
EDGF Board of Directors
Virtual Meeting – Google Meet
Thursday, April 4, 2023 19:00 – 21:00 CET

Minutes

Board members present

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

Absent: Tapani Aulu

1. Welcome

2. Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7th of March from everybody.
Paul should check how many people on average check for our monthly minutes.

3. ECs Status of Open/Juniors and Masters EC

Everything is running fine. All countries paid, some needed some extra motivation.

Estonia provides some discounts for some hotels, but there are many options. In Hungary now, the apartments are also bookable for four people.

Richard will send out further information about the doubles over Easter. This will allow the teams to better plan for their travel schedule.

Maybe there will be a shortage of players in some divisions. If they cannot be filled from this division, Richard suggests taking other division waiting lists. Maybe even offer spots to countries beyond their limits.

Paul got information from Silver Lätt, that the contract is fine. Communication is short and precise. Situation for Paul as EDGF representative is clear. Paul will stay within walking distance of the course.

For Hungary, it looks similar. Still unclear who will be the EDGF representative here?

There might be a problem with a PDGA EuroTour parallel to the EMDGC so that neither somebody from the PDGA nor material as flags will be on the spot.

Doubles are also sanctioned. Mixed doubles has to be an extra event because the lack of a special division. No medals will be provided by the EDGF. In 2025, it will be official and we will provide the Medals.

Paul takes care of the medals, and new banners and signs to present at the tees. He will present suggestions. Medals will be similar to the ones at the EC21. Paul contacts the same company as last time.

4. ECs Status/next steps spot allocation/Deadlines

- Italy and Ireland will not come to Hungary (26), in Tallin it will be (28).
- Most cancellations in the FP40. In the future, spots will get distributed on national and individual spots (for all very small divisions), see above.
- It was a good choice to allow transferring spots within the master divisions. Ukraine is sending two teams.

5. ECs Doping/Trans players

How do we handle the question from the player that we already received? How do we want to handle the doping topic in general?

Exemption for therapeutic use is possible (Finland) but not for international events. WFDF might have a way to get exemption. Frank checks whether we can use the WFDF protocol via EFDF, who sanctions the events (and charges fees). Especially handle the therapeutic use exemptions. We hope that the WFDF can provide this service for us.

The procedure that was in place at the Team Worlds last year forced all players to get the course from the WADA for international athletes. We did not communicate that beforehand, so we might not be able to force the players to do this. We should make this a standard for the EC25. We recommended it for 2023 with the explanation, that we are a serious sport and that it has to be done anyhow for 25. In Finland, actually the course is valid for two years.

- Tapani will take over if the WFDF is willing to help us here.

What's about the Trans players? We will definitely have one player, who self-defines as Transwoman. Following the actual PDGA Ruling, she should be allowed to officially play in the respective division. We have no way to check for any possible problem. If there will be a problem, the PDGA has to solve it. We have to monitor the future development on the side of the PDGA.

We should prepare a crisis communication and a protocol for situations that might occur. Tapani sends an example for such a doc from Finland. We should also discuss this with the LOCs (Doping too).

We must be aware that our sport is prone for all kind of manipulations. Finland has already a clear regulation that betting on yourself and your competition is forbidden.

6. ECs 2025 Time frame

- When do we want to start the first steps in the bidding process for the ECs 2025?
- In the contracts for the LOCs must be paragraphs for the handling of the doping problematic (e.g. testing facilities).

A possible problem is the unknown date of the Master Worlds in 25. There is a chance that Europa will bid for the Open Worlds. If the dates will be announced in December as before than we will start in January 24.

Frank has contacted the PDGA about the date when they announce the dates of the Worlds in 25. We got a response form the PDGA. So far, they are planning to officially publish the dates in 2024. This will be too late for us. We hope that the end of bidding process of the PDGA will be end of November. We should be able to get information than, whether there might be possible collusions or whether we are fine. We will announce our bidding process earlier, to just make possible organizers aware of our schedule.

- Frank will contact Jeff Jaquard and Doug Bjerkaas to start the line of communication about the scheduling. We hope that we at least get all necessary information asap.

All documents for the bidding processes must be reviewed and adapted in time. We will make this the focus of an extra meeting.

- Paul will combine all four available documents into one new document with respective chapters.

We want to establish the doubles competition and we will keep that in mind when it comes to the days needed and the scheduling within the events.

7. EFDF Meeting to discuss next steps WFDF/EDGF

Laura and Frank prepared the meeting with the EFDF and later on the evening met with Haude and Lars. The best strategy for the upcoming meeting was fixed and the EFDF will schedule a meeting with the WFDF. So far, no further information about the topic. The atmosphere of the meeting was good.

8. Financial relations to PDGAE?

What happened with the financial support for the EDGCs 2023? How we want to handle such situations in the future?

PDGAE has no idea, how much money they get funded for 2023. Woody is no longer the president of the PDGAE. Situation with the PDGAE is still unclear.

9. 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.

The letter of invitation was send and first responses are in (very little response so far).

10. Scheduling

Frank has sent a draft for a possible event calendar/list. Which categories are necessary, which platform can we use to run this, who can implement and who shall run it (centralized/everyone)?

Add column for begin of registration, and whether the event is open for everybody or needs a separate registration.

- There was no common agreement about the principal idea, the way to handle it and the necessity.
- PDGA offers most of the information already and Countries and Organizers will not care.
- The idea is on hold until there are new ideas or concepts.

Link to the PDGA Database for European Events.

[https://www.pdga.com/tour/search?page=0&date_filter\[min\]\[date\]=2023-04-04&date_filter\[max\]\[date\]=2024-07-12&Continent\[0\]=2&order=Tier&sort=asc](https://www.pdga.com/tour/search?page=0&date_filter[min][date]=2023-04-04&date_filter[max][date]=2024-07-12&Continent[0]=2&order=Tier&sort=asc)

11. Media rights

- We must adapt this paragraphs in our LOC contracts to get in a better position for the EC 2025.
- We must talk about this topic further. We will talk about this with some insider.

12. Letter from Kristo Raik

How shall we handle this? Again, a problem of no European based Disciplinary Action System. At the PDGA cheating has a standard penalty of 1 year suspension and 1 year probation (don't ask what probation means, nobody knows).

- Paul to answer Kristo: We understand his situation but we are not in the position to comment or discuss this topic. It's only in the field of the Estonian NDGA to handle the disciplinary action processes.

Richard thinks this went the right way. This stuff is in the hands of the NDGAs.

- We could offer a data bank where the countries can place/find their ways to handle their disciplinary actions. This could also holds true for statutes and so on (codes of conducts).
- This could be placed on the EDGF homepage under documents. Paul presents a concept how and where to present this docs.

Finish disciplinary action rules

<https://frisbeegolfliitto.fi/kurinpitosaannot/>

13. Miscellaneous

- We should organize a meeting about the country coordinators (ECs, Visions, Project).
- Paul checks google for free membership for our organization.
- Frank will discuss the next steps and will present this on the next meeting.
- PDGA is looking for candidates again. Laura mentions that there should be an additional committee. Sounds strange. We check and maybe inform our members about this.

14. Master Games in Finland

We followed the plea to publish information about the Master Game on our channels.

15. Next Meeting

Regular meeting, Tuesday 2nd of May 2023, 19.00 CT
(Paul on vacation)