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## TO ALL WFDF MEMBERS

The Congress in Japan on August 16th can be one of the most important ones in the history of WFDF

After the extensive debate in Toronto and Santa Cruz last year the board, with the aid from Nob Rauch, performed the decided membership vote and held two board meetings. The vote and the meetings has resulted in suggestions for extensive changes to the WFDF structure and way to work. Mainly these suggestions has been verbalised by Nob Rauch, with the principle approval by the board. You can read the suggestions and comments in this newsletter.

However, this is not ready to be presented as a formal suggestion for statute changes. Instead it is being submitted by the board to instigate a debate on the future organisation of WFDF.

The reason for this is that there was not time to prepare a complete redraft proposal. Instead of having a half-finished suggestion which would only cause more discussion on it's writing than context the board decided to have a debate on the context and with the outcome of that debate as a base give one or more person(s) the task to transform that into a statute change proposal for the Congress in 1993 to decide upon.

This is why it is so important that you discuss these matters and instruct your delegate(s) on your associations views. The board want the Congress to really be a meeting of delegates. Not a Congress with people, from various countries, that just happen to be there.

The board feel that this is so important that it would like to have the names and addresses of your delegate(s) to Japan. Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to WFDF.

If you have practical questions concerning travel and accomodation you should contact the Japanese Flying Disc Association.

Aside from the above mentioned discussion there is a proposal for update of the existing statutes. This has been done by Seppo Nieminen and has been discussed at the last two Congress. It is primarily clarifications and wording improvements. The board suggest that this update be accepted as is as an improvement of the existing statutes until the complete rewrite has been completed and accepted.

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## Minutes from WFDF boardmeeting May 16th 1992

**Participants:** Dan Roddick (DR), Johan Lindgren (JL), Seppo Nieminen (SN), Fumio Morooka (FM) and Andrew Morris (AM).

### 1) Upcoming Congress

The Congress will be held in Utsumomiya City, Japan, on Sunday August 16th 1992.

DR, AM and FM will be attending the Congress to represent the board. JL will prepare the next newsletter with documents for the Congress. DR will write the summary of the past year. We will try to get more work done before the Congress and identify all delegates in order to prepare them for the Congress.

DR is not interested in reelection, but will as Robert Rauch (RR) if he is interested in being president. If that is the case DR will involve him in preparing the plan of action. We shall also check other people if they are interested for reelection or not and ask the committee chairmen for a proposal for committee members for the coming year.

### 2) Finances

JL completed the book-keeping period ending on March 31st and sent it to Jan Ekman and Raine Forsman for auditing. Flemming Larsen, who was elected in Santa Cruz against his own will, has declined so deputy Raine Forsman has been asked instead.

The board will not propose any changes to the fees.

JL will prepare a budget for the coming year.

JL will also send out reminders to the associations that has not payed and has not answered the ques-

tionaire. All associations must pay before June 15 in order to be allowed to vote at the Congress.

**3) Task list from previous meeting**

a) Disk missionary program. RR and DR are working on it and it will be presented at the Congress and start to function in the end of summer. DR will prepare a follow up paper on "How to start a national flying disc association".

b) Vance Anderson, chairman of the PR-committee, has several projects but DR has asked him to make a Basic press kit his first priority. It will be in the form of a pamphlet describing the history of flying discs and WFDF.

c) SN and RR has talked a bit about new statutes. SN has a proposal for updating the existing statutes. RR has put forward a suggestion for complete reorganisation and therefore rewrite of the statutes. Other boardmembers has other suggestions. It was decided to put SN proposal forward to the Congress as an immediate update, but at the same time have a debate on the future organisation of WFDF. The aim being to get response to the ideas from RR and others and then let one or more persons write a completely new set of statutes from the decisions at that debate. All suggestions for this debate must be sent to JL for inclusion in the documents for the Congress.

d) AM and FM has investigated the participation from asian countries in Japan. New Zealand and Taiwan are new countries in a world ultimate championship. FM also reported that Bangla Desh, Phillipines and Hong Kong will send observers to the tournament. Korea is also a possibility. It is likely that these countries had been able to send competitors, had it been an individual world championship. But it is hard to get together whole teams for ultimate.

e) JL has sent the papers regarding the International World Games Association to Juha Jalovaara, Finland, but no report thereafter.

f) JL has recieved some more questionnaires and are working to get the rest in.

g) Contract for tournament organisers. We will present RR:s draft for the Congress and then use it towards future organisers of WFDF world championships. A suggestion

to demand advance payment from organisers was not seen as a solution to unhealthy tournament finances. A better financial planning is better.

h) Disc Introductory Kit is discussed under the point regarding the Disc Missionary Program above.

i) This years rule book has been sent out to all associations. They will have to order more from WFDF. So far Sweden and Australia has done so.

j) RR will put together a suggestion for an Advisory board for the Congress to talk about.

k) The UPA and WFDF rules still differ but UPA is working on a rewrite that will bring them together.

**4) Future organisation**

As decided above this will be discussed in Japan for coming statute-work. The question of incorporation must be investigated. JL will start by checking with GAISF and the swedish sports confederation.

**5) Time cap in Japan**

Following live tv-coverage of the ultimate final in Japan this summer the final must be time-limited. FM has been able to stretch the tv-time to 2.5 hours. The organisers and the Ultimate Committee will sort it out.

**6) Juniors division**

Since many junior teams from Europe won't go to Japan there is a juniors tournament in Denmark the same time. There has been a suggestion to call that the western championship and the one in Japan the eastern and then have the winners meet in a later final.

The board decided to stick to the original decision that the World Championship is in Japan and nowhere else. If the two teams like to meet for a game that is something between them.

For the future there might be an idea to discuss if there should be a minimum limit of participants in order to proclaim a world champion.

**7) Official ultimate disc**

The UC is working on a system where manufacturers shall be given the opportunity to bid for official disc status. The only concern of the board is that the process is given priority so the organisers in Japan

and the players are given enough time to know the decision.

**8) Future world championships**

According to DR there seem to be some interest from Bill Wright in organising the individual world championship in 1993.

The UC is trying to find an organisers of the 1993 world club championship. If there is no firm bid before the Congress, the tournament will not be held.

England has shown interest in the 1994 ultimate and guts.

A question was raised why Guts and Ultimate always go together. But there is no such rule. It has just happened to be so.

DR said that the 1993 Seniors world championship will be in Santa Rosa, USA.

**9) Toronto finances**

The Finnish association has written to WFDF asking about the financial result of Toronto. Apparently the tournament was a loss and all teams are waiting for a refund. Chris Lowcock has offered them discs and shirts in exchange. DR will write an answer to the Finnish association. RR was asked to investigate the full financial book-keeping and situation for the tournament.

**10) Other issues**

AM would like to compare the present cost for participating in Japan with promises made in bids from JFDA earlier. FM promised to send those to AM.

AM also raised a question about the participation of a New Zealand woman on the Australian ultimate team. The question was transferred to the UC.

DR talked about the development of discs for disc golf and his fear that it is pushed to far. He will check the issue further but felt that this coming Congress is not the right place to raise the issue.

**11) Closing.**

The meeting was closed after 2.5 hours.

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Johan Lindgren

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Dan Roddick

# THE EIGHT WFDF CONGRESS

Utsunomiya, JAPAN, August 16th 1992 09:00

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● AGENDA with Explanations and Suggestions

- 1 **OPENING**                      The Eight World Flying Disc Federation Congress will be opened.
  
- 2 **PARTICIPATION**              Participating delegates will be listed and a voting list will be drawn up. Each association is allowed to send 5 representatives to the Congress but only one of those has the right to vote. The association must have paid the fee to WFDF to receive a vote. The following associations have paid their fees and receive one vote: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, UPA. The following owe fees and do not receive a vote: Austria (92), Belgium (90+91+92), FPA (92), GPA (91+92), Holland (92), Japan (92), New Zealand (92), PDGA (92), Taiwan (87+89+90+91+92) UK (91+92) and USDS (92).
  
- 3 **SUMMONING**                    Has the Congress been summoned according to the statutes?
  
- 4 **FORMALIA**                    Election of a chairman to lead the Congress. Election of a secretary for the Congress and election of two officials for counting votes and signing the minutes from the Congress.
  
- 5 **ALTERATION OF THE STATUTES**              The board suggest that the suggestion for updated WFDF statutes prepared by Sepko Nieminen be accepted to function while the structure and organisation of WFDF is being totally redrafted. Please refer to the ensuing overall debate instead scrutinizing this update in detail. It is mainly logical and language clarifications.
  
- 6 **ANNUAL REPORT**              The report over the last years activities of WFDF. Please see attached report.
  
- 7 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**              See attached report.
  
- 8 **AUDITORS REPORT**            See attached report and treasurers comments.
  
- 9 **FREEDOM FROM RESPONSIBILITY**              Question of whether the board is to be given freedom from responsibility for the past year.
  
- 10 **OVERALL DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE OF WFDF.**              Please see attached suggestions from Nob Rauch, Johan Lindgren and others. The board suggests that the discussion is held on a principal level and hopefully ending in an overall decision on which general setup to choose. Then the coming board should be given the task to appoint one or more people to actually write a suggestion for redraft of the statutes to be sent out for review and later approval at the Congress in 1993.
  
- 11 **ELECTIONS**
  - a) Election of a president for two years.
  - b) Election of a treasurer for two years.
  - c) Election of additional boardmembers depending on earlier decisions by the Congress..
  - d) Election of ranked deputys.
  - e) Election of 2 auditors + 1 deputy auditor.
  - f) Election of a returning officer + 2 members of the Election committee.
  - g) Election of Committees depending on earlier decision by the Congress. Carlos Rio, chairman of the Field Events Committee has suggested that the members of the individual event committees be left as they are since it is mostly ultimate and guts players in Japan. No matter if these stand as separate committees or are being

brought together into one Individual events committee with event subcommittees it is better to deal with any personnel change during the Congress in 1993 which probably will be during an individual world championship and then elect these committees on alternating years.

**11 MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Decision on membership and other fees.

Yearly membership fee: 150 CHF

World championship fee: 10 CHF per player.

Sanctioning fee for other tournaments: 150 CHF

Since the fees for 1992 should already have been paid these suggestions are for 1993. The deadline of March 31st is suitable even when we change over to calendar year. It gives the treasurer enough time to prepare the voting list for the Congress.

**12 PLAN OF ACTION**

The suggestion from Nob Rauch on future organisation is also much of a suggested plan of action.

**13 BUDGET**

*(In USD): It is assumed that the proposal to change over to calendar year is accepted. Therefore the budget is given in two parts. One covering the rest of this year and the other the whole 1993. If the Congress decides otherwise of course the budget has to be changed accordingly.*

Assets (04/01/92):  
Claims (04/01/92):

**3500**  
**4700**

**Income (1992)**  
Rulebooks: 500  
Discs, medals etc: 4000  
Tournament fees: 3000  
Membership fees: 0  
Wham-O: **3000**  
**Total income: 10500**

**Cost (1992)**  
GAISF: 600  
World Games: 500  
Administration cost for development projects: 1000  
Cost for development projects: 2000  
Phone: 2000  
Office service: 500  
Stationary: 1000  
Stamps: 500  
Boardmeetings: 1000  
Shipping/Travel: 400  
Newsletter print: 500  
Newsletter mail: 500  
**Total cost: 10500**

**Remaining assets: 6000**  
**Remaining claims: 2200**

Assets (01/01/93): **6000**  
Claims (01/01/93): **2200**

**Income (1993)**  
Rulebooks: 500  
Discs, medals etc: 6000  
Tournament fees: 3000  
Membership fees: 1500  
Wham-O: **3000**  
**Total income: 14000**

**Cost (1993)**  
GAISF: 600  
Medals: 1000  
Administration cost for development projects: 1000  
Cost for development projects: 2000  
Phone: 3000  
Office service: 1000  
Stationary: 1000  
Stamps: 500  
Boardmeetings: 2000  
Shipping/Travel: 400  
Newsletter print: 500  
Newsletter mail: 500  
**Total cost: 13500**

**Remaining assets: 6500**  
**Remaining claims: 2200**

- 14 PROPOSALS                    There are no specific proposals.
- 15 MOTIONS                    There are no motions.
- 16 WORLD CHAMPIONS-  
HIPS                            In 1993 we have nothing so far. Bids??
- In 1994 England is planning for the World Ultimate and Guts. An updated plan is going to be presented in Japan.
- In 1995 USA might be interested in hosting the Overall.
- 17 HONORARY MEMBERS    No suggestions for appointing Honorary members has been recieved.
- 18 CLOSING                    Closing of the Congress.

Date:    May 1, 1992

To:        **WFDF Congress Members**

From:     **Robert L. Rauch**

Re:        **WFDF Reorganization and  
Plan of Action**

This short discussion paper outlines some of the concerns I have about the administrative organization of WFDF and its codification through the statutes. I am submitting it to you as the first step in reorganizing WFDF to make it more responsive to the needs of the international disc community in the 1990s. For the 1992 Congress, I am requesting an approval in principle of the basic steps in the restructuring as outlined in this proposal. If approved, a complete redrafting of the WFDF Statutes will be completed by year end and submitted as a first draft to the membership for comment, with revisions made thereafter. The final draft would be submitted for approval by the full Congress in 1993.

In addition, several other proposals are presented. The first is a recommendation for individuals to fill key positions in the organization for the coming year. Second, I propose that WFDF contract the services of an administrative office for the organization and to run the disc missionary program. Finally, I outline recommendations for a plan of action for the coming year, with tasks to be accomplished.

Seppo Nieminem has submitted a revised draft of the Statutes with needed clarifications and wording modifications; these should be approved for the functioning of the organization during the coming year.

I will not in this paper outline in detail the problems I see with the current situation with WFDF. Most people have heard me on this topic already. In summary, I believe that the WFDF organization can be changed in small but significant ways to make it a more dynamic organization, responsive to player needs worldwide. Please review these recommendations in the constructive spirit in which they are presented. I will note upfront that these proposals have been endorsed upfront by all of the members of the WFDF Board.

#### A. Organization

As always, effective action depends upon the extent of individual efforts. Unfortunately, it seems that the few individuals willing to commit time and energy to supporting disc activity are almost completely tied up with disc affairs closer to home, whether in their own country, organization or business. What this tells me is that WFDF must both (a) try to identify just a couple more individuals like Johan Lindgren who are willing to devote all or most of their time allotted to disc to the truly international -- call it super-national -- scene and (b) streamline the organization so that it may be managed more efficiently.

#### 1. Increasing People Resources

How can we find those few extra individuals? Obviously, it's not so easy. Here are some suggestions:

##### a. Working Board Concept.

The prestige of a Board position, meager as it may be, should be awarded to individuals willing to commit to the international ideals of the organization. With so few resources at hand, our Board must be a working Board. Any Board member unwilling to make such a commitment should be prepared to step down. Participating in a semiannual conference call is not enough, especially if one isn't coming in to that kind of a meeting with new ideas of one's own and one's homework done to back them up.

##### b. Assign Projects.

Keep a long project wish list and keep it in a central location. All WFDF officials should seek qualified individuals to take on these projects. The situation being what it is, not all projects will be accomplished. When a project is completed, I'll bet we have just identified another individual who can be counted on to do further tasks.

##### c. Visability.

Raise the visability of WFDF among individual disc players. Sanctioning world championships isn't enough. Provide tangible benefits or opportunities for players to get involved (e.g. the disc missionary program). Publicize high interest projects (e.g. publicize WFDF involvement in World Games or GAISF). Find a way for the WFDF Newsletter to get in the hands of more than just the association or committee heads.

## 2. Streamline Organization

With regard to the organization itself, I believe that the WFDF administrative structure must be streamlined. There are too many people to keep track of, too many positions to fill which are too often filled without the incumbent's knowledge. The Board relegates responsibility to the committees without offering administrative resources to fulfill them. The streamlining measures I recommend include the following:

### a. Officers:

President, Secretary-Treasurer, Auditor(s), Public Relations Director.

I am recommending two material changes to the WFDF officer structure. First, that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer be combined. Johan has handled both jobs admirably for the last several years. However, the administrative burden of the current arrangement is overtaxing. In order to free up time from xeroxing, answering questions and mailing, I propose that WFDF establish a contract with an administrative office to handle this burden (see proposal below). This should allow one individual to handle both positions without too much difficulty. The second change is to elect a public relations director as an officer instead of as a committee chairperson, the reasons for which are listed below.

### b. Committees:

The committee structure is the albatross of WFDF's organization and their selection is a major impediment to productive Congresses. However, with a small modification, the committees could become much more productive within the overall organization. I propose that the committee structure be simplified as follows.

#### i. Team Disc Sports Committee:

headed by a Chairperson who oversees the World Championships related to team disc sports, comprised of the Chairpersons of the two sub-committees -- Ultimate and Guts. The Committee members (the two sub-committee Chairpersons) and its Chairperson would be chosen for a two year term at the biannual Congress falling in the year of its respective World Championship. The members of the sub-committees would be appointed by the sub-committee chairpersons.

#### ii. Individual Disc Sports Committee:

headed by a Chairperson who oversees the World Championship related to individual disc sports, comprised of the Chairpersons of the sub-committees for Disc Golf, Field Events, DDC and Freestyle. The Committee members (the sub-committee Chairpersons) and its Chairperson would be chosen for a two year term at the biannual Congress falling in the year of its respective World Championship. The members of the sub-committees would be appointed by the sub-committee chairpersons.

#### iii. Rules Committee:

headed by a Chairperson who oversees the Rule Book revision project, comprised of one representative for each disc discipline whose rules are in the official WFDF Rule Book.

#### iv. Other

ad hoc committees as deemed necessary by the Board.

### c. Board:

The Board of Directors should be comprised of seven individuals, four of whom would be selected on account of their position. These four would be the President, Secretary-Treasurer, the Chairman of the Team Disc Sports Committee and the Chairman of the Individual Disc Sports Committee. The other Board members would be chosen at-large, and would be chosen in order to oversee activities relating to: (i) New Country Introductions and Provisional Members, (ii) World Games and other Organized Events and (iii) Grass Roots Development Programs and Juniors Division. As a matter of practice, at least one Board member should be a woman, who would also oversee Womens Issues, and one of the board members should also take responsibility for the Rule Book revision project.

### d. Membership Classes:

There probably needs to be three membership classes, up from the current two.

**Regular:** National associations and disc discipline associations who meet the full membership criteria and pay dues. Regular members would have full voting privileges.

**Associate:** Associations which fail to meet all membership criteria and pay a reduced dues. Associate members would have a vote on most but not all issues at the Congress.

**Provisional:** Less organized groups or mere country contacts who pay no dues but receive information. Provisional members would have to be reaffirmed on an annual basis and would be given assistance to become Associate or Regular members as quickly as possible. Provisional members would have no vote.

As outlined below, the procedures for qualifying (and continuing to qualify) for each membership class should be explicitly described in the Statutes. The requirements would specify a verifiable minimum number of disc players within the association, acknowledgement by disc players within a country of the legitimacy of the organization in representing their interests and the timely payment of dues.

## B. Statutes

Despite Seppo's yeoman effort, the Statutes remain clumsy and incomplete. Apparently (I have been told), there is not even a formal country of incorporation. At least for the U.S. Board members, as well as for the federation as a whole, this could have disastrous personal financial consequences. Personal injury litigation relating to a WFDF sanctioned event (in the U.S. at least) would probably name all Board members as individuals in the lawsuit. Defense against personal liability is unlikely without protection from the "corporate veil." Notwithstanding, many typical provisions in corporate organization papers seem to be missing, while other topics are covered in excruciating detail and limit flexibility where it would be appropriate.

I believe that a 100% rewrite of the Statutes is required in order to give the organization a more formal yet flexible legal framework. Such a rewrite should address the following issues:

- 1. IOC Standards. Ensure conformity with International Olympic Committee Standards.

- 2. **Power Balance.** Outline the checks and balances of power between the member associations and the Board more precisely.
- 3. **Membership Classes.** Define membership more precisely. Review the membership class definitions and describe the minimum standards for qualification. Outline in more detail the application or disqualification procedures for membership.
- 4. **Board/Congress Discretion.** Allow for more Board/Congress discretion with regard to certain specific issues. There is no need to have the Statutes limit flexible responses as much as they do.
- 5. **Formal Incorporation.** Investigate the incorporation issue and review the potential for liability. Incorporate if necessary.

**C. Officers and Directors**

**1. Officers for 1992-93**

Although we are still working under the present set of Statutes, we can begin to structure our organization with an eye toward changes to be implemented. The following is a listing of recommendations for the various primary officer positions in the coming year:

Position	Name	Term
President	Robert L. Rauch	1994
Secretary	Johan Lindgren	1993 (no vote this year)
Treasurer	Johan Lindgren	1993 (only one year term)
Auditor	Candidate to be 1994 named by Nominating Committee)	

The complete officer nomination slate should be submitted by the nominating committee.

**2. Principal Committee Chair Elections**

The key to getting things accomplished within a committee structure is to get a strong, active chairperson. One of the current problems is that our committee structure is too widespread. As noted above, one of my recommendations is that activity in the disc discipline committees be centralized under two broader committee heads, relating to the division between team sports and individual games that is used for the officially sanctioned WFDF events. The other principal committee should remain the Rules Committee.

The idea of having a public relations committee is a good one, although realistically, one individual needs to accept responsibility to get the job done. This is a position which I feel should be condensed to a one person officer position in a reorganization. In that same spirit, I strongly support the presence of minority representation (specifically, women, juniors, masters, etc.) within the organization. A stand-alone committee is too far removed from the decision making process to be effective, however. For that reason, I feel that there needs to be direct participation at the Board level as well as in the major committees to ensure that "minority" concerns are met.

The following is a listing of the primary Committee Chair recommendations:

Position	Name
Team Sports Committee	Juha Jalovaara
Individual Sports Committee	(Dan Roddick)
Rules Committee	Dan Roddick
Public Relations	(Candidate to be named by Nominating

**Committee)**

The complete Committee nomination slate should be submitted by the Nominating Committee. As of the date of this proposal, Dan Roddick had not yet agreed to run for the position of Chairperson of the Individual Sports Committee.

**3. Board**

I have described above the prerequisite requirements for board members. With the approval of Seppo Niemen's modifications to the Statutes, the way is clear to elect a board comprised of seven members. I recommend the following individuals, with responsibilities as outlined:

Name	Responsbl.	Term
Robert L. Rauch	President	1994
Johan Lindgren	Secretary/Treasurer	1993
Dan Roddick	Chair, Individual Sports C.	1993
Dan Roddick	Chair, Rules C.	1993
Juha Jalovaara	Chair, Team Sports C.	1994
(To be named)	Grass Roots Devel. Prgms/Juniors	1993
Fumio Morooka	World G. + Other Events	1993
(To be named)	New Country Introductions/ Provisional Members/Womens Issues-	1994

I recommend that, for the coming year, certain new board members receive only a one year term. This would be done in order to establish a staggering of terms so that we do not have most of the positions all coming up in the same year. Going forward, all board members would then have a two year term.

**D. Administrative Office**

One of the obstacles to greater efficiency within the organization has been that WFDF has no central office out of which to handle its administrative responsibilities. Johan has over the last several years handled mailings out of his home and certain other tasks have been handled out of the Wham-O Sports Promotion office. In order to provide information support to individuals and administrative support to WFDF officers and the board (particularly to the Secretary), WFDF should establish a contract with an administrative office to get such support. This office could maintain data bases, copy and send out the newsletter (up to four per year), handle other mailings (up to 500 pieces), handle telephone inquiries for information, and oversee the implementation of the disc missionary program.

There are several likely candidates for such an office location:

1. The Wham-O Sports Promotion Office (many tasks are already handled there)
2. The UPA Headquarters (moving to Colorado Springs in August, home of the U.S. Olympic Committee)
3. The Swedish National Association (close to Johan)

I recommend that a budget of USD 750 be allocated as an annual consulting fee for this service, to be paid in two installments semiannually in advance, as well as reimbursement for explicit costs incurred for WFDF administration (xeroxing, postage, fax, excluding incoming telephone charges).

**E. Plan of Action for 1992-93**

**1. WFDF Reorganization:** There are several steps to be completed over the next year: investigate the incorporation issue, rewrite the Statutes, get feedback on



the first draft of the Statutes from member associations, and present the new Statutes for approval at the 1993 Congress.

**2. Communication:** Upgrade the level of ongoing communication between the Board and member associations. This will include steps to further improve the quality of the newsletter and to prepare it on a more regular basis, as well as increase the amount of informal communication through E-mail, fax and telephone.

**3. Disc Missionary Program:** The Ultimate Committee has received an allocation of 4,500 discs from Wham-O, a portion of which are to be used for the Disc Missionary Program, and a Program Implementation Center will be chosen by mid-Summer. The program should be publicized by all member association on an ongoing basis.

**4. Disc Introduction Kit:** A prototype should be prepared of a package of information describing disc activities which is suitable for introducing disc to new participants and to government sports officials. Once prepared, the kit can be a resource made available at a nominal cost.

**5. Disc Sports Introduction Campaign:** Compile a list of the government officials and administrators for sports activities in as many countries around the world (both countries where disc is already played as well as those where it is not yet). We would work with the national association whenever possible. A copy of the disc introduction kit should be sent to each official and they should be provided information about disc activities on an ongoing basis.

**6. World Games and Other Organized Events:** Attempt to find a way to get disc sports accepted into the World Game in Holland in 1993, even as a demonstration sport again. Work through the Dutch national association to put together such an event. Begin efforts to get disc sports into the World University Games in Buffalo, NY, USA in July, 1993, the Olympics in Atlanta in 1996, the World Games in Japan in 1997 and the next Goodwill Games.

**7. Budget:** There is a need to identify other non-dues revenue generating opportunities to support new initiatives. Formal support provided by Wham-O in return for recognition as the Official Disc for Ultimate play in WFDF competition is one example.

**8. Membership:** The procedures for recognition as a full member of WFDF must be defined. This will be incorporated into the new Statutes. Efforts should be made to increase membership. Support in the form of advice and guidance should be provided to struggling associations.

**9. WFDF Advisory Board:** The idea is to identify individuals in the outside world who have experience, contacts and resources which can be of benefit to our international disc efforts and ask them to join the WFDF Advisory Board. Many individuals are willing to provide such assistance on a pro bono basis. These individuals may not (although they could) have ever had any affiliation with disc sports previously. However, our organization could benefit from their help in many different ways once we have an organizational structure which could effectively use such resources. My suggestion is that we begin to compile a list of potential candidates over the next year.

**10. Raise WFDF Visibility in the Disc Community:** The only WFDF activities visible to the disc community are the World Championships. WFDF should seek to a higher profile at the individual enthusiast level. One way is to assist national associations in putting out a newsletter to their members. Another idea, put forward by Moro, is to develop a qualification procedure: "Certified International Master in Flying Disc Sport." More ideas are needed.

These suggestions are merely a starting point for our discussion. Any member association with ideas should communicate them before the Congress. A more comprehensive Plan of Action and a statement of long-term goals will be presented at the Congress.

### From your secretary:

I have been in touch with most of the committee chairmen over the last couple of weeks.

Depending upon how the Congress decides to set up the elections the number of places to fill varies. Since Nob Rauch is suggested as the new president for WFDF he can't be heading the Ultimate Committee at the same time. He has suggested that Juha Jalovaara, Finland, presently a member of the UC be elected as new chairman. If the Congress decide to already this summer do the elections according to the suggestions by Nob Rauch outlined above, Juha Jalovaara is suggested to chair the Team events committee and subsequently take a position in the board.

Liege Johnson, chairman of the Guts Committee does not have the time to pursue that task. He will check to see if there is any other American Guts-player interested in being either a chairman for the Guts committee or a Guts specialist within the new Team events committee.

Since the Congress is taking place during an Ultimate/Guts championship the individual event committees suggest they be totally reelected leaving any personal

changes to 1993. This disregarding if the old organisation continues or the new is started.

For the Rules Committee Nob Rauch suggest that Dan Roddick, the previous president, be elected new chairman. Dan is doing most of the work with the rules anyhow. Charlie Mead is sad that he was unable to fulfill his obligations this past years but is interested in pursuing his goals this coming year.

Overall it is hard to leave specific suggestions since I can't predict the outcome of the Congress decisions on organisational matters.

Furthermore I would like to suggest that we move over to a calendar year. This will mean that we either take a short year this year from April 1st to December 31st and then start the next year on January 1st. It would also be possible to extend the year. Apart from financial considerations I feel that this would improve the chances of fruitful committee work. Committee members would be elected in the summer and we would then have several months to prepare them for their coming working period. If we also elect the Individual committee(s) in those years and Team event committee(s) in those years all committees will have two full years to get to know each other and get things done.



## Summary of WFDF 1991-1992 Situation 31/3 1992

Total USD sum is just calculated for comparison. Exchange rates will change.

Account	Acc No	SEK	Cmp USD	CHF	Cmp USD	USD	Tot USD	Budget	%	Difference
<b>ASSETS</b>										
Cash	_1010	497.7	83.37	0	0	0	83.37			
Postgiro	_1030	2158.89	361.62		0		361.62			
Bank Acc	_1020	13496.43	2260.71	2850.77	1953.40	750.67	4964.78			
<b>SUM LIQUID FUNDS</b>		16153.02	2705.70	2850.77	1953.40	750.67	5409.77			
Claim Cus	_1420	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00			
Claim Oth	_1490	2880	482.41	0	0	0	482.41			
<b>SUM CLAIMS</b>		2880	482.41	0	0	0	482.41			
<b>SUM ASSETS</b>		19033.02	3188.11	2850.77	1953.40	750.67	5892.18			
<b>DEBTS</b>										
		0	0.00	825	565.30	0	565.30			
<b>INCOME</b>										
Sale rules	_3011	1480.63	248.01	0	0	219	467.01	300	155.67%	167.01
Sale disc	_3015	200	33.50	0	0	0	33.50	50	67.00%	-16.50
Sale cloth	_3017	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00			0.00
Sale other	_3020	3516	588.94	0	0	0	588.94	450	130.88%	138.94
<b>SUM SALES</b>		5196.63	870.46	0	0	219	1089.46	800	136.18%	289.46
WC fees	_3030-5	0	0.00	2091	1432.7896	0	1432.79	4000	35.82%	-2567.21
Memb fee	_3055-7	3853.21	645.43	500	342.6087	475	1463.04	2000	73.15%	-536.96
<b>SUM FEES</b>		3853.21	645.43	2591	1775.3983	475	2895.83	6000	48.26%	-3104.17
Transfer	_8200	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00			0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		9049.84	1515.89	2591	1775.40	694	3985.28	6800	58.61%	-2814.72
<b>EXPENCES</b>										
GAISF fee	_6050	0	0.00	825	565.30	0	565.30	1100	51.39%	534.70
Travel	_6140	0	0.00	0	0.00	400	400.00	400	100.00%	0.00
Prices	_6430	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	1000	0.00%	1000.00
Phone	_6810	2388	400.00	0	0	0	400.00	1500	26.67%	1100.00
Stamps	_6850	1997.3	334.56	0	0	0	334.56	500	66.91%	165.44
Boardmee	_6911	7022.55	1176.31	0	0	0	1176.31	1000	117.63%	-176.31
Computer	_7100	764	127.97	0	0	0	127.97	500	25.59%	372.03
Shipping	_7000	604	101.17	0	0	0	101.17	100	101.17%	-1.17
<b>SUM VARIOUS EXP</b>		12775.85	2140.01	825	565.30	400	3105.31	6100	50.91%	2994.69
News prnt	_7670	237	39.70	0	0	0	39.70	500	7.94%	460.30
News stmp	_7680	978.8	163.95	0	0	0	163.95	500	32.79%	336.05
<b>SUM NEWSLETTER</b>		1215.8	203.65	0	0	0	203.65	1000	20.37%	796.35
<b>SUM COSTS</b>		13991.65	2343.66	825	565.30	400	3308.96	7100	46.61%	3791.04
Bank intrs	_8020	522.15	87.46	0	0	0	87.46	0		-87.46
Bank chrg	_8120	577	96.65	14.16	9.70	17.4	123.75	0		-123.75
<b>SUM FINANCIAL</b>		-54.85	-9.19	-14.16	-9.70	-17.4	-36.29	0		36.29
Transfer	_8200	1255	210.22	0	0.00	0	210.22			-210.22
<b>TOTAL EXPENCES</b>		15301.5	2563.07	839.16	575.01	417.4	3555.47	7100	50.08%	3544.53
<b>START BALANCE</b>		25284.68	4235.29	273.93	187.70	474.04	4897.03	4705.59	104.07%	0
<b>RESULT</b>		-6251.66	-1047.18	1751.84	1200.39	276.6	429.81	-300	-143.27%	729.812
<b>SUM STRT+RSLT</b>		19033.02	3188.11	2025.77	1388.09	750.64	5326.84	4405.59	120.91%	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		19033.02	3188.11	2850.77	1953.40	750.67	5892.18			

Exchange rate used:

0.1675042

0.6852174

## Summary of WFDF 1992-1993 Situation 28/6 1992

Total USD sum is just calculated for comparison. Exchange rates will change.

Budget is not set for 1993

Account	Acc No	SEK	Cmp USD	CHF	Cmp USD	USD	Tot USD	Budget	%	Difference
<b>ASSETS</b>										
Cash	_1010	-4	-0,67	0	0	0	-0,67			
Postgiro	_1030	2041	341,88				341,88			
Bank Acc	_1020	8605	1441,37	2160	1480,07	1008	3929,44			
<b>SUM LIQUID FUNDS</b>		10642	1782,58	2160	1480,07	1008	4270,65			
Claim Cus	_1420	7000	1172,53	0	0	0	1172,53			
Claim Oth	_1490	2880	482,41	2550	1747,3043	0	2229,72			
<b>SUM CLAIMS</b>		9880	1654,94	2550	1747,3043	0	3402,25			
<b>SUM ASSETS</b>		20522	3437,52	4710	3227,37	1008	7672,89			
<b>DEBTS</b>										
		0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00			
<b>INCOME</b>										
Sale rules	_3011	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00	300	0,00%	-300,00
Sale disc	_3015	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00	50	0,00%	-50,00
Sale cloth	_3017	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00			0,00
Sale other	_3020	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00	450	0,00%	-450,00
<b>SUM SALES</b>		0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00	800	0,00%	-800,00
WC fees	_3030-5	4503	754,27	0	0	0	754,27	4000	18,86%	-3245,73
Memb fee	_3055-7	1159	194,14	466	319,3113	277,25	790,70	2000	39,53%	-1209,30
<b>SUM FEES</b>		5662	948,41	466	319,3113	277,25	1544,97	6000	25,75%	-4455,03
Transfer	_8200	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00			0,00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		5662	948,41	466	319,31	277,25	1544,97	6800	22,72%	-5255,03
<b>EXPENCES</b>										
GAISF fee	_6050	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	1100	0,00%	1100,00
Travel	_6140	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00	400	0,00%	400,00
Prices	_6430	6954	1164,82	0	0	0	1164,82	1000	116,48%	-164,82
Phone	_6810	691	115,75	0	0	0	115,75	1500	7,72%	1384,25
Stamps	_6850	692	115,91	0	0	0	115,91	500	23,18%	384,09
Boardmee	_6911	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00	1000	0,00%	1000,00
Computer	_7100	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00	500	0,00%	500,00
Shipping	_7000	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00	100	0,00%	100,00
<b>SUM VARIOUS EXP</b>		8337	1396,48	0	0,00	0	1396,48	6100	22,89%	4703,52
News prnt	_7670	1900	318,26	0	0	0	318,26	500	63,65%	181,74
News stmp	_7680	910	152,43	0	0	0	152,43	500	30,49%	347,57
<b>SUM NEWSLETTER</b>		2810	470,69	0	0	0	470,69	1000	47,07%	529,31
<b>SUM COSTS</b>		11147	1867,17	0	0,00	0	1867,17	7100	26,30%	5232,83
Bank intrs	_8020	0	0,00	0	0	0	0,00	0		0,00
Bank chrg	_8120	25	4,19	32	21,93	20	46,11	0		-46,11
<b>SUM FINANCIAL</b>		-25	-4,19	-32	-21,93	-20	-46,11	0		46,11
Transfer	_8200	0	0,00	0	0,00	0	0,00			0,00
<b>TOTAL EXPENCES</b>		11172	1871,36	32	21,93	20	1913,28	7100	26,95%	5186,72
<b>START BALANCE</b>		19033	3188,11	2025,8	1388,09	750,67	5326,87	4705,59	113,20%	0
<b>RESULT</b>		-5510	-922,95	434	297,38	257,25	-368,31	-300	122,77%	-68,3137
<b>SUM STRT+RSLT</b>		13523	2265,16	2459,8	1685,48	1007,9	4958,56	4405,59	112,55%	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		20522	3437,52	4710	3227,37	1008	7672,89			

Exchange rate used:

0,1675042

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Specification of payment and non-payment of fees from member associations										
Association	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	Owed:	
Australia	USD 25?	USD 25 ?	CHF 50	CHF 25	CHF 75	GBP 30	CHF 150	CHF 166		
Austria	See 1986	USD 150	See 1986	See 1986	See 1986	CHF 75	CHF 150		CHF 150	
Belgium	USD 50 ?	See 1985	BF 625	USD 60	See 1988	CHF 75	CHF 150		CHF 375	
Canada	GBP 40 ?	See 1985	CND 100	See 1987	USD 75	See 1989	See 1992	CHF 300		
Denmark	USD 25 ?	USD 25	CHF 50	Claims to have payed	CHF 75	CHF 75	CHF 150	CHF 300		
Finland	USD 50 ?	See 1985	CHF 50	CHF 50	CHF 50	SEK 325	CHF 150	SEK 598		
FPA	USD 50 ?	See 1985	USD 64	See 1987	USD 75	See 1989	USD 100	CHF 200		
France	Became a member in 1990					CHF 75	CHF 150	SEK 560	CHF 150	
Germany	?	GBP 20 ?	See 1990	See 1989	SEK 450	CHF 100	CHF 150	SEK 615		
GPA	Became a member in 1989				CHF 125	See 1989			CHF 300	
Holland	USD 50 ?	See 1985	See 1990	88 and 89 unverified	CHF 125	CHF 125	CHF 150		CHF 150	
Italy	USD 125	See 1985	CHF 60	See 1985	CHF 50	See 1985	See 1992	USD 197		
Japan	USD 50 ?	See 1985	USD 32	CHF 50	CHF 45	CHF 75	CHF 150		CHF 150	
New Zealand	USD 50 ?	See 1985	SEK 160	USD 37	CHF 50	CHF 80	CHF 75 *		CHF 150	
Norway	USD 25 ?	USD 25 ?	BF 661	SEK 203	See 1990	CHF 170	CHF 150	SEK 600		
PDGA	See 1986	BF 660	See 1990	See 1990	See 1990	USD 160	CHF 150		CHF 150	
Sweden	OK	OK	See 1990	CHF 50	SEK 200	SEK 500	SEK 668	SEK 600		
Switzerland	USD 50 ?	See 1985	CHF 50	CHF 100	See 1988		CHF 150	SEK 892	CHF 75	
Taiwan ROC	USD 50 ?	See 1985		SEK 208					CHF 475	
UK	?	?	CHF 50	SEK 544	See 1990	USD 120			CHF 300	
UPA	?	BF 660	USD 32	See 1990	See 1990	USD 100	USD 150	USD 80		
USDS	USD 125	See 1985	See 1989	See 1989	USD 125	See 1989	USD 100		CHF 150	
										Total: CHF 2575

## AUDITORS REPORT

We have examined the WFDF accounts for the fiscal year April 1 1991 to March 31 1992. The accounts have been kept in a good manner and the balance-sheets and result-sheets have been made according to accounting principle.

Jan Ekman and Raine Forsman.

### Auditors comments:

There are a few things we would like to point out in order to facilitate the future work with making the auditors report and also getting more information from the accounts:

- 1) A specification of the balance brought forward i.e. short term debts (which were the issues balanced from the previous years accounts).
- 2) Try to stick to a rule of keeping certain transactions in one currency account. When transfers are being done between different currency accounts this should be easy to follow and booked in a proper way.
- 3) It is surprising to see how few associations that pay their fees. We think it is not too much to ask for to get more fees payed in time. A possible solution for a better view here could be to use a system of accounts where one account is for payed fees and another is for fees that are due in. When it comes the time of balancing the books it will be much easier to get a good overview on how much the sum of memberships not being paid are and which these associations are. Depending on if it isnt likely to get the payment from the association this amount would be depreciated. I dont see a problem to have a one or two year of membership fee claim on an association.

4) It could be good idea to make a total balance-sheet and result-sheet including all three currency accounts. A sheet of this format covering last years accounts was enclosed with this years accounts.

In general though the accounts are kept very well and the issues pointed out above should be thought of in order to make the accounts even better.

### Treasurers comments:

1) Will be done in the future.

2) Difficult since fees are payed in various currencies and expenditure demanded in other. I think the question here was caused by me entering a claim on the tournament in Santa Cruz for medals in SEK, but Santa Cruz payed in USD. I had to rebook the claim and transfer it to another currency.

3) Yes, please pay your fees. A complete system for viewing fees payed and not will be set up and run parallel to the accounts in the future.

4) The total sheet is in these documents, but it was not ready when I sent the accounts to the auditors for auditing. It does not come automatically from the accounting program, but I have to enter the figures into an EXCEL-sheet. When the accounts were ready I sent them of and did that work later on.

Johan

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1991-1992

The past year started with interesting discussions in both Toronto and Santa Cruz. The discussions led up to a worldwide vote on the future direction of WFDF.

The voting procedure was carried out by the board during early autumn and the result reviewed at a phone meeting in november. The board was joined by Nob Rauch for that meeting. The vote was close with the side confirming the present organisation of WFDF winning. From this and the comments ac-

comparing several votes the board concluded that the overall setup was approved but that more activity is wanted.

A task list with 11 goals was set up and these were pursued during the winter.

Another boardmeeting took place in May. The main issue there was on how to move forward with several suggestions for organisational change that had turned up. The board decided to have an overall discussion at the Congress in Japan and then have a couple of specialits to put the ideas into writing.

The world championships in 1991 were both succesful. What brought the impression down of the Toronto tournament was the finan-

cial shortfall and ensuing debate. Presently it seems as Chris Lowcock has managed to put things together a bit but there are still unresolved questions.

From the board task list we can mention the Disc Missionary Program which is almost ready to run.

The rules has been reprinted and as usual with the aid of Wham-O and Bill Wright.

Wham-O offered extended support when the ultimate committee opened the titel of "Official WFDF Ultimate Disc" for bidding. This support will be very useful for WFDF in the coming years.

## WFDF Press Release

### WFDF Designates Wham-O U-Max Disc as the Official Disc for International Ultimate Play

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) is pleased to announce that Wham-O's U-Max model flying disc has been designated the "official disc" for Ultimate play in tournaments using the WFDF rules of Ultimate. In submitting its proposal for consideration, Wham-O has pledged support in the form of a disc allocation, funding for development projects and other services totalling around USD 25,000 over the eighteen months ending December 1993.

The decision was made in early June by the Steering Group of the WFDF Ultimate Committee. Bids from both Wham-O and Discraft, the manufacturers of the two popular Ultimate discs, were considered. The Wham-O proposal won by a 5-2 vote.

WFDF is very pleased to announce this generous proposal, the first formal sponsorship it has ever received. The designation of an official disc provides a way for WFDF to publicly recognize sponsor support of its general activities in the areas of competition, international communication and grass roots development. This sponsorship, which has in effect quadrupled WFDF's annual budget, opens up exciting new opportunities for WFDF to support disc activities throughout the world. As a side note, Wham-O has in the past provided informal support of WFDF in the form of printing services and administrative support through its sports promotion office.

In addition, although it was not awarded the mandate, the Committee also wishes to express its appreciation for Discraft's interest in working with WFDF and for its continuing efforts to support the disc community.

Wham-O's winning bid includes the following provisions over the period covered by this vote:

1. 4,500 custom disc allocation for general purposes;
2. Up to 500 free discs to the World Championships, with one disc free for each disc purchased;
3. 900 mini discs;
4. Sponsorship funds of USD 6,000 for approved development programs; and
5. Free printing of WFDF annual Rule Book.

The necessity to designate one disc as the "official disc" arises from the new language of the WFDF Ultimate rules in its latest revision. Because the two teams playing a game may not agree on one preferred choice of disc, one disc needs to be specified as the "default" disc in order to preclude conflict and also to allow all teams to be prepared equally. Section 403.01 of the WFDF Rules of Ultimate states:

*Disc: Any flying disc may be used as long as it is acceptable to both team captains and meets the requirements set forth in Article I of WFDF rules. If the captains cannot agree, the disc designated by the WFDF Ultimate Committee as the current official disc for Ultimate play shall be used.*

The Steering Group of the WFDF Ultimate Committee is comprised of seven members: Paul Eriksson of Sweden, Thomas Griesbaum of Germany, Marie Hartley of USA, Juha Jalovaara of Finland, Chris Lowcock of Canada, Fumio Morooka of Japan, and Robert L. Rauch of USA.

## WFDF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

1992

11-12/7 Skellefteå, SWE	Golf open (PDGA)	Thomas Ekström + 46 91052293
20-26/7 Ft Collins, USA	US Open	Bill Wright + 1 303 4846932
22-26/7 Indianapolis, USA	PDGA amateur championships	Jerry Suiter + 1 317 3538816
1-2/8 Stockholm, SWE	SDGO (PDGA)	Jonas Bengtsson + 46-87590583
16/8 Utsunimoya, JAPAN	WFDF eight Congress	Johan Lindgren, + 46-60121497
16-23/8 Utsunimoya, JAPAN	World Ultimate + guts chap.	81-3-8431165
17-22/8 Detroit, USA	PDGA world pro championships	Duane Utech + 1 313 6565111
29-30/8 Helsingborg, SWE	Golf open (PDGA)	Mats Bengtsson
5-6/9 Århus, DEN	Golf open	Martin Fredriksen + 45 86257103
12-13/9 Jönköping, SWE	Golf open (PDGA)	Krister Gustavsson + 46-36112467
10-11/10 Örebro, SWE	Mudbowl, ultimate co-ed	Lars Botvidsson + 46 19111920
17-18/10 La Mirada, USA	La Mirada Open	Conrad Damon + 1 213 903 0773
21-24/10 Monaco	26th GAISF Congress	

(For a complete list of tournaments in USA contact the appropriate organisation. Ie PDGA for golf tournaments, UPA for ultimate etc.)

## World Flying Disc Federation STATUTES

(As decided by the Congress in Helsingborg, Sweden 14-16 Aug 1985)

(Revised by the Congress in Colchester, England 23-24 Aug 1986)

(Revised by the Congress in Ft Collins, USA 15-16 Aug 1987)

(Revised by the Congress in Colchester, England 24-25/7 1989)

Suggestions by Seppo Nieminen underlined. If they replace current writing this is left within brackets directly after.

### 1:0 ORGANISATION

1:1 The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) unites and represents flying disc associations worldwide.

1:2 WFDF is an impartial governing body that has no commercial links with any one manufacturer or retailer of discs or disc-associated products.

1:3 The supreme body of WFDF is the Congress, either regular or extra(ordinary). The federation is directed by the WFDF board, assisted by the committees.

1:4 The Official publication of WFDF is the WFDF-newsletter.

1:5 The fiscal (Financial) year is from April 1 to March 31.

### 2:0 AIMS

2:1 To encourage and protect the spirit of flying disc play where as partners rather than opponents we compete against the limits of our own abilities rather than each other. To foster (Where in) a climate of peace in which disc play may be appreciated for its ability to bring people together in a communal rejoicing of skill and play. To ultimately learn to live together through playing together. ("Ultimately, in playing together we learn to live together.")

2:2 To encourage disc play throughout the world and promote the establishment of new national flying disc associations, advising them on all flying disc activities and general management.

2:3 To promote (achieve) general acceptance of disc (play as a) sport.

2:4 To provide a forum for discussion on all aspects of disc play worldwide and to arbitrate between

flying disc interests when and where conflict might arise.

2:5 To establish and uphold a tournament standard for all flying disc competition worldwide. To fairly distribute the right to organise World Flying Disc Championships to interested associations and to sanction other international tournaments.

### 3:0 MEMBERSHIP

3:1 There are three categories of membership in WFDF:

a/ National flying disc associations.

National Flying disc associations (They) can be either original members of WFDF or (national flying disc) associations which have been accepted by WFDF. Each (They) shall be the sole flying disc association representing that nation.

b/ Organisational flying disc associations.

Organisational flying disc associations (They) can be either original members of WFDF or associations which have been accepted by WFDF. They promote some special interest within WFDF or within general disc play. (To be granted membership an organisational flying disc associations must be of considerable size or represent some special interest not represented in WFDF in any other way.)

c/ Provisional members.

Any flying disc association applying for membership in either of the two categories above can be granted provisional membership. Provisional members enjoy membership privileges but do not have the right to vote at the Congress. Provisional members get information and can take part in the WFDF-activities but do not have the right to vote at Congress. Provisional members pay a membership fee decided by the board. (half membership fee.) The fee may not exceed one half of the regular fee. Provisional membership is reviewed at each Congress.

3:2 To become a member of WFDF an association has to apply for membership in writing to WFDF, submitting documents covering the association's statutes, organisation, activities, members, financial status and possible official recognition. The application is decided on temporarily by the WFDF board and finally by the Congress. To be accepted as a member the association's statutes and activities

(work) must not contradict the statutes and aims of WFDF.

3:3 A member association which violates the statutes of WFDF or in any other respect is working against the development of flying disc play can be expelled from WFDF by the Congress. If the violation is severe the WFDF board can suspend the association until the next Congress.

3:4 A member association which may wish to leave WFDF must state so in writing to the WFDF board submitting a protocol stating the decision of a meeting with jurisdiction in the matter.

### 4:0 THE CONGRESS

4:1 The WFDF Congress shall be held every year in connection with the World Flying Disc Championships. If they cannot be held together (are separated by time and/or distance) a time and a place shall be chosen by the WFDF board.

4:2 At least 6 months before the Congress each member association shall receive an invitation to the Congress with information on where and when the Congress will be held and where to send motions for the Congress. At least 4 months before the Congress the motions from the member associations shall be sent to the WFDF board. At least 2 months before the Congress each member association shall receive complete material for the Congress, including agenda, the annual reports, statutes, proposals and motions.

4:3 Each member association from categories a and b in 3:1 which has paid it's (their) membership fees before the end of March prior to the Congress and fulfilled their other obligations towards WFDF receives one vote at the Congress.

4:4 All votes are taken by open voting unless any representative demands a secret ballot (voting). All matters requiring voting shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast. In the event of a draw, the chairman shall cast the deciding vote. If the chairman is not voting, the draw shall be decided by flipping a disc. (All votes shall be done by an absolute majority of the given votes.)

4:5 All representatives have the right to speak and make suggestions at the Congress. (Only those associations that have paid their membership fees before the end of March before the Congress can vote at the Congress.) A member association can authorise by proxy

anyone it (they) wishes from it's membership to be their representative. A representative can only hold one vote and must (has to) be present to vote.

4:6 The Congress shall constitute (form) a quorum with the number of associations present (that attend), provided that the Congress has been summoned according to the statutes.

4:7 Any board and/or committee member, also being a voter at the Congress, cannot vote on release (freedom) from responsibility, election of auditors or questions relating to (concerning) his/her (past) work as a board or committee member. (Such representative may pass his/her vote in that question to another non-voting representative.)

4:8 The Congress agenda shall include: (At the Congress the following points shall be on the agenda:)

1/ Opening by the president, a board member or a representative of the organizing association.

2/ The roll call and voting verification. (Participation and voting list.)

4/ Confirmation that the meeting is duly convened and authorised to act. (3/ Has the Congress been summoned according to the statutes?)

3/ (4/) Election of the chairman for the meeting, the secretary for the meeting and two officials to (for) count(ing) the votes and to verify (signing) the minutes.

5/ Alteration of the statutes (only at a regular Congress).

6/ Annual report,

7/ Annual financial report,

8/ Auditors report'

9/ Release of the WFDF board from responsibility for the fiscal/accounting year. (Question of freedom from responsibility for the WFDF-board.)

10/ (Every second year e)Election of the president for WFDF for a two year(s) term.

11/ (Every second year e)Election of the secretary and the treasurer, or secretary/treasurer for WFDF for a two year(s) term. The president and the secretary shall be elected on alternating years.

(12/ Every second year election of treasurer for WFDF for two years (President and treasurer are elected in the same year and secretary the opposing year.))

12/ (13/) Election of (one) board members for two year(s) terms. The board shall consist of five to seven

members including the president, the secretary and the treasurer or secretary/treasurer. The number of board members shall be decided before the board member election. When possible, board members shall be elected on alternating years.

13/ (14/) Election of three (3) deputy board members of succeeding rank. (ranked deputies.)

14/ (15/) Election of two (2) auditors and one (+ 1) deputy auditor.

15/ (16/) Election of a returning officer and two (+ 2) additional members of the election committee (E(L)C).

16/ (17/) Election of a Rules Committee (R(U)C) chairman and four additional members. (5 persons of which one is elected chairman.)

17/ (18/) Election of a Public Relations Committee (PRC) chairman. In addition to the chairman, this committee shall consist of one representative from each of the other committees. (1 chairman.)

18/ (19/) Election of a Minority Interests Committee (MIC) chairman and two members. (3 persons of which one is elected chairman.)

19/ (20/) Election of a Ultimate Committee (UC) chairman and ... members. (5 persons of which one is elected chairman.)

20/ (21/) Election of a Guts Committee (GC) chairman and four members. (5 persons of which one is elected chairman.)

21/ (22/) Election of a Disc Golf Committee (DGC) chairman and four members. (5 persons of which one is elected chairman.)

22/ (23/) Election of a Field Events Committee (FEC) chairman and four members. (5 persons of which one is elected chairman.)

23/ (24/) Election of a Freestyle Committee (FSC) chairman and four additional members. (5 persons of which one is elected chairman.)

24/ (25/) Election of a DDC Committee (DDCC) chairman and four members. (5 persons of which one is elected chairman.)

25/ Election of other possible committees.

28/ (26/) Decision on membership fees and other fees

27/ Plan of action for the coming fiscal year (period.)

26/ (28/) Budget for the coming fiscal year. (period.)

29/ Proposals.

30/ Motions.

31/ Decision on World Championship venues (cites (Only at regular Congress),)

32/ Appointment of (ing) honorary members ((Only at regular Congress).)

33/ Closing of the Congress.

4:9 Eligible for election on points 10-13 (14) and 15 (16)-25 are members of member associations, at least 20 years old and not employees of WFDF. Eligible for election on points 15 and 14 (16) are persons, at least 20 years of age, not employed by WFDF and not elected to any other position in WFDF.

4:10 An extraordinary (Extra) Congress shall be summoned within 6 months if the WFDF board, the auditors, or at least 2/3 of the qualified (voting power of the) associations demand(s) so in writing to the WFDF board. The extraordinary Congress shall in all respects be considered (treated as) a regular Congress except that the statutes may not be changed, honorary members may not be appointed and sites for World Flying Disc Championships may not be changed unless the responsible association no longer wants the tournament.

#### 5:0 THE WFDF BOARD

5:1 The WFDF-board is the executive body of WFDF. The board shall consist of 5-7 members. It shall meet at least twice a year. It must abide by the mandate it was given by the Congress, (but may make decisions in new matters that arise, with the aims as guide.)

5:2 It shall control the work of the different committees and if necessary form new committees if new areas of activity are initiated (started). The committees are responsible to the WFDF board.

5:3 The WFDF board is summoned by the president, or if at least 2 members of the board demand so in writing. The board shall constitute (form) a quorum when at least half of the members are present.

5:4 The board shall produce a WFDF newsletter and in all possible ways disseminate (spread) the information about disc-activities. It shall make available a list of addresses of WFDF officials and their addresses (distribute that list).

5:5 The board shall maintain (keep) control of the assets of WFDF (money acquired) and generate additional funds. (try to ac-



quire more money for WFDF). In no way shall the organisation's independence be violated. The board shall distribute the acquired funds according to 10:5.

**5:6** The board shall summon the member associations to the Congress and prepare the material for the Congress. ( according to the statutes 4:0.)

**5:7** (On the board t)The president and the treasurer are entitled to allocate, each individually, sums not exceeding the equivalent of US\$ 1000. The signature of both are required for allocations in excess of this. (Above that sum, both have to sign.) However (An additional limit is that) they can never, alone or together, allocate more than 50% of the total funds of WFDF.

**5:8** The board and committees may engage the expertise of (co-opt) any person(s) they see (it sees) fit.

**5:9** The board shall receive bids and decide on the venue (citing) and sanctioning of different international tournaments.

#### **6:0 THE WORKING COMMITTEE**

**6:1** The working committee consists of the president, the treasurer and the secretary, or the president, the secretary/treasurer and a third member of the board. The third member shall be chosen by the board. The(y) working committee administers the daily affairs. (shall meet and communicate as often as necessary, and possible, to keep the everyday-work moving.) It shall make decisions in matters that arise between board-meetings. Such decisions must be unanimous and be reported to the next board-meeting.

#### **7:0 (6:2) THE PUBLIC RELATIONSHIPS COMMITTEE: (PRC)**

**7:1** Th(is)e Public Relations committee is headed by a chairman elected (voted) at the Congress. The committee consists of (is made up by) one representative from each (from) of the other committees. The PRC shall collect and distribute (assemble lists of) material suitable for PR purposes. (that is useble in public relations and update and distribute those lists.) It shall aid the board, the other committees, and tournament organisers in PR matters.

#### **8:0 (7:0) THE MINORITY INTERESTS COMMITTEE (MIC)**

**8 (7):1** The Minority Interests Committee (MIC) shall attend to (work in all aspects of disc play, looking after) the special interests of the minority groups of WFDF. The minority groups include, but are not limited to, the junior, senior, female and handicapped players.

**8 (7):2** MIC (It) shall promote minority play and seek to (with the aim of) increasing the number of players in the minority (those) groups.

**8 (7):3** MIC must co-operate with the board if suggestions for the minority groups are contradictory to the statutes, rules, or decisions of the board.

#### **9 (8):0 THE RULES COMMITTEE (R(U)C)**

**9 (8):1** The Rules Committee (R(U)C) shall with the aid of the different event committees prepare and sustain the rules of flying disc sports, and regulations for flying disc tournaments. New rules are to be published no later than January (the) 1(st) to be in operation from April (the) 1(st). Copies of the WFDF rule book shall be made available at a price that covers (sold to cover) the cost of it's production (ing it). If any member association wishes to translate the rules into its own language, it must notify the board and supply a finished copy. Member associations are allowed to add national rules and regulations as (so) long as the WFDF rules and regulations are not altered or contradicted.

**9 (8):2** The R(U)C shall no later than January (the) 1(st) produce a list of discs acceptable according to the disc regulations in the rules. Manufacturers of accepted discs (on this list) may acquire the right to use official WFDF acceptance (this) in their commercial promotion by (if they come to an) agreement with WFDF.

**9 (8):3** The R(U)C shall no make their own suggestions on rule changes. Such suggestions shall come from the different event committees or a member association.

**9 (8):4** The R(U)C shall be represented at all World Flying Disc Championships and together with one representative of the players and one representative of the organizer form the Tournament Rule Group (TRG). The TRG shall act as a jury for the tournament and shall arbitrate and make decisions

which are binding on all rules questions during the tournament.

#### **10 (9):0 THE EVENT COMMITTEES (UC, GC, DGC, FEC DDCC and FSC)**

**10 (9):1** The(ir) general task of the different event committees is to attend to (look after) and develop their respective events. They shall together with R(U)C revise the rules and be represented at their respective World Flying Disc Championships.

**10 (9):2** The Ultimate Committee (UC) and Guts Committee (GC) shall be responsible for their respective events and assist (co-operate) if any new flying disc sports played as a team should evolve. (team related flying disc sports should develop.) Both committees shall make suggestions for possible sites for their world championships, and be represented at those world championships.

**10 (9):3** The Disc Golf Committee (DGC) shall make suggestions on possible venues (sites) for World Disc Golf Championships. It shall work for the development of international disc golf tournaments, both professional and amateur in all divisions. It shall co-operate with the Field Events Committee (FEC) in the arrangement of (about) overall world championships. It shall develop a standard for disc golfcourses and make a catalogue of courses that meet that standard. It shall be represented at the World Disc Golf Championships. (WDGC.)

**10 (9):4** The Field Events Committee (FEC) (ie. Accuracy, Discathon, Distance and Self Caught Flights) shall together with DGC DDCC and FSC make suggestions for the venue (citing) of the overall world championships. It shall also be consulted when bids for separate event world flying disc championships are made. FEC shall also promote individual play and attempt to organize (try to have) other international overall tournaments (organized).

**10 (9):5** The Freestyle Committee (FSC) shall work with FEC on overall world championships. FSC shall also promote separate international freestyle tournaments and world championships and be present at those championships. FSC shall also advance (try to develop) and encourage freestyle shows in appropriate forums to help the fulfillment of the aims of WFDF. FSC

shall develop routines for performing and judging freestyle and these suggestions shall be put forward to R(U)C.

**10 (9):6** The DDC Committee (DDCC) shall work with FEC on overall championships. It shall aid the Rules committee (RC) in questions regarding DDC. It shall (try to) promote DDC in all the disc playing world.

**10 (9):7** All the committees shall follow the aims and statutes of (to) WFDF. They shall report to and follow the decisions of the WFDF board. All committees shall submit material to the newsletter.

#### **11 (10):0 FINANCE**

**11 (10):1** Each member organization (nation) shall, before the end of March each year, pay the fee for the coming year. The fee shall be determined (decided) on by the Congress. If the fee is determined (decided) to be member related or in some other way varies among (constructed to be different for) different member associations, an adjoining (then the) association (joining during a year will) must pay only (have to pay) the lowest fee charged during the first year of it's membership, (for that first year.)

**11 (10):2** There shall also be a fee for the right to organize a world championships. The fee shall be determined (decided on) by the Board (Congress). The association organizing a world championship shall no later than 1 month after the championship send the fee to WFDF together with a summary of the tournament including accounts, results, names and addresses of all competitors, media coverage and possible comments.

**11 (10):3** Anyone who wishes to organize an international flying disc tournament can (may) have that tournament sanctioned by WFDF. (In order to have it sanctioned t)The organizer has to apply for sanctionship well in advance of the tournament and then pay the sanctioning fee before the tournament starts. The sanctioning fee is determined (decided) by the Board (Congress). Sanctioning means that the tournament is recognised as, or listed as (taken to the list of sanctioned tournaments of) sanctioned by WFDF, (and that records achieved during that tournament are official.) If the application for sanction(ship) is made in time the

tournament will also be advertised in the newsletter.

**11 (10):4** The WFDF board shall also authorize the production of materials such as the rule book, a newsletter, videos and other material suitable for the acquisition of funds (saleable objects in order to acquire money) for WFDF.

**11 (10):5** All funds (money) shall be used in accordance with the approved budget.

#### **12 (11):0 TOURNAMENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**12 (11):1** There can be a world flying disc championships in all events and an individual overall championships every second (each) year. Associations wanting to organize a world championships shall make a bid for that championship to WFDF. The bid must show a valid outline for the championship containing dates, costs, facilities, participation limits and how that championship will be run. The bids shall reviewed by the board and the respective committees. Final decisions are made by the Congress.

**12 (11):2** At world championships, every attempt will be made to meet professional standards regarding accomodation, facilities and execution of the competition. (Minimum standard at world championships are: - accommodation in beds with 4 persons/room maximum, - breakfast and dinner, - player kit (disc + t-shirt), - field standard and availability according to the rules, - medical care. The minimum standard is subject to the discretion of the Congress. Organizers of sanctioned tournament shall also try to follow the minimum standard.)

**12 (11):3** For every WFDF world flying disc championship there shall also be if possible a back-up organizer (appointed if possible). If the original organizer cannot arrange (have) the championship it shall be delegated (given) to the back-up organizer. If (an entirely united) the WFDF board unanimously decides that an association intending (about) to organize a world flying disc championship has severely neglected its duties and it is apparent that the championship will fail, the championship shall be delegated (given) to the back-up organizer. The WFDF-board must ensure that every member association, and (but) especially the original organi-

zer, is immediately informed of any change.

**12 (11):4** All world flying disc championships must be played according to the valid WFDF rules. If the organizer of a championship wishes to supplement the rules it must be mentioned in the outline of the tournament sent to the Congress for approval. (Any supplement the organizer of a championship may wish to use must be in the outline of that championship put forward to the Congress.) If the player's or captain's meetings wish to make any changes they (Any changes the players or captains meetings wish to make) must be approved by the Tournament Rule Group (TRG).

**12 (11):5** A foreigner who wants to play for a national team (To represent a nation) in a world flying disc championship (a player must be a member of that national flying disc association. He/ She must be of that nationality or) must have lived there for at least two consecutive (three) years prior to the championship. A national team may have a maximum of two such players. (The time limit is subject to appeal to the TRG.) If a player has lived permanently in a country for at least five consecutive years, he/she no longer counts as a foreign player in that country. World championship organizers shall, with other material for the tournament, supply nations with a form where all players and their nationality should be filled in. This should be sent to the tournament organizer before the tournament.

**12 (11):6** Apart from the world flying disc championships outlined above the committees shall encourage disc play and disc competition at all levels, especially in areas with no tradition of disc sport.

**12 (11):7** All officials of WFDF have access to all world flying disc championships and sanctioned tournaments. This does not include the cost for lodging, meals (food), travel etc.

**12 (11):8** The Rules Committee (RUC) representative acting as a member of the TRG (shall be afforded accomodation and food) at WFDF sanctioned tournaments (for the purpose of being part of the TRG) shall be afforded accomodation and meals.

#### **13 (12):0 RECORDS**

**13 (12):1** The WFDF shall recognize records in the following events: Accuracy, Distance, MTA and TRC, in the following divisions: Open, Women, Juniors (under 19), Under 12, Masters (35-44), Grand Masters(45-54) and senior Grand Master (55 and over). The age limit for records is calculated by day of birth.

**13 (12):2** In order for a record to be valid it has to be achieved at an international tournament organized or sanctioned by WFDF or at a national tournament organized or sanctioned by a member nation or at an European tournament organized or sanctioned by EFDF. The WFDF rules must have been used at the competition. (The information about a) A new record must be reported (sent) to the WFDF-board as soon as possible, using (This must be done on) a Flying Disc World Record report form, which must be completely filled out and accompanied by evidence that the tournament was properly organized or sanctioned.

**13 (12):3** The WFDF-board shall regularly, no(t) less than twice a year, publish and distribute (lists of) the present world records to the member associations.

**13 (12):4** If the WFDF-board does not accept a record the player's national association can appeal to the Congress.

**13 (12):5** If any member association disagrees with any new record it can also appeal to the Congress.

#### **14 (13):0 ALTERATIONS OF THE STATUTE**

**14 (13):1** These statutes can only be changed at a regular Congress with by a (an absolute) majority of the (given) votes cast.

**14 (13):2** Motions on alterations must be made at least four (4) months before the Congress and proposals to alterations at least two (2) months before the Congress.

**14 (13):3** If there is any doubt regarding the interpretation (about the meaning) of any statute, or if a new matter arises that is not covered in the statutes, the question must wait until the next Congress. If the matter is urgent the WFDF board may make a temporary decision.

#### **15 (14):0 CLOSING (WINDING UP)**

**15 (14):1** The WFDF can only be dissolved by two consecutive Cong-

ress' (of which) one of which must be a regular Congress. This decision can only be taken by a (vote of) 2/3 majority vote of each of the two congresses. (each time.) There must be at least 6 months between the two Congress'.

**15 (14):2** If the WFDF is dissolved its assets shall be donated (sent) to the United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund (UNICEF) (work for children).

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