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**EDGF Board of Directors**  
**Virtual Meeting – Google Meet**  
**Thursday, October 25, 2022 19:00 – 21:00 CET**

## **Minutes**

### **Board members present**

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

### **1. Welcome**

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

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

Brian Hoeninger 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.

The idea for a proposal is now to bring together adults working in the fields of junior development in the sport. Examples are Finland and Slovakia. Richard and Laura will contact those organizers and ask if they are willing to cooperate.

Depending on the results we will decide how to write a proposal for 2022. the idea is to have this as a basis for further projects and proposal in 2024.

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### **3. EDGF Vision and Mission, Values, Goals**

#### **Mission**

- To Coordinate, Cooperate and Communicate for and with all European National Disc Golf Associations/Organizations as well as with other agents and organizations interested or invested in Disc Golf.
- To sanction and organize European Disc Golf Championships.

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- To foster the growth of European Disc Golf on all levels, especially on a multinational, or European level.
  - To support the development on all levels of the sport, from the individual, over the national up to the European level for players, events and organizations.
  - To stimulate and support the exchange about best practices and sustainable development of Disc Golf.
  - To partner with all organizations and agents who are willing to support European Disc Golf.

### **Vision**

Being Europe's leading organization for all Disc Golfers and set the stage for common growth and development of Disc Golf in the European spirit. Sustain and develop European Championships as the most prestigious medal events on the continent.

### **Values**

- We focus on the spirit of Disc Golf. We uphold the integrity of our sport on all levels.
- We communicate open and fair.
- We support the cooperation and friendship within and especially over national borders.

The Mission statement of the EDGF:

- To represent and coordinate Disc Golf on the supranational European level.
- To organize and develop transnational exchange, competition and concrescence of national Disc Golf structures, benefitting the growth of Disc Golf from the amateur level on.
- To cooperate with our member countries as well as with all international Disc Golf associations and actors in our sport.

The Vision statement of the EDGF:

- Bringing Europe's Disc Golf countries together and making Europe a powerhouse in the world of Disc Golf on all levels and for all Disc Golfers.

### **4. 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.

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

Regular meeting 1th of November, 19.00 CT

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## **A: Grant application PDGAE**

### Title:

Juniors, the future of our sport - transnational cooperations

### Project Locations

Coordination by the EDGF, located in different membership countries in Europe

### Grant Request

2500€ (2x 2500€)

### Name

EDGF

### Name

Frank Hellstern #3723, President EDGF

### Div. Contactinformation

Paul/EDFG

### Project Partners

Member/NDGA/NFDO in Europe

### Goals

Young players are the future of our sport. We see many excellent young players in Europe. The problem is that the best of those players are often a small group within their own country. Therefore the best of those youngsters are forced to play in open divisions if they are looking for real competition.

The EDGF wants to bring young players, coaches, and experienced organizers from different countries together to allow those players to play, practice and make experiences on the international level.

Together they will have the chance to improve their game, have real competition within their division and experience the unique sportsmanship Disc Golf provides.

### Brief description

The EDGF is already on the way of establishing a special Youth Committee, that will be lead by a own Director. The EDGF is contacting all its members countries to bring

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the people together who are in charge or involved in the support of young players. Coaches, heads of youth committees on all national, state and local levels.

There shall be first transnational events for young players in 2023. The focus here will be the experience of the players, their chance to learn, to practice and play together and to motivate them to stay in the sport and become competitive on an European level.

For the coaches, organizers and the Boards on all levels we want to start the cooperation, collect the information about best practices, on all levels of the sport (courses and venues suited for such events, physical and mental coaching, options for funding).

#### Timeline

This project is scheduled for at least the next four years. There will be no final completion of the main project. Though there will be first individual projects within this, like transnational disc golf events, and first workshops or intensive exchange about views, ideas, concepts, tools for coaches that will start in 2023 and will be closed in the same year.

#### Project Budget

The project will run for at least four years. A possible funding by the PDGAE would be used for the support of young players when they want to visit transnational events. Many young players aren't able to finance such trips by themselves or their families. In a mandatory cooperation with the home country the EDGF will back travel and guest stay.

Part of the funding will also allow for coordinated meetings and exchange for coaches and tutors at the European Junior Championships in Estonia 2023.

#### Contributions

The EDGF will contact especially Disc and Disc Equipment providers (manufacturers and shops) for support of the European Youth. We will offer different kind of possibilities for feasible sponsors. We will ask for a fair share from every member country that will take part in this programs. We will also apply for grants on all levels that support transnational cooperations for young people.

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## Status

The project is ready to start. The preparations are well under way. There are no roadblocks visible. The extent of the main project as well as those of smaller sub projects will depend on the available funding. Traveling, what will be an essential part of many sub projects, is costly and this might be a limiting factor.

## Impact

Goals of this project are those young Disc Golf players who already made the step into competitive play. Allowing them to make the next step in their development as players but also as teenager and young adults. Disc Golf offers unique possibilities especially for kids. The fairness, the international founding and the idea of sportive camaraderie before individual success are values that can and must be learned when you play Disc Golf.

The project will help individual players on their way into the adulthood. With the coordination and intensification of the international cooperation of people involved in the work with young players, the quality of this work will be improved to the good of all young players in the participating member countries.

## Sustainability

The EDGF is dedicated to the support of all Disc Golfers in Europe. A special focus will always be on the young players. With the establishment of an own youth committee the EDGF send a signal of its commitment to this topic.

We hope to start a movement with this project, which will lead to more, better, more international, and more cooperative way to support young competitive European Disc Golf players. With the European Junior Championships 2021, which held the best Junior competition ever, we already saw the possibilities that Europe has in this field.

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.