

Minutes Skype teleconference 14th December 2016

Start: 20.00 GMT+1 / End: 23.06 GMT+1

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Present:

*	Name	Representing	*	Name	Representing
BG	Brian Graham	PDGA Exec. Director	HA	Haukur Árnason	Iceland
BH	Brian Hoeniger	PDGA Intl. Director	GG	Gunars Grundmanis	Latvia
HN	Hans Nagtegaal	PDGA Europe Admin.	DG	Darius Gricius	Lithuania
BW	Bernd Wender	Austria	PBu	Peter Buijsrogge	Netherlands
AV	Aki Vuckovic	Croatia	IB	Ingar Ballo Sandum	Norway
RL	Rainer Lipand	Estonia	AM	Aleksandr Makarov	Russia
TA	Tapani Aulu	Finland	RK	Richard Kollar	Slovakia
AK	Anne Kettunen	Finland	BB	Bostjan Babic	Slovenia
FD	Florence Dumont	France	CR	Carlos Rio	Spain
FH	Frank Hellstern	Germany	PBy	Peter Bygde	Sweden

* Initials used throughout minutes.

Failed to join teleconference:

Gergely Hrubó (Hungary).

Regrets:

Michal Paszkowski (Poland), Charlie Mead (UK), Sinus Frank, (Denmark).

Absent:

Fabienne Werner (Belgium), Martin Jenny (Switzerland).

Minutes:

BH: welcomes all, and starts the meeting.

Welcome and Overview of PDGA Europe 2016 (Brian Hoeniger)

BH summarizes 2016 Europe demographics = 587 events and 5595 current members as of today, representing 25-30% from a year ago. While we sometimes struggle in the background to get things completed and achieve consensus around decision, above the surface things are going very well indeed. Now we are embarking on our biggest project ever -= the PDGA Europe transition.

Update of Administrator Training & PDGA Europe Office Opening (Hans)

HN: received training from office staff at IDGC mid November, and got a good overview of tasks that would be transferred to Europe.

IT project to make this full transfer of work possible is a few (approx. 2-3) months from completion.

BG: PDGA Europe pricing system to be transferred straight from USD to EUR, at 1:1 rate. \$20 will now be 20EUR. At the current exchange rate (edit 1.057, now 1.042) this is the most opportune moment to do this at no true cost difference to members.

Discussion follows; advantage for European NAs members and events is seen; may even prove cheaper due to no longer having to transfer and convert funds from Europe to USA.

FD: Small problem, because France has already collected renewal fees for 100 members in EUR.

Timeline for Next Steps in PDGA Europe Transition (Brian Hoeniger)

BH: Transition concept paper's timeline was very ambitious and will now need to be adjusted, Brian Hoeniger will therefore now update the paper. Scope and complexity of IT project forces full office work start, notably move of fulfilment services, to be pushed back by a few months.

HN: Governance side needs further review and discussion. Countries as members? Individual members?

BH: Governance side had us holding elections now; they must be held later.

BG: Plan is for PDGA Europe Board Elections to coincide with PDGA elections, running July/August.

PDGA Europe Country Coordinator Participation (Brian Hoeniger)

BH: participation is not as high as we would want. As CC's you represent your country.

Are there perhaps any reasons why you do not participate?

Fabienne perhaps doesn't participate because of her poor English skills.

HN: Despite active participation in discussions revolves around a few of the CCs, almost all CC's check in regularly.

Please let us know you are active; for instance by writing "no opinion" or "agree" when you read it, but have nothing to add. This makes perceived participation go up a lot.

HA: I am both active, and non-active. Sometimes I have no opinion on a subject, or I don't know what to add.

IB: I sometimes want to comment, but when I want to reply to 3rd message, there's 20 new ones that dissuade me from doing so.

HN: I will do my best to be more concise.

HA: Digests are supposed to help in being reminders, but I have not received any since October. I sometimes miss votes because I can not get reminders for that forum.

Others have varying results with digests.

I check at least once a day anyway, regardless of digest.

CR: I miss out on many votes; can they be posted/announced?

HN: Votes are typically announced on Facebook group; will also be announced in CC part of forum from now on.

HA: Vote options could be amended with "no opinion/don't care".

PDGA Europe sub-Disciplinary Committee Review (Hans)

HN: Some sub committees are functioning well, but Disciplinary sub-Committee may have been ahead of its time. CC's signing up, just to make sub committees have members, but not necessarily up for the task.

EuroTour and EDGC sub committees are active and functional.

Disciplinary Actions sub committee started off well; procedures were written, Frank was chair; all looked OK. First cases were handled well, and quickly. Frank left (he felt he was not the right person to chair), soon after the group's activity collapsed; with only two members remaining (also due to three members also having stepped down as CC since). How to fix this?

BH: Comments of challenging and at times unpleasant nature of DC work. Recommends giving current cases back to PDGA DC; rethink sub committee in the meantime.

Discussion. 2 Votes:

Handing current cases back to PDGA DC: approved 12-2.

Reviving Disciplinary Actions sub committee: approved 11-3

HN: How?

Previously we had voted on allowing non-CC's to join sub committees.

Discussion. BG clarified how committees and appointments to committees work in USA. Ville Kotamäki (FDGA President) is interested in joining the sub-DC. Frank and Haukur also agree to join current members Tapani and Peter Bygde on committee. Votes:

Can non-CC's join sub committees: Approved unanimously.

Can non-CC's be sub committee chair: Approved unanimously.

HN: Ok, will hand back current cases to PDGA DC. Will reach out to Ville.

(Update: PDGA DC has now accepted all four current cases, and already handled 1. Ville has accepted, and has joined committee)

2017 International Guide – Review and Changes (Brian Hoeniger)

BH: Summarizes changes in proposed order of information from a year ago reflecting Europe transition and new pricing structure for Europe in Euros. Disciplinary sub-Committee Procedures will be removed from the Guide and will be available at www.pdga-europe.com. Discussion about tier standards. Proposal to move C tier sanctioning deadline lowered from 30 to 7 days. Vote passes unanimously. Brian Hoeniger will produce Draft 1 for CC's review before Christmas

2017 EuroTour (Hans)

HN: Working on re-development proposal over summer lead to split of EuroTour and a new level above it; EuroProTour.

Many events are based in Scandinavia, but do not see that as an issue; best events, best players, best local situations (many outside industry sponsors and government support).

Iceland is part of EuroTour for 2nd time, Balkan region considered submitting, Czech Republic joined again. Currently finalising centralised registration/payment system. This will provide all players and events with the same pre-event experience. System runs on Skoorin software; which is also used by DGWT. Events will all use live-scoring during events and provide some sort of video coverage, to allow better (social) media coverage.

BH: Did events buy in to centralised registration/payment system?

HN: Yes. Although a few events are impatiently waiting for it to be implemented.

One added benefit of this system is that events can decide to have PDGA Europe handle registration and payout (bypassing local prize money taxation rules).

2017 POTY (Richard)

RK: Because current system is not entirely fair, or awarding the best player, and rules were not entirely clear; I developed a proposal that is supposed to be fair and award best players.

Excluding of non-European Majors causes discussion.

Vote to approve document as whole: 12-2 in favor.

Vote to change sections of document related which events are included: First vote: Changes 6, Keep as is 5, Abstain 4. Second vote: Changes 9, Keep as is 4.

BH: Submit proposals for change over next 2 weeks, and finalise.

Other issues (all)

BH: Encourages CCs to work with Charlie Mead in regards to 2017 World Team Championships. He also mentions PDGA concern that WFDF promoting event as “standalone” and PDGAs expectation that PDGA be included in event title given its foreseen investment in and support, and the leading roles PDGA played in the jointly managed 2016 edition. Charlie will be asked to try and resolve this with WFDF leadership.

FD: Thank you Brian Graham for all your service to PDGA and disc golf.

HN: In Oulu, we talked about having more teleconferences. How often?

Vote: Every 3 months, approved; ie. Next teleconference in March.

BH: Decide on date for next teleconference about a month beforehand.

The meeting adjourned.