

PDGA Europe Planning Teleconference #2 – Minutes (Draft)

Date: Sunday December 1, 2013

Time: 2100h in Finland/Baltic States, 2000h in Continental Europe and Sweden/Norway, 1900h in UK, 1400h in Toronto and Georgia

Attendees: Brian Hoeniger & Brian Graham (PDGA), Tapani Aulu (FIN), Paul Francz (ET/CH), Jonas Grunden & Christer Kohler (S), Bernd Wender (A), Jörg Eberts (D), Darius Gricius (LT), Renita Cameron (I), Rasmus Sepp (ES), Lukas Filandr (CZ), Gatis Kurzemnieks (LV), Sinus Frank (DK/ET), Boris Lazzarotto (CH), Carlos Rio (E)

Regrets: Neil Webber (UK), Florence Dumont (F), Hans Nagtegaal (NL)

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Brian H confirmed that the Euro DGCs, the Euro Masters and the Japan Open would be the International qualifier events for the 2014 USDGCs.

2014 EuroTour Schedule

Paul reported that 14 applications had been received from 11 countries. 3 A Tiers – Copenhagen, Tali, Twin Lakes, all in EuroNorth. As only 2 of max total 3 A Tiers can be in N or S, 1 of these events may be designated as B tier. It was suggested that the sub-committee should nominate a South event as a “B tier event awarding A tier points.” It was agreed that the max 10 event Series would include events from 10 different countries. Countries that submitted more than 1 application (Finland, Estonia) have to decide their ET event and advise Paul ASAP. It was agreed that applying countries who miss out 1 year will be given priority for the following year’s ET. It was agreed that with demand already exceeding supply, the ET event application will need to become more sophisticated.

To do: The sub-committee will make recommendations for the 10 event 2014 ET schedule which Paul will post at the yahoo group for the countries to vote on. Paul will then send out the ET schedule when finalized.

Brian H noted that the group has redesigned the ET with the aim of attracting more of Europe’s top players, but that for the ET to be successful we also collectively need to do a better job of managing the ET, from making sure the ET in our country is following the guidelines, to fast submission of results, to timely ET updates at pdga-europe.com and the announcement/awarding of the Series winners on-site at the Final event.

2015 Expo – Milan Italy

Brian summarized the findings of the survey per the distributed survey report. He stated that Netherland’s comments closely reflected those of both the Euro countries as a whole and the PDGA: “We believe that the best way to have discgolf involved in EXPO2015 would be to have a Eurotour (or similar level) event held on/near the EXPO grounds, and have an info/demo booth/stand on the EXPO grounds. We do not believe that investing large sums of money at the EXPO15 will (result in) direct possible gains for our sport other than possibly on a smaller scale growth for discgolf in Italy.”

Renita restated her vision for the project, emphasizing that “we are stronger as a continent than as individual countries,” but that “this opportunity was the group wanted to make it. She asked PDGA and Finland for economic impact of the sport data and for PDGA to consider contributing €5000-10000 that could be used to access other \$ and get the project launched. Brian H said that it was the PDGA’s experience that the manufacturers would not contribute the funds Renita was envisioning, and that the PDGA would be prepared to contribute it’s share of the group’s vision. Darius concluded that the info booth and ET event could be done all volunteer. Brian G advised Renita that if in 6 months she can demonstrate the ability to raise \$\$\$, then PDGA could revisit this issue.

Renita asked about setting up a marketing committee for the EuroTour to try and attract some brand name sponsors. Paul replied that unfortunately the experience was that DG in Europe was not yet big enough to succeed here, the lack of spectators being 1 indicator.

pdga-europe.com Report

Sinus indicated that he had not much time to manage the website in 2013, but would have more in 2014. He has been communicating with Steve Ganz who has time for other IT improvements now that he has launched the new pdga.com website.

2014 PDGA Prices Processes and Standards

Brian H summarized the new sets of options for submitting memberships and sanctioning events in 2014 as detailed in the “PDGA International Protocol” document. The more transactions that can be ordered and paid for on-line the better. There will be a new PDGA memberships module at pdga.com by this time next year. Note: Those countries who want to submit their events on line and pay later on their PDGA account need to advise Brian H so that PDGA will be prepared to approve them when submitted.

2014 PDGA Europe Guide Review

Changes/additions to the draft Guide that will be made by Brian H in the pre-Final copy, as approved by the group include:

- Country Association or Coordinator must approve events submitted for sanctioning
- EuroTour deadlines are changing to: September 30 - Submission of Event Applications, October 30 – Recommended ET schedule posted by ET sub-group for countries to review, November 15 ET schedule finalized
- The inclusion of MA1 and FA1 divisions at ET B tier events will be Host Optional
- At least 36 places must be reserved for Pros at ET B tiers, MA1 and FA1 will be able to register in Stages 2 and 3 only

Disciplinary

The Disciplinary process as it relates to Europe was reviewed. When an incident occurs at a EuroChallenge event it is the country association that must first decide if this matter is to be sent to PDGA Europe for review. Incidents that occur at ET events must however be sent directly to PDGA Europe for review. All incidents brought to PDGA Europe must include a completed copy of the PDGA Disciplinary Action Form. The PDGA Europe group in turn decides which incidents are sent on, with their recommendations, to the PDGA Disciplinary Committee for final review and action.

2014 European Championships

Boris asked about the PDGA's request that Juniors who have accepted Pro cash not be allowed to participate. Brian H answered that this was per PDGA's desire for global standards in competition divisions. Finland and Sweden advised that their countries were following the PDGA standards. Boris agreed that at EC 2014 Junior aged players who had accepted Pro cash would not be able to compete as Juniors.

Other Business

Rasmus said that he will be sending out information about an easy to use web scoring system. It was suggested that we need a continental planning tool so that countries can see when others are planning events.

The meeting adjourned at 1645 Toronto/Georgia = 2245/2345 European time