

Minutes—BCDS meeting 6/3/2014

Attending: Dan Laitsch, Craig Sheather, Leanne Fulton, Chad Harris, Paul Brownfield, Andrew Best, Dave Cowley

1. Previous Minutes—January meeting

2. Island rep on board

Dan Walker has been asked, **Geoff McNamara** as alt.

3. 2014 Budget: with gaming grant

- Membership generation as focus
- 12 baskets to raffle - we'll take \$100 and clubs take the rest
- BCDS expenses tied to ability to create revenue
- Budget as presented in its revised version is approved

4. Clinics: player development, club development and TD

- What do we want to accomplish?
- Who will to lead these initiatives?
- Budget of \$3000 designated from the grant \$\$

Ideas:

- How to coach clinic, LM, Island and Interior
- Player development clinic once a month in the summer (**Craig Sheather** will take lead finding this person)
- Club development clinic at club champs (**Andrew Best?**),
- TD clinic at Provincials (**Carrie Neal?**)
- "Learn to play Monday" - **Andrew Best**, advertised in recreation guide in Kelowna, starting in May, no charge, 7 weeks with disc draw - BCDS agrees to donate \$500. Kelowna DGC will teach new player clinic and create a guide on how to do this.
- **Chad Harris** has been in contact with mfrtrs re running clinics with "test kits" and "disc donation program" via club members - club members can donate to the cause.
- Girl Guides in Enderby via **Andrew Best**; they'll pay for discs and donate them after the event in exchange for clinic and Andrew setting up tonals at a jamboree.
- **Andrew Best**/and or **Paul Brownfield** agree to come help with club development clinic (setting up bank acct, declaration of 'not for profit' status, etc.) during club champs in May (Date tbd).

5. Innovation grant program

\$3500 in the budget for this.

What should structure of grant program look like?

Goals:

- 1. creating more members
- 2. generating more revenue

Criteria:

- unique and different ideas to be able to advance disc golf in B.C.
- programs that serve youth and women; "expanding the community of disc golf"
- restrictions: revenue generation for the BCDS and membership in the BCDS; main criteria is expanding the base of membership
- this budget amount has to be spent by August; end of April deadline; grants will be allocated based on maximum impact
- the membership is invited to come forward with suggestions

6. PDGA sponsorship

Based on **Brian Hoeniger's** PDGA announcement; distribution of funds—asking the PDGA to let us (The BCDS) to be the voice of the PDGA in BC, and distribute the PDGA funds in BC for the PDGA. We want to shift the focus to the entire province. Creating a formal relationship between the BCDS and the PDGA, and having a frank conversation about how the PDGA funding is distributed in Canada. **Craig Sheather** proposes that if PDGA funding goes through the BCDS, decisions will be made by an elected, diligent, responsible body and distributed more fairly.

- WFDF announcement as precedent
- funnelling effort in the place it needs to be done as goal; we're "closer to the ground" here in BC, the goal is a "win-win" for both groups
- Would Brian negotiate that all memberships go through PDGA Canada, which then sends it to the US?

7. Support for regional series in the Interior, the Islands and the LM

- series in local communities are something we want to support
- development of more local tours like Doomsday
- money could be sent to a local tour in exchange eg Duck is \$6/per player & membership "regional sanctioning agreement" \$ goes to BCDS

- suggestion that all participants need to be BCDS members
- creation of community as main goal
- insurance as the BCDS' currency
- goal of 3 regional series at \$1000/series for the first year
- BCDS recognized as sponsor at all events
- Islands, LM (Iain) and Doomsday will be offered \$\$ for running series of events

8. Purchase of portable baskets for events and discs for clinics

- should we be trying to improve our inventory?
- \$3500 bill to update the portables is generally agreed upon, though budget will need reworking - **Shawn Luco** will work on this, **Dave Cowley** has done some research on this too. Transportability as key.
- Agreement amongst the group that 9 new baskets are needed

9. Volunteer recognition - shirts, awards, automatic entry to events

- shirts are in the budget to be given to tournament volunteers
- there will be no automatic entries for tournament directors, but we will continue to compensate TDs \$100 for running an event

10. BCDS membership - where are we at?

- 360 members + Whistler and Kelowna numbers
- PG, Rossland, Fernie, Cranbrook, etc as not even having been approached

11. Provincials 2014 and Summer Series update

- Announcement of Provincials location Mar-Apr
- Apr 12-13 Disc Cellar Open BBY/Mundy
- May Pender island Classic
- June 22-23 Langley BC Open
- July Huk City Huk, Nanaimo
- Aug Ogoopogo Classic, Kelowna (beginning or end of Aug to allow for Worlds
- October - Whistler

11. Club Championships 3-4 May

- 32 berths available
- proposed as a "rally" "short course"; 1 match would be only 12 holes
- match play, ideally a 2-day event, 60 holes
- celebration of club development

13. Other business

- Discs and tags to members; \$10/pp; **Dan** and **Paul** to discuss
- Summer series/tour; what is it, how does it work? PDGA B-tier, Yes. Players status will be based on total earnings.
- BCDS will grant Jericho \$250 for sponsorship of series final
- request for money for shelving in storage units - **Shawn's** request is granted budget of \$500 or less
- Women's Global Event - \$100 to LM event May 10, discs will be donated to event
- Remaining 2012-13 club discs to be distributed 50 to Bowen, 50 to South Island

Date of next meeting Tues, March 4.