

**World Flying Disc Federation  
Membership Congress**

**July 20, 2005**

**Hotel Van der Valk  
Moers, Germany**

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Reviewed by participants, approval by congress pending.***

<b>Present:*</b>	<b>WFDF Position</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Vote Eligible</b>
Juha Jalovaara	President	FFDA Finland	Y
Joey Gray	Secretary-General		N
Deirdre Abrahamsson	Administration		N
Brian Gisel	Ultimate Chair		N
Jonathan Potts	Administration	AFDA Australia	Y
Paul Francz		Switzerland – Golf	N
Volker Schlechter		DFV Germany	Y
Shiellah Quintos		CUPA Canada	Y
Jeroen Pouwels		NFB Netherlands	Y
Sandie Hammerly		UPA USA	N
Elizabeth Murray		UPA USA	Y
Paul Eriksson		SFF Sweden	Y
Christian Schneider		Switzerland – Ultimate	Y
Barry O’Kane		UK	Y
Takeshi Shima (before lunch)		JFDA Japan	(Y before lunch)
Fumio “Moro” Morooka	Board Member	JFDA Japan	(Y after lunch)
Michael Hu (after lunch)		ROCFDA (see item 14)	Y
Thomas Griesbaum	Board Member		N
Martin Läuter	Volunteer		N
David Nesbitt (belatedly over internet)		PDGA Golf	Y
Leon Smith (briefly over internet)		AFDA Australia	N
Dori Yaniv (briefly over internet)		FLOW Israel	N
Rue Veitl (after lunch)	Board Member		N

\* In person from beginning to end unless otherwise noted.

**Regrets:**

Jesus Loreto, Venezuela  
Fernando Najera, Mexico  
Tami Pellicane, Board Member  
Kim Godwin, Board Member  
Todd Demetriades, Board Member  
Jeff Scott, Board Member

**Minutes Taken By:**

Jonathan Potts, Staff. Attendee review coordinated by Joey Gray, Secretary General.

**Start time 10:30 am**

### **1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks**

Juha Jalovaara – Exciting to be here in Duisburg for The World Games and great to see that so many members were able to make it in person.

### **2. Attendance & Introductions – All**

Fumio Morooka – 30th anniversary of JFDA, 3rd oldest flying disc association (i.e. oldest national flying disc association that has been continuously active).

Paul Francz – 25th anniversary of Swiss Frisbee.

### **3. Approval of WFDF 2004 Congress Minutes**

*Motion – To accept the WFDF 2004 congress minutes with two corrections:*

*1. Fumio Morooka – JFDA voted yes to anti-doping.*

*2. Chris Schneider's e-mailed correction to item 13 worded in full (to be supplied).*

*Passed*

### **4. President's Report**

Juha Jalovaara went through report.

Need for a treasurer. WFDF incorporated in the US, so suggestion that WFDF use the UPA to provide financial services. Paul Francz suggested that it was reasonably easy to set up an association in Switzerland. Sandie Hammerly believes it is feasible. Outsourcing accounting work will make the Treasurer's job more attractive.

Note: Congress needs to formally approve WJUC2006. Added to item 6.1 below.

Fumio Morooka - Reported that JFDA was unsatisfied with formal invitations for WOC 2005 and that better communication about WOC 2005 was needed. Juha Jalovaara – Assured that overall competitors registered for the World Disc Games were contacted about the last minute change of venue. Fumio Morooka – Pointed out that a top Japanese competitor didn't receive notice of the event, because JFDA hadn't received a formal invitation for the World Disc Games. Juha Jalovaara – Offered WFDF's apology for not making sure that member associations had been contacted directly, which should be standard WFDF policy.

### **5. Other Management Reports**

#### **5.1. External Relations Report (IWGA, GAISF, & other outside organizations)**

Joey Gray – Thanks to Fumio Morooka for his long-time advocacy of WFDF membership in the International World Games Association (IWGA) and the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF).

At this time WFDF cannot assume anything about TWG 2009. Review of WFDF response in 2001 when disc golf was removed from the sports program without warning. Looking forward, WFDF needs to be prepared for further advocacy. The IWGA and the IOC value the best representatives of each sport – many thanks to all six national associations participating in Duisburg for selecting top athletes and ultimate representatives.

The inclusion of disc golf with 50 introductory activities in the World Games Fun Day project is an example of how participation in external organizations provides exposure to disc sports at the grass roots level as well.

There is the outstanding issue with the name ROCFDA, which was discussed at the 2004 congress. (See item 14.)

Stronger WFDF connections to resources in Chinese Taipei are needed. Sandie Hammerly – Kate Bergeron could be a resource.

## **5.2. Records Management Report**

Joey Gray – An archival studies student at the University of British Columbia School of Library, Archival, and Information Studies was recruited to prepare a Records Management Report on WFDF as a course project. The report includes legal requirements for information management and has been forwarded to the WFDF board. Next Steps: Convert the report from academic format and prioritize activities. Resources Required: Time, detailed attention, long-term WFDF-wide commitment to implement and maintain known requirements.

## **6. Standing Committee Reports**

### **6.1. Ultimate/Events Report**

Brian Gisel – TWG 2005. Direct communication via email worked well. Pan Americans will be moved to 3-7 December, in line with a local beach tournament. Further discussion of strategies for attracting North American players and teams.

In conjunction with evaluating the bid for WJUC 2006 the board became aware of problems with the requirement for congress approval for events and the need for event organizers to be able to market and plan early. (See item 10.)

National associations were asked whether they plan to attend WJUC 2006. At least 8 indicated that they were sure or relatively sure they would send at least one team.

World Ultimate Club Championships (WUCC) 2006 – Juha Jalovaara went through presentation from Tournament Director.

Ultimate rules revision – Not much progress in past year, but planning to revise for 2006.

Elizabeth Murray – UPA committee members interested in being involved.

World Ultimate Club Championship (WUCC) eligibility rules to be revised.

World Ultimate Club Championships (WUCC) 2008 – Only one bid received. The bid period announcement sent to WFDFMemberlink was verified.

The option to keep WUCC 2008 bidding open for another few months was discussed as a way to make sure that WFDF maintains transparency.

*Motion by Brian Gisel – To accept bid from New England Ultimate Association to host World Ultimate Juniors Championships 2006 in Devens, Massachusetts USA.  
Passed*

**Break for lunch. 1:00 pm**  
**Resume after lunch break 2:15 pm**

### **6.2. Disc Golf Report**

Juha Jalovaara – WFDF has been working with PDGA with a view towards an active disc golf committee.

Dave Nesbitt – Two teleconferences have been held. Issue of professional vs. amateur player classification. Idea of “culture clash” competition.

Paul Francz – Last teleconference discussed differences in golf around the world. US and Europe quite different. Definite difference in meaning of professional. Player rating and course rating systems needed to unify the sport. Also same age categories. European championships was a big success and great step to creating a unified European voice. Idea of world championships outside US discussed - unlikely to happen soon mainly due to lack of venue.

Dave Nesbitt – There are some differences in opinion on a number of issues.

Brian Gisel – Vancouver WUCC 2008 is interested in including a team golf tournament.

Dave Nesbitt – Possibility of 2008 World Championships in Japan. Also investigating return of golf in TWG 2009.

Juha Jalovaara – Thanked Dave Nesbitt and Paul Francz for attending congress and for their involvement, and pointed out that it is necessary to work out the mechanisms by which to appoint an official committee, manage world championships, and uphold anti-doping agreements. WFDF looks forward to continuing discussions with PDGA with the goal of resolving these items in the near future.

### **6.3. Guts Report**

Dave Nesbitt – Has been unsuccessful getting the guts committee up and running due to poor communication. Active participants recommend the appointment of a new chair for the committee, Mr Takumi Nunokawa from Japan. Would like to see rules improvements, and formalization of participation in WUCC and WUGC. Seems like there is not enough interest to include a guts event in Perth. Need at least 4 active countries in order to create a worthwhile

*Motion by Fumio Morooka – To appoint Takumi Nunokawa of Japan Chair of WFDF Guts Committee.  
Passed*

Next Step: Juha Jalovaara will contact Paul Liu and inform him of this decision.

### **6.4. Other Disc Sports**

No other disc sport reports received.

Juha Jalovaara – Bill Wright and Dan “Stork” Roddick have worked on other disc sports and managed the WFDF World Overall Championships (WOC) communication on behalf of WFDF.

Joey Gray – Show of hands which members hold overall events? Japan, Sweden (has a tour), Australia, Finland.

Paul Francz– There is a DDC scene in Switzerland.

Juha Jalovaara – Freestyle does not really have any standing relationship with WFDF. Freestyle is growing around the world.

### **6.5. Anti-Doping Committee**

Juha Jalovaara – No report received. Only member is Todd Demetriades. Noted that WFDF committed to looking into a minimalist approach to implementation. That remains to be followed through.

## **7. Financial Report 2004**

### **7.1. 2003 Financial Report**

[Annotation from April 20, 2005 e-mail from Juha Jalovaara to the WFDFMemberLink list, added to the 2005 minutes for reference: “The briefing booklet for the 2004 Congress in Turku contained a financial statement for the year 2003 compiled by an accounting firm (CW Decker) and an itemized report of expenses by category provided by WFDF. During Congress it was noted that the category expense report contained several errors. The attached zip file contains photocopies of the actual financial statement as well as a PDF file with a corrected category report. Please ignore the category reports contained in your 2004 Congress booklets.”]

*Motion by Juha Jalovaara – To approve the 2003 Financial Report.  
Passed*

Sandie Hammerly – Should we include all membership dues in the budget if we aren't collecting 100% of fees?

Joey Gray – It's the leadership's responsibility to insure that dues are collected, but it would be preferable if members were proactive in paying their fees rather than having staff and board members spend time acting as debt collectors.

Juha Jalovaara – Touched on the idea of adjusting dues based on GDP per capita. Current outstanding dues of around \$10,000.

Dave Nesbitt – How sensitive is the budget to the event fees estimates?

Juha Jalovaara – Estimates have been quite accurate for recent events.

### **7.2. 2004 Financial Report**

*Motion by Juha Jalovaara – To approve the 2004 Financial Report.  
Passed*

## **8. WFDF Budget for 2005 and 2006**

Some concern was expressed regarding an apparent trend of budgetary deficits. Congress proceeded to amend the proposed budget for 2005 and 2006 to reduce the deficit.

*Motion by Elizabeth Murray – To approve the revised budget for 2005 and 2006, subject to recognition that WFDF is not committing to a long term trend of budgetary deficits.  
Passed with PDGA and Switzerland abstaining*

Dave Nesbitt – Would like to see more detail in the budget.

## **9. Elections**

### **9.1 Guts Committee Chair**

See item 6.3.

### **9.2 Audit Committee (Finances)**

*Motion by Juha Jalovaara – To appoint Dave Nesbitt and Christian Schneider to the WFDF Audit Committee.  
Passed with UPA abstaining*

## **10. Proposals to Amend the By-Laws**

### **10.1. Process to Approve Hosts for World Championship Events**

*Motion by Elizabeth Murray – To amend sections 8.3 and 8.4 to have event hosts final approval by the Board rather than by Congress.*

*Passed*

### **10.2. Status of Major By-Laws Re-Write**

Juha Jalovaara – No real progress has been made but it remains a necessity to complete the rewrite. Looking to find someone to drive the process. There is currently a version of the text that can be used as a starting point.

Next Step: Juha will circulate the bylaws current version for comment by membership on WFDFMemberlink.

## **11. Organization of Disc Golf Committee and Co-operation with the PDGA**

See item 6.2.

## **12. Upcoming WFDF Championship Events – Further Discussion**

### **12.1. WFDF World Junior Ultimate Championships (WJUC) 2006, USA**

See item 6.1. Need to get a website.

### **12.2. WFDF World Ultimate Club Championships (WUCC) 2006, Australia**

See item 6.1.

### **12.3. WFDF World Ultimate and Guts Championships (WUGC) 2008**

Brian – Introduced the basics of the Vancouver bid for WUGC 2008 and handed around the proposal.

### **12.4 The World Games (TWG) 2009 – Kaohsiung City, Chinese Taipei**

## **13. Membership Reports**

Juha Jalovaara – Venezuela report presented on behalf of Jesus Loreto (VUA).

Joey Gray – Encouraged members to send annual reports.

## **14. Additional Discussion**

Brian Gisel – Ultimate committee report details:

Roster limits and fewer games.

Fewer games generally supported.

Idea of an under-23 world championship generally well supported, possibly starting 2007.

Issue of host team automatically gaining a spot at world games. Joey Gray – IWGA rules do not require WFDF to automatically award a spot to the host.

Masters age – Option discussed of allowing some masters exceptions in 2006.

Looking into finding a different medal producer and allowing event customization.

Joey Gray – Introduction to the International Council for Sports Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE).

*Motion by Juha Jalovaara – To join the International Council for Sports Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE) for two years.*

*Passed with UPA against and Switzerland abstaining*

Sandie Hammerly – Ultimate History Book should be available soon.

Michael Hu – Interested in bidding for WJUC or university championship in 2008.

Will change name from Republic of China Flying Disc Association (ROCFDA) to Chinese Taipei Flying Disc Association (CTFDA).

### **15. Date and Time of WFDF 2006 Congress**

Juha Jalovaara – Looking to hold WFDF 2006 congress in conjunction with the WFDF World Junior Ultimate Championships (WJUC) in Boston, Massachusetts, USA (August 13-18) or the WFDF World Ultimate Club Championships (WUCC) in Perth, Australia (November 13-19).

**Meeting adjourned**