

Sunday, April 28, 2013

Conference Call at Sunday April 28, 2013; UK, POR- 14:30; GER, RSA- 15:30; USA NY, VA, MI - 09:30; USA CO, AZ - 07:30; USA CA, CAN BC - 06:30; Japan - 22:30; Taiwan - 21:30.

Board members present:

Robert "Nob" Rauch, Thomas Griesbaum, Sandie Hammerly, Patrick van der Valk, Michael Hu, Kevin Givens, Kate Bergeron, Brian Gisel, Fumio Morooka, Jack Cooksey.

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

Board members absent or excused:

Si Hill, Ryan Scott, Ryan Purcell (non-voting).

Call to order

The quorum was reached with 10 members being present.

Report by the President

President Rauch welcomed all Board members and thanked them for joining the conference call. The meeting would be a briefing on current issues and include reports on several events preparations.

Decisions between meetings

Proposal to the Board of Directors: Poll on the approval of the minutes of the Board meeting conference call on 24 February 2013. Result: The proposal was accepted. Approve 7, No 0, Abstain 4, Total voting: 11 members. 21 March 2013

Proposal to the Congress: The WFDF Board of Directors recommended that the Uganda Ultimate Frisbee Association (UUFA) be approved by Congress as a regular National Member of WFDF. The Board certified that UUFA had met the membership requirements cited in the WFDF Bylaws. Result: The proposal was accepted. Approve 37, No 0, Abstain 1. Total voting: 38 members. 15 March 2013

Proposal to the Congress: The WFDF Board of Directors recommended that the Portuguese Association of Ultimate and Disc Sports (APUDD) be approved by Congress as a regular National Member of WFDF. The Board certified that APUDD had met the additional membership requirements cited in the WFDF Bylaws. Result: The proposal was accepted. Approve 38, No 0, Abstain 0. Total voting: 38 members. 15 March 2013

Proposal to the Congress: The WFDF Board of Directors recommended that the Frisbee Sport Federation of Iceland (FSFI) be approved by Congress as a regular National Member of WFDF. The Board certified that FSFI had met the membership requirements cited in the WFDF Bylaws. Result: The proposal was accepted. Approve 33, No 0, Abstain 2. Total voting: 35 members. 7 April 2013

Ultimate Events

BULA & WFDF European Championships of Beach Ultimate, 27-30 June 2013

Van der Valk reported that the preparations were going well. He took up talks with a Czech company (střižna.cz) to do the live broadcasting of the finals. As of now 12 Open Masters teams had registered, 18 Mixed, 16 Open, 7 Mixed Masters, 4 Women Grand Masters, 5 Open Grand Masters. The communication with the TOC is good.

On the participation of new Federations, Bernardi reported that Turkey would have to apply for WFDF membership to participate and Ukraine would have to upgrade from provisional to regular membership. Should these applications be delayed Rauch would support to have more flexibility with Turkey and Ukraine for this ECBU as well as for Continental Championships but would be stricter with WFDF World Championships.

Cooksey reported that one athlete from Cameroon has registered for WOC but there is no Federation existing in Cameroon. Givens confirmed that there were no disc sports activities known in Cameroon and one should be cautious about bogus requests. It was agreed that the registration should be declined. Rauch added that participation requests was an ongoing issue and that we received a new request from Pakistan; Alia Ayub of the UK (who has very strong contacts in the country) it was checking to see if it were legitimate.

WFDF World U23 Ultimate Championships, 22-28 July 2013

Bernardi reported that the preparations were running well with weekly conference calls being held with TOC. There was an entry from a team from Pakistan which was rejected as there is no Federation and the documents proved to be incorrect.

A problem has arisen in Toronto where they need to change the main venue from the campus stadium to the backup venue next to the stadium. Additional costs will be C\$ 30,000 of which C\$ 10,000 will be covered by the University. On the question to possibly reduce the seating capacity with proposed bleachers Gisel stated that 800+ athletes and presold tickets easily will require the planned 1,000 seats in bleachers, such that we should support the proposal. Bernardi will inform TOC accordingly.

The 2013 IWGA World Games, 28-30 July 2013

Bernardi reported that there are weekly conference calls with CLOC, AJUC and the Technical Delegate Mauricio Moore. All participants and players must be entered into the accreditation system by May 31, but teams must send their data to WFDF by May 15 to give some extra time for the introduction into the main system. CLOC has changed all hotels for the players and teams as the original hotels were deemed substandard after site a visit by our Technical Delegate, although there are still concerns one of the new hotels is still under construction. The Opening Ceremony will take place in the Olympic stadium on 25 July. The field will be under preparation on 26 July but the venue will be available for practice as planned on 27 July. The first game will be on 28 July. As there is still important information missing from team Japan, Morooka assured that the answers would be sent within two days.

WFDF Officials at World Games – approval of the list

The list includes the proposals recommended by the TWG Working group (Hill, Gisel, Berg and Bernardi). As per the AJUC information the proposed ICT can handle the scoring systems Wing (Colombia) and Ultiorganizer. It is still unclear whether WFDF will be allowed to do any videography during the event. Rauch informed that the proposed Media Officer Tony Leonardo will pay for his flights but was hoping for some amount of stipend to help defray costs. Givens added that it would be good to have someone dedicated to social media at the World Games and Gisel supported the move. Rauch proposed to offer 350 USD as a nominal flat stipend. The duties would be to report on behalf of WFDF on WFDF platforms while covering all six teams equally. Bernardi recommended making sure that the duties of the WFDF media officer are done in writing: no private blogs or twitter and facebook as all reports should be on WFDF media platforms. In addition all rights should belong to WFDF. Rauch added that it should be possible for him to post his own views on his own blog. Hammerly mentioned that he should not be posting for other outlets and he should be focused on WFDF.

Griesbaum asked whether the ICT can operate Ultiorganizer. Bernardi reported that in Colombia, Wing is used for results management and Benjumea is a programmer of the system. ICT will connect with Swiss Timing and other local score reporting officials. The Chief technician of Swiss Timing has informed us that there will be a live results feed by Swiss Timing on the CLOC website only. For our website we need to care ourselves.

Hammerly asked whether we have spoken with IWGA on why we cannot use their data. Bernardi reported that they just do not allow that. They will not establish an interface. IWGA has a contract with CLOC and Swiss Timing about the scoring and scope of results services. In November 2012 there was information about what Swiss Timing would do on three different levels. We are on 1st level, where Swiss Timing will only give data to CLOC. It had been announced differently (2nd level) before. IWGA and CLOC had decided that internally without asking us, but there is no chance that this will be reconsidered

The proposed list of officials is approved (seconded by Hammerly).

Accreditation Chart - The 2013 IWGA World Games - World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) - as of 17 April 2013								WFDF
No.	Last Name	First Name	Country	Function	Tasks	Flight paid by	estimated costs	
1	Hill	Simon	GBR	Official	Event and SOTG Coordinator, TRG member	WFDF	see quote	
2	Berg	Rueben	AUS	Official	Rules Coordinator, TRG member	WFDF	see quote	
3	Moore	Mauricio	COL	Official	Technical Delegate (TD)	WFDF	50 USD	
4	Benjumea	Juan Guillermo	COL	Official	Information and Communication Technician (ICT)	WFDF	50 USD	
5	Gonzalez Munera	Roxana	COL	Official	TRG member, Women's representative on staff, AJUC Director General	private	none	
6	Leonardo	Tony	USA	Official	WFDF Media Officer	private	none	
7	Tobar	Camilo	COL	Official	WFDF Official Photographer	WFDF	50 USD	
8	Solomon	Anthony	AUS	Official	WFDF Safety and Medical Officer	private	none	
9	tbc	free		Official	Reserved for WFDF Videographer if production of footage allowed			
10	Rogacki	Anna	AUS	Coach	n/a	Team	none	
11	Cruikshank	Jeff	CAN	Coach	n/a	Team	none	
12	Browar-Jarus	Teddy	COL	Coach	n/a	Team	none	
13	Scone	Sion	GBR	Coach	n/a	Team	none	
14	tbc	tbc	JPN	Coach	n/a	Team	none	
15	Ghesquiere	Alex	USA	Coach	n/a	Team	none	

Additional quota for WFDF President and WFDF Executive Director							
X1	Rauch	Robert L. "Nob"	USA	Official	President, Chair of TRG	WFDF	see quote
X2	Bernardi	Volker	GER	Official	Executive Director, Anti-Doping Officer	WFDF	see quote

WFDF 2013 Asia Oceanic Ultimate Club Championships, 9-11 August 2013

There was no further news beyond the written report. Weekly conference calls are held

with TOC.

WFDF 2013 Pan American Ultimate Club Championships, 14-17 November 2013

There was no further news beyond the written report.

2013 U.S. Open

Rauch reported that USAU are a little bit disappointed about the international participation but that clearly the lead time for foreign teams was underestimated and we aren't sure what more could have been done. Further, ECBU appears to be taking precedence for European teams. Teams from Colombia, Denmark, and Japan have signed up. Cooksey had suggested to arrange some Overall demos at the event there but there is no feedback from USAU yet. Van der Valk asked whether Spirit Score Sheets would be used, but there was also no response yet.

WFDF 2014 World Ultimate Club Championships, 2-9 August 2014

TOC has sent a message that the contract with the venue owner had been signed. There was a request to introduce a Grand Masters Division from USA players but the Ultimate Committee thinks it is too soon for WUCC 2014.

WFDF 2014 World Junior Ultimate Club Championships

The call for bids was sent out but there have been no indications of interest so far.

WFDF Governance

IOC Recognition Application Update

The complete application file was sent on 15 March 2013 to the IOC and is currently under review by Sportaccord. They had some questions about anti-doping and NOC recognition. For next Tuesday, a conference call with the IOC Sports Department is scheduled to discuss the next steps. More information is expected for mid-May.

Board members Conflict of Interest form

Rauch reported that five members have sent in the form so far and others should do so beginning of the next week.

Athletes Commission report (none)

Member Census

Bernardi reported that 53 out of 58 members have filed the census reports and he will be following up with missing ones within four weeks. Rauch added that the Member Association opinion survey will be sent out soon.

WFDF Congress 2013, Toronto

There is a small problem with accommodation as TOC cannot get the delegates to stay on the campus on the first day. If Board members wish to attend the Congress they should let Bernardi know for accommodations. Rauch advised that 20 May is the deadline for WFDF to send out proposals for the Congress. The Board will meet on 19 May to approve the budget and any other proposals.=.

WFDF Anti-Doping program plan 2011-13 / Update - Plan 2014

The RTP is now running well as all players are complying with the whereabouts requirements. The RTP athletes will be at the World Games and will be available there for Out-of-Competition testing. WFDF did get a better price in Cali than in Toronto and the procedures are approved now.

Establishment of Commissions

Rauch reported that all Commissions have been instated but still need to have first meetings and in some cases to elect a Chair.

Resumption of Strategic Plan Discussions (Rauch)

Rauch confirmed that we will resume the discussions as soon as we hear back from IOC on our application as that may color decisions on priorities going forward.

International Organisations

Sportaccord is going to hold presidential elections. There are two candidates: Marius L. Vizer of Judo (IJF President) and Bernard Lapasset from Rugby (IRB President). Board members are requested to comment on the files that were circulated asap.

Finance

Treasurer's Report

Hammerly reported that the membership dues are coming in and there is nothing particularly unusual. Rauch added that the budget for 2014 will be developed soon and Board members are requested to send in any ideas or requests to be incorporated. Van der Valk asked for a graph of the amount of money that we have accumulated over the past years. We should invest it in the growth of our sport. Rauch explained that the expectation was that cash balances will be going down as expenses typically exceed revenues in three out of four years due to our event cycle. Hammerly mentioned that a large windfall came from WUCC 2010 in Prague. ExComm believes that in order to manage our corporation prudently, we should make sure to have at least 1-2 years of annual budgeted expenses which are running over US\$ 100,000. Nonetheless, WFDF is prepared to make sensible investments in response to well-thought out proposals.

Van der Valk asked how we spend money for things which just come up. Hammerly explained that still proposals could come in but this would need to be approved by members. Small things can be decided by Board. Rauch added that, for example, the

board might be comfortable in approving an extraordinary proposal for a project costing US\$ 2,000 , but that major projects such as a US\$ 25,000 development project in Africa would likely be taken to Congress for approval.

2012 Audit (none)

2013 YTD Financial Reports (none)

Membership dues 2013

Rauch informed the Board that Uganda has requested assistance as they will have difficulties paying the full amount of dues (US\$ 300). Rauch proposed to allow them to take advantage of the “special terms of payment” clause in the Bylaws and Uganda confirmed they will pay US\$ 150. Givens added that Uganda has been a big help in spreading our sport in Africa. The lower amount was authorized by the Board.

Other Disc sports

Overall/WOC

Cooksey reported that WOC for the first time will have participants from 6-7 countries and 2 continents. There are chances that a competitor from Australia may also participate. The WOC 2015 call for bids will be sent soon. Cooksey hopes to announce the next host by 1 January 2014.

Freestyle/FPA

Givens reported that the FPA worlds would have participants from 4 continents and 12 countries. Rauch asked to make sure that we get an event recap from freestyle’s Europeans and Worlds for the WFDF website and Facebook page. Bernardi asked whether we still plan to have Freestyle demos at the World Games. Givens is still looking into that. The FPA Worlds in 2014 will be in Medellin. TWG would be a big help to promote this. Rauch asked to come up with a proposal for joint FPA and WFDF World Championships for one of the upcoming Board meetings.

Guts - none

Development - Peace and Sport in Colombia sponsors (none)

Communications

Rauch suggested establishing a Task Force for the revision of the content on website as we had just taken old content on new web site. Any ideas what to improve should be discussed by a task force. Bergeron suggested to send ideas to Bernardi and have him combine them into a document. Rauch is looking for someone to take over the lead in collecting thoughts and running the revision process. Bergeron will send thoughts to the Board.

Next Meeting

Proposed date: May 19 UTC. A poll on availability will be circulated soon.

Closing

The meeting closed at 17:17h.

Submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary