

# Minutes World Flying Disc Federation Congress July 18th, 2009 14:00 – 17:00 p.m Main Stadium Room B2-5. Kaohsiung, Taiwan

#### 1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks - 2:35

Due to the fact that materials were not posted 2 months in advance, as well as limited attendance by members, no motions will be officially approved today. Will either do an online Congress or post motions online and have them voted on later in the year. Per the Bylaws, quorum has been established.

#### 2. Attendance & Introductions

# Voting member associations represented:

Australia – Jonathan Potts, Piers Truter Japan – Fumio Morooka Taiwan – Michael Hu Canada – Brian Gisel Germany - Ru Vitel

Non-Voting Attendees Kevin Givens (WFDF Executive Director). Kate Bergeron (Treasurer)

#### 3. 2008 Congress Minutes.

Presented but not approved.

## **4. President's Report** – Jonathan Potts

Development: Need to expand the sport internationally. Form a development committee. 3 different avenues: 1) Basic Sports development in countries. Reaching out where ultimate is either beginning or small 2) Organizational development- Help foster growth to the next level for countries. Help them by providing template documents. 3) Goodwill Development to include projects Peace and Sport. Explore development grants program for supporting countries/entities where Ultimate can assist in worthy projects. Would like to allocate \$6K annually. Ask National Members to ask to assist with developing donations.

Potts and Givens met with Peace and Sport at SportAccord in Denver. They go into conflict affected areas. P and S is working with the Israelis to help develop Ultimate. Israel recently formally recognized flying disc as an official sport. Develop a separate website for projects of this kind.

Events: Need to support events more strongly, standardize documents, create templates to provide to event organizers and support archival record-keeping.

Communications: need to improve and redo the wfdf.org web site; consider allocation of funds for development of web content and registration process.

External relations: Sport Accord attended by Potts, Givens and Morooka. Morooka elected to the SportAccord Council.

Resource development: working with Wright Life to become an official merchandiser.

# Strategic Planning.



WFDF needs to be more focused in its operations and develop mission/vision. Once established may be necessary to revise laws to stay clear on our mission.

Are Olympics the goal? To promote flying disc...setting standards, Assisting with events. Consider using SOTG as a constant. Does WFDF want to be a multi sport or a single sport org. Vision: Development. Governance – Events, Information, Standards, Quality, Olympic Movement, Financial, Values.

#### Financial Report 2008 and intermediate status report for 2009 – Kate Bergeron

All projections were either on track or exceeded expectations. Don't expect substantial income this year.

\$113,893,41 total balance reported to the IRS. Increasing dues we would expect about a 3% increase in income. Dues income 2009 has not been received as 2009 census has not been requested.

2010 expect \$38K in dues. Main revenue stream from WUCC Prague. Potential for profit sharing – will be included in budget if it appears that this is likely.

Audit: 2008 document will be initiated.

#### WFDF Budget 2009

- determination of membership dues for 2010
- determination of sanctioning fees for 2010
- 2007 Audit

#### New membership applications

• Slovakia has an initial inquiry, no formal proposals

# WFDF Ultimate Committee Structure V2009

Rue has some ideas for restructuring the Ultimate Committee. Ultimate Committee structure. Working with the board on this. Have a more independent committee with less people. Several subcommittees. Need to decide what is the main focus of WFDF. Should have a committee for each region. We need either more people assisting as volunteers or pay more people to complete those tasks. Rules Committee feels as though they are close to coming to a general stability. Development: No real action to report. Bylaws refer to how committees can be established and be delegated to.

#### **Disciplinary Reports (Vancouver events)**

The disciplinary report has been presented to the Board. We need a strong policy to assist us for future events.

#### **Espiritu Project**

A request has been received from the Espiritu group for funding. We need to address this and give an answer. Potts has told them that he would provide a round of grants funding. There is no guarantee that they would receive this. Grant program has not yet been approved by the Board. Hope to have a decision by fall 2009.

## Beach Ultimate within WFDF.

BULA would like to see beach Ultimate approved as a separate disc sport. Set up a Beach Ultimate Committee and have it approved by the board.

## Regional/Continental Championships

Focus on National Events instead of pursuing this.



# Membership announcements

CUPA is taking an active role in having all Canadian players recognized as members; in the past the only people who were counted as members were those who attended national championship. Going forward membership will include everyone who participates in Canadian Leagues.

UK Ultimate stabilizing after changing their status.

# <u>Date and Time of next Congress</u> – to be determined

Meeting adjourned 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Givens, Executive Director