

BCDS AGM Oct 14, 2020 – minutes

Quorum affirmed, meeting called to order, 7:40 pm

Agenda:

6:30 Credentials check in, proxy verification, sign-in

6:35 Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, Board introductions, and affirmation of quorum (20 members present)

Craig Sheather acknowledges the current board and regional reps for the season 2019-20

6:35 AGM Agenda approval and addition of other business

- No additions

6:40 Motion to approve minutes from AGM October 19, 2019 (available:



<https://www.bcdiscsports.com/.../bcds-agm-2018-19-minutes...>)

Brendan motions to approve - Tara seconds, no

6:45 Annual report – President Craig Sheather

Craig – presents his statement:

2019 - 20 has been a trying time for our community as a whole but also for the BCDS. The pandemic has created a new normal that is not so normal and ever changing.

That being said, this report is more a few comments and reflections as I leave the position of Chair.

To the BCDS board members I want to thank you for your commitment to being present and working diligently on preparing the disc golf community for a return to safe play since the beginning of the pandemic. This is not what any of you signed up for I know, but I have been honored to be included on the team making these decisions and staying with it at a very difficult time.

To the BCDS disc golf community I want to thank you for taking responsibility for the communities safety and adhering to public guidelines. For the most part it has meant many of us have been able to casually play the sport we love when most other activities are restricted or shut down completely. We all miss tournament play though, I know.

We have all witnessed the unexpected explosion of community play throughout the province over the last 7 months. It is an exciting opportunity for the BCDS and the disc golf community. To nurture and hold onto this interest as the new normal takes hold will be a challenge for the society.

To matters specific to the BCDS as a society.

A major objective this year was the establishment of the BCDS as a PSO. We still have not achieved this goal. Critical elements still are in development. We have overcome the 1000-member hurdle and I want to thank all the affiliated clubs for this effort, without you this could never have been achieved. We are very close to completing some other elements including the LTAD plan that are critical to our application. I will commit to completing this process as part of my role as Past President.

The pandemic has for the most part cancelled any opportunity for the society to generate any revenues through hosting events since March. Thankfully, we had generated some reserve cash over the last year or so for a raining day. If there is any definition of a rainy day I think we are now living it. Unfortunately, the reserves will only be enough to support the fixed expenses of the society for a short period of time and that time is running out. It will be an important topic on the new board to manage going forward but we have left a few months of runway before we are completely spent.

Recent events in the disc golf community in BC and afar have highlighted the work that needs to be done in making disc golf a safe place for all members of the community to play. I hope the BCDS continues to ensure all players have a safe place to play and I encourage those outside our influence to reflect on their own practices and make change for the better. There can be no place in the BCDS and its activities for people who knowingly create an environment where not all feel welcome. I am encouraged by the work of the BCDS harassment committee. Their thoughtful approach to education and reconciliation has been inspiring and a true example of the best version of our disc golf community. Thank you to all involved. I know we have a way to go as a society and as a community.

BC must be the only place in the world where disc golf has not returned to competitive play even with guidelines. Yes, we are starting to see some regional events being held and that is a positive. We had hoped to host a Provincial event for 2020 by the end of the year, today, that seems highly unlikely. Hopefully we will be able to host an event late spring where we can all come together again. I am sure we are all missing seeing our friends from across the province.

There has been a call for TD's to host regional play as a modified Duck Golf series for 2020\21. Interestingly enough we have been talking about this for a couple of years now as a better direction to go. It only took a pandemic to give us the little nudge we needed to go with it. Who knew.

Once again, we have had a year of sponsoring new course openings and there are more requests on hand. It was exciting to see requests from all over the province this year. I anticipate we will be talking about the opening of the 100th course in BC in the foreseeable future. The creation of a course takes years to accomplish and those who take on this task have all of our gratitude. What is truly misunderstood is that once a course opens then the real work begins. Thank you to all our clubs from across the province for making this all happen on a daily basis.

Before I wrap up I want to make special mention to two retiring board members who we could not have been without the last two years. Leanne Fulton and Dan Laitsch. You both deserve all our gratitude and respect. Thank you for your service and go enjoy a few months of playing before the emails begin and you find yourself on another committee or two.

Lastly I would like to welcome the incoming board members and appointed officials. I anticipate it will be a tough year but we need your energy and ideas to make it through to the new normal. As past president I commit to supporting the incoming Chair the best I can, Finalizing our PSO status, and encouraging new talent to the BCDS leadership.

Thank you all for what I can only term "Interesting" two years as Chair. We made some progress, not as much as would have liked, but I think even with the pandemic we are in a better place and ready for even more growth for the sport of disc golf.

7:00 Financial report – Treasurer Steve Crichton

Steve thanks Dan and Craig for their return to the board and Brendan Stookey as a teammate on the treasurer's slate. It's been great to split the duties.

Lack of tournament reg fees or fundraising has led to total revs of \$7000.

Storage fees were significantly reduced.

Total expenses of approx. \$10,000.

We're down from where we were last year; shifts and changes will need to be made for the year to come. Lack of revenue from tournament fees and club memberships

Total liabilities approx. \$4K.

Grant with ViaSport being worked on to help non-profits like the BCDS to stay afloat.

It's unlikely funding will come through via gaming grants - Craig

7:15 Board elections – Past President Dan Laitsch

Dan explains the democratic nature of the intent of this process; a nomination committee put together the following recommendations. Dan welcomes self-nominations.

Chad Smoliak thanks Dan for the introduction and gives a short background of his history organizing.

Elected positions:

President-elect: Chad Smoliak (Kamloops/Interior) – majority of favorable votes; Chad is elected.

Treasurer: Steve Crichton and Brendan Stookey volunteer to continue in this role. Dan invites recommendations from the floor. They are voted to the position. Majority of attendees agree.

Board Executive: Spencer Munro (Kamloops/Interior) – Spencer is voted in.

President: Tara Lynch – she is voted in.

Appointed positions:

Past-President: Craig Sheather

Membership and regional coordinator: Jamie Sorensen (man about town, Squamish/Whistler/VCU)

Communications: Laura Mason (VCU)

Events: Philipp Werner (Whistler)

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Transitioning officers:

Tara Lynch (Events, moving to President) (Islands and lower mainland)

Craig Sheather (President, moving to Past President) (Mundy Park)

Dan Laitsch (Past President, leaving the board, moving to PDGA Coordinator) (Mundy Park)

Steve Crichton and Brendon Stookey (Co-Treasurers) (VCU)

Leanne Fulton (Communications, leaving the Board) (VCU)

Dan puts out a general call for zone reps and volunteers.

7:30 Other Business

Alejandro Mujica asks what the role of a zone rep is – Dan gives a brief explanation.

Craig is really excited about the new group coming together; there is no other business and thanks us all for being a part of the AGM.

7:25 Adjournment

Members present:

John Anthony

Lorne Bailey

Ben Beyer

Andrew Burns

Benedict Canale

Steve Crichton

Leanne Fulton

Casey Hanemayer

Chris Hartman

Alexander Jacobs

Robert Jones

Dan Laitsch

Tara Lynch

Laura Mason

Colin McDaniel

Ben Mott

Edgar Alejandro Mujica

Spencer Munro

Ryan Norquay
Kelsey Oxley
Craig Sheather
Gagan Singh
Chad Smoliak
Jamie Sorensen
Brendan Stookey
Phillipp Werner

Revenues	General Fund	Gaming Fund	2019/2020	2018/2019
Provincial Funding	0	0	0	0
Membership Fees	\$2,530.00	0	\$2,530.00	\$5,405
Tournament Registration	\$4,930.00	0	\$4,930.00	\$7,960.00
Fundraising	0	0	0	\$0
Interest & Other	\$11.17	0	\$11.17	\$14.45
Totals:	\$7,471.17	0	\$7,471.17	\$13,379.45
Expenses				
Admin	\$685.08	0	\$685.08	\$547.50
AGM	\$0	0	\$0	\$400
Banking	\$25	0	\$25	\$25
Bursaries	0	0	0	0
Club Grants	\$1,200.00	0	\$1,200.00	\$2,631
Coaching	0	0	0	0
Course Development	\$2,000	0	\$2,000	\$1,500
Honorariums	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure		0		0
Insurance	\$2,950.00	0	\$2,950.00	\$2,925
Membership dues	0	0	0	0
Misc - (tournament grants)	\$0	0	\$0	\$1,000
Promo/Marketing	0	0	0	0
Seminars	0	0	0	0
Storage	\$2,689.20	0	\$2,689.20	\$2,577.30
Tournament Operating Cost	\$858.32	0	\$858.32	\$1,349.00
Totals:	\$10,407.60	0	\$10,407.60	\$12,954.80
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	(\$2,936.43)	0	(\$2,936.43)	\$424.65
Fund Balance at beginning of year	\$7,395.40	\$0.00	\$7,395.40	\$6,970.75
Year End Fund Balance	\$4,458.97	\$0.00	\$4,458.97	\$7,395.40

	General Fund	Gaming Fund	Total 2018/2019
Current Assets			
Cash on Hand	0	0	0
Cash in Bank	\$3,378.97		\$6,355.40
Membership Shares	0	0	0
Prepaid Expenses	0	0	0
Paypal	1,080	0	1040
Totals:	\$4,458.97	\$0.00	\$7,395.40
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable & Accruals	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Fund Balances			
Externally Restricted	0	0	0
Internally Restricted	\$1,080	0	\$1,040
Unrestricted	\$3,378.97	\$0.00	\$6,335.40
Total Liabilites & Fund	\$4,458.97	\$0.00	\$7,395.40