
EDGF General Assembly

Virtual Annual Meeting – Google Meet

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 19:00 – 21:00 CET

1. Welcome and Call of order (19:05)

President Frank Hellstern welcomed all attendees to the meeting. The invitations to this GA has been sent in time and according to our statutes to the country members. There are no proposals/motions submitted by the members.

Welcome note by Gerhard Petz, Vice President of EFDF (European Flying Disc Federation). EFDF recognizes a very positive development of EDGF and the growth of disc golf in Europe. Also congratulates the European countries who competed at the WFDF WTDGC in Perth, as well as those countries made it for the World Games next year.

2. Roll call and confirmation of votes allotted

General Secretary Paul Francz did a roll call of members. A separate table provides a list of participants and the allocated votes. 17 countries were present at the meeting.

Number of votes: 31 Majority: 17

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda **approved** without changes. Paul Francz accepted for taking the minutes.

4. Annual Reports

4.1. EDGF President (Frank Hellstern)

The full report in writing is available as an addendum to these minutes .

4.2. EDGF General Secretary (Paul Francz)

- The administration within EDGF run smoothly. The BoD could held full 12 monthly online meetings (always first Tuesday of the month). All minutes are available on our website.
- All documents available in table form (on google) nicely formatted as Word Doc as well (PDF) and available to download on our website.
- Contact details of our members polished.

- Website under further development (country member's page). As special form to get the national championships information are with the countries already. All countries will receive access to their web-page data (form) with special login and edit rights of the form. – available early 2025.
- A web-space is now available for our events (if required). Ordered two domains: edgc.eu and emdgc.eu. With a sub-domain (year of the event) we have a short domain ready for the respective LOCs – <https://2025.emdgc.eu>
- Further development of the EDGF logo and the upcoming promotional items (see point 12 – other businesses).

4.3. EDGF Events Director (Richard Kollar)

- Richard mentioned the importance of EDGF as an organization of and for the country members, and differ from PDGA as a players' organization. The power is with the NDGO, so it is also their European Championships. This includes also the nomination of the national spots.
- So far 30 countries willing to send players in 2025. Both events together will host 342 players, while the Juniors Disc Golf Championships represent the largest and best junior field seen so far. Our championships became the most prestigious events in Europe. The championships for the best European players and all the European countries.
- EDGF non-members a limited number of spots offered, which could end in a championship with 33 countries.
- Current registration process for the 2025 events runs smoothly. Team Captains are now in duty for the player registration. Some of the newly appointed TC still have some questions of course. Fees structure and bank details clarified with LOCs. Registration to start soon. Payment deadline will be February/March 2025.
- Meanwhile many process steps are automated, but still can be optimized.
- Paul proposed to issue a new document "Questions & Answers" for helping TCs, players, etc. to understand the extensive documents "Format & Standards" and "Spots Allocation Process" better.

5. Financial Report

See slide 9 & 10 of presentation. Auditor's report (see slide 11). A comment was given to the displayed currency (CHF). Paul agreed to issue the next year's report with both, CHF and Euro.

6. Discharge of the Board of Directors

With the discharge of the board by the members the bygone time of office of the board ends and the members, declare that they accept the work, the paying and decisions and especially the financial actions of the old board.

The GA **discharged** the BoD with (24 yes, 5 abstain) votes.

7. Approval of new EDGF members

No new members as per 2024. Possible candidates for 2025: Cyprus, Greece, Monte Negro.

8. Membership Fees

No proposals for changing the fees. The fees remain as approved by GA 2023. New invoices will go out in January 2025.

9. Budget 2025

See slide 15 & 16 of presentation. Sweden mentioned that the allocation of € 2'000 for promotional material seems a bit low. Better, allocate more with the consequence of having an overdue of the budget in 2025. Paul will check the production costs, but ensuring to be within the budget whenever possible. We might also expect more income from the event fees, as these figures based on the 2023 event, while we have slightly increased the fees for 2025.

GA unanimously (30 yes) **approved** the budget 2025.

10. Submitted Proposals

There were no specific proposals submitted by the country members.

The EDGF BoD proposes the revised version of the "ECs Format & Standards" to be approved by the General Assembly. The updated version was sent in advance to the countries by EDGF Events Director Richard Kollar. Document will be sent to those not seeing it yet (new people).

GA unanimously (30 yes) **approved** the updated "ECs Format & Standards".

11. Elections

Finally, we got the 3-years since the foundation of EDGF in 2014 right. The current term is 2023-2025 for the BoD (also see slide 19). Next full election is at the GA 2025.

We still are lack of 2 BoD members. No candidates submitted by the country members. EDGF needs more people to bring the federation at a next level (quantity and quality of work). EDGF BoD to keep this subject on the agenda and will contact countries individually in 2025.

Karin Rubin will continue as **Auditor**.

12. Other Business

12.1. International Contact

Frank report about the strengthening of liaison with other organizations.

12.2. WFDF WTDGC 2024 Perth

Richard Kollar gave a short review of the passed WFDF event, and informed about the possibility to host European Team Championships as well. The event calendar is already crowded, but if WFDF would decide to host the WTDGC every 4 year, we might jump-in with a European edition. However, the responsibility is with EDGF only. This counts for any European Championships.

12.3. Presenting the new Logo

Paul present the new logo and the various designs for promotional materials. With a logo contest, we also want to see if there are ideas out in the countries for standardizing the events logo as well. First idea presented by Paul. Contest shall start early 2025 with requirements (new document).

12.4. Future of our sport in Europe

Frank presenting the idea of a round table meeting (in present or online) for interested people, where various topics shall be discussed (also see slide 31). A first meeting shall be organized for February 2025.

13. Questions & Suggestions

No voice requested.

Frank Hellstern concluded this General Assembly by thanking everyone for the time and support for EDGF. Also tanking again the BoD members for their work during 2024. Merry Christmas.

Meeting END: 21:15 CET

Addendum 1

EDGF President's Reports (Frank Hellstern)

The past year was the year between two European Disc Golf Championships for our organization. In this time, the focus of our work lies on preparing the upcoming ECs. This process started with awarding the ECs for the Junior and Open to Langevåg, Norway and the ECs for the Master divisions to Salzgitter, Germany.

Since this moment, we are in close contact with the LOCs, at first primarily about the dates of the events and more and more about organizational details.

Besides the work for the events itself, the second half of these years are always very busy with the preparation of and the the actual setting up the spots allocation tables for all divisions and all countries, contacting the respective countries and their designed team captains, handling calls for waivers and so on.

While the primary work with the LOC in Salzgitter was more or less straight forward and without any bigger complications, this differs quite a bit with the Junior and Open EC. Here the process of finding the ideal date for the event was way harder than everyone expected. Finally, we commonly agreed on the 26th to 29th of June. Thursday to Sunday!

With the DGPT starting their European swing at the first weekend of Juli. With the PDGA Majors in Tallinn, the PDGA World in Nokia/Tampere, the DGPT will end their swing at the weekend of the 8th to the 10th of August. Therefore, almost all possible and ideal dates became impossible for the ECs.

We were in direct discussions with the PDGA and the DGPT, but at the end of the day the PDGA was not able and willing to move the USWDGC even for one day and the DGN, as part of the DGPT, only offered this weekend in June. Thats what we finally had to choose. This is far from ideal for the LOC and especially for the top women in our sport who will have to play the USWDG till the 22nd of August and then will have very little time to travel and practice.

This is another example of the scheduling problems we already see and who will getting even worse in the upcoming years. There are simply not enough dates for all the great DG events in Europe. With the chance of more great PDGA events like Majors and Worlds coming to Europe, with the DGPT extending the European swing of the only professional tour in our Sport, with National Championships, with Team World Championships and maybe, or hopefully European Team Championships the calendar simply doesn't offer ideal spots for every events anymore.

We tried hard to establish communications and discussion formats with the PDGA and the DGPT to organize the process in a way that would enable earlier and, most of all more reliable scheduling. So far our success is minimal at best.

At least the PDGA has now finally begun to see the problematic of being very late with their scheduling process and has already asked for applications for the years 2026 and 2027. If this would be successful and persistent, at least we and the PDGA would be able to set our dates earlier. The risk will still be that the DGPT comes later and simply dominates us and the PDGA.

However, it must be very clear that at the moment all the power in professional DG is with the DGPT, especially since they also own and control the only professional DG media network. At the end of the day, it is up to them to make the final decisions when it comes to scheduling (and in part maybe even to allocation of certain events.)

Besides this, we also were active on other topics. We used the PDGA Major in Finland to meet with representatives of the PDGA and the PDGAE. Topics there, besides the scheduling, the overall collaboration between all three organizations and the future handling of possible doping cases, where a better coordination and communication was agreed on.

We also decided to have more and regular meetings, the next one coming up after the PDGA has decided about the future Majors and big events in spring of 2025. PDGA Europe offered to support the EDGF and in particular the respective ECs financially and with other forms of support.

Both LOCs were invited to ask for grants, took the chance, and applied for them. So far we do not know how the outcome is.

We also agreed on a better integration of the PDGA E into our ECs to avoid problems, like those occurred in Tallinn.

We were also in contact with Jusso, Matej and Calixto from the PDGAE about other topics and try to take part in discussions about the situation of DG in Europe and how decisions made by PDGA global influence our members..

We were especially lucky that Laura Heikkila volunteered for a position in the WFDF Disc Golf Committee. With the election of Terhi Kyoto, also from Finland, to the Board of the PDGA, we now have a strong, well-connected, experienced and qualified woman representing Europe in the World of DG. We obviously try to work as close as possible with the organizations they are part of. We already had interesting conversations with Terhi about the status quo, chances and risks of the further developments.

Besides this continuous work on our core projects, we also discuss about the possible future of our sport, a better cooperation and collaboration within Europe and the chances, we as EDGF have to grow into way more, than just the organization who is in charge of the ECs every two years. Europe is on the forefront of the development in our sport.

Whoever has been to Nokia/Tampere or Tallinn could see that those events are at least as well run as the very best in the US. In part, they have taken the lead already and we will therefore see a shift of the momentum to Europe.

The EDGF was founded 2014 in Geneva and we already have come a long way. The EDGF has established itself as an important player, as a reliable organizer, as a generator of ideas and sometimes as an outspoken critic of misguided developments. We get heard and we try to use our voices to the best of Disc Golf.

However, we can get way stronger if we could find more people willing to bring their interests and their capabilities into the organization. We have lots of ideas and lots of opportunities for other peoples ideas and projects..

Before I hand over to Paul for his report I want to thank everybody who helped us this year, shared his thoughts, came up with new ideas, supported us in which way ever and whoever put his time and his effort on the line for a better future of DG in his club, in his country, in Europe, or in the world. DG is still growing and this in great parts during to your work.

Special thanks goes to the member of our board. Laura, Tapani, Richard and Paul. All this that you heard in this report today was made possible by those people. They put so much thoughts, actual work, motivation and spirit in this. I think we are very happy to have a board were the collaboration is solely focused on our common projects and goals. Thank you all for this.

And by the way whoever thinks about joining our organization, you will see that this way to handle our work is exemplary and makes the work way easier.