



MEETING MINUTES  
MINNESOTA FRISBEE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD  
Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
7:03 PM, Fireside Lounge, West St Paul, MN

**Attendees:**

Carl Peach, MFA President  
Chris Dorman, MFA Secretary  
Brian Gustafson, South Zone Coordinator  
Scott Ryther, East Zone Coordinator  
Brian Kohout, West Zone Coordinator  
Tom Marcus, MFA Member  
Richard Rasch, MFA Member  
Mike Snelson, MFA Member  
Mukunda O'Brian, Diety Discs President

Call to Order - Carl Peach, MFA President, at 7:03 PM

**Course Grants:**

Continuation and or modification of the course grant program was discussed. Mr. Dorman is concerned by the lack of follow through of those who have been issued course grants. The vast majority of grantees have not contributed to the floater or posted signage at the parks that have been helped by MFA course development grants, which is are conditions of grant winners. Mr. Gustafson has committed to contacting grantees in his zone for floater content and to investigate if signage could be added to MFA course development recipient parks. While the MFA executive board does not wish to eliminate the course development program, it feels restriction and amending of the course development is warranted. Mr. Peach will amend the current course grant program and bring the modifications back to the board for a vote. A vote in favor of modifying the current course grant language was unanimous.

**Treasurer Report:**

The Treasurer Reports 3,301.96 balance, 267.00 cash on hand, 1,734.62 total accounts payable, and 350.00 accounts receivable. The accrual balance is 2,184.43.

**MST/MDS Player Awards:**

As there are a significant number of 2012 MST/MDS player awards checks yet to be cashed, checks written for 2013 MST/MDS player awards will be void after 90 days. New checks will be ordered with "VOID AFTER 90 DAYS" on them. A vote in favor of changing the 2013 MST/MDS Player Awards payout structure was unanimous.

**Fall Membership Meeting:**

Fall membership tournament will occur on Saturday November 16 at Central Park in Brooklyn Park with the MFA fall membership meeting immediately following at Kelly's 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Snelson will contact Kelly's 19<sup>th</sup> about accommodations and Mr. Peach will contact the Central Park about use of the facilities. A

vote in favor of the fall membership drive being held on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Central Park and Kelly's 19<sup>th</sup> was unanimous.

### **Winning a Free Membership:**

In order to win a free membership for the subsequent year, a player must participate in the fall membership tournament under bag tag rules starting in 2014 i.e. if a member has the lowest bag tag in their division at the fall membership meeting, they must have participated in the tournament and their bag tag for the current year must have been available for challenge under rules 4, 7, and 8. A member that has the lowest bag tag in their division but who did not participate in the tournament will receive a free bag tag for the subsequent year or a reimbursement if they have already purchased a bag tag for the subsequent year. A vote in favor of changing the rules for winning a free membership for the subsequent year based on having the lowest bag tag in their respective division was unanimous.

### **Membership Update:**

Mr. Rasch and Mr. Dorman have been working on updating and filling out missing information to the historic membership list. They have run into a number of memberships where two names are tied to a single membership number or where two or more numbers are tied to a single membership name. They will comb through historic material in an effort to eliminate duplicate names and numbers. Once this project is completed a PDF file will be posted on the MFA site for further reference.

### **MST and MDS Statistics:**

An inconsistency in the scoring formula used for MST/MDS points has been discovered. It is believed that up to 2009 a scoring system was used where the average of ties was the average of the numerical value of the ties i.e. a tie between 2 players for 2<sup>nd</sup> resulted in a value of 2.5 and a tie between 3 players for 5<sup>th</sup> resulted in a value of 6. Between 2010 and 2012 it is believed that the position of the tie was used regardless of the number of players tied and that the tenth digit was used to designate the number of players tied for that position i.e. a tie between 2 players for 2<sup>nd</sup> resulted in a value of 2.2 and a tie between 3 players for 5<sup>th</sup> resulted in a value of 5.3. For 2013 and beyond we will use the formula used previous to 2010. 2013 MST/MDS updated scores will be posted on the MFA site no later than Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Membership Packs:**

Membership packs were expected to be completed by September 2<sup>nd</sup>, but there was an error in the stamp which has caused a delay. Membership materials are expected to be completed by September 7<sup>th</sup> at which time membership packs will be assembled and distributed in a timely manner.

### **Electronic Memberships:**

An electronic membership form will be added to the MFA site allowing for online membership registration. PayPal will be used to process payment and any extra processing costs will be passed onto the member.

### **The MFA Brand:**

Mr. Rasch believes that the MFA's brand is too diluted online. The Minnesota disc golf community has a number of different options to turn to for information regarding leagues, tournaments and other upcoming events. The MFA executive board would like to restrict all official communication to the MFAonline website and link to that site through a new MFA fan Facebook page. The MFA group page will be closed and all MFA group members will be invited to the MFA fan page. The creation and migration

from the MFA group page to the MFA fan page will be completed by November 16<sup>th</sup>. A vote in favor of restricting official communication to the MFAonline site and migrating members from the MFA group page to MFA fan page by November 16<sup>th</sup> was unanimous.

**Floater:**

More floater content is needed. Floater articles were discussed. Mr. Marcus has committed to contributing an article. Mr. Snelson has committed to contributing an article on the 2014 Amateur Worlds Championships. Mr. Peach asked Mr. O'Brien if he would contribute an article about his new Minnesota based disc golf company. Other ideas for articles include an article about/by Jim Chalice on the overlap and history of MFA and PDGA Hall of Famers - where were they and where are they now? and an article on Ray Jordan and the numerous events held at Blue Ribbon Pines.

**Mider Cup:**

It has been brought to the board's attention that as the Mider Cup rules are currently written it is not permitted for a tournament to be held outside the winning zone without that zone winning numerous years in a row. As the south zone has already been informally granted permission to host this year's Mider Cup, the board would like to amend the current Mider Cup rules to allow for the winning zone's coordinator to choose the location of the Mider Cup regardless of whether it is held within the winning zone. The new rules will state that if the winning zone's coordinator chooses a location outside their zone, it must be voted on and win a majority by the other zone coordinators. If the vote results in a tie, the acting MFA President will break the tie. A vote in favor of modifying the current Mider Cup rules was unanimous.

**Date for September Meeting:**

The September MFA Executive Board meeting will be held at Hyland Hills in Bloomington on Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

With no further urgent business the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013