

## **INTERNATIONAL BLIND GOLF ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**Held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 on Skype from 13.00 GMT**

#### **PRESENT**

Derrick Sheridan - Director

Andrea Calcaterra - Director

Graham Coulton - Director

Garrett Slattery - Director

Gerry Nelson - Director

Linda Port - Director

John White - Representing Dr. Handa

#### **APOLOGIES**

None

#### **PROCEEDINGS**

1. Committee composition until the Biennial Meeting in 2020:

1.1 It was confirmed that the President of the Japanese Blind Golf Association (JBGA) will be co-opted as a member of the Board of Directors. This is a continuation of past practice in recognition of the integral role played by JBGA in the IBGA.

1.2 The Executive Committee for the period until the 2020 Biennial Meeting was agreed as:

Andrea Calcaterra Chairman

Garrett Slattery Vice-Chairman Admin

Graham Coulton Vice-Chairman Finance

1.3 The Board unanimously thanked DS for his long service as Chairman, and acknowledged the key role he will play in the handover to AC.

AC took over the chair from DS for the remainder of the meeting.

1.4 The IBGA Handicap Committee will comprise of Doug Stoutley and Garrett Slattery. A second Board member will be elected at the next meeting.

2. Minutes of the Board meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved.

### 3. World Championships & Italian Blind Open 2018:

- 3.1 AC confirmed that the World Championships and Italian Blind Open concluded with an almost break-even financial position for Italian Blind Golf.
- 3.2 The Board members expressed their thanks to AC for successfully running these two very large events.

### 4. Finance:

- 4.1 The balances in the IBGA accounts are US\$203,577.30 and Au\$469.48.
- 4.2 The quarterly marketing grant of \$12,500 was received at the end of September.

### 5. Marketing & Promotion:

- 5.1 The USBGA (retrospective) application for marketing support for US\$13,804.45 in respect of the recent US Nationals was discussed. Fred Port (who joined the call for this item) explained that the costs relate to additional expenditure on the creation of a media event at the Championships, which Sports Illustrated attended throughout. The event also contributed to developing the game to blind children. This event was run as a pilot project to test whether IBGA events could run in line with our Strategic Marketing Plan.
- 5.2 The Board recognised the value of the marketing potential of this initiative.
- 5.3 Although the Board could not agree to retrospectively underwrite the full loss incurred in the event, it was agreed to grant the USBGA an amount of \$5,000 towards the expenditure.
- 5.4 The Board confirmed that marketing and promotion applications should, in future, be submitted ahead of expenditure.

### 6. 2019 Vision Cup:

- 6.1 A bid for the 2019 Vision Cup has been received under the banner of Vision Sports Ireland. As the IBGA can only grant money to IBGA Member Associations to host events the bid could not be considered.
- 6.2 GS will write to the proposer to confirm the decision.
- 6.3 AC indicated that he had discussed the possibility of hosting the Vision Cup in Italy with the President of the Italian Golf Federation. AC will see whether this discussion could result in a formal bid for the event from Italian Blind Golf.
- 6.4 GS indicated that while South Africa could consider hosting this event, it may prove difficult for participants to travel to SA in 2019 and again in 2020.
- 6.5 The currently approved funding for the Vision Cup is \$1000 per player. This may be reconsidered when an application for funding is received.

## 7. 2019 Opens:

### 7.1 IBGA-sponsored Opens are likely to include:

US (April), Canada (July), British (July), Austrian (September), Australian (September, along with the Western Australian Open), South Africa (date to be confirmed)

## 8. Website:

8.1 DS will continue to maintain the website, including posting event reports, etc., and be the liaison with the webmaster.

8.2 GS proposed that the Board look into the possibility of holding all member information on one database (such as the IBGA Handicaps website), to prevent the difficulties which can arise by running separate databases for sight category and handicaps. This will be looked into.

## 9. Sight Tests:

9.1 A letter has been received from IBGS challenging the recent sight test for one of their members, who was recently reclassified from B2 to beyond B3. While previous tests appear to have resulted in the player being incorrectly classified, there is no doubt that the current classification is correct.

9.2 GS will respond to the IBGS letter.

## 10. Handicap Policy:

10.1 The majority of the Board felt that it should be up to each players' National Handicap Secretary to decide whether an event staged by another Member Association should count towards its players' handicaps.

10.2 DS will amend the IBGA Handicap Policy to make this clearer.

10.3 GS will respond to the query raised by NIBGA in this regard.

## 11. Other business:

11.1 GS will update the Constitution and send to DS for confirmation.

11.2 The important issue of the key objectives for the term of the Board was held over until the next meeting.

## 12. Date of next meeting:

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, at 21.00 GMT on Skype.