

USGPA April 21, 2008 Board of Director Meeting- Conference Call Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting was convened at 7:38 p.m. Central Time.

Attendees: Scott Brooks, Tom Fields, Gene Marsh, Ryan Scott, Steve Taylor, Tim Trauger and David Brown

II. Old Business

Augusta Collegiate Tournament

Ryan Scott and Scott Brooks provided an update of the tournament. Teams were collegiate club teams, enthusiastic about guts, varied skill levels, some excellent shots and were developing their defensive skills. The Tournament Director and organizers shared good insight with them on their approach. Although they proposed to change to a "Collegiate Disc Golf and Guts Club", their approach is to continue to promote at the collegiate/ amateur level... and more importantly to focus on having fun.

Growing the Sport

Guts suffers from a lack of exposure. How do players introduce the sport? Kids emulate collegiate players and pros. Youth or Amateur Division within tournaments- reduced fee.

Use of collegiate clubs is a growth opportunity for Guts. Should we reach out to frats? Should pro players Adopt-a-College and help run a tournament?

Action Item: Reach out to Augusta Collegiate organizers and strengthen ties.

BOD Election

Elections were held for the four open Board positions. Elections were coordinated by Gene Marsh with certification by David Meyer. Election tabulations reflected the top four candidates as Ron Blau, David Brown, Steve Taylor and Tim Trauger (alphabetically).

Motion: Motion to approve slate of candidates. (Gene Marsh motioned. Steve Taylor seconded. Approved 6-0.)

Scott Brooks and Gene Marsh were thanked for their contributions to the BOD. New and re-elected members were welcomed.

III. New Business

Board structure and orientation

Overview of Board was provided. Various BOD positions and need for nominations discussed. President, Vice-President (not required), Treasurer and Secretary.

BOD clarified the use of committees. Committees review and make recommendations to the BOD. Discussed the need for more structure and formal recommendations outlining their findings, dissenting opinions and voting results. Committee Chairs are to submit this formally in writing.

BOD discussed the need for shorter but more frequent meetings and utilizing Agendas to keep on topic. Need for more structure was highlighted.

Committees

Improved use of Committees and coordination with the BOD is important. When and what items should be routed to the committees for consideration? Empathy with the Rules Committee on the Glove Rule was discussed and how best to assist and support actions. Need to clarify International Rules such as two-body parts, substitutions, foot fault and ace rules. Should Rules be changed during the season or in the off-season?

Motion: Establishment of a list of duties/ roles for Committees within 14 days. (Steve Taylor motioned. Ryan Scott seconded. Approved 5-0.)

Role of Competition Committee includes items such as Tournament schedules, locations and formats. How are tournaments awarded and formats established? Application process? Respecting existing tournaments and TD was discussed.

Motion: TD or delegate for each current or desired tournament shall be represented on the Competition Committee. (Steve Taylor motioned. David Brown seconded. Approved 5-0.)

Discussed Bradshaw Award for off-field contributions and need for nominees. Action needed.

Treasurers Report

Balance is \$4,150.67. Steve Taylor will file formal report.

Website redesign to provide a cleaner, more professional site was a large initiative. Potential need for upfront funding of tournament and disc promotional expenses.

IV. Unfinished Business

Vancouver WUGC 2008

Anticipated attendance from two teams from Japan, Canada and USA. Additional recruiting conducted. Contact Information requested thru WFDF. Main prospects are Taiwan, Australia, Sweden and Finland. Economy and distance from Europe are potential obstacles.

V. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 9:42 pm Central Time.

Next Meeting scheduled for May 12, 2008 at 8:30 pm Central Time.

Minutes submitted by David Brown.