

Minutes  
USGPA BOD  
February 8, 2005

The meeting was held via conference call and was called to order at 8:20pm EST.

Four members were present: Steve Taylor, Dave Bradshaw, Mike Daniels and Dave Nesbitt.

Members not present were: Gene Marsh, Greg Lauer and Frank Townsend.

The first order of business was a discussion and vote on the Hall of Fame

It was proposed that:

- The Hall of Fame (HOF) be modified to include only persons associated with Guts in the future. We recognize that there are non-Guts members in the HOF and will continue to honor them and keep any artifacts associated with them safe until such time that an alternative presents itself at which time those items and responsibilities would be turned over to that group or groups.
- The HOF should find a new home to promote a wider viewing by disc players. Dave Nesbitt suggested that a National Disc Golf Center currently planned for GA would be a great venue. In the meantime we will contact Wally to assure ourselves that everything is safe in its current home.
- Some subset of the items in the HOF should become part of a traveling HOF exhibit, at least until such time as a permanent home is found. These items would be displayed at our major tournaments, potentially minor tournaments and at demonstrations that the USGPA arranges.
- Steve Trauger will officially become the chairman of the HOF Nominating Committee and is responsible for filling the committee with a total of four members in addition to himself. The board encourages both geographic and generational diversity and will work with Steve if requested to help with that effort.
- The nominating committee will nominate a number of nominees at their discretion which will be presented to the Board. The board will create a mechanism for the USPGA membership to vote on the nominees. Each member will have three votes and a nominee must receive votes by 75% of the membership to be inducted into the HOF. Nominees will remain on the ballot for two years as long as they receive at least 25% support.
- The BOD will have at its discretion the authority to induct members. The BOD would probably use this authority more at the beginning of the process since it has been so long since new members have been inducted. Once things have been caught up this discretionary authority would remain but would probably be used much less often.

The motion was seconded and passed on roll call vote unanimously with a 4-0 margin.

The next order of business was a Constitution.

Steve Taylor described what had been accomplished so far. Basically the USGPA was incorporated in Michigan and a bank account was started on behalf of the organization. It was reported that the current balance for the USGPA is \$712 and that no expenditures have been made on behalf of the association. Other monies have flowed through the account for the WUGC in Finland, but the money was neutral in that everything that went in was paid out to the WUGC organizers for registration, food and lodging expenses. All of that money was deposited with the expressed purpose of supporting the tournament and no general funds were used.

We have obtained a copy of the PDGA Constitution. Dave Bradshaw has agreed to create a rough draft of a constitution to be considered by the BOD. He will present that at the next board meeting. Once agreed upon by the board the constitution will be voted on by the general membership.

The next order of business was a discussion of membership guidelines, dues, responsibilities and benefits.

There were several proposals but with a limited number of members present it was agreed that more discussion was needed. The preliminary proposals are as follows:

A yearly membership fee would be instituted. That fee would be \$20-25. Membership would be required for participation in any of the three current major tournaments which are the IFT, US Nationals and High Desert Classic. Non-members wishing to participate in any of those events would be required to pay an additional \$10 fee at each tournament they wished to participate in.

Benefits would include:

- Permanent GPA Number and Card
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year membership Gift (TBD)
- Semi-annual Newsletter
- Access to Members Only Information on Website
- Discounts on USGPA Merchandise
- Others (TBD)

There was discussion of lifetime and affiliate memberships (non-players, fans, etc). It was suggested that these might be better rolled out at a later date with a push for a strong first few years of traditional membership.

Members would be responsible to follow any of the rules stated in the Constitution during tournament play, international play and promotional events.

The next order of business was a discussion of revenue generation.

It was determined that one could expect 50-100 members to join with a goal of raising between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

Other revenue sources:

- Player participation fees: \$5 from each participant in a sanctioned tournament – estimated \$500 per year.
- Non-member additional participation fees – estimated \$100
- Fastest shot and catch opportunities at each tournament – estimated (at \$1 per) \$250
- Creation of US Nationals/Founders trophy (one time) –estimated \$5,000
- Limited edition discs
- Bumper stickers
- T-shirts
- Disc bags
- Other (TBD)

At this point in the meeting Mike Daniels had to end his participation. The remaining members agreed on the following basic agenda for the next meeting:

- Consideration of USGPA Constitution
- Consideration of membership fees, benefits and responsibilities
- Discussion of other revenue sources
- Competition Issues
  - Tournament coordination/support/facilities
  - Competition standards/formats
  - Drugs and Alcohol
  - Uniforms
- Marketing Ideas

Minutes complied and submitted by Steve Taylor