

## PDGA International teleconference 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012

### Attendees:

Brian Hoeniger, Neil Webber, Tapani Aulu, Dave Feldberg, Sinus Frank, Paul Francz, Boris Lazzarotto, Jonas Grunden, Bernd Wender, Hans Nagtegaal, Jorgs Eberts, Darius Gricius, Renita Cameron, Rasmus Sepp, Lukas Filandr

### 1. Welcome – Brian H

### 2. Review of International Program in 2012

12% growth, 20% events growth. Marco Polo programme funding Barbados, Mexico, Israel & Spain.

### 3. Plans & Changes for 2013 - Brian H

#### Self-service sanctioning at pdga.com

*Note post meeting:* PDGA aiming to introduce this for International countries in 1st half of 2013. Will entail TDs and Country Reps fill in their event details for Tour schedule on line instead of sending them in an Excel file to the Office Manager.

#### New rules book for 2013 and funds available for translations and printing

A summary of rules changes was presented by Neil Webber. A budget has been requested for funding completion of rules translations.

#### 2013 Euro Majors and PDGA sponsorship/support

2 majors approved, supported as per previous years.

#### A weighted PDGA Europe voting system

Suggested system based on membership number boundaries. Larger countries (Sweden) did not see the point, and stated that it is better to be together and unanimous as much as possible than to have the potential for voting factions.

Suggestion to reduce overheads by not posting membership cards to renewing members. Saving is around \$3-5 per person, so could contribute towards retaining lower international costs.

### 4. Review of 2012 EuroTour & Bonus Payout

Overview of the Tour presented. Discussion on lower attendances and contributing factors

### 5. 2013 EuroTour schedule

Schedule completed. Approved Lithuania ET event as EuroSouth, Estonia will be EuroNorth = North 6 events, South 5 events. This formula should attract players from other N/S countries to the Baltic State events.

### 6. 2013 EuroTour standards

Event formats including divisions and rounds, points system, registration/payment system, etc.

Round formats do not need to be specified. Tournament standards were discussed, especially relating to new events. Brian will draft a bid document for new events or events where problems have been identified.

The overall structure of the EuroTour was discussed with regard to the very different demands, e.g. Stockholm wanting to limit divisions, whereas France, Holland and Italy want maybe more Amateur focus. No one-size-fits-all solution with regards to the standards is really possible. A Tier system where players understand what it is that they get wherever they play would be better.

Changes for 2014 are widely agreed to be desirable.

## **7. Any other changes to the 2013 PDGA Europe Guide**

No changes to this year's format.

## **8. Review of pdga-europe.com & how we can attract more visitors**

Changes to the core PDGA site should enable more dynamic content to be presented on the European site. Driving traffic to the site relies on members generating content and stories to publish. Some ways of driving traffic is to advertise stories in the PDGA newsletter and also through Facebook.

## **9. Presentation on formation of European DG Federation**

Lead by the Swiss association, the proposal is to form a federation of European Disc Golf bodies to look at becoming an official sanctioning body for the European Championships. The federation is not a competitor to PDGA Europe, it is a separate body.

The Federation would also look to lead bottom up projects to support disc golf growth, support amateur disc golfers and similar things that are not currently under PDGA Europe.

A paper will be sent out to the various countries.

## **10. Any other Issues**

Formation of a working group of Brian, Paul, Hans & Jonas to focus on adapting the guide for 2014, including the ideas discussed in 6 and also to consider an Amateur competition element to EuroTour.

Paul announced that he plans to step down as EuroTour manager. Brian thanked him for his service and we will plan for his successor.