

Minutes PDGA Europe Board of Directors teleconference 4th October 2017

Start: 21.05 GMT+1 / End: 23.22 GMT+1

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Invitees:

*	Name	Status	Representing
TC	Terry Calhoun	present	PDGA Europe Board of Directors
NH	Natalie Holloköi	present	PDGA Europe Board of Directors
EK	Elaine King	present	PDGA Europe Board of Directors
RK	Richard Kollar	present	PDGA Europe Board of Directors
SS	Seamus Scanlon	present	PDGA Europe Board of Directors
KW	Kajsa Wickström	present	PDGA Europe Board of Directors
JC	Joe Chargualaf	regret	PDGA Executive Director
BH	Brian Hoeniger	present	PDGA International Director
HN	Hans Nagtegaal	present	Interim PDGA Europe Administrator

* Initials used throughout minutes.

Quorum (no rules set for quorum. Assumed at 50% = 3): Quorum present.

Welcome (BH)

BH welcomes all to first ever PDGA Europe Board of Directors teleconference.

HN Volunteers to take minutes. Minutes will be approved at each next meeting.

Introduction (BH)

BH explains the history and key principles behind the International Program, the inception of the PDGA Europe Transition Document that now sees PDGA Europe and its Board of Directors being the first major step.

7th (currently vacant) Board member position is discussed.

BH it is preferred that the 7th board Member be from one of the following countries: Sweden, Estonia, Norway, to allow the larger countries have at least equal representation on the Board; (currently comprised of 1 large, 2 medium, 1 small country's Board members).

Current legal status of PDGA Europe, fulfilment house, and finances (HN)

HN explains PDGA Europe's finances and bank account issue; account being frozen.

RK wonders what "frozen account" actually means and what it does to our finances, and how to resolve. Dutch bank froze account due to never following protocol before opening account; and then requesting

BH, EK et al discuss and agree on financial oversight being needed by Board and special role for Officer (Treasurer) in that. 'Checks and Balances' needed.

Who approves transaction amounts, and what is a typical amount to allow without approval?

BH mentions PDGA's € 30k eur financial injection (Also touches on new rules books and upcoming translation and costs reimbursements for this. Proposal is to only supply English language rules books to the countries that do not translate and print their own. €10k in grant, €20k in loan) to strengthen its financial position.

HN explains current legal status, and where and how the Bylaws being approved is the key factor in getting PDGA Europe full legal status.

Long discussion follows on translated (to be tested for applicability to Dutch law) version of PDGA Europe bylaws are skinny version of PDGA Bylaws, and its contents.

RK How to make them meet PDGA's and PDGA Europe's needs, who is to take lead in that, and timeframe (roughly next 6 weeks); TC volunteers to take the lead.

HN updates on current fulfilment status.

BH fulfilment was supposed to have started spring 2017.

HN Fulfilment in Europe is cheaper in some aspects, but will nevertheless draw a significant amount of membership fees away from operations; guided by mainly Finland's "we have no need for tags and cards", and Europe's propensity to 'everything electronically'; wouldn't it be wiser to move away from physical fulfilment to electronic-only, and supply fulfilment items in bulk to countries?

BH Surprised, but very interested reaction; this may be a really good step.

Discussion follows. European members and countries need to be surveyed; **RK** asks who will take lead in this.

KW volunteers. One of the key questions here (seen together with no/less physical fulfilment, and possibly raising membership fees) is "What does PGA Europe offer?"

BH touches on new rules books and upcoming translation and costs reimbursements (€2500 for large countries, €1500 for small countries) for this. PDGA fulfilment will only supply English language rules books to the countries that do not translate and print their own.

New Member Mini is also going to be optional for international customers, like the New Member Disc. This is due to a high rise in international shipping costs.

Planned structure of PDGA / PDGA Europe (BH)

BH makes summary of current Transition Document's text and intent.

Two relations that need to be established in particular are PDGA <> PDGA Europe, and PDGA Europe <> National Associations.

What is PDGA Europe's identity?

When is transfer effective? When Bylaws are in effect, and PDGA <> PDGA Europe Memorandum of Understanding is signed.

BH and **EK** will lead this project.

Financial plan for 2018 (RK)

This subject was skipped in favour of Urgent Agenda.

PDGA Europe membership and events - structure/goals (RK)

This subject was skipped in favour of Urgent Agenda.

Delegation of PDGA Europe representatives to PDGA Global structures (RK)

This subject was skipped in favour of Urgent Agenda.

Urgent agenda (RK)

RK gives a summary of EuroProTour and EuroTour system, and where he sees issues.

Long discussion follows. **NH** suggests to leave the decision-making with ET committee (and Country Coordinators). This is agreed upon, as the Bylaws are not in effect yet, which would empower the Board of Directors. Until then, the old structure still governs.

Other items

RK announces "other structure" document he has been working on, that he wants to present to the Board soon.

BH urges to not overwhelm the Board as it sets its first steps.

Round-up of meeting.

TC will take lead on bylaws, **KW** on fulfilment survey, **BH** and **EK** on PDGA <> PDGA Europe Memorandum of Understanding.

Next meeting is set for October 24th at 20.00 GMT+1.

The meeting is adjourned.