

HDGA Board Meeting
1/10/18

Board members present:

Allen Borsky, Eric Reppun, Alex Wong, Michelle "Swan", Allen Bird

Other HDGA Members present: Zondre Watson, Mark Gilbert. Roger Messner

The meeting started at 6:54PM

Board members began the meeting by counting the ballots from the recent board member election.

Results from the voting were as follows:

Allen Borsky 22 votes, Eric Reppun 17 votes, Zondre Watson 17 votes, Pam "Gumby Martin 16 votes, Roger Messner 16 votes, Justin St Denis 15 votes, Billy Crum 1 vote, Rad Shad 1 vote.

Board Members elected were as follows: Allen Borsky, Eric Reppun, Zondre Watson, Pam Gumby Martin, Justin St Denis, and Roger Messner.

The board members next decided on nominating officers for the open positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary. Eric Reppun made a motion to nominate Allen Borsky for president. The motion was seconded by Swan. Allen was asked if he would accept the nomination and he said yes. Next a vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.

Alex Wong made a motion to nominate Zondre Watson as Vice President. Eric Reppun seconded the motion. Zondre was asked if he would accept the nomination and he said yes. A vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.

Allen Borsky made a motion to nominate Roger Messner as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Eric Reppun. Roger was asked if he would accept the nomination and he said yes. A vote was taken and it was unanimous in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.

Results for the Bylaw amendment voting were read by Swan and Eric as follows:

Amendment to Article 1 was approved by the membership:
22 votes Yes, 1 vote no

Amendment to Article V was approved by the membership:
12 votes Yes, 11 votes no

Amendment to add new Article XI was not approved by the membership:
12 votes Yes, 13 votes No

There was some discussion by Allen Bird and Swan regarding the Amendment to Article V regarding failure to perform duties as a board member. Allen Bird was not in favor of this amendment, but Swan was and gave her reasoning.

Mark Gilbert, a local disc golfer who was present at the meeting mentioned during our discussion of the amendments on the ballot that were being tallied, that there should be term limits for board members. He also wanted to know if it was in the bylaws. The newly elected president handed Mark a copy of the bylaws, and then the board members mentioned that there were two-year term limits for elected board members.

Next the minutes from the annual membership meeting were read and approved from the 12/28/17 meeting at Turtle Bay Resort.

Since the board members knew that Mark Gilbert wanted to bring something up to the board, the board decided to let Mark have the floor and speak. Mark mentioned an incident that had occurred over a year prior between an HDGA member and a non-member. The incident involved a derogatory email that was sent to the member. The member had been in discussion with the Bay View golf course, with respect to possibly getting a disc golf course installed. There was some discussion on how this member's email was obtained by the non-member that sent the email; there were some suggestion on the possibility that a former board member may have been responsible for giving the non-member the email, but this was not confirmed. Three board members present (Allen Borsky, Eric Reppun, and Roger Messner) recalled the incident, and two of them recalled personally apologizing to the member who received the email.

Mark Gilbert mentioned that this incident had caused a rift in the club and that there were several long time HDGA members who no longer wished to participate in HDGA events because of this incident. Mark asked why the board had never sent an apology letter to the member, but the board could not say.

A motion was made by Roger, and seconded by Alex to do the following in response to Mark Gilbert's message to the board:

- 1) send the member an apology letter
- 2) Post a notice on the hdga website in support of handicap players.
- 3) Ban any player from hdga events who discriminate against a handicap player, or who conducts them self in a manner deemed inappropriate by the hdga board
- 4) Board will invite member who received the derogatory letter to the next board meeting

A draft apology letter will be sent for approval to all board members, and Alex Wong agreed to assist in writing the letter.

Swan was asked to give a financial report. She mentioned that our 2016 taxes were filed, but that she had not had the time yet to draft the report. Allen Borsky mentioned that we needed to pay the ezregister bill of \$49 for FHO registration fees.

Brief discussion of a 2018 budget was mentioned, with items that needed to be included, such as insurance, facilities fees, truck rentals, year-end party, equipment replacement and maintenance, and election ballots. Swan said she would try to get a 2018 budget together this month and have it ready for our next meeting.

2018 draft event schedule was handed out by Allen Borsky, and a discussion ensued regarding the events and dates. Several suggestions were made regarding how events should be run and who should TD them. Event coordinator teams were suggested by one board member but no decision was made. Swan suggested to ask the vice president or community members to assist with such tasks and getting permits for events. Swan wants to give members an incentive to help. The board agreed this would be a good idea, but no incentive was agreed upon. Swan also suggested that we need to promote the board, and that board members should have shirts and hats that promote who we are and identify us. The board agreed, but did not agree on a budget for them, what exactly the message on the shirts or hats would say, color or style or shirt and/or hat, how soon we should purchase, or who would handle the order and research choosing the hats/shirts.

Swan also brought up the Members of Honor bylaw amendment and asked if the board had ever recognized any member as such. The board made a goal for 2018 to recognize a member of honor.

The new president mentioned that the club needed to hold an equipment/maintenance day to cleanup and fix several club baskets. Lunch and refreshments will be provided by the club to all participants. Eric will be in charge of the committee.

Foodbank Fundraiser – it was mentioned that the club should try to see if Honolulu Hale was available to use to hold our 2018 Foodbank fundraiser. Roger will look into it and report back to the board.

The board agreed to meet on the second Thursday of the month, at 6:30PM, at Kahala Mall.

Meeting closed at 9:11PM.