



2014/15 Board
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Minutes of the NZFDA Inc. 2015 Annual General Meeting

Held: 4:40 pm, Saturday the 25th of April 2015

Venue: Polo Ground Clubrooms, Taumarunui

Opened 4.40 pm

Attendees; [31] Nigel Hailstone, Simon Feasey, Des Cooper, Logan Papuni, Brady Kuech, Jenny Joynt, Lance Hartwell, Haydn Shore, Steven Fargher, Coby Waller, Andy George, Dean Marshall, Ginny Foley, Quentin Golder, Chris Almario, Shane Sullivan, Jackson Sullivan, Ryan Kitto, Brad Muir, Blair Joines, Quan Weston, Chris Sainai, Nik Eisel, Coby Woller, Geoff Human, Peter Boyle, Bob Gentil, Liz Moka, Ming Menzies, Felipe Stein, Jack Moka.

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies**

Mario Cerniar. Marty de Haas, Toby Gentil, Chris Davies, David Gabbitas

- 3. Approval of 2014 NZFDA Inc. AGM Minutes**

[**Motion That the circulated minutes of the 2014 NZFDA Inc. AGM are a true and accurate record of that meeting. Moved Chair. Seconded Simon Feasey. Carried unanimously.**

4. NZFDA Inc. Board annual Report

Thanks to all those that have helped grow the sport particularly the NZDG executive, those that contribute to the development committee and the tournament directors.

These are exciting times for disc golf and we have work to do to maximise its potential into the future. We are in the process of reorganising the administrative method of NZ Disc Golf with a move away from the Flying Disc Association model to a more relevant Disc Golf Association model. In order to achieve this, we have secured web domains and built a new site to create a new voice to our sport. We are beginning a constitutional review which will streamline the organisation structure and I hope, promote clubs, based around courses, as the local owners of our game. In future it will be great to see the more of the model of clubs rather than individuals hosting tournaments.

Special thanks to James Smithells on behalf of the Queenstown Golf Club, and Simon Feasey on behalf of NZDG for running two truly noteworthy tournaments this year. The 2015 Nationals was the first time a PDGA Pro B tier tournament has been held in New Zealand and with the assistance of sponsors and benefactors, a number of the world's best players were in attendance vying for thousands of dollars of prize money with the cream of our own New Zealand players.

The second event was the 20th anniversary of the Queenstown Gardens and Paradise Plates Combined tournament. The event was the perfect opportunity to award James Smithells the contribution to Disc Golf award for 20 years of dedication to our sport. That effort has been key in making the Queenstown Gardens disc golf course the busiest course in the country and the associated club probably the most active. I encourage all players to go online and see the organisation evident on that club's website and see where we hope other clubs can learn from their experiences.

Overall numbers playing are at a ten year high and we should expect further growth in player numbers and hopefully courses available to those players. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of Haydn Shore in getting Auckland's first basketed metropolitan disc golf course up and running. That course while only 9 holes at the moment has the potential to introduce our game to the public and the officials who oversee Auckland's public land beyond what has so far been possible. Thank you Haydn.

And in growth of the sport news, Hannah Joynt has done great work in getting Dunedin its first basketed course. She also mentions to me the possibility of a magnificent piece of land capable of hosting championship golf being a possibility in the near future. Thanks for your efforts Hannah. Likewise those heading to the upcoming Mclarens Tournament will appreciate the effort Myles Darrel has made in getting a permanent course in there. Thanks Myles.

Also many thanks go to Geoff Human who has done us a wonderful service in setting up the official website for New Zealand Disc Golf.

This has been the first part of a process that will see us entering a new era with a new official name, logo, information portal and, with the assistance of our development committee, a new constitution.

Enjoy your golf and may your plastic find the basket!

5. Treasurer's Report & Presentation of NZFDA Inc. annual financial statement

The treasurer (Lance Hartwell) presented the annual accounts and noted that we once again achieved a surplus and this called for consideration as to how the accumulated funds were to be spent in the interests of developing disc golf. A significant unanticipated expense of \$705 had been incurred as a result of the decision to change the dates of the Auckland Open to allow players to participate in the Australian Open where a number of players were defending titles.

The presented accounts are for both the NZFDA and NZDG being combined owing to all transactions of the NZFDA being those undertaken by the NZDG. In future following the other business conducted at this AGM the accounts are to be simplified as those solely of NZDG.

[**Motion: That the 'combined NZFDA /NZDG annual financial statement be accepted as a true and accurate statement of the financial position of the NZFDA Inc.'and further, that book debts (accounts receivable) of \$470 dating back to 2012 be written off, given that there is insufficient information about the identity of those debtors. Moved Chair. Seconded Lance Hartwell. Carried unanimously.**

6. Disc Golf report.

The chair noted that the NZFDA annual report is in effect that of the NZDG.

7. Regional Reports.

Simon Feasey in his role as development officer noted the game was in good heart with new courses appearing around the country and new players appearing. It was now up to us to work out how to make sure that those players could progress to tour events and even international tournaments.

8. Election of NZFDA Inc. board members for 2015-16.

President / Chair. Nigel Hailstone

Treasurer, Lance Hartwell

Exec Board. Simon Feasey, Mario Cerniar,

Joining the board, the meeting unanimously approved the appointment of Brady Keuch as the new Tour Director

9. General Business

As per the previously circulated agenda discussion was held as to the merits and process of changing the name of our Association from the New Zealand Flying Disc Association to the New Zealand Disc Golf Association. It was explained that the existing title of NZFDA had been that of an umbrella body encompassing all disc sports including field disciplines such as MTA (maximum time aloft) and TRC (throw run and catch), Ultimate and Disc Golf. As the field sports are not undertaken competitively in New Zealand and Ultimate has exited the umbrella of the NZFDA to become self-governing, the time was right for New Zealand disc golf to rename itself.

The meeting was advised that the entity (other than its name) remain the same. That is its officers (duly elected board members), members and assets and liabilities remain unchanged. The opportunity then exists for our organisation to brand and promote itself under our own name rather than as a sporting body of a now effectively defunct organisational structure.

[**Motion: That the NZFDA Inc be renamed as the New Zealand Disc Golf Association Inc (and be known as NZDG). Moved Chair. Seconded Simon Feasey. Carried unanimously.**

Following from the name change the meeting discussed the desirability of drawing up a new constitution which reflects our desire to be self governing and have a less cumbersome administrative and financial setup. This was accepted as a positive move into the future.

[**Motion: That the Board of the NZDG and the NZDGDC (New Zealand Disc Golf Development Committee) be charged with developing a new constitution for New Zealand Disc Golf Association Inc, and, be authorised to employ such legal advice as may reasonably be required for that purpose. Moved Chair. Seconded Pete Boyle. Carried unanimously.**

The meeting discussed developments for internet communications and noted the desirability of developing links to the Facebook pages that were increasingly used in organising and promoting tour events. Bob Gentil was thanked for his foresight in securing the web domain for nzdg.org.nz which he is happy to pass on to us and for which his holding costs are to be reimbursed.

A proposal to reduce the fee each player pays to NZDG for participation in tour events from \$7 to \$5 per event was rejected but it was determined that all players would be subject to the same fee (removing differing and lower fees that had been charged to Junior divisions).

A final piece of business arose from the floor when it was proposed by Chris Sanai that as a way of ensuring the integrity of the scoring process, that players score cards should be scored by the entire group in the manner typically employed in ball golf. This **results** in no player marking their hole by hole score on their own card, it (the card) being in the hands of a playing partner. A motion to that effect was put.

[**Motion: That in future, tournaments sanctioned by the NZDG employ the swapped card system. Moved Chair. Seconded Chris Sanai. Carried by majority.**

The chair thanked those at the meeting for their attendance and contributions and the typically fantastic hospitality of Taumarunui's 'Lost Tribe'.

The meeting closed at 5:45 pm