

WFDF NEWS

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IMPROVING WFDF COMMUNICATIONS

by Johan Lindgren

One of the goals of the new WFDF board is to improve communications. A first step is to mail the newsletter to more people and offer it as a subscription to even others.

But the newsletter is only published 3-4 times a year. An organisation like WFDF needs to have a more continuous flow of communications.

That was my goal for setting up the WFDF forum BBS system some years ago. It works well but not too many WFDF people call in. I guess the reason is the cost of long distance calls.

I have now connected WFDF with Fidonet - an international computer network. The node number is 2:205/106. So you can send me netmail from any fidonet connected BBS in the world. From the message I will see the address of the system you use and be able to send a quick reply, usually within a day or so.

Even better would be if we could set up a WFDF conference circulating among BBS-systems that WFDF-people use. If you have names and numbers to BBS's that you and/or other flying disc friends use regularly please let me know. Slowly we might be able to set up a world wide network for flying disc matters.

For those of you who can connect to USENET or INTERNET there is a conference called REC.SPORT.DISC which is about flying disc in general. I try to follow it since I am on a mailing list which circulates copies of the discussion. I am also able to reply to questions there.

It would be super if all you elected WFDF persons could gain access to such a system. Once you do you will get a personal email address. Report that to me and your committee chairman (if you are a committee member). It is very easy to set up group mailings with these email addresses and information can very quickly be sent out over the world.

We have tried this in the board this autumn and it works fine. A message from me to Nob in USA and his reply back is often handled in two days. It is of course dependent on when we check our mailboxes and also on the regularity of the message handling at the systems we use.

I use something called PEACENET in Sweden. The cost is 100 SEK quarterly + 1 SEK per minute, but the first 100 minutes are free. Each email outside PEACENET is 3 SEK, but this is a lot cheaper and faster than ordinary airmail. People using email tend to call ordinary mail - "snailmail". It is also possible to combine email and fax in a group mailing. The problem is for those receiving fax to send replies.

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Note from the President

by Robert L. Rauch

I wanted to write this brief note to introduce myself. Most of you probably know me as Nob, an Ultimate player from the USA. That's not what I need to tell you, however. I think it is important to let you know upfront why I wanted the job as WFDF President and what I hope to accomplish.

I have been involved in WFDF since becoming Executive Director of the UPA in 1987, at which point I became Chairperson of the WFDF Ultimate Committee.

I think WFDF has done some important things since it was formed in 1985, such as overseeing the World Championships, standardizing rules and printing them in an annually revised rule book, and providing a forum for communication through the Annual Congress.

Yet, I have felt that there was a lot more to be done.

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I believe that WFDF has to provide additional support to national associations, by preparing teaching and public relations materials that can be used by all. More needs to be done to introduce disc sports into other countries. And the ties between the disc players and the organization need to be improved.

We are beginning with some small steps. The mailing of the newsletter will be expanded to include several other disc players in each country, so that communication about WFDF activities is broadened.

The disc missionary program is about ready to be launched, so that any players going to countries where disc is not actively played can get discs without charge to distribute during their travels.

We are investigating ways to streamline the organizational structure of WFDF to better utilize the limited resources we have available, with the additional goal of revising the statutes in 1993. And we hope to provide

further direction and support to national associations on an ongoing basis.

On a personal level, what else can I say about myself? I am 34 years old and am a Vice President in the Latin American division of CS First Boston, the investment bank. I have lived in New York City for almost ten years and got married in August to Katie Shields, who is also an Ultimate player. I love disc sports and want to see them grow. Please feel free to call me at any time at 1-212-787-4409 if you have any thoughts or questions.

Special thanks go out to Dan "Stork" Roddick, who has been WFDF President for the last four years. As the next step in his many contributions to disc sports over the last two decades, Dan has agreed to become the first Chairperson of the newly-created WFDF Individual Events Committee. His unique perspective and experience will be put to good use in this potential growth area of disc sports.

Communications cont...

PEACENET is part of a worldwide network called APC (Association for Progressive Communications (I think?)). I can help you find the nearest place for you to access it if you are interested. You need a computer and a modem.

But these networks communicate with each other. Nob (and many others in UPA) use COMPUSERVE. Juha Jalovaara, Tami Pellicane and others use INTERNET. Some examples here. The rest in the addresslist. Johan Lindgren:

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The more people of ours that connect to these systems the more information can be spread this way and the information flow will increase tremendously.

WFDF ANNUAL CONGRESS

- 16TH AUGUST, 1992
- UTSUNOMIYA JAPAN

INTRODUCTION:

Dan Roddick (WFDF President) opened the meeting at 9:15 am.

Opening address was given by the Japanese Association President Mr. Shinshiro Ebashi.

Welcome was given to the Congress by the Japanese Organising Committee.

Rob Rauch (UPA/USA) was appointed Chairperson for the Congress and Andrew Morris was appointed Secretary.

Rob Rauch highlighted the changes to the statutes as outlined by Seppo Nieminen in the last Newsletter, and they are passed without change.

ANNUAL REPORT:

Rob presented the annual report as prepared by Johan Lindgren.

Annual Report/Financials:

The financial statements prepared by Johan Lindgren were presented by Rob Rauch for comment and approval.

Finland asked why is it that some countries had not paid their fees. Dan Roddick answered that, with the perception of limited benefits from joining WFDF, some nations lapse in payment. Moreover, the financial resources of many member associations is limited such that dues payments to WFDF are a lower priority than other of their programs.

The Taiwanese Association mentioned that the receipt process is also not perfect. Despite repeated requests in the past, they did not receive a receipt for their last three payments; given the government regulations, this is a big problem for them.

The GPA indicated that they did not even have the funds to pay dues if they wanted to.

Finland asked that we standardize the currency of WFDF payment. Rob Rauch suggested that Johan review the payment system. It was also suggested that the instructions for pay-

ments be provided to member associations in a form that is more easily understood in individual countries.

The participants present would also like to thank Johan for his outstanding efforts in collation and processing of WFDF membership, etc.

WFDF BOARD FREEDOM FROM RESPONSIBILITY:

Passed and accepted unanimously.

SPECIAL PROPOSAL: THE FUTURE ORGANIZATION OF WFDF:

(as prepared and presented by Robert Rauch, this proposal appeared in the last Newsletter)

Current President, Dan Roddick, began the discussion. He expressed his basic support for the proposal. He stated that the role of WFDF had changed into one of more of a leader of member associations rather than just a medium of communication for member associations. He also stated that it was important that tasks given to WFDF officials be simple and achievable, so as to be effective. Despite the titles assigned to specific people, the achievement of objectives still comes down to finding the right people to do the work, utilizing the right resources.

The GPA supports Rob Rauch's proposal with the people given the resources to complete their undertakings. Taiwan stressed the importance of using WFDF as a vehicle of communication. Member associations want a lot, but it may be unrealistic to expect a volunteer, centralized group to accomplish a lot unless there is a commitment of support by the members to provide resources.

Dan Roddick agreed with Rob's comment that WFDF needed to set larger goals but then divide the steps to be taken to reach those goals into relatively small, discrete tasks that are easily achievable.

Finland is in favour of Rob Rauch's proposal because many of the nations have people that have stepped down from positions in their national associations and may have an interest in devoting their time to supra-national issues.

Germany asked whether WFDF restructuring is actually required or can WFDF, as it currently stands, be active. What are pros and cons?

Andrew Morris stated that the administrative needs of the sport have changed as it has advanced and that decision to restructure WFDF and that the reforms proposed will bring it into line with member association's current requirements.

Dan Roddick suggested that the changes that Rob Rauch is proposing will make it easier to follow up and check on whether assigned tasks have been completed or not.

Germany noted that in November, the Ultimate Committee proposal was voted against. Dan Roddick noted that this was perhaps more a reaction to the way in which proposal was put forward rather than to the basic concept of the proposal calling for specific changes. Andrew Morris confirmed this.

Germany indicated that it was uncomfortable with the way the Sub-Committee members are to be appointed. Rob Rauch responded that he felt that currently there was no need to formalize the procedures for choosing Sub-Committees. The main point is to have the Congress select Sub-Committee Chairmen in whom they have confidence who can then use their discretion to form the Sub-Committee. The check and balance against abuse is the fact that the committees have to report to the Congress at minimum once a year, at

which point any problems could be addressed.

Finland indicated that the proposal states that a woman would be elected to the Board, and was curious how this would be articulated in the statutes. Rob Rauch responded that this would not have to put in the statutes but rather would become an unwritten standard operating practice for the federation.

VOTE:

NOB's proposal in principle was passed unanimously.

A Redraft of Statutes reflecting the provisions of this proposal is to be submitted at 1993 congress.

(JOHAN'S PROPOSAL:)

WFDF SHOULD ADOPT A CALENDAR YEAR:

There was an active discussion about whether the fiscal year of WFDF should be changed to a calendar year. The issue hinged on the need to accommodate two schedules:

- 1) Financial statement dates.
- 2) Date of the assumption of responsibilities by newly elected officials.

The vote was split into two parts on the motion by Rob Rauch.

The vote on changing the fiscal year end from March 31 to December 31 carried unanimously.

Discussion then ensued on the second issue. Andrew Morris stated that the Board should be responsible for financial issues throughout an entire year; therefore the committee should be appointed for the same period. Rob Rauch felt that six months was a long transition period and that the organization could lose momentum during transition. Dan Roddick indicated that it could help with the Rules Book publication if existing committee members continued until January, as they would have all knowledge from previous year. Juha Jalovaara expressed that September 1st might be a more workable transition period.

Three proposals were put forward for the date of the changeover of office holders' responsibilities:

- A) September 1st each year.
- B) January 1st each year.
- C) As of the date of congress as set.

Proposal C was passed 5-1.
(Japan and Taiwan now absent)

GUTS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:

The GPA raised concerns over the bid received from Great Britain for the 1994 World Championships which did not mention Guts. They feel that this is a major mistake and would cause downfall of Guts as it is struggling in the USA and is relying on international competition for, not merely growth, but survival.

Andrew Morris felt that it should not be forced on an organizing committee to have GUTS at World's but that WFDF could express preference to have Ultimate and GUTS together. Taiwan very strongly wants to see Guts included.

Rob Rauch stated that WFDF must consider the bids we receive as they are presented. If a bid is not acceptable to WFDF, then it can be rejected. In order to ensure that bids include all of the provisions required, the Ultimate Committee developed a "Request for Proposal" form for potential tournament organizers, which should help us enforce the standards of tournaments in the future.

The GPA represented that they will check with GPA membership to drop the title "World Championship" for its annual tournament in the USA; they are hopeful that this would have a positive impact on those factions looking to drop Guts from consideration.

Rob Rauch stated that it very well may have been an oversight on the part of the organizer to not make a provision for Guts, and that we should ask to have Guts included. In the end, there was unanimous support from members to have GUTS continue with Ultimate at the biannual World Championships, if it could be accommodated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

- 1) President: Robert L. "NOB" Rauch (USA)
- 2) Treasurer: Johan Lindgren (SWE)
- 3) Other Board Members:
 - Chairman of the Team Sports Committee: Juha Jalovaara (FIN)
 - Chairman of the Field Events Committee: Dan Roddick (USA)
 - At-Large:
 - Seppo Nieminen (FIN)
 - Tami Pellicane (USA)

Fumio Morooka (JAP)
 Deputies :
 Andrew Morris (AUS)
 Lisa Jalmander (SWE)
 Ole Visamo (FIN)
 Auditor : Matte Suurnakki (FIN)
 Peter Subswick (FIN)
 Deputy Auditor : Jack Roddick (USA)

Returning Officer : Robert L. Rauch

Dan Roddick was appointed Chairman of the Rules Committee. It was agreed unanimously that all other current committees would stand for the coming year, except for the Ultimate Committee Steering Group which would be determined later in the week.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

It was agreed that we should continue with current dues structure for 1993. The proposal to provide for different classes of membership, which was approved, would be implemented at the following Congress, at which time a specific proposal would be presented.

PLAN OF ACTION FOR 1993

The plan as submitted in Rob Rauch's proposal was passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

The concept of an Administrative Office was approved in principle unanimously, with the details to be worked out in the next Board Meeting.

BUDGET

The final budget proposal is attached.

OTHER PROPOSALS

None.

OTHER MOTIONS

None.

UPCOMING WFDF TOURNAMENTS

1993 - World Ultimate Club Championships One formal bid from Madison Wisconsin - USA was received along with a preliminary bid from Amsterdam, the site of the World Games. A formal final decision is to be reached by the Ultimate Committee by September 15.

1993 - World Overall Championships - No bids received yet.

1994 - Australia invites all countries to their National Championships in January.

1994 - World Ultimate and Guts Championship. Bid from Essex, England had been approved last year. Subject to confirmation on GUTS inclusion.

Request for proposal forms have been developed to be given to potential Ultimate tournament organisers. Seppo is responsible for developing a Request For Proposal form for the Individual events tournaments.

A letter from Charlie Mead (GB) was reviewed. Charlie will be the 1994 WUGC tournament director. Charlie raised two issues he would like to see addressed.

- i) Penalties for late payment, drop outs, and late entry.
- ii) WFDF providing financial assistance to tournaments directors.

Dan Roddick feels that we need to set general standards. WFDF and Tournament organisers need to reach agreement on ground rules up front. It was agreed that each case should be treated individually for the time being and that each tournament agreement must be documented.

HONORARY MEMBERS:

None.

Closing - 3.55pm.

Minutes prepared by: Andrew Morris

Minutes edited by: Robert L. Rauch

WFDF BUDGET 1992-1993

(USD)	Nine Months End 12/31/92	1993
INCOME		
Rule Books	500	500
Discs - Sponsorship	2,000	4,000
Medals, Discs, etc.	1,000	1,000
Tournament fees	3,000	3,000
Membership fees	NIL	1,500
Develop. Funds	2,000	4,000
Sponsorship	<u>\$8,500</u>	<u>\$14,000</u>
EXPENSES		
GAISF Dues	600	1,000
World Games	500	500
Development Projects	1,000	2,000
- Administrative Costs		
Development Projects	1,000	2,000
- Project Costs		
Telephone costs	1,000	2,000
Office services	---	750
Office Equipment	500	---
Stationery	1,000	1,000
Postage	500	500
Board Meetings	1,000	1,750
Shipping/Travel	400	400
Newsletter Printing	500	500
Newsletter postage	500	500
Medals, Disc, etc	NIL	1,000
	<u>\$8,375</u>	<u>\$13,900</u>
NET REVENUES:	0	100

WFDF BOARDMEETING OCTOBER 4TH 1992.

Participants: Robert Rauch (RR), Johan Lindgren (JL), Seppo Nieminen (SN), Dan Roddick (DR), Tami Pellicane (TM), Juha Jalovaara (JJ), and Fumio Morooka (FM).

1) RR greeted everyone welcome with special regards to DR who had to get up at 6:00 in the morning. RR presented the agenda for the meeting.

2) The Congress minutes were reviewed and accepted. There had not been as many attendants as expected. The fiscal year change for WFDF, to end at December 31, was ratified by the board. For 1992, we will report for a nine month long year and then start on January 1, 1993 with a new year. Issues regarding the board's responsibilities are still to be considered from Congress to Congress. It was decided that Guts should remain a part of the Championship in 1994 in England.

3) The issue of the 1993 World Ultimate Club Championships was discussed in some detail. There is a firm bid from Madison, Wisconsin, USA, but many felt there was a need to host the tournament in Europe with the last two tournaments in Canada and Japan. JJ and Paul Eriksson of Sweden had worked to identify possible organisers in Amsterdam (World Games 1993), Berlin (Olympic candidate for 2000), and Paris. None of these had advanced into a firm bid by the time of the meeting. Thus it was decided to award the tournament to Madison. Preliminary time schedule is the last week in July 1993. JJ said that their contact in Berlin was interested in hosting a Flying Disc tournament in the future regardless of the outcome of this discussion.

DR talked about the possibility of hosting of the 1993 Overall World Championship in California, in lieu of the US Open, since no other bids had been received. The exact time and place was still to be determined, but DR is going to finalize things within a couple of weeks and contact all member associations. DR talked about the seniors schedule, where they appoint tournament organisers

four years ahead and confirm three years ahead. He suggested this is something to for which to strive.

The World Ultimate and Guts championships 1994 will be held in England. Charlie Mead is responsible.

The Ultimate Committee was proposed as follows: Juha Jalovaara (Chairman), Robert L. Rauch, Paul Eriksson, Thomas Griesbaum, Masakazu Honda, Andrew Morris, Marie Hartley, and Toby Green.

This was accepted by the board.

4) JL reported that current cash assets totalled about USD 7,500. Japan, Toronto, and Great Britain (Charlie Mead) had paid outstanding players fees from recent tournaments. JL had paid the expenses from the latest boardmeeting. Seven member associations owe annual fees from one or more years. There are no other significant assets or liabilities. Taiwan reported at the Congress that they were happy to pay if they could receive receipts for earlier payments. JL will provide these and request past due payments and current fees. DR reported that USDS was in the process of paying. DR reported that 2840 discs had been mailed to teams prior to the tournament in Japan, as part of the Wham-O sponsorship. Nearly USD 1.00 per disc would be sent to WFDF for use in Ultimate-related issues. The budget was accepted by the board.

5) Tasks were established for each board members, as part of the working board concept:

Robert L. Rauch - President
Johan Lindgren - Secretary/Treasurer
Dan Roddick - Rules Comm/Individual Events Comm/World Records
Juha Jalovaara - Team Events/World Games 1993
Tami Pellicane - Womens Issues/Grassroots Development
Seppo Nieminen - New Countries Introductions
Fumio Morooka - World Games 1997/Asian Countries

It was decided that we should set up a list of well-defined projects to be circulated so that we could find inter-

ested persons. RR and JL are responsible for this. Here are some initial ideas:

Internal Communications - RR/JL
Videotape production, etc - Andrew Morris, AUSTRALIA

French/English Translations - Lisa Jalmander, SWEDEN

Public Relations Kit - Vance Anderson, USA

6) Statutes. Everyone is to list things to be included in this project and send to RR before November 13th. JL will check with GAISF and the Swedish RF for possible advice. SN and JJ will check with the Finnish sports confederation since there seems to be some interest there in having an international sports federation located in Finland.

7) Administrative office. This item was tabled for the present.

We will wait for the Finnish response. There is also a possibility to organize something with the UPA or Wham-O's sports promotion. JL was given the right to contract administrative tasks locally for reasonable prices.

8) The procedure to designate an official Ultimate disc was reviewed by RR. Some new ideas were introduced. The general purpose of the new proposal was to use a method where several discs could be placed on a list of approved discs. We decided to wait for the UPA decision on the same issue, which will be made during the UPA Nationals in November.

9) We talked about the internal communications within the board and throughout WFDF. Currently, four board members access E-MAIL and JJ and JL were going to try to help both FM and SN to gain access. JL is developing the BBS-system WFDF forum so that it is connected with international networks.

10) We will try to increase external visibility and disc players' awareness of WFDF. One idea suggested by RR was to make the WFDF newsletter more accessible. We will set up a list of 50-75 important Flying Disc

people internationally (the "movers and shakers") and send them the WFDF Newsletter. Everyone was given a number of associations to check with and collect names for this list for JL before the end of October.

11) SN asked whether the video from Santa Cruz could be shown on Estonian television. DR will check it out for him. RR and DR will finalise the logistics of the disc missionary program shortly so that SN can get some discs for his trip to Estonia.

The meeting was concluded.

Minutes prepared by:
Johan Lindgren
Sundvall 6/10 1992

World records

Open:

Distance: Sam Ferrans, USA, 1.7.88, La Mirada, USA 190,07 m
MTA: Don Cain, USA, 26.5.84 Philadelphia, USA 16,72 sek
TRC: Hiroshi Oshima, Japan, 21.7.88, San Fransisco, USA 92,64 m
Accuracy: Mike Cloyes, USA, 14.12.91, Las Vegas, USA 25 of 28
Women

Distance: Amy Bekken, USA, 30.6.90, LaMirada, USA 130,09 m
MTA: Amy Bekken, USA, 1.8.91, Santa Cruz, CA, USA 11,81 sek
TRC: Judy Horowitz, USA, 29.6.85 La Mirada, USA 60,02 m
Acc: Wende Coates & Chris O'Cleary, 29.6.88, La Mirada, USA 18/28

EUROPEAN RECORDS

Open:

Distance: Thomas Palmér, SWE, 1.8.92, Stockholm, SWE, 184,30 m
MTA: Sten Hermodsen, SWE, 30.6.88, La Mirada, USA 16,33 sek
TRC: Pekka Ranta, FIN, 7.6.86 Tali, Fin 88,70 m
Acc: C. Mead, UK, 82, USA & H. Wahrman, GER, 19.5.86, AUT 21/28

Women:

Distance: Liz Reeves, UK, 14.6.80 Richmond, Eng 122,63 m
MTA: Carol Watcham, Storbritannien, 1984 Colchester, Eng 11,03 sek
TRC: Rhode Johansson, Sverige, 1.8.91, Santa Cruz, USA, 57,93 m
Accuracy: Rhode Johansson, SWE, 92, Ft Collins, USA, 17/28

Choice of Official Disc

by Robert L. Rauch

Background

The decision to designate an official disc for Ultimate has been largely successful.

First, we increased the level of financial support we received from any disc manufacturers.

Second, we were able to provide the appropriate amount of recognition to our official disc sponsor by formalizing the process.

Third, we have increased the interest of disc manufacturers in our sport and our organization.

Notwithstanding, I am uncertain that our current procedure is ideal. We run the risk of alienating players who think that our only motivation is money. We potentially discourage other manufacturers from trying to provide discs. And we may be failing to maximize the amount we could receive by limiting sponsorship opportunities.

The following proposal is geared toward the official disc for Ultimate play but could be applied to all disciplines if appropriate.

Proposal

1. We no longer designate one "official disc" for WFDF Ultimate

play. Rather, we set up a procedure for reviewing discs for addition to the "approved list" of discs for Ultimate play.

2. There would be a two step procedure for approval.

First, a disc would have to meet the minimum standards of weight and size to even be considered for approval.

Second, any candidate would then be reviewed by a committee to be judged on flight characteristics. The objective would be to ensure consistency among all competing brands; we would not be looking for a "better" disc. Our goal is to ensure that competing brands had the same flight characteristics.

3. Our approved discs would then be eligible for consideration for sponsorship opportunities on an event or project basis. These might include the world championship, another specific tournament, the Disc Missionary Program or the Juniors Division Introduction Program.

4. WFDF would consider any disc candidate as soon as they could meet the minimum criteria.

5. The committee to review all discs as to acceptability should be comprised of individuals from both the UPA and WFDF so that we have consistent standards world-wide.

6. For non-sponsored tournaments, a procedure for choosing the disc for play would be determined in the rules. A disc flip may be the most appropriate method. Since all approved discs should have the same flight characteristics, they should be virtually interchangeable.

7. At the outset, our standards would be defined such that only the Discraft would be eligible for consideration as an approved disc as of January 1, 1993. All other disc manufacturers would have to produce a disc identical to the Discraft in order to be approved.

Closing

Let me end this brief outline by advising you that this idea was proposed in rough form to me by Stork at Worlds and in more detail in a subsequent conversation. He realizes that Wham-O would not have a suitable disc for close to one year, but feels that this would be good for everyone in the long-run. Having considered the idea at some length, I believe that WFDF and the players would indeed benefit over the long-run from such a procedure. Also instructive is the fact that most professional sports operate by defining the standards for the object used in their games as well. All input is welcome at this time.

WFDF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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| 2-4/4 | Aachen, GER | European indoor ultimate | Thomas Griesbaum |
| 15/5 | Everywhere | Worlds biggest disc golf tournament | John Houck +1 512-459-3322 |
| 7-12/6 | H-ville, AI, USA | PDGA championships, | Bill Wagnon +1 205-859-2313 |
| June | S. Diego USA | WFDF overall championships, (Not yet confirmed), | Dan Roddick +1 818 287 9681 |
| ? | ?, USA | WFDF congress, | Johan Lindgren +46 60121497 |
| 25/7-1/8 | Madison, Wi, USA | WFDF ultimate club world chmp. | Peter Burkholder peter@geology.wisc.edu |
| 9-14/8 | Linköping, SWE | Overall Swedish Open. | Stefan Karlsson |

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| 21-27/8 | England | WFDF world ultimate and guts championships, | Charlie Mead +44 214402859 |
| 7/8 | England | WFDF congress, | Johan Lindgren +46 60121497 |

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

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WFDF 1994 WORLD ULTIMATE AND GUTS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Initial response to WFDF proposal Form.

Proposal Statement WFDF 1994 World Ultimate Championships, Open, Women, Junior and Masters divisions; in all planning for over 700 players.

+ Guts after suggestions from WFDF congress and board meeting.

To be run by Charlie Langdon-Mead.

To further promote the sport of Ultimate in Britain after the success of the World's in 1986 and European Nationals in 1991.

To offer an opportunity for more countries than ever before to gather to play Ultimate and Guts.

To show that Ultimate can earn the respect of other sports through the organisation of a quality tournament.

Tournament Location August 21-27 1994. University of Essex or University of Southampton.

This is England...weather unpredictable...1986 we had a hurricane, 1991 a drought.

Tournament Organizing Committee

TD: Charlie Langdon-Mead. TD of WFDF 1986 World Ultimate & Guts, WFDF 1989 World Individual Overall, EFDF 1991 European Ultimate,

Field Co-ordinator: Sam Nielson, Field Co-ordinator for Europeans in 1991.

Accommodations Director and all non-playing arrangements: University of Essex/Southampton staff.

Public Relations/Marketing: Sally Luton, Marketing executive and PR officer for 1989 World Individuals.

Business Director, Charlie Langdon-Mead. Staff co-ordinator; Sue Underwood, on staff team for 1991 Europeans.

Support Staff: 20 staff expected, to be drawn from British Ultimate teams and the local population, dependant on site; also from any interested international players who can meet the staff training deadlines.

Playing facilities

On both potential sites; 8 fields available. This is adequate for up to 17 teams in the open and any number of teams in the other divisions.

Quality of fields; Dependant upon the weather prior to the tournament. Essex will have all its fields available to us, all reseeded. They have given assurances that the grass will be allowed to grow and cut to the recommended height prior to the tournament. Essex is in a sandy area and drains very well, it never gets muddy. If there is a drought this will be alleviated by the new under pitch watering system that Essex will install by 1994. All the fields are on the same site. Southampton have two sites, four pitches on each. One site is excellent, but prone to cutting up in the mud. The other is a public park where the pitches will be good, but where we will have less control of the site. No seating for spectators at either site. Showers and restrooms available at Essex on the field. Available only at one site in Southampton. Water available on both sites. Lining of fields and cones responsibility of University groundstaff. Scoreboards available. No lighting available after dark, except at Essex on the Astro-turf. Ample parking. No contingency plans made yet.

Site Headquarters. 3 large marquees available for players and staff on field. Food and drink available on fields. Sound system available. Information centre for players, public and press on site. Final Game Location, hopefully at stadium, but dependant on sponsorship (it's expensive).

Accommodation Essex. Has single bedrooms in flats of 12-14, next to the playing fields. Is very suitable for Ultimate players and they are used to us. Extra rooms for Congress etc available, close to restaurant and bars. Essex also has a limited number (150) of self-catering places at a lower price on a site 1.5km from the fields. Southampton. Has single bedrooms in flats of 10-16, but on two sites both approximately 3KM from the two playing sites. They also have rooms available for meetings but the bars and restaurants are more spread out, mainly because Southampton is a city university, whilst Essex is campus based. Food; Essex offers Breakfast and Dinner in its price, unless players opt for self-catering. Southampton offers Breakfast and Dinner in its price.

Transportation

There are four airports for players to fly into; Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton or Stanstead. There are also the major sea ports; Dover, Harwich, for the European teams. Colchester and Southampton are about the same travelling distance from Heathrow, but Essex is closer to the ports and other airports. Road routes are very good to both sites, but we drive on the left. Rail routes are excellent, but expensive. Coach is cheapest.

Insurance

All players will be provided with free medical insurance for any injuries or illness. This includes treatment only. Third party insurance is provided by the university for all accidents. Players must insure their belongings and take out their own medical insurance to cover transportation home etc.

Health Facilities At Essex; Health center on site, emergency facilities available, hospital 3 km. Southampton; Health centre on campus; hospital 2km. and 3 km from fields. On-site there will be a doctor, senior physiotherapist and nurses at all playing times. Medical treatment for all sports related injuries will be given free on-site. All other illness will be treated at the health centre.

Concessions Tournament discs and clothing will be available for sale to players and the public throughout the tournament, along with a range of other clothing and merchandise. Teams and players will not be permitted to sell their own merchandise except through the official outlets, where a small percentage will be taken as a service charge. Oz Freire, captain of the Hombres and graphic artist, will be responsible for all the artwork and designs for the tournament.

PR and marketing The event has already created some interest in the media. There have been items on Ultimate on National TV, National newspapers and local news. There is already interest in the Essex area if the tournament comes with both local and national TV interested. Radio 5, the new BBC sports channel, has also asked to be kept informed of developments.

Sponsorship.

Britain is in the grip of its longest recession since 1930 and it is very hard to sell even a popular sport like soccer at present. This does not mean we will not try, but that we have to have realistic expectations of what we can achieve. At present the whole tournament is being organised on the premise of no sponsorship. Cash sponsorship will allow us to do one of two things; either provide greater facilities (eg a stadium for the final) or to reduce the player costs. Material sponsorship will be passed directly onto players in the form of players packs.

Trophies All players in the top three teams of each division (minimum 5 teams) will receive individual WFDF medals. All teams will receive trophies. There will also be other individual and team awards for spirit of the game, best play and party animal etc.....

- Player's pack will include a minimum of tournament disc and tournament shirt.

Entertainment. There will be an initial players meeting and opening ceremony on the evening of Sunday 21 August. There will be a closing ceremony, dinner and party on the evening of Saturday 27th August. Individual player medals and team trophies will be awarded on the fields. Other tournament awards will be given at the party. There will be entertainment every night, including a trading night, when teams and players can sell their own merchandise. Both Colchester and Southampton have night clubs, restaurants and bars which are welcome, friendly and not too expensive.

Finances

The following is a draft budget based on 700 players attending the tournament for a full week at Essex University. Expenditure; Accommodation and Food, with all other campus-based costs, fields, insurance etc. Room, Breakfast

and Dinner 185 per player, say 550 players	101,750
Self-catering 125 per player, say 150 players	18,750
Total	120,500

This part of the expenditure is set and does not form part of the tournament fee provided teams take up the places on offer on campus.

Medical team and equipment 4,000 Trophies, individual and team 4,500 Players kit, discs and shirts 6,000 Staff accommodation and food 3,700 WFDF fees 3,000 Opening and closing ceremonies, party 7,000 Social events 1,000 Field Equipment 1,000 Marquees 1,500 PA and sound systems 800 Video Towers 300 Administration, phone, player and team information 1,000 Artwork and design 500 PR and marketing 1,500 Flagpoles and Flags 500 Miscellaneous expenses 300 Contingency 1,700

Total: 38,300

So players tournament fees at 55.

Income Players fees - With food, $185 + 55 = 240$, say 550 players 132,000

- Without food, $125 + 55 = 180$, say 150 players 27,000

Total 159,000

Income is obviously variable, dependant upon the number of players, but then so is the expenditure but it will match the accommodation/food income, whatever options players take up. At this point we are not expecting any financial contributions and we are not expecting any sponsorship in cash terms. The budget is therefore self-balancing at this moment. The financial organisation of the concessions must remain separate from the organisation of the tournament as it is the only way, at present, that tournament organisers can generate income for their national associations, clubs and organisations without penalising the players taking part in the tournament.

Should the tournament be held at Southampton the accommodation costs are 213 and the tournament fees will need to be adjusted upwards to pay for transportation from accommodation site to the fields, duplication of medical facilities, PA system etc.

We hope this information is useful for you. It is at present only draft and open for discussion and advice, but bears a close resemblance to what we expect to be the finished product. We would like you to address the following issues though and express a view: All teams to wear uniforms, each uniform to be identical within teams. All players to display numbers, printed on shirts large enough to be identified by a TV camera. All teams to bring a large, national flag, to be used in opening and closing ceremonies. National anthems to be played for winners of each division. Directions are needed for team registration; ie. numbers of players allowed to be registered, reserves in case of injuries? Means of checking players on and off fields.

Update.

Since Tokyo I have received two further bids for the Championships. Birmingham have tendered at 210 per player, plus 17% tax for all accommodation, food and field charges. Plus the players fee that makes 265 plus tax, but likely to be higher because Birmingham is more expensive than Colchester and Southampton. Warwick University have tendered at 215 per player plus tax, with a total cost of 270 plus tax, though this may come down.

At present, given all the criteria of the WFDF Ultimate committee Essex is the most attractive, especially financially. Final decision to be made before December 1st.