

**USGPA BOD Meeting**  
September 13, 2006  
9:30 PM via Conf. Call

Meeting called to order at 9:40.

Members Present:

Scott Brooks  
Gene Marsh  
Dave Nesbitt  
Steve Taylor  
Tim Trauger

Members Absent:

Dave Bradshaw  
Frank Townsend

**IFT 2007 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Steve reported that he had received a call from Frank Townsend earlier that day wherein Frank indicated that for various reasons his heart and motivation for the large volume of work required to pull off this celebration was a problem. Frank requested that another point person be found for this event and that he would bow out while providing contact information and running down a few items or tasks for the committee on a limited basis.

After discussion it was apparent someone needed to step forward. Consultation with Frank, the Board and Buck Buchanan resulted in a recommendation.

Dan Thornton and Steve Taylor have agreed to spearhead this effort as a team much the same way they have run the US Nationals together for the last two years. Dan and Steve will work very closely with Buck, Wally, Ron, Gary C., Linda Lovick, Ann, Barb the Board and other volunteers to create a world class event.

Work has proceeded in the last couple of months so that some of the items which will need to be addressed are in process already. Dan, Steve and Buck will be completing a preliminary listing of committees and their respective chairperson if already identified. Once that is done early next week a call will go out to additional volunteers some of which we have identified and will appeal to directly.

## **WUGC 2008**

The Vancouver organizing committee has requested that the USGPA provide a person to become a part of the organizing committee with the primary responsibility of running and handling the Guts portion of this event. This person must be a non-player who can devote time in a non-partisan way to the committee. After discussion Tim Trauger volunteered to fill this role and the Board accepted his offer. Tim is contacting the organizing committee to begin integrating with their processes.

The Board also identified two additional positions related to this tournament. First we need a team manager with responsibility to organize the 14-16 players who attend this tournament and become point person for things such as uniforms, help with travel schedule coordination, etc.

The second position is someone to lead the selection process. Scott Brooks, Gene Marsh and Dave Nesbitt have agreed to lead a committee to first determine a selection process and then run that selection process. This committee will be looking for volunteers to assist in this. Those individuals can be both people who desire to play in Vancouver and also people who do not seek to play in this tournament. However, once we get to the actually selection process that group may decide that only players who are not seeking a spot on the team will continue with the second phase which is selection.

The feedback gathered both at the US Nationals and through numerous other communications with various members regarding our members feelings on selection, etc. have been passed along to this committee. We have also passed on the list of interested players. If you have not already indicated your interest please do so at [www.usgpa.com](http://www.usgpa.com). It is important to solidify this pool before play begins in 2007.

It was decided that an individual from this committee who is not playing in Vancouver will ultimately become the team manager which should provide some continuity. Therefore the team manager position will be left open until later in the process. If you would like to volunteer for either phase of this committee's responsibilities please contact Scott at [Scott\\_Brooks@beaerospace.com](mailto:Scott_Brooks@beaerospace.com) , Gene at [gmarsh@4techwork.com](mailto:gmarsh@4techwork.com) or Dave at [dave@dnesbitt.com](mailto:dave@dnesbitt.com) .

### **Committees**

Two committees were proposed, discussed and approved for implementation. A Rules Committee will be formed. This committee will be charged with working to align the US rules and the international rules of Guts. This group will also be the responsible body for clarifying rules or considering rule changes. The Board felt that a formal process is needed since many rule changes have been proposed or discussed informally on the Guts list lately. Tim Trauger will head this committee and if you would like to volunteer you may contact him at [trog56@hotmail.com](mailto:trog56@hotmail.com).

The second committee that will be formed is the Competition Committee which is charged with being a resource for tournament directors. In this role they will provide a standard set of brackets and tournament formats, including the use or non-use of round robin pools at tournaments of various sizes, and meet with tournament directors to learn what the USGPA can do to support them in running their events. Additionally this group will work with the rules committee to clarify for our members and for tournament directors the proper procedures for disputed calls, which team has responsibility for certain calls and the use of observers both from the start of a match or in the middle should a dispute arrive. Steve Taylor will be head up this committee. We request all current tournament directors participate, along with any individuals who are involved in running current tournaments or who are considering a new tournament. You can contact Steve at [steve@luxinteractive.com](mailto:steve@luxinteractive.com)

### **Board Rotation and Elections**

A vote is scheduled for February 2007 to replace three Board members. The Constitution and the By-laws are out of synch on this issue and at this point the Board will follow the Constitution which specifies two year terms as it's the prevailing document. Therefore the positions occupied by Dave Nesbitt, Gene Marsh and Frank Townsend will be up for election this year.

Per the bylaws these positions will be determined by popular vote of all members in good standing and candidates may be nominated by any member of the USGPA in good standing. Scott Brooks will head up this task on behalf of the Board. If, as a USGPA member in good standing you would like to nominate someone or yourself you may contact him at [Scott.Brooks@beaerospace.com](mailto:Scott.Brooks@beaerospace.com). Nominations should be submitted no later than December 1, 2006 so that they can be included on the ballot.

### **Winter Meeting**

Dave Trauger has proposed and begun working towards a Winter Players Meeting to be held in Milwaukee the weekend of January 13<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>. The board supports his efforts and will at a minimum have two Board members at the meeting so that they can bring the issues discussed at this meeting of members back to the Board of Directors. Contact Dave at [djtrauger@mail.dwave.net](mailto:djtrauger@mail.dwave.net).

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