

Minutes Skype teleconference 26th March 2017

Start: 19.07 GMT+1 / End: 21.22 GMT+1

Prepared by Hans Nagtegaal, edited by Brian Hoeniger

Present:

*	Name	Representing	*	Name	Representing
BH	Brian Hoeniger	PDGA Intl. Director	HA	Haukur Árnason	Iceland
HN	Hans Nagtegaal	PDGA Europe Admin.	GG	Gunars Grundmanis	Latvia
BW	Bernd Wender	Austria	AM	Aleksandr Makarov	Russia
RL	Rainer Lipand	Estonia	RK	Richard Kollar	Slovakia
TA	Tapani Aulu	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:

Pavel Kotala (Czech Republic), Martin Jenny (Switzerland), Charlie Mead (United Kingdom).

Regrets:

none.

Absent:

Fabienne Werner (Belgium), Aki Vuckovic (Croatia), Sinus Frank, (Denmark), Gergely Hrubó (Hungary), Diego Melisi (Italy), Darius Gričius (Lithuania), Peter Buijsrogge (Netherlands), Ingar Ballo Sandum (Norway), Michal Paszkowski (Poland).

Minutes:

Quorum = 33% = 8 1/3. Quorum present.

BH: will weighted voting already be in effect?

HN: no, that will only come in effect once PDGA Europe is founded.

Welcome (Hans Nagtegaal)

HN welcomes all to first quarterly PDGA Europe teleconference.

Approval of December Teleconference Minutes (Hans Nagtegaal)

No discussion. Minutes approved unanimously. Minutes will be published on website.

Approval of February Teleconference Minutes (Hans Nagtegaal)

No discussion. Minutes approved unanimously. Minutes will be published on website.

2016 PDGA Europe Volunteer of the Year nomination and voting (Hans Nagtegaal)

No discussion on number of nominees, or candidates. Voting will be held online.

PDGA Europe Office report (Hans Nagtegaal)

HN: PDGA Europe balance shows a positive amount of €26.181,01, which is comprised fully of EuroProTour and EuroTour player registration fees, and a few minor expenses. All of the EPT and ET player registration fees' money will be going towards the events expenses and player prize payout, minus EuroTour sanctioning and players fees.

BH: As an accountant of many years, I checked Hans' accounting is being done correctly, and he has shown that he is capable of doing this, and will soon be given other responsibilities and tasks.

HN: Progress on actual foundation of PDGA Europe. Awaiting concept foundation document prepared by notary, which would then – with your approval (I have asked the PDGA BoD for their approval, and received it) – be signed by Erik Schmieman (my predecessor as CC for The Netherlands) and myself. We would then proceed with adding the North American based appointed board members, and step down ourselves. Us signing the founding documents is merely financially motivated; it would save PDGA Europe 1000's of Euro's by not having to get two North American based Board members to place these signatures in person. Any future Board member after that (including foreign members), can be added/removed by a passport copy and one form.

BH: During the 2017 Spring Summit, PDGA pledged to transfer €30.000,00 start up (10k as a grant, 20k as a loan) to PDGA Europe.

HN: Will write to PDGA to prepare document and set up transfer of funds.

BH: How about new member discs and other fulfilment needs?

HN: Have waited with sending out Requests For Proposals (RFP) to European manufacturers, awaiting transfer of funds from PDGA, to not endanger EPT/ET registration fees funds.

BH: No reason to wait for funds, it will take time before there is financial commitments for those discs.

HN: Ok, will send out RFP's early next week. Printing of new member cards can be done on a daily basis. Had asked Tapani if Finland send out packages to their new members, in which case Finnish new/renewal packages would be sent in bulk along with financial compensation, to be processed there, to be more cost-effective. Finland does not send out packages to its members.

EuroTour 2018 (Hans Nagtegaal)

Review of EPT/ET2017 so far. Registration numbers are good for most events (Dutch, Kokkedal, Tali are all full. Sula is doing well. Tyyni is at 60% full, but that is with against a very high players field cap). Iceland is "getting there", but especially the two UK events are doing below expectations. Players field in especially MPO and FPO is lacking across the board for the EuroTour. UK and Iceland are both remote, and suffer high costs (either getting there and/or being there).

In preparation for the 2018 season, do we want to change things?

BH: It's too early to tell. No events were held yet. (*Dutch Open takes place next weekend, April 1-2*).

Discussion follows. Consensus seems to be on leaving most as is; EuroTour is not a tour, but a good series of events. EuroProTour possibly limit number of events.

Discussion will proceed to ET Sub committee.

On releasing dates for EPT/ET2018 season, discussion follows on the validity of announcing these dates early in 2017 season.

HN: to allow for countries and players to plan their schedule and national tours. Germany is one of strongest voices in requesting early announcements. 2 years running, the majority (3 of 4, and 4 of 5) of their NT events clash with ET (and this year also TDGWC).

On discussion about scheduling and planning ahead; which events should be announced early?

Consensus was reached that this should include Majors, Worlds, DGWT, EPT (not ET).

HN: would like to (over time) see National championships added to that list, by allowing them competition-less windows where they can be guaranteed their strongest players can attend, without being forced by sponsorship deals to compete elsewhere.

RK: Don't overstep national boundaries. it's up to them to decide. You can not force countries to move their events to windows you offer.

HN: That's not my intention. I am hoping for the opposite; that countries in a region will organically move closer to each other in dates, and that these dates then become blocked windows.

Example: When discussing ET/EPT with DGWT, it was clear when Konopiste Open would be held; I had recommended 4 EPT/ET events against choosing that date. To allow each event their maximum possible players field.

RK: You could maybe let this be handled regionally.

PDGA Europe Governance proposal (Brian Hoeniger)

Quote to be discussed:

I really don't believe a bi-cameral model will work. Assuming I understood it correct.

** Two different organizations with different persons (incl. 7 and 24+ persons), working in the same decision making level, but separately. And any approved decision will require majority votes of both organization.*

** There should be only one decision making organization, the Board.*

** NAC (The National Association Committee) should work as a preparing and executive body, a fast and effective link between the Board and NA's.*

** Main part of development proposals are handled in NAC (prepared and revised), and they send it to the Board for final decision. After that NAC will put those decided issues into practice.*

My opinion is, that for decisions there should be a small group of people, but preparing and executing needs more efforts (bigger group).

Please build this topic, my notes are too sparse, and I had trouble following all

election dates.

Prep for candidates

elaine king – justin menickelli – (terry calhoun)

no BDH because of c.o.i.

reach out/engage EU candidates

discussion about election and framework, more in-depth form needed

profiles need to be elaborate their positions, to get good candidates BH

job description BH writes

BH discussing quoted comments on bicameral topic

FH comment on quote:

<http://pdga-europe.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=25&t=908>

BH NAC more as safeguard to BoD

FH both groups write own Rules of Procedure

HN founding, stepping down, adding

bicameral 2 windows for safeguard normal, and one for urgent

Other business (Hans Nagtegaal)

Any other business?

EDGC Sub Committee (Tapani Aulu)

EDGC SC has reviewed two bids, and made recommendation to EDGF.

EDGF voted this weekend, and will announce winning bid on Monday. Winning bid is Croatia.

BH: Good to see that a new country/region won the bid.

TA: One of arguments for recommending awarding of bid to Croatia was to not hold event in Baltic region.

Other bid, Estonia, was suggested by EDGF to be awarded EDGC2020 without bid procedure, to which EDGC SC reacted this should be a new bid procedure; to be held soon. Possibly reviewing bid guidelines document beforehand. Aiming to award EDGC2020 before end of year.

Disciplinary cases (Tapani Aulu)

At least one Finnish case that was handled did not get processed completely. Why?

HN: 4 open cases were sent to PDGA DC to be handled. 2 were dismissed, 2 were processed, but it was their incorrect understanding that filing of these cases were handled by PDGA Europe. This has been brought to their attention last week, and has been acted upon.

TA: What about dismissed cases? Does any action get taken there?

HN: That is up to PDGA Europe SCDA to decide. In the past, cases that were dismissed, were not reported back to involved parties.

10 Year Badges missing (Tapani Aulu)

A few Finnish players did not receive their 10 year badges.

HN: Please reach out to Vic of myself regarding fulfilment issues. We can look into it, and take action.

Finnish and Estonian cases known of envelopes being opened. Maybe this is how badges go missing?

BH: This may be caused by the 88xx batch of pre-assigned #'s. Vic will be checking eligibility for 10 year badges against regularly assigned numbers, and have missed these 88xx #'s. Hans, will you reach out to Vic?

HN: Will do.

Update on Team Worlds (Frank Hellstern)

Have more countries signed up for this event?

HN: Charlie had written to me, due to not being able to join teleconference:

Just one thing I was going to contribute - as an antidote to Frank's continuing negative attitude to WTDGC - We now have 15 countries confirmed as coming, either registered or promised:

Slovakia, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, France, Great Britain, Austria, USA, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Ethiopia, Croatia and Japan.

There are 5 more that are interested, expressed and interest or making efforts to get to Essex: Portugal, Israel, Spain, Mexico and Argentina.

There are also a further six that we have not heard from their national associations but where individual players have said they would like to represent their country and are trying to get in touch with others of a like mind: Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and S Africa.

There are clearly countries not interested such as Germany. However there are also a group of others that we are hopeful of engaging - especially the Baltic states.

We will extend the final deadline for Team Registration to June 9th to give countries time to put a team together.

BH: Will reach out to Charlie to update website.

Other business (Hans Nagtegaal)

Any other business?

The meeting is adjourned.