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**EDGF Board of Directors**  
**Virtual Meeting – Google Meet**  
**Thursday, September 6, 2022 19:00 – 21:00 CET**

**Minutes**

**Board members present**

Frank Hellstern (chair), Richard Kollar, Laura Heikkilä, and Tapani Aulu

**Board members absent/excused**

Paul Francz

**1. Welcome**

Frank welcomes all present at this regular monthly BoD-meeting.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and published.

**3. EC Status of Open/Juniors and Masters EC**

A question from Dani Hatvani about the pay out of the Master ECs, the “test”-Event planned for Octobre was canceled due to lack of interest from international players. Richard sees a possible problem with supporting stuff at this place.

During the Team Worlds the Estonian players told Tapani that they are very optimistic for this event.

The contracts have to be prepared for both organizers. Richard will contact Hungary and Paul will contact Estonia. Richard will send the contracts from last time after the meeting.

**4. EC Status/next steps spot allocation/Deadlines**

- Deadlines was a little too early, or the email for the countries was a little late.
- For Finland and for Germany it looked hard to check.
- Finland needs to be calculated together with the Aland Isles

- Richard thinks it didn't matter so much. The numbers seem to be ok.
- Compared to last time there will be more national spots and less individual.
- National spots at EMDGC may be available for the countries high on the waiting lists, as some countries might not send players to Estonia AND then to Hungary.
- Hungary asked for eventual transfer of extra national spots awarded to EMDGC hosts. The transfer is allowed by the governing documents, so this is not a problem. RK communicated the answer to Hungary by an email.
- Portugal: requested an adjustment of their player survey due to players living abroad, the data were appropriately adjusted. In addition, a provisional national spot was granted in FP40/FP50 as Portugal has 599 PDGA rated player (one point below current cut off). The minimum rating will need to be above the threshold at the time of the registration of the player.
- Scotland: Paul has to formulate a letter to them explaining that they are a member as a region but they do not get separate sports.
- The current data from PDGA suggest increase of number of junior players. Therefore RK proposed an increase of the minimum division size for MJ18 (from 32 to 40) and FJ18 (from 8 to 12) in the EDGC/EMDGC Spots Distribution and Registration Rules. The board approved the change unanimously.
- Luxembourg: applied for EDGF membership and its PDGA statistics show established disc golf community. Therefore RK proposed a move of Luxembourg from European countries Group B to Group A in EDGC/EMDGC Format and Standards. The board approved the change unanimously.

### **EDGC/EMDGC Spots Distribution and Registration Rules**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12eqbFD7H7Xkj\\_HxL0YPIJsJRmvEA-Sj1zUfFJzznWtM](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12eqbFD7H7Xkj_HxL0YPIJsJRmvEA-Sj1zUfFJzznWtM)

### **EDGC/EMDGC Format and Standards**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MQ\\_7cijq21E\\_rWoXYQ1e9xEdP8D9nXPtIAZplU1xjr8](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MQ_7cijq21E_rWoXYQ1e9xEdP8D9nXPtIAZplU1xjr8)

RK recalculated the division sizes, national spot distribution and national spots waiting lists according to new changes and will prepare an information email to EDGF contacts. PF will publish this in cooperation with Richard asap.

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## **2023 EDGC/EMDGC Division Sizes, National Spot Distribution and Waiting Lists**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RsBb8debzi6\\_33gVhj4Wv3V\\_tf1aOp8KMZfnXR\\_Sbkk](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RsBb8debzi6_33gVhj4Wv3V_tf1aOp8KMZfnXR_Sbkk)

All changes in EDGC/EMDGC Format and Standards and EDGC/EMDGC Spots Distribution and Registration Rules need to be confirmed by the vote of the EDGF General Assembly (November 2022).

### **Plans for future EDGC/EMDGC**

For the next EMDGC 2025 one more division for FP55 should be added, with FP60 eventually introduced in 2027. For 2027 EDGF should consider an introduction of MP70 subject to enough competitive players. From 2027 EDGF may consider a split between EJDGC (juniors) and EDGC (MPO/FPO) simply due to the growing number of Juniors in the sport. In the meantime (2025) EDGF may require two courses to the combined EDGC/EJDGC to allow for increased capacity.

## **5. PDGA Membership Meeting September, 13th**

Everybody is looking forward to the meeting.

## **6. Report of Frank about the workshop at the PDGA**

- Very constructive, goal was a doc for the Board to decide on future membership benefits. Besides many US people, there was one guy from Colombia, Frank from Europe and one guy who wasn't a member so far.
- The PDGA is very active, hiring a lot of people. The overall structure seems not best suited for critical approach of topics.
- With most (all) people hired being from the US, the US focused approach might become even stronger.
- Active and possible future role of PDGAE is still not clear within the organization. Installation of PDGA Global seems still way ahead.

## **7. Financial support from the PDGAE?**

Brian Hoeningler came up with the idea of funding from the PDGAE. He brought up the number of 10000\$. We think about how to approach the PDGAE.

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## 8. EDGF Website Status

Infos about the Board members. Paul suggests half a page Din A4 to Paul including a photo. Everybody to send text and photo to Paul (ongoing).

## 9. EDGF Vision and Mission, Values, Goals

We don't really know what our members, the countries, think about this and the future of our sport for them

- Vision and Mission statements indicate what our idea of the future of the EDGF shall be.
- Shall the EDGF be the organizer of the EDGCs and possible future other (Team) Events in Europe, or shall the EDGF be more?

Link to possible definitions:

[https://nceln.fpg.unc.edu/sites/nceln.fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/Values\\_Vision\\_and\\_Mission\\_definitions.pdf](https://nceln.fpg.unc.edu/sites/nceln.fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/Values_Vision_and_Mission_definitions.pdf)

The choice of a mission and a vision statement is closely related to the rope WE want the EDGF to play in the future of our sport.

### Examples for Mission statements EDGF

- Representing all organized Disc Golfers in Europe
- The representation of Disc Golf in Europe
- Europe's representation of Disc Golf
- The voice of Disc Golf in Europe
- To support the organization of all Disc Golfers in Europe across all borders
- To support all European disc golfers across all borders

### Examples of Visions statements: EDGF

- Becoming the center of cooperation for European Disc Golf.
- Becoming the place where all Disc Golfers in Europe come together
- To become the voice of all European Disc Golfers
- To become the European representation of the growing sport of Disc Golf inward and outward
- To develop structures allowing European Disc Golf to grow and prosper
- To become the voice of European Disc Golf in the decades to come

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There are many chances for the EDGF to help develop the sport in Europe.

Collect the resources, organize committees (juniors, instruction), and educate Disc Golfer, Amateur Standards (easy to play), organize exchange between countries organizations.

The Board members will collect ideas, visions and so on for the role of the EDGF. The time frame should be the three years (2,5) we are elected and 5-7 years from now. This should be the basis of the clear formulation of our future role and position in Disc Golf.

### **10. Status Doping Case?**

The new PDGA doc about doping and its consequences for EDGF/Europe. The PDGA is installing a project group to find solutions here. So long, the individual countries are able to handle following their own rules and goals. The PDGA will have the back of the countries.

### **11. Statistics**

- How can we ascertain the number of Disc Golfers in Europe? Pros, Am, Recreational players.
- Can we establish a continuous system to update this data?
- Whom can we motivate to help establishing such a system?

Paul will formulate a mail to the members about this topic. Will follow up!

### **12. Meeting of WFDF, EFDF and EDGF**

Meeting to discuss fundamental rules of cooperation, future of DG international, continental with/without PDGA/PDGA Europe, postpone until further notice. First, we have to set our organization up ourselves (our goals, missions, visions).

### **13. Miscellaneous**

- Tapani was surprised to see how well organized the Team Worlds by WFDF. Room to improve. Live scoring wasn't possible due to technical reasons.
- Mid november we should organize a meeting about the country coordinators (ECs, Visions, Project).

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- The project of Finland with Sweden for training during the winter season (2 camps) with 10-20 players from each country will hopefully lead to better communication between those countries and thereby between Sweden and the whole of Europe.

#### **14. Junior committee**

Helping the juniors' players to organize communication, cooperation and compete across the borders. We set up a mail for all our members' organizations that the EDGF would like to foster the youth players and are looking for people that are willing to bring their knowledge, their experience or their engagement with young Disc Golfer together.

- Frank will draft a letter, after approval Paul will publish the letter on the Homepage, Facebook and send it to all members.
- Send photos of you in the EDGF shirts to publish it on our Homepage.
- Communication like that should be posted via Facebook or Instagram. Infos about the National Championships.
- Part of the letter to the members (Junior Committee, Statistics, Championships).

#### **13. Next Meeting**

Regular meeting 4th of October, 19.00 CT

Focus will be on the question of mission/vision and Values/Goals (see Top 9). This must be solved and is the basis for all the upcoming communication with other entities in the sport.