



## **BCDS AGM 2017**

**Saturday Oct 7th, 2017**

**Venue: Langley Passive Park**

**12:00 pm - Credentials check in, proxy verification, sign-in, lunch**

**12:15 pm - Call to order, board introductions, and affirmation of quorum**

*(34 people present; quorum affirmed - see appendix for list)*

**12:20 pm - AGM Agenda approval and addition of other business**

*Motioned by Eric Vachon, seconded by Stewart Mclsack*

### **Call for other business:**

North Van (East View) course update

Abbotsford course update

**12:25 pm - Motion to approve the 2016/2017 AGM minutes**

*Motioned by Steve Crichton, seconded by Stewart Mclsack*

**12:30 pm - Annual report - delivered by Leanne**

*- see appendix*

**12:45 pm - Board elections**

**BCDS President Elect**

Nominations committee recommendation: Stewart Mclsack

*- Unanimously passed*

**BCDS Treasurer 2018 (2 year term)**

Nominations committee recommendation: Steve Crichton

*- Unanimously passed*

**BCDS Board Executive 2018 (2 year term)**

Tara Lynch will continue with year 2 of the term she was elected to in 2017



## Presentation of officers

Elected officers	Appointed officers:	Members at large (MAL)	Volunteers:
President: Carolynn Howard	Duck golf coordinator: Tara Lynch	Interior: Carrie Neal Dennis Greffard	Statistician: John Gould-Thorpe
Past president: Leanne Fulton	Membership: Paul Brownfield	Islands: Colin Filliter	PDGA rep: Leanne Fulton
President elect: Stewart McIsack	Communications: Jenne Brett	North: Daniel Martin, Curtis Spence	
Treasurer: Steve Crichton		Lower Mainland: Brendan Stookey	

## 1:00 pm - Other business

1. Motion from the BCDS Board presented to the membership:

“The BCDS will revise membership fee structure in 2018-19 to a flat fee of \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for minors (<16)”

- Majority of attending members voted yes; motion passed

## 2. Duck golf fees

Duck golf fees have been a focus of discussion of the BCDS board due to a shrinking bank account balance and the BCDS’ inability to secure grants. The Board recommends raising entry fees for the 2017-18 Duck golf season after 15 years of fees remaining the same. This fee increase caused great protest among the membership. Treasurer Steve Crichton presented a breakdown of how the money will be spent, and convinced the majority of the necessity of this change.

Three options were presented to the membership for revising fee structure for Duck golf events for 2017-18 season (based on Professional division rate):

Option 1 fees (BCDS recommendation)	Option 2 fees	Option 3 fees
\$65- Entry \$10- BCDS \$3- CTP \$5- Club admin \$2- PDGA \$45- payout	\$55- Entry \$10- BCDS \$3- CTP \$5- Club admin \$2- PDGA \$35- payout	\$40- Entry \$10- BCDS \$3- CTP \$5- Club admin \$2- PDGA \$20- payout

The attending members’ vote was 23 in favor of Option 1, 19 for Option 2 and zero for Option 3.



## **Notable comments and recommendations for coming year:**

- the BCDS needs a minimum of 500 members to qualify for Provincial Sporting Organization (PSO) status, which would open us up to new funding opportunities. Growing our membership will give us leverage.

- Deposits and fees will be imposed for clubs or organizations going forward for using BCDS equipment and insurance; BCDS board to develop framework and fee structure for this in upcoming meetings.

## **1:15 pm - Treasurer's report:**

- *See appendix*

## **2:00 pm - final other business**

- request by membership for posting agendas and minutes to BCDS website in a timely manner for increased transparency- board agrees to do this going forward.

## **Eastview (North Vancouver) course update:**

- Public forum on Oct 12; urge members to attend to ensure disc golf is well represented

## **Abbotsford course update:**

- article in local paper re new course incorrect, there is no plan for a disc golf course in the city's road master plan. Recommendation members keep an ear to the ground re possible public meetings or consultation opportunities.

Motion to adjourn the meeting

*Motioned byCarolynn Howard, seconded by Tara Lynch*

## **1:30 pm - Adjournment**



## Appendix 1: President's Report

2016-17 was full of highlights, including the most well-attended Duck Golf series so far, events throughout BC reaching as far north as Fort St. John and Dawson Creek, the opening of a new course in Clearwater, approval to develop a new course in Terrace, and a very successful PDGA A-tier BC Open. BC was well represented in top-level competition, including **Matt Dixon's** qualification for the USDGC and impressive results from **Stewart Mclsack** at the Beaver State Fling and the Amateur World Championships. At the World Team Disc Golf event in Colchester, England, gold-medal winning Team Canada was largely comprised of players from BC. We are definitely doing a lot of things right.

### Accomplishments

The 2016-17 Duck Golf season saw us complete a seven-event series, which included 730 registrations (not unique - includes repeats) and the distribution of a total pro purse of approx \$6500.

This past season we experimented a new way of managing the Duck Golf series, soliciting bids for and ultimately brought on AceRunners to manage the events and prize fulfillment. All who competed benefited from exceptionally well-run events and the commitment, dedication and hard work of **Eric Vachon**, **Wes MacIntosh** and **Mike McMillan**. The benefits were numerous, including consistency of experience event to event, a wide variety of selection of prizes, well-organized administration and paperwork, management of irregularities, withdrawals and refunds, taking on a sizable share of the work and allowing for tournament directors to focus on designing their courses, organizing volunteers and working with municipalities for permits.

One of the Board's greatest successes was the development of new website under the guidance of **Jenne Brett** and **Mario Duarte**. They migrated the content from the old BCDS website to new, more secure hosting service and built out a new site using a 'drag and drop' (very user-friendly) website builder with integrated social media and payment modules for membership. The back end of the new site is intuitive enough that it's easy for just about anyone to make updates and posts.

Jenne is also responsible for working with **Darin Mickleson** to take over administration of the original BCDS Facebook page. She went on to develop a new moderated BCDS page and a discussion board group. The BCDS Facebook page is linked with BCDiscSports.com, helping to ensure content/messaging is consistent. The group page is intended to be interactive, and offers a forum for conversation and notifications amongst members.

We faced a massive and growing demand for events, which forced the BCDS board and AceRunners to continue to be nimble and develop contingencies. With the leadership of **Stewart Mclsack**, **Eric Vachon** and **Brad Henderson**, relationships were fostered with Tall Timber and 18 Pastures ball golf courses, allowing for the accommodation of greater and greater numbers of players on bigger, more competitive courses consistent in caliber of those on the PDGA's A-tier pro tour.

One of the summer's greatest successes was the PDGA A-tier BC Open, directed by **Eric Vachon**. This event had a pro purse of \$7,300 (one of the biggest in BC disc golf history) and attracted some of the top touring professional players, who along with the entire field of competitors experienced a memorable and expertly-organized event. The generous support of many of the local clubs brought **Ben Baker** of Central Coast Disc Golf to BC to film the competition, which once aired, will help to put BC on the map of the PDGA's tour schedule going forward for tens of thousands of subscribed viewers.



## Challenges

Grant funding application was again unsuccessful due to new, more stringent reporting requirements, despite the tireless effort of treasurer **Steve Crichton**. Under new grant application guidelines, specific conditions include much more detailed financial reporting and a focus on educational programs and infrastructure development. If we are to focus on successful grant applications going forward, the BCDS will need to work on defining our identity and vision for the future as an entity. Is refocusing on education and infrastructure development the direction the membership would like to see us grow? Notably, our leverage would increase significantly if we double membership to minimum 1,000 members.

While working to meet demand for Duck Golf events was a success, it was also a challenge. Extremely inclement weather forced the cancellation of our February event in Mission, a Duck Golf first, and this difficult decision was not well-received. I stand firm that player safety is of primary importance and the board in consultation with Brad Henderson made the right decision to cancel. Unmanageable demand in the past has led to over-long tournament days when the winter daylight hours are short and slow play with groups larger than four per tee creates a less-than-ideal player experience. Our goal is to provide the best possible (and safest) player experience we can.

For the 2017-18 season, AceRunners' role in the running of Duck events will evolve; they will take a step back. While a great loss for the community, it will open opportunities for other suppliers to be a part of prize fulfillment component of events. Under this new structure, registration will be set up and managed by the BCDS, with registration money going directly into BCDS account, which will create efficiencies.

## Other updates to Duck admin process include:

- Tightening registration deadlines; going forward our refund policy will be no refunds after a week before time of event: saving TDs considerable effort and streamlining organization and planning.
- BCDS to work with individual TDs to determine prize suppliers with recommendation to use on line gift cards from a variety of vendors and spread the spend through a spectrum of suppliers with the aim to employ local vendors whenever possible. AceRunners will continue as one of these vendors.

## Looking ahead

In the coming season, we aim to work on our communal vision for the BCDS in consultation with the membership. What is our vision for the future? What do you, the members, want us to focus on?

Our pledge as a board is to continue to administer and support tournaments and events in BC in the most transparent fashion possible, to continue to supply insurance for events and to continue to work on setting up clear succession plan for future boards for all aspects of the work we do. We will aim to grow our membership base and to continue to prioritize showing value to our membership.

With an exciting new season of Duck Golf upon us, we are honoured to support this amazing community we are so fortunate to share with each other. Please reach out to me or any of the board members directly with any ideas or concerns. I'm looking forward to seeing you out on the course.

## Appendix 2 - Financial report

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Gaming Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2016</b>
Provincial Funding	0	0	0	0
Membership Fees	\$2,460	0	\$2,460	\$2,460
Tournament Registration	\$2,895	0	\$2,895.00	\$3,825
Fundraising	\$1,247	0	\$1,247	0
Interest & Other	\$18.74	0	\$18.74	\$22.17
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$6,620.74</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$6,620.74</b>	<b>\$6,307.17</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Admin	\$874.65	0	\$874.65	\$516.35
AGM	\$275	0	\$275	\$275
Banking	\$25	0	\$25	0
Bursaries	0	0	0	0
Club Grants	\$0	0	\$0	\$3,970
Coaching	0	0	0	0
Course Development	\$0	0	\$0	\$1,600
Honorariums	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure	\$0	0	0	\$0
Insurance	\$2,000	0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Membership dues	\$0	0	0	\$0
Misc	\$2,000	0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Promo/Marketing	\$0	0	0	\$0
Seminars	\$0	0	0	\$0
Storage	\$2,935.80	0	\$2,935.80	\$2,789.40
Tournament Operating Cost	\$2,864.34	0	\$2,864.34	\$2,374.68
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$8,974.79</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$8,974.79</b>	<b>\$15,516.43</b>
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>-\$2,327.05</b>	0	<b>(\$2,327.05)</b>	<b>-\$10,777.99</b>
<b>Fund Balance at beginning of year</b>	<b>\$9,207.97</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$9,207.97</b>	<b>\$19,985.96</b>
<b>Year End Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$6,880.92</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,880.92</b>	<b>\$9,207.97</b>



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	General Fund	Gaming Fund	Total 2016/17
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash on Hand	0	0	0
Cash in Bank	\$6,620.07		\$6,620.07
Membership Shares	0	0	0
Prepaid Expenses	0	0	0
Short-term Investments	0	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$6,620.07</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,620.07</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable & Accruals	\$260.85	0	\$260.85
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Externally Restricted	0	0	0
Internally Restricted	0	0	0
Unrestricted	\$6,880.92	\$0.00	\$6,880.92
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund</b>	<b>\$6,620.07</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,620.07</b>



## **Attendees**

Michal Ramanauskas  
Jason Pavle  
Tyler Hoehn  
Carolynn Howard  
Tara Lynch  
Eric Vachon  
Dean Vaughan  
Tyler Melnyk  
Leucio Giannini  
Dave Darling  
Daryl White  
John Gould-Thorpe  
Chance Stad  
Danica Milton  
Wes McIntosh  
Michael Van Elburg  
Stewart Mclsack  
Leanne Fulton  
Steve Crichton  
Tony Righello  
Chris Vance  
Matt Jacobi  
Mike McMillan  
James Brown  
Brendon O'Neil  
Gord Isnardy  
Stepen Yu  
Adriano R Medola  
Marcus Noel  
Eric Vanderwekken  
Chris Carlson  
Will Fraser  
Gord Murphy