr. med (GER).

Hammerly stated that due to the late receipt of the Board materials that she had not had sufficient time to review the credentials/applications.

Rauch asked that all Board members review the materials by no later than Wednesday October 12 and provide any concerns in writing. Assuming there are no issues, then ExComm would be empowered to approve the members of the two groups and direct Bernardi to begin their preparations.

Motion authorizing ExComm to approve the members of the DCP and MADC subject to their being no concerns expressed by members of the Board by Wednesday, October 12. Motion Hammerly, second Rauch. Approved unanimously.

NON-ULTIMATE

Guts Committee. Ryan Scott provided an update on commitments thus far to attend the 2012 WGC. Australia, Chinese Taipei, Japan, and USA have confirmed attendance. Five to seven additional nations have indicated interest and may also attend.

Overall. Jack Cooksey provided an update via email prior to the meeting. Efforts are beginning to solicit bids for sanctioning the 2012 WFDF titles in the overall events. Cooksey is following the efforts of Overall Events groups in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara to host the 2012 U.S. Open, which will probably confer the WFDF titles in several events (i.e., discathon, SCF, accuracy and possibly distance). Santa Barbara is the primary choice, with L.A. being the backup bid. If both of those fail to get adequate venues to support their bids, then Overall may look at Portland, Ore., or Cooksey's hometown, Richmond, Va. Efforts continue on efforts to update the WFDF Overall Committee membership to be more global. Cooksey is speaking to a couple current members from the USA about stepping down to make room to add new members from Canada, Japan, and possibly Germany.

COMMUNICATIONS

Website/System revamp. Bernardi reports that progress has been made on revising the beta web site to include key information/pages from the existing site. He asked that all Board make it a priority to review the updates and provide feedback by no later than October 15 with the plan to go live on October 17.

Hammerly expressed concern about this short timeframe. Rauch asked that Board members make every effort to conduct a detailed review of the new site within the week. However, he cautioned that this goal may be too aggressive and that target date for release of the new site is more flexible.

DEVELOPMENT

Proposal for Support of Ultimate Peace in Colombia. Robert Rauch presented a proposal to provide a grant of \$5,000 to Ultimate Peace (UP) in support of development activities to occur in Colombia prior to the start of the 2011 PAUC. UP will run a camp in Medellin and work with the EPD children (sport popular schools), a government program that teaches different sports for free

to all children. Ultimate is currently in 15 of these schools and around 800 children will be benefit with this Ultimate Peace project. Most of the affected children live in neighborhoods with serious social problems of violence and poverty. UP will also set up a special forum with Ultimate players from Colombia in order to further educate them on the Spirit of the Game, teaching how this tool can be a catalyst for positive change in Colombia. This is the first step in a three year program which will culminate in an event hosted around the 2013 World Games in Cali, Colombia. He noted that WFDF had earned about US\$5,650 YTD from UP from administrative fees for being their fiscal sponsor.

Hammerly expressed concern about the lack of program details as well as detailed budget for how the funds would be spent. Without this information, she cautioned, WFDF sets a precedent that will make it difficult to evaluate any future requests.

Rauch agreed to submit a more detailed program plan and budget in the near future before raising this for a vote.

NEXT MEETING/CLOSING

Rauch recommended November 19 at 1730 UTC as the target date for the next meeting of the Board of Directors. This will be confirmed shortly.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 24:15 UTC.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandie Hammerly
Secretary, Board of Directors