

Minutes Skype teleconference 7th December 2014

Start: 19.00 GMT / End: 22.34 GMT

Prepared by Hans Nagtegaal, edited by Brian Hoeniger

Present:

*	Name	Representing	*	Name	Representing
BH	Brian Hoeniger	PDGA Intl Director	FD	Florence Dumont	France
HN	Hans Nagtegaal	PDGA EuroTour Manager	FH	Frank Hellstern	Germany
BW	Bernd Wender	Austria	RC	Renita Cameron	Italy
FW	Fabienne Werner	Belgium	GK	Gatis Kurzemnieks	Latvia
DS	Dinko Šimenc	Croatia	DG	Darius Gricius	Lithuania
LF	Lukáš Filandr	Czech Republic	PB	Peter Buijsrogge	Netherlands
RL	Rainer Lipand	Estonia	CR	Carlos Rio	Spain
TA	Tapani Aulu	Finland	MJ	Martin Jenny	Switzerland
DH	Daniel Hatvani	Hungary			

* Initials used throughout minutes.

Regrets:

Brian Graham (PDGA), Sinus Frank, (Denmark), Ingar Ballo Sandum (Norway), Richard Kollar (Slovakia), Christer Köhler (Sweden)

Absent:

Paul Francz (2014 EuroTour Manager), Haukur Árnason (Iceland), Yuri Zelentsov (Russia), Neil Webber (UK)

Minutes:

BH: welcomes all, and starts the meeting.

2014 EuroTour review/handover and 2015/2016 ET planning (Hans)

HN: reports still no news from Paul Francz regarding overdue ET2014 fees.

ET2015 calendar confirmed (only unclear detail is exact format of Konopiste Open (they will follow recommendation for 63(+) holes. Vivid and detailed discussion about issues in EuroTour guidelines, most notably, registration procedures, net vs gross entry fees, and payout percentages, as well as some of the ways in which ET needs to be improved. After 1.5 hrs discussion on ET agreed to essentially "leave as is" for 2015 and forward all noted issues to ET2016 redevelopment sub committee.

Sula Open and TD suspension (Brian/Hans)

BH: TD needs to be suspended.

HN: Letter has not been written yet (as Paul did not come forward with information).

After some discussion, and points being made regarding who actually handles the suspension, it is decided that HN is to write one last reminder, adding IBS (as country rep) in copy, and give Sula Open TD two weeks time to respond and pay. Failure to pay will result in BH validating administrative suspension.

EDGC (Hans)

Group discussion about when deadline should be, and DS suggests that to make review and comparison easier, bids should all use same language. BH suggests to use PDGA International Major bids file as a guideline. Sub committee will be composed of: FD (chair), CK, BW, FH and MJ.

Deadlines as follows: Submission 15th January, review 31st possible amending by bid organisations, then vote by mid february (February 15th?) in teleconference (to be confirmed).

Review of International Guide (Brian)

BH explained the various reasons why the primary relationships regarding the INT Program are between PDGA and the National Associations (NA). In 2015 a survey of the NAs will be done, with questions largely reflecting the info provided by several countries to the Committee in advance of the November teleconference. This is expected to lead to the signing of basic Memorandums of Agreement between PDGA and the NAs by the end of 2015.

These reasons extend to the legal. BH outlined the Massachusetts issue which is the catalyst for the PDGA to focus more on sustainability/safety issues. FH refers to similar incident in Germany which made the DFB realize its areas of weaknesses and to begin addressing these. Discussion moved to insurance policies which some NAs have while others do not as yet. There appears to be no possibility of a PDGA Europe events insurance policy, similar to that of PDGA USA/Canada, as such policies are typically national rather than EU wide in scope.

The noted addition to the Guide is a clarification that the ET registration process is based entirely on the time a registration is received, presuming payment will follow within the required timeframes of the registration stages.

Disciplinary Sub Committee Disciplinary Action (SCDA) and Procedures (Frank)

FH reviews his guidelines, and the group acknowledges document and its content; only point of discussion is the amount of votes needed, and how many of the voters need to be votes per se (vs. abstention). It's decided that a majority vote is needed, with a minimum of 3 yes votes required for a disciplinary action versus member(s) to be recommended to the USA DC.

LF asks about case where 10 signatures are needed from current PDGA members to bring case to SCDA. BH clarifies that the 10 current members need not be incident witnesses, rather they are members who agree that the case warrants submission to SCDA. BH suggests to drop to 5, but 10 is maintained as question is reformulated and answer is clarifying.

2015 Worlds qualification for International players (Brian)

Any international player who was current in 2014, and played at least one PDGA sanctioned event, will receive an invitation.

For Pro worlds, first two weeks of registration will be open to international pro players only, where number of available spots is directly proportionate to portion of international pro players (ie. About 25%).

For AM worlds, same procedure, resulting in about 8-10% of spots for international Am players.

Whole group agrees this is very fair way of allowing more international participation.

PDGA-Europe.com website and dealing with sub committees (Hans)

HN explains plans with website, and how to implement forum and sub committees. Group likes draft website, and plans. HN invites players to participate in submitting contents (in any language) for website, to make the website transfer from "dead and lacking in information" to "a portal with information, news, and helpful tools". Plan is to launch new website per January 1st 2015. Once launched, PDGA Europe Committee communications will be via the website and the PDGA Europe yahoo group will be disbanded. Brian Graham will be given the necessary accesses/authorities regarding the website.

Expo 2015 (Renita)

As RC is absent (excused herself) item is deferred. BH quickly mentions and praises video presentation RC sent prior to teleconference.

How to motivate and engage volunteers (Florence)

FD explains her question about the lack of volunteers at events, and asks group for suggestions how to involve them, and make them want to be involved. Many countries face same issue. HN suggests to get them involved by honouring and inspiring them "lead by example". BH adds empowering them. Tools should, and will, be made available online.

Any other issues 5 mins

HN: Shouldn't all SCDA members be officials? They all are, case closed.

BH is expected to be away on his other job January 4-24.

Next Teleconference

Mid February

Topics will include:

2016 EDGC Bids (All)

Expo 2015 (Renita)