

**WORLD DEAF GOLF FEDERATION**

# **GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday 08 AUGUST 2010**  
**The Fairmont, St Andrews, Scotland**





# World Deaf Golf Federation

Newsletter June 2010

## World Deaf Golf Championships

It is only two months left until we all meet again at the Torrance Golf Course in St Andrews, Scotland. For you who are playing in the World Deaf Golf Championships (WDGC) for the first time we want to greet you welcome to the big family of deaf golf!

The Eyafjallajokoll volcano on Iceland really worried us when it made a mess of the European air traffic with its ash clouds. Now it has fallen asleep again, and I hope that it does not wake up for another hundred years.

David Wilson and all the others in the Scottish Organizing Committee have done a very good job. And we are happy to hear that 120 golfers have entered the 2008 WDGC! A fantastic number! At the first WDGC in England 1995 there were 58 golfers...

Information and the latest news could be found at [www.wdgc2010.com](http://www.wdgc2010.com).

## Information from the board

The World Deaf Golf Federation (WDGF) will hold its General Meeting on August 8 at 10.00 in the John Barbour Auditorium at the Fairmont Hotel.

Each member has got one (1) vote and can send two delegates to the meeting. A notice of the meeting with an agenda can be found in the same mail as you received this letter in.

Attached are also the proposal/motions from the Board and the WDGF Members. Please take your time to read through the documents.

The membership fee must be paid to the WDGF prior to the start of the tournament. Please contact the Treasurer Ole Artmann ([artmann.maillet@gmail.com](mailto:artmann.maillet@gmail.com)) if you have any questions about the membership fee.

In October 2009 a delegation from WDGF had an appointment with the Golf Development Officer Mrs. Alison White at the R&A.

Later on, in February 2010, the R&A announced that they were supporting the 2010 WDGC with £5.000! The contribution from R&A is very much appreciated, and we hope to continue our cooperation with the R&A in the future.

On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009 the IOC voted that golf should be a sport in the 2016 Olympic Games. The decision opens the doors to introduce golf as a Deaflympic sport too.

If the General Meeting gives its approval, the WDGF Board will soon start negotiating with the ICSD, with the goal that the first Deaflympic golf tournament should be held in 2017.

Keep the ball on the fairway!  
See you all in St Andrews, the home of golf!

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Stockholm June 10, 2010

Dear Member

Notice is given for the General Meeting of the World Deaf Golf Federation to be held at the Fairmont, St Andrews, Scotland on Sunday 08 August 2010 at 10:00.

Accompanied with this notice is:

1. The agenda for the General Meeting.
2. The Minutes for the General Meeting as held on 28 September 2008 in Perth, Australia.
3. The WDFG annual accounts for 2008-2009.

Each Member Country has one (1) vote and could be represented by two (2) delegates.

Countries who have applied to host the World Deaf Golf Championships in 2012 should prepare to have a presentation proposal and brochures/flyers of the Golf Venue and accommodation as well as cost summary.

The WDFG is looking forward to see you in St Andrews, Scotland.

Yours sincerely

Anders Hilding  
Secretary

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## **AGENDA**

### **WORLD DEAF GOLF FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING**

Date: 08 August 2010 at 10:00 AM

Place: John Barbour Auditorium at the Fairmont, St Andrews, Scotland

- 1. Welcome & opening**
- 2. Present**
- 3. Apologies**
- 4. Approval of the previous General Meeting minutes**
- 5. Matters arising out of the above minutes**
- 6. President's report**
- 7. Treasurer's report**
  - 7.1 Annual accounts 2008-2009**
- 8. Proposal motions**
  - 8.1 Number of players in the WDGC (WDGF, Canada, USA)**
  - 8.2 Reduction of handicap limits (WDGF)**
  - 8.3 Senior Team Competition (WDGF, Canada, South Africa, USA)**
  - 8.4 WDGF Honorary Member (WDGF)**
  - 8.5 Amateur status (WDGF, USA)**
  - 8.6 Golf in Deaflympics (WDGF)**
  - 8.7 Changes in the WDGC Rules (WDGF)**
  - 8.8 Handicapped Card (Canada)**
  - 8.9 Measuring Devices (Canada, Scotland, USA)**
  - 8.10 Pace of play (Scotland)**
  - 8.11 New Handicap Championship (Scotland)**
  - 8.12 Financial Partners (Scotland)**
  - 8.13 Buggies in Ladies' Tournament (USA)**
  - 8.14 Power carts in Men's Senior (USA)**
  - 8.15 WDGF unaffiliated from ICSD (USA)**
  - 8.16 WDGC every 4 years (Wales)**
  - 8.17 International players transfer rules (Wales)**
- 9. Presentation of the World Deaf Golf Championships 2012 in Japan**
- 10. Bids for the World Deaf Golf Championships 2014**
  - 10.1 USA**
- 11. World Deaf Golf Championships 2020**
- 12. Election of WDGF Board Members**
- 13. Closure**



# World Deaf Golf Federation

## General Meeting minutes

Date: Sunday 28 September 2008

Place: Joondalup Resort, Perth, Australia

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**1. Welcome & opening**

The WDGf president Arne Lundquist opened the General Meeting by welcoming the member delegates and thanked the Australian Hosting Committee for organising the meeting.

The Swedish Deaf Golf Association donated an engraved president's gavel to the WDGf.

Arne informed that all the decisions at the General Meeting should be made by show of hands.

**2. Present**

See the attendance list.

**3. Apologies**

The WDGf treasurer Ole Artmann and the board member Simeon Hart were unable to attend the General Meeting.

The ICSD president Donalda Ammons is honoring the WDGf by visiting the 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships in Perth. She will however not arrive until 30 September. Donalda wished the WDGf good luck with the General Meeting and sent her apologies that she is unable to attend the meeting.

**4. Approval of the previous General Meeting minutes**

The minutes of the last General Meeting dated 16 July 2006 were approved.

**5. Matters arising out of the above minutes**

There were no subjects to bring up from the minutes of the previous General Meeting.

**6. President's report**

The president's report was accepted unanimously.

## **7. Treasurer's report**

### **7.1 Annual accounts 2007**

(Annual accounts, page 6) Nico Beaurain from South Africa asked which members subscription from the previous years that were written off, and why? Arne Lundquist answered that the WDGf board decided to write off Wales membership subscription debts because no player from Wales have ever participated in any of the previous WdGC, they have only sent observers.

(Annual accounts, page 7). Nico Beaurain from South Africa asked why the balance per 31:st December 2006 did differ from the balance brought forward from previous year in 2007? They should be the same.

Anders Hillding answered that he did not know, and that he should forward the question to the WDGf treasurer Ole Artmann.

*NOTE: The currency for 2006 is in GBP and the currency for 2007 is in EUR.*

*Decision: The General Meeting accepted the annual accounts for 2007.*

## **8. Messages from the Board**

The WDGf president Arne Lundquist was impressed how well the WDGf board has worked together during the two years since the last General Meeting. Arne was very pleased to see that the board members have been busy in e-mailing each other, discussing such things as the new constitution and World Deaf Golf Championship rules.

Arne informed that in the new constitution each country is represented by two delegates but has only one vote.

Arne explained about the 55 dB hearing limit rule, and why WDGf should follow the rule.

Arne also explained why the WDGf board wants to raise the annual subscription fee from 155 EUR to 200 EUR.

Bermuda wants to bid for the 2012 WdGC. The WDGf board can unfortunately not accept the bid since Bermuda does not have a Deaf Golf- or Deaf Sports Association.

## **9. Proposed amendments/additions to the Constitution**

### **9.1 WDGf proposal 2008:1 New WDGf Constitution**

The WDGf board has created a new, more detailed constitution. The following matters were discussed at the General Meeting:

#### **Constitution, 5.1**

Nico Beaurain from South Africa asked why the WDGf should have an extraordinary meeting.

Arne Lundquist explained that the board or the WDGf members could invoke an extraordinary meeting if an urgent matter arises.

### **Constitution 7.1**

Nico Beaurain asked why the WDGf board should consist of 5 or 7 board members instead of just only 7?

Arne explained that this makes the WDGf more flexible if there is a need to change the number of board members in the future.

### **Constitution 7.3**

Arista Haas from Canada suggested that the words "executive officers" should be replaced with "Board Members".

*Decision: The General Meeting approved Arista's suggestion.*

### **Constitution 7.12**

Nico Beaurain suggested that the word "Directors" should be replaced with "Board Members".

*Decision: The General Meeting approved Nico's suggestion.*

### **Constitution 7.13**

After a suggestion from Nico Beaurain, the General Meeting approved to change the quorum for the WDGf board meetings to 50% of the board members plus one.

*Decision: The General Meeting approved the new WDGf Constitution unanimously.*

## **9.2 WDGf proposal 2008:3 Rise of the annual subscription fee**

The World Deaf Golf Federation board suggests that the annual subscription fee shall be raised from EUR 155 to 200.

David Wilson from Scotland found the rise of the annual subscription fee too high, many National Deaf Golf Associations from small countries cannot afford to pay EUR 200.

Nico Beaurain from South Africa suggested that the fee should be raised to EUR 175.

*Decision: The General Meeting voted that the annual subscription fee should be EUR 175. The new fee should be valid from 01 January 2009.*

## **10. Other proposals**

### **10.1 WDGf proposal 2008:2 New World Deaf Golf Championship rules**

The WDGf board has created new World Deaf Golf Championship rules. The following matters were discussed at the General Meeting:

#### **Individual entry fee**

The WDGf board wants to raise the individual entry fee in the World Deaf Golf Championships from EUR 13 to 15.

*Decision: The General Meeting approved the rise in the individual entry fee.*

**ICSD rules**

Gavin Balharrie from Australia asked the WDGf board to check that the WDGc rules agree with the ICSD Rules for Deaf World Championships.

**Sanctions**

Nico Beaurain from South Africa asked if a country needs a sanction from WDGf to arrange an international golf tournament.

Tommy Andersen from Denmark asked if Germany are allowed to arrange international golf events despite they are not a WDGf member?

Arne Lundquist replied that all countries that want to arrange an international golf competition first must get an approval from their National Deaf Sport Association. To get a sanction from WDGf, a copy of the approval shall be sent to the WDGf. There will be no sanction fee.

The rules about sanctions shall be written in the next revision of the WDGf constitution.

**WDGf guests**

David Wilson from Scotland was worried that it would become very expensive for the WDGc host country to pay 7 nights accommodation for 5 guests.

Arne Lundquist explained that 5 guests is the maximum number that WDGf could invite, and that it probably would not be more than 3. The WDGf must notify the Organising Committee at least one year in advance how many guests there would be.

Tommy Andersen from Denmark stressed that it is important that the Organising Committee makes a budget so they make sure that the entry fee covers all the expenses.

**Photo session**

David Wilson from Scotland pointed out that a photographer must not disturb the players if he or she is going to take photos during the championships.

**Amateur status**

Susan Zupnik from USA wanted WDGf to drop the rule about amateur status because many players in the USA win more than the maximum allowed amount of prize money (USD 750).

Gavin Balharrie from Australia suggested that WDGf should introduce prize money in the World Deaf Golf Championships to attract professional deaf golf players.

Arne Lundquist replied that WDGf shall follow the R&A amateur rules. If a golfer wins more than USD 750 he or she can give the money to his or her club.

**Pace of play**

David Wilson from Scotland thinks that the allowed time of 40 seconds for a player to make a stroke is too short.

Arne Lundquist answered that WDGf follows the R&A recommended time.

### **Handicap limits**

Darrell Hovinen from USA wanted to lower the handicap limits to improve the quality of the World Deaf Golf Championship.

Andreas Hed from Sweden suggested that the handicap limits should be lowered to 12 for Men, 18 for women and 15 for seniors.

Geoffrey McCormack from Ireland suggested that the players should attach copies of their handicap certificate and results with the entry form to the WDGC.

The WDGf vice president Don Conway replied that the world of deaf golf is small, and it is too early to lower the handicap limits. But it will be considered in the future if the World Deaf Golf Championship continues to grow.

The General Meeting decided that the WDGf board should evaluate the current limits, and make a proposal to the next General Meeting if they found it appropriate to lower the handicap limits.

*Decision: The General Meeting approved the new World Deaf Golf Championship rules unanimously.*

### **10.2 CDGA: Change age in Men's Seniors Tournament back to 50**

The Canadian Deaf Golf Association wanted to change the age limit in the Men's Senior Tournament back to 50.

The WDGf board is against a change of the age back to 50, the internationally accepted age to participate in tournaments for seniors is 55.

*Decision: The General Meeting voted for changing the age back to 50 years.*

### **10.3 CDGA: Power Cart**

The Canadian Deaf Golf Association wanted to know if power carts are allowed in the World Deaf Golf Championships or not.

A power cart, which is a motorized pulling trolley, is allowed in the World Deaf Golf Championships as long as the golfer walks.

A buggy, which is a vehicle that the golfer drives, is only allowed in the Men's Senior Tournament.

Susan Zupnik from USA asked if players in the Ladies Tournament with an age over 50 years could ride a buggy like the men in the Seniors Tournament.

Arne Lundquist replied that all the men over 50 who are playing in the Men's Tournament has to walk, and the ladies have to walk too.

The General Meeting did however decide to allow all the participants in the 2008 Ladies Tournament to use a buggy because that Joondalup is a very hilly golf course.

#### **10.4 CDGA: Range Finder/Sky Caddies**

The Canadian Deaf Golf Association wanted to know if Range Finders and Sky Caddies (a GPS based distance measure device) are allowed in the World Deaf Golf Championships.

The use of distance measuring devices is strictly prohibited during the 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships according to the Conditions of Championships, published by the Organising Committee.

In the future, the use of distance measuring devices in the World Deaf Golf Championships depends on if the R&A allows them or not.

#### **10.5 SDGA: Review of hearing rules**

The Scottish Deaf Golf Association wanted a review of the 55 dB hearing rule.

The WDFG cannot create its own rules; we follow the ICSD 55 dB rule, which is the common rule for deaf sports all over the world.

#### **11. General matters**

No general matters were brought up by the delegates.

#### **12. Presentation of the World Deaf Golf Championships 2010 in Scotland**

David Wilson and Scott Ritchie did a presentation of the 8<sup>th</sup> World Deaf Golf Championships in St Andrews, Scotland. The event will be held on 8-13 August 2010 at the St Andrews Bay Golf Club.

#### **12. Bids for the World Deaf Golf Championships 2012**

Four bids for the 2012 World Deaf Golf Championships were received: Bermuda, Denmark, Japan and USA.

The bid from Bermuda can unfortunately not be accepted since they do not have a Deaf Golf- or Deaf Sports Association.

Japan, USA and Denmark made an impressive power point presentation of their bids. Afterwards a ballot was held, and Japan won by majority.

The 2012 World Deaf Golf Championships will be held at Mie Golf Club in Japan.

#### **13 Closure**

The WDFG president Arne Lundquist thanked the delegates for a good meeting and adjourned the General Meeting.

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Arne Lundquist, president

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Anders Hillding, secretary

# Attendance list

## **Board members:**

Arne Lundquist, president  
Don Conway, vice president  
Anders Hillding, secretary  
Rob Cundy, board member  
Arista Haas, board member

## **Life member:**

Tony Klimek

## **Country delegates:**

Gavin Balharrie, Australia  
Wendy Home, Australia  
Dana McCarthy, Canada  
Tommy Andersen, Denmark  
Hans Elgaard, Denmark  
Kevin Whalley, England  
Bernard O'Reilly, Ireland  
Geoffrey McCormack, Ireland  
Masanori Kojima, Japan  
Satoko Yamagiwa, Japan  
Susan Hamilton, New Zealand  
David Wilson, Scotland  
Scott Ritchie, Scotland  
Albie Louw, South Africa  
Nico Beaurain, South Africa  
Andreas Hed, Sweden  
Neil H. Johnson, USA  
Susan Zupnik, USA  
Jason Davies, Wales  
Peter Powe, Wales

# 2010 WDGf PRESIDENTS REPORT

Stockholm 8 June 2010

Dear World Deaf Golf Federation members,

Four years has passed since I got the honour to become the President of the WDGf, and I am proud of how WDGf has developed during the years. I want to thank the Board and all the others that have contributed to develop the golf among the deaf around the world.

The WDGf has grown a lot since it was formed in England 1995, and I dare to say that we today it is one of the strongest federations for deaf sports in the world.

## **Economy**

The Treasurer Ole Artmann continues to manage the WDGf finances in a very professional way. The support from R&A is a step forward to get a stronger economy, but WDGf needs more sponsors. But it is not an easy task, the members of the WDGf board are working ideally; we have our ordinary jobs and our families to think about.

One important matter that has been discussed is to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between WDGf and the WdGC host. As shown in the Annual Accounts, the WDGf has large travelling and accommodation expenses. WDGf can not bear these expenses year after year, and in the future it may be the hosting country which has to pay for the accommodation of the WDGf board during the inspection of the WdGC site. The travel expenses will still be on the WDGf's own expenses.

Another matter that Ole has pointed out for me is that we have to charge an extra fee if the membership fee is not paid on time.

## **Constitution**

The new WDGf Constitution and the Rules for the World Deaf Golf Championships that were approved at the General Meeting 2008 has made it much easier to manage the WDGf.

We are now working with the By Laws, a document that describes in more detail how the Board should work.

## **The 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships**

I want to thank Gavin Balharrie and the others in the Australian organising committee for their successful hosting of the 7<sup>th</sup> World Deaf Golf Championships in Perth 2008. I am proud of the very professional way they carried out the Championship.

## **Preparation of the 2010 World Deaf Golf Championships**

WDGf and its member countries are looking forward to the big event in 2010, the 8<sup>th</sup> World Deaf Golf Championships in St. Andrews, Scotland. Two inspections of the WdGC site have been made, where we used a very useful checklist created by Don Conway.

- The WDGf's Vice president, Don Conway, and board member, Simeon Hart, visited St. Andrews in September 2009 for an inspection of the golf course and the facilities.
- In October 2009 the Sectary General Anders Hilding, the Treasurer Ole Artmann, the board member Simeon Hart and I had a meeting with the WdGC organizing committee as well as with the Director of the Fairmont Golf Club.

I want to thank the Scottish WdGC organizing committee and the Sportworks for their hospitality and cooperation during the inspection, and we wish them good luck with the Championships.

### **Meeting with R&A**

Ole Artmann, Anders Hillding, Simeon Hart and I had in October 2009 a meeting with R&A Golf Development Officer, Mrs. Allison White. The meeting was very positive and resulted that WDGf in February 2010 received £5.000 in economical support to the 2010 World Deaf Golf Championships. I and the WDGf are very grateful for their contribution! A report from the meeting could be found on the WDGf webpage.

### **Inspection to Japan**

I was invited in November 2009 to inspect the facilities at the Tsu Country Club in Mie, Japan, where the 2012 WDGC will be played. I was very impressed, and I and the WDGf want to thank the Japan organizing committee for their kind hospitality they showed me during my visit.

### **Board Meetings**

There has been a lot of e-mail correspondence within the Board. I am happy to see how open and honest our discussions are, which has resulted rational decisions in a democratic way. I am also satisfied how seriously all the Board members are involved in their duties! Arista Haas always do a good research of facts before she makes her comments in our discussions.

I would take the opportunity to say thank you to Rob Cundy, who has managed the WDGf webpage [www.worlddeafgolf.com](http://www.worlddeafgolf.com) during all the years.

For economical reasons has it not been possible to have a board meeting with all the board members present.

However, In St Andrews had Ole, Anders, Simeon and I had two meetings with a long agenda. The reports from these meetings have been distributed to all our members and can be downloaded from the WDGf website. Anders and I have had a lot of meetings during the period, and in 2009 I met Ole in Copenhagen.

I cannot emphasize how important it is that the board can meet in person at least once a year to discuss matters that not could be solved through e-mail.

### **Golf in Deaflympics**

How should WDGf develop in the future?

My vision is that golf should be implemented into Deaflympics. I hope the WDGf members at the General Meeting give their thumbs up for a Deaflympic golf tournament in 2017, and also that WDGf and ICSD support and encourage each other to create the best possible competition.

Finally I want to wish good luck to the Scottish Organising Committee, and of course to all the men, ladies and senior golfers that will attend the 8<sup>th</sup> World Deaf Golf Championships at the Fairmont in St Andrews!

Arne Lundquist

President of the World Deaf Golf Federation



# World Deaf Golf Federation

## Annual Report and Accounts 2008

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## General Information

**Name** World Deaf Golf Federation

**Objects**

- to encourage the sport of golf to the Deaf world
- to provide a Deaf World Championships tournament
- to provide opportunities for educational and social inter action among Deaf golfers worldwide.

### Executive Committee

President	Arne Lundqvist, Sweden
Vice President	Don Conway, Ireland
Secretary-General	Anders Hillding, Sweden
Treasurer	Ole Artmann, Denmark
Members	Simeon Hart, England
	Rob Cundy, Canada
	Aarista Haas, Canada

**Life Member:** Tony Klimek, Australia

**Bank** NORDEA, Glostrup, Denmark

## Report from Executive

### Preface

The World Deaf Golf Federation (WDGF) is holding World Deaf Golf Championships (WDGC) every second year.

### Members

The WDGF has currently 14 Member countries.

### World Deaf Golf Championships

The 7<sup>th</sup> World Deaf Golf Championships was held in Perth, Australia between September 30 and October 3 2008. The event was the best organized WDGC ever; all the participants enjoyed the tough but beautiful golf course at Joondalup Resort and felt the hospitality from the Australian people.

The World Deaf Golf Federation wants to thank the Australian Organising Committee, the WDGC coordinator Gavin Balharrie and all the volunteers that contributed to make the event to a success!

You can find the results at the WDGF webpage at [www.worlddeafgolf.com](http://www.worlddeafgolf.com)

For the first time ever a player made a hole in one in the World Deaf Golf Championships! Brian Maher from Scotland made a marvelous shot into the cup at the spectacular 135 meter long hole number 3 at the Quarry course. Congratulations Brian!

It was also the first time the president of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf visited the WDGC. The ICSD President Donald Ammons was very impressed about how well the World Deaf Golf Championships were organized.

### General Meeting

The World Deaf Golf Federation held its General Meeting at the Joondalup Resort on September 28.

At the meeting the WDGF Members approved the new Constitution, which makes it much easier to govern the WDGF, both for its member countries and for the Board.

The meeting also approved the new rules for the World Deaf Golf Championships. The rules are much more detailed and give clear directives how to apply for-, how to plan- and how to carry out a World Deaf Golf Championship.

It was decided to raise the annual membership fee to 175 Euros and the individual entry fee for the WDGC to 15 Euros.

Japan, USA and Denmark made impressive presentations of their bids for the 2012 WDGC. Afterwards a ballot was held, and Japan was elected to host the World Deaf Golf Championships.

The 2012 will be played at Tsu Country Club in Mie.

### Board Meetings

Two Board meetings were held during 2008, both at the Joondalup Resort in Perth, Australia;

## Report from Executive, continued

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Within the Board there has been a lot of e-mail correspondence with discussions, proposals and amendments to the current Constitution and the rules for the WDGC. The President Arne Lundquist and the Secretary Anders Hillding have also met several times to discuss various matters that have arisen during the year.

### Business plan

The Board is working on a business plan with vision, mission statement and tasks for the next 3 or 5 years. The business plan, together with a long-term budget, would be presented for the R&A on a meeting in the future.

### Wrap up

It is our aim to be looking at receiving more sponsors and doing more fundraising for the future to help WGDF move forward so we can achieve even more.

### Stockholm, May 25, 2009

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Arne Lundqvist

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Don Conway

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Anders Hillding

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Ole Artmann

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Simeon Hart

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Rob Cundy

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Arista Haas

## Accounting Principles

The following Annual accounts are disclosed in accordance with general principles of accounting and entered in EURO.

### The Annual accounts

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the exchange rate ruling at the date of transactions.

### The balance sheet

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at that date.

## Main and key ciffers the last three years

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
<b>Main figures</b>	EURO	EURO	GBP
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3.448</b>	<b>3.541</b>	<b>1.314</b>
Members Subscription	2.170	2.015	1.300
Participation fees WDGC	1.248	1.166	0
Surplus WGDC	307	356	0
Correction from WDGC 2006	-278	0	0
Other income	1	4	14
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>3.533</b>	<b>1.288</b>	<b>281</b>
Associate membership ICSD	127	149	136
Homepage, Trophy etc.	95	270	0
Board expenses (travel and meetings)	2.933	360	109
Administration costs	223	199	36
Depreciation members	155	310	0
<b>Result of the year</b>	<b>-85</b>	<b>2.253</b>	<b>1.033</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>6.698</b>	<b>6.783</b>	<b>3.068</b>
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>6.990</b>	<b>7.338</b>	<b>3.370</b>
<b>Key figures</b>			
Profit ratio of the Year, %	-2	64	79
Profit of Capital, %	-1	46	67
Solvency ratio, %	96	92	91

## Annual accounts 2008

Note	<u>2008 EURO</u>	<u>2007 EURO</u>
<b>Income</b>		
1 Subscriptions, Members	2.170	2.015
Participation fees World Championships 2006	-278	1.522
Participation fees World Championships 2008	1.555	0
Interest	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>3.448</u></b>	<b><u>3.541</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Website and flags	95	87
Senior Men's Trophy WDGC 2006	0	183
Associate membership and affiliation fees	127	149
Travel expenses	2.564	0
Committee expenses	369	360
Papers, postage	52	-24
Members subscription previous years, writed off	155	310
Gain and loss on exchange	49	-42
Bank charges	<u>122</u>	<u>265</u>
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b><u>3.533</u></b>	<b><u>1.288</u></b>
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b><u><u>-85</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>2.253</u></u></b>

## Balance sheet as per the end of the period

Note	<u>2008 EURO</u>	<u>2007 EURO</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
<b>Debtors etc.</b>		
2	40	155
	Rest payment from WDCG 2008	629
	<u>1.555</u>	<u>629</u>
	<b>Total Debtors etc.</b>	<b>784</b>
	<u>1.595</u>	<u>784</u>
<b>Cash funds</b>		
	5.022	2.667
	Bank current in EURO	0
	165	0
	Bank current in DKK (DKK 1.231)	3.887
	0	3.887
	Bank current in SEK (SEK 36.089)	0
	208	0
	<u>5.395</u>	<u>6.554</u>
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6.554</b>
	<u>6.990</u>	<u>7.338</u>
	<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>7.338</b>
	<u>6.990</u>	<u>7.338</u>
	<b>Total assets</b>	<b>7.338</b>
	<u>6.990</u>	<u>7.338</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Capital</b>		
	6.783	4.530
	Balance, brought forward from prior year	2.253
	-85	2.253
	<u>6.698</u>	<u>6.783</u>
	<b>Balance December 31,</b>	<b>6.783</b>
	<u>6.698</u>	<u>6.783</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
	45	465
	Members payment in advance	90
	247	90
	<u>292</u>	<u>555</u>
	<b>Total short-term debt</b>	<b>555</b>
	<u>292</u>	<u>555</u>
	<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>7.338</b>
	<u>6.990</u>	<u>7.338</u>

## Notes to the statement of income and expenditure

### 1 Members subscription

	Subsc. 2008	Subsc. 2007
	<u>EURO</u>	<u>EURO</u>
Australia	155	155
Canada	155	155
Denmark	155	155
England	155	155
Finland	155	155
Ireland	155	155
Japan	155	155
New Zealand	155	0
Norway	155	155
Scotland	155	155
South Africa	155	155
Sweden	155	155
USA	155	155
Wales	155	155
<b>€ Total</b>	<u><u>2.170</u></u>	<u><u>2.015</u></u>

## Notes to the Balance Sheet

	2008 EURO	2007 EURO
<b>2 Receivables Members</b>		
Australia	25	0
Canada	15	0
Denmark	0	0
England	0	-155
Finland	0	0
Ireland	-45	0
Japan	0	0
Norway	0	0
Scotland	0	-155
South Africa	0	-155
Sweden	0	0
USA	0	0
Wales	0	155
	<b>-5</b>	<b>-310</b>
	<b>-5</b>	<b>-310</b>
<b>Members receivable</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Members debt at WDFG</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>465</b>
<b>3 Creditors</b>		
Australian Deaf Golf Association	202	0
Clearing accounts with board-members	45	90
	<b>247</b>	<b>90</b>
	<b>247</b>	<b>90</b>



# World Deaf Golf Federation

## Annual Report and Accounts 2009

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## General Information

**Name** World Deaf Golf Federation

**Objects**

- to encourage the sport of golf to the Deaf world
- to provide a Deaf World Championships tournament
- to provide opportunities for educational and social inter action among Deaf golfers worldwide.

## Executive Committee

President	Arne Lundquist, Sweden
Vice President	Don Conway, Ireland
Secretary-General	Anders Hillding, Sweden
Treasurer	Ole Artmann, Denmark
Members	Simeon Hart, England
	Rob Cundy, Canada
	Aarista Haas, Canada

**Life Member:** Tony Klimek, Australia

**Bank** NORDEA, Glostrup, Denmark

## Report from the Board

### Preface

The World Deaf Golf Federation (WDGF) is holding World Deaf Golf Championships (WDGC) every second year.

### Members

The WDGF has currently 14 Member countries.

### Preparation of the World Deaf Golf Championships 2010

WDGF and its member countries are looking forward to the big event in 2010, WDGC in St. Andrews, Scotland. Members of the board have visited the organizing committee twice in 2009:

- The WDGF's Vice president, Don Conway, and board member, Simeon Hart, visited St. Andrews in September for an inspection of the golf course and the facilities.
- In October the President Arne Lundquist, the Sectary General Anders Hillding, the Treasurer Ole Artmann, and the board member Simeon Hart had a meeting with the WDGC organizing committee as well as with the Director of the Fairmont Golf Club.

The preparation of WDGC is in good progress. The board is confident that the golfers all over the world will have a great experience in St. Andrews.

### Meeting with R&A

In conjunction with the meeting with the Scottish Organizing Committee in October Arne Lundquist, Anders Hillding, Ole Artmann and Simeon Hart had a meeting with R&A's Golf Development Officer, Mrs. Allison White. The meeting was very positive and we are looking forward to further co-operation with R&A.

### Inspection to Japan

The WDGF President, Arne Lundquist, was invited to inspect the facilities at the Tsu Country Club in Mie, Japan, where the 2012 WDGC will be played.

The WDGF wants to thank Japan organizing committee for their kind hospitality against they showed our President.

### Board Meetings

Due to economical reasons has it not been possible to have a board meeting in 2009 with all the board members present. In St. Andrews did however four of the board members have two meetings with a long agenda. The reports from these meetings have been distributed to all the member countries and can be downloaded from the WDGF website.

One important matter discussed at the meeting were to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between WDGF and the WDGC host. As shown in the Annual Accounts, the WDGF has large travelling and accommodation expenses. WDGF can not bear these expenses year after year, and the board is working with a MOU which has

## Report from the Board, continued

similarities with the MOU between ICSD and the Deaflympic host. In the future it may be the hosting country which has to pay for the accommodation of the WDGf board during the inspection of the WdGC site. The travel expenses will still be on the WDGf's own expenses.

Within the Board there has been a lot of e-mail correspondence with discussions, proposals and amendments to the current Constitution and the rules for the WdGC. The President Arne Lundquist and the Secretary Anders Hillding have met several times to discuss various matters that have arisen during the year.

### Business plan

The Board is working on a business plan with vision, mission statement and tasks for the next 3 or 5 years. The business plan and a long-term budget have to be presented for the R&A.

After our visit at R&A we got a DVD with Golf Etiquettes. We hope that R&A can support a DVD with translation of the etiquettes and the rules of golf into international signs.

### Wrap up

The aim of the WDGf is to look for more sponsors and doing more fundraising for the future to help WDGf move forward so we can achieve even more.

**Stockholm, January 31, 2010**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Arne Lundquist

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Don Conway

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Anders Hillding

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Ole Artmann

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Simeon Hart

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Rob Cundy

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Arista Haas

## Accounting Principles

The following Annual accounts are disclosed in accordance with general principles of accounting and entered in EURO.

### The Annual accounts

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the exchange rate ruling at the date of transactions.

### The balance sheet

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at that date.

## Main and key ciffers the last four years

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
<b>Main figures</b>	EURO	EURO	EURO	GBP
<b>Total income</b>	<b>2.503</b>	<b>3.448</b>	<b>3.541</b>	<b>1.314</b>
Members Subscription	2.450	2.170	2.015	1.300
Participation fees WDGC	0	1.248	1.166	0
Surplus WGDC	0	307	356	0
Correction from WDGC 2006	0	-278	0	0
Other income	53	1	4	14
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>3.852</b>	<b>3.533</b>	<b>1.288</b>	<b>281</b>
Associate membership ICSD	154	127	149	136
Homepage, Trophy etc.	107	95	270	0
Board expenses (travel and meetings)	3.422	2.933	360	109
Administration costs	169	223	199	36
Depreciation members	0	155	310	0
<b>Result of the year</b>	<b>-1.349</b>	<b>-85</b>	<b>2.253</b>	<b>1.033</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>5.349</b>	<b>6.698</b>	<b>6.783</b>	<b>3.068</b>
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>5.676</b>	<b>6.990</b>	<b>7.338</b>	<b>3.370</b>
<b>Key figures</b>				
Profit ratio of the Year, %	-54	-2	64	79
Profit of Capital, %	-22	-1	46	67
Solvency ratio, %	94	96	92	91

## Annual accounts 2009

Note	<u>2009 EURO</u>	<u>2008 EURO</u>
<b>Income</b>		
1 Subscriptions, Members	2.450	2.170
Participation fees World Championships 2006	0	-278
Participation fees World Championships 2008	0	1.555
Interest	53	1
	<u>2.503</u>	<u>3.448</u>
<b>Total income</b>		
 <b>Expenditure</b>		
Website and flags	107	95
Associate membership and affiliation fees	154	127
Travel expenses	3.104	2.564
Committee expenses	318	369
Papers, postage	0	52
Members subscription previous years, writed off	0	155
Gain and loss on exchange	0	49
Bank charges	169	122
	<u>3.852</u>	<u>3.533</u>
<b>Total expenditures</b>		
 <b>Profit for the year</b>		
	<u><u>-1.349</u></u>	<u><u>-85</u></u>

## Balance sheet as per the end of the period

Note	<u>2009 EURO</u>	<u>2008 EURO</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
<b>Debtors etc.</b>		
2	52	40
	<u>0</u>	<u>1.555</u>
	<u>52</u>	<u>1.595</u>
<b>Cash funds</b>		
	5.409	5.022
	7	165
	<u>208</u>	<u>208</u>
	<u>5.624</u>	<u>5.395</u>
	<u><b>5.676</b></u>	<u><b>6.990</b></u>
	<u><b>5.676</b></u>	<u><b>6.990</b></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Capital</b>		
	6.698	6.783
	<u>-1.349</u>	<u>-85</u>
	<u><b>5.349</b></u>	<u><b>6.698</b></u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
	175	45
	<u>152</u>	<u>247</u>
	<u><b>327</b></u>	<u><b>292</b></u>
	<u><b>5.676</b></u>	<u><b>6.990</b></u>

## Notes to the statement of income and expenditure

### 1 Members subscription

	Subsc. 2009	Subsc. 2008
	<u>EURO</u>	<u>EURO</u>
Australia	175	155
Canada	175	155
Denmark	175	155
England	175	155
Finland	175	155
Germany	175	
Ireland	175	155
Japan	175	155
New Zealand	0	155
Norway	175	155
Scotland	175	155
South Africa	175	155
Sweden	175	155
USA	175	155
Wales	175	155
<b>€ Total</b>	<u><u>2.450</u></u>	<u><u>2.170</u></u>

## Notes to the Balance Sheet

	<u>2009</u> EURO	<u>2007</u> EURO
<b>2 Receivables Members</b>		
Australia	0	25
Canada	0	15
Denmark	0	0
England	0	0
Finland	20	0
Ireland	0	-45
Japan	0	0
New Zealand	0	
Norway	0	0
Scotland	0	0
South Africa	-175	0
Sweden	0	0
USA	32	0
Wales	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u><b>-123</b></u>	<u><b>-5</b></u>
<b>Members receivable</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Members debt at WDGf</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>3 Creditors</b>		
Australian Deaf Golf Association	0	202
Canadian Deaf Golf Association	107	
Clearing accounts with board-members	45	45
	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>
	<u><b>152</b></u>	<u><b>247</b></u>



## SECRETARY

**ANDERS HILLDING**

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### **Proposal no: 2010:01**

**Proposed by: World Deaf Golf Federation board**  
**Concerning: Change of the number of players in the WDGC.**

Stockholm January 11, 2010

There is a concern about the maximum number of entrants in the WDGC. The upper limit will soon be reached if the championship continues to grow.

Many have also asked for more players in the Men's Senior Tournament.

The WDGF board suggests to reduce the number of players in the Men's Tournament from 10 to 6 players, and to increase the number of players in the Men's Senior Tournament from 3 to 5 players.

The number of players in the Ladies Tournament will remain unchanged, but the WDGF board suggests that the maximum of players in the Team Tournament will be increased to 5.

The text in article 5 "Condition of play" in the WDGC rules will be changed to:

#### **Men's Tournament**

The men's individual tournament shall be 72 holes of stroke play over four rounds. If two or more players have equal results after the final round, there shall be a play-off until there is a winner. Men's golfers must have an official handicap of 15 or under.

*Up to six (6) golfers from each country are allowed to enter.*

#### **Men's Team Tournament**

The men's team competition shall be a stroke play tournament. *A team shall consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 golfers.*

Every day, the four best scores in the team shall be summed. The team with the lowest total score after four days will be the winning team.

Only one team per nation is allowed to play.

#### **Ladies Tournament**

The ladies' individual tournament shall be 72 holes of stroke play over four rounds. If two or more players have equal results after the final round, there shall be a play-off until there is a winner. Ladies' golfers must have an official handicap of 24 or under.

Up to five (5) golfers from each country are allowed to enter.

### **Ladies Team Tournament**

The ladies' team competition shall be a stroke play tournament. *A team shall consist of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 golfers.*

Every day, the two best scores in the team shall be summed. The team with the lowest total score after four days will be the winning team.

Only one team per nation is allowed to play.

### **Men's Senior Tournament**

Men's Senior Tournament is open for men who shall have reached their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday at least one day before the start of the tournament, and have an official handicap of 18 or under.

The Men's Senior Tournament shall be 72 holes of stroke play over four rounds. If a golfer enters the senior's tournament, he may not enter the Men's Tournament.

*Up to five (5) golfers from each country are allowed to play in the Men's Senior Tournament.*

The changes are in *italics*.

If approved, the new rules should come into effect at the 2012 WDGC in Japan.

## **Proposal no: 2010:02**

**Proposed by: World Deaf Golf Federation board**

**Concerning: Reduction of the maximum handicap limits in the WDGC.**

Stockholm January 22, 2010

The WDGf board feels that some of the scores in the past World Deaf Golf Championships have been very high, and it is time to improve the quality of the event.

The board proposes a change of the maximum handicap limits to the following:

	New	(Current)
- Men's Tournament:	12,4	(15)
- Ladies Tournament:	20,4	(24)
- Men's Senior Tournament:	16,4	(18)

The player shall have a handicap that is at- or below the handicap limit on the final entry date to the WDGC.

If approved, the changes should come into effect at the 2012 WDGC in Japan.

**Proposal no: 2010:03**

**Proposed by: World Deaf Golf Federation board**  
**Concerning: New Senior Team Competition.**

Stockholm January 11, 2010

Many have asked a team competition in the Men's Senior Tournament.

The WDGf board suggests that a team competition in the Men's Senior Tournament should be created. The conditions of play would be the following:

**Men's Senior Team Tournament**

The men's senior team competition shall be a stroke play tournament. A team shall consist of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 golfers.

Every day, the two best scores in the team shall be summed. The team with the lowest total score after four days will be the winning team.

Only one team per nation is allowed to play.

If approved, the Men's Senior Team Tournament should be played for the first time at the 2012 WDGC in Japan.

**Proposal no: 2010:04**

**Proposed by: World Deaf Golf Federation board**  
**Concerning: WDGf Honorary Member.**

Stockholm January 22, 2010

The WDGf board wants to change the name from Life Member to Honorary Member.

This because the person has done an extraordinary work for WDGf, and the board thinks that it is more reflected by the name Honorary Member.

The board also proposes for a change of the rules for Honorary Members to the following:

- It is up to the host if the Honorary Member should get free accommodation during the WDGC.
- The Honorary Member should get exemption to play in the WDGC.
- The Honorary Member should be invited to participate in the opening- and closing ceremony at the WDGC at no cost.

If approved, the changes should come into effect at the 2012 WDGC in Japan.

**Proposal no: 2010:05**

**Proposed by: World Deaf Golf Federation board**  
**Concerning: Amateur status.**

Stockholm March 14, 2010

The WDFG board suggests that professional golfers are allowed to play in the World Deaf Golf Championships.

Today only amateurs can play in the WDGC.

Golf Organizations outside the WDFG have pointed out that the rule to only allow amateur players only is quite hard, and several WDFG members have asked that professional golf players also should be allowed to play in the WDGC.

The board proposes for a change in the Rules for the World Deaf Golf Championships that allow professional golf players to play in the WDGC.

It is important to point out that there shall be NO prize money in the WDGC.

If approved, the changes should come into effect at the 2012 WDGC in Japan.

**Proposal no: 2010:06**

**Proposed by: World Deaf Golf Federation board**  
**Concerning: Golf in Deaflympics.**

Stockholm March 14, 2010

The board suggests that golf should be a sport in the Deaflympics.

On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009 the IOC voted that golf should be a sport in the 2016 Olympic Games. The decision opens the doors to introduce golf as a Deaflympic sport too.

The board suggests that the WDFG members give the board its approval to start negotiating with ICSD to bring golf on the Deaflympic programme.

The Deaflympic golf tournament should be approved by the ICSD, run by the WDFG and hosted by the country that arranges the Deaflympic.

The negotiations should start after the 2010 WDGC, with the goal that an agreement between WDFG and ICSD should be finalized in such time that the first Deaflympic golf tournament should be held at the 2017 Deaflympics.

## Proposal no: 2010:07

**Proposed by:** World Deaf Golf Federation board  
**Concerning:** Changes in the Rules for the World Deaf Golf Championships.

Stockholm March 14, 2010

The board suggests that the following changes in the text in the Rules for the World Deaf Golf Championships should be made;

a) The word "National Deaf Golf Organisation" should be changed to "*National Deaf Golf Federation*" to harmonize with the ICSD World Championship rules

b) **Article 1; Organisation of the World Deaf Golf Championships, Economical responsibility.**

The text "*If there is a profit after the WDGC, 10% should go to the WDFG.*" should be added. This was agreed upon at the General Meeting held on Sunday 16 July 2006 in Edmonton, Canada.

c) **Article 2; Maximum number of entrants**

To make it more clearly the text should be changed to:

The Organising Committee shall determine the maximum number of entrants in an early stage of the planning.

If many players are expected to participate in the WDGC, the Organising Committee shall consider arranging the Ladies- and Senior's Tournament on a second golf course.

If it is not possible to use a second golf course, the Organising Committee shall, after consulting with the WDFG board, *reduce the number of players as follows:*

- (a) Higher handicaps (exact) will be set aside per country.*
- (b) Any ties for last place will be decided by ballot.*
- (c) Players eliminated will be placed on a waiting list in exact handicap order.*

The decisions of the Organising Committee are final.

d) **Article 3; Eligibility/Audiograms Audiogram**

To harmonize with the ICSD audiogram rules the text should be changed to;

*An ICSD approved audiogram is required to enter the competition.*

*Before submitting a new audiogram, please check with the National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) for your country's latest audiogram list to check if the player is already in ICSD audiogram database.*

*If a player is not registered in the ICSD database, he or she must make a hearing test at a doctor. The doctor should fill in all of the ICSD audiogram, even the Bone Conduction, Typanometry and Reflexometry, otherwise it will not be approved.*

*The audiogram could be obtained at the ICSD webpage [www.deaflympics.com](http://www.deaflympics.com), the ICSD do not accept any other audiogram but this.*

*The player should send the audiogram to the NDSF for review. The NDSF will then forward the audiogram to ICSD.*

*All new audiogram forms must be submitted to ICSD three (3) months before the event.*

*The players may be required to take additional hearing tests during the Championships.  
Any player that does not pass the hearing test or is refusing to take a test will be disqualified.*

If approved, the changes should come into effect after the 8<sup>th</sup> WDGC in Scotland.

Yours in golf

Anders Hillding  
WDGF Secretary



**WDGF General Meeting  
on  
August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 10:00 am**

**Canada's Report:**

- 1) Canadian Deaf Golf Association (CDGA) 2010 - 2011 Board:

President – Dana McCarthy  
Vice President – Peter Mitchell  
Treasurer – Roger Beemink  
Secretary – Vacant  
Director at Large – Aurele Bourgeois

Our Website address is: [www.deafgolf.ca](http://www.deafgolf.ca)

Your contact to CDGA will be:

- a) CDGA Secretary – [dhmccarthy@sympatico.ca](mailto:dhmccarthy@sympatico.ca)
- b) CDGA Vice President – [pmitch2@toronto.ca](mailto:pmitch2@toronto.ca)

- 2) Our 9<sup>th</sup> CDGC was held at Regina, Saskatchewan on July 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009. We had 16 Men, 6 Women, 20 Men S.C. (age - 50) and 5 Recreation. It was successful event. More detail or information, you can see at our website.
- 3) On behalf of CDGA Board and members, we wish you all countries's golfers the best of luck!
- 4) CDGA's 4 motions which are:
- a) New Motion: About WDGC - Senior Men's Tournament and Team Tournament – same idea as Women's Tournament and Team Tournament Rules. (WDGF Tournament Rules for WDGC - #5)
  - b) New Motion: We like the idea what we had our discussion 2 years ago at 7<sup>th</sup> WDGC AGM about reducing 10 Men to 8 Men, Woman no change and increase 3 Senior Men to 5 Senior Men. (WDGF Tournament Rules for WDGC - #5)
  - c) New Motion: We should add a clause Handicapped Card situation into either or both of WDGF Constitution #5 and WDGF Tournament Rules for WDGC # 15.  
  
e.g. One of WDGF Board and/or Host have the authorization to ask Team Manager or Golfer to show his/her "Handicapped Card". Or each countries must send a copy of golfers' handicapped card before WDGC begins. Etc. Reason, I do not see it in our ruling. I know it is in WDGF Tournament Rules for the WDGC #5 – it is not enough authority to show his/her "Handicapped Card".
  - d) Appeal Motion: Measuring Device - CDGA again, would like to have an "Open Discussion" about it. We did discuss it 2 years ago at 7<sup>th</sup> WDGF AGM.
    - 1) Measuring Device Article: The hosting committee and the WDGF Board will determine the usage of the measuring devices depending on the ruling from the R&A/USGA and the host golf course policy.
- 5) Have a good Meeting and Thank you!

**CDGA Delegate  
Dana McCarthy & Peter Mitchell**



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Honorary President: David Wilson

Chairman: Brian Maher  
Treasurer: Scott Ritchie

Secretary: Michael Tweedie  
Match Secretary: Ross Speirs

For the attention of Anders Hillding, WDFG Secretary

8 May 2010

Dear Anders,

**WDFG Proposals/Motions**

Scottish Deaf Golf Association is fully aware of all approved proposals/motions to be effective from World Deaf Golf Championships 2012 in Japan.

SDGA - Scottish Deaf Golf Association  
WDFG - World Deaf Golf Federation  
WDGC - World Deaf Golf Championships

Please present motions for the General Meeting at Fairmont St Andrews on Sunday 8 August 2010 as follows:-

a) **Electronic equipment** (WDGC Rules)

"It is not permitted to use any kind of electronic equipment on the competition course without approval from the Tournament Director".

The SDGA would like to amend this rule as follows:-

Any kind of GPS or Rangefinders are permitted to speed up the pace of play.

b) **Pace of Play** (WDGC Rules)

"A referee can monitor a player if undue slow play is suspected. The referee does not have to notify the player in advance. The player shall be allowed 40 seconds for each stroke."

The SDGA would like to know who would time all players while taking a stroke in action.

Please present proposals for the General Meeting at Fairmont St Andrews on Sunday 8 August 2010 as follows:-

**a) New Handicap Championship for Men, Seniors and Ladies**

The SDGA would expect all WDGF members to know a scratch individual championship is more suited to players with a playing handicap of 5 or lower. The SDGA would like to propose that a new handicap championship should be set up to give a new hope of players with higher handicaps to come and play well to become an individual handicap champion.

**b) World Deaf Golf Federation to seek financial partners to help future host countries.**

- a) Offer naming rights to all brand companies like Titleist, Footjoy, Taylormade, etc.
- b) Need more sponsorships than the R&A alone to help reducing costs

The Scottish Deaf Golf Association would like to thank you for your assistance on the day.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Maher  
Chairperson

Michael Tweedie  
Secretary

## SOUTH AFRICAN PROPOSAL 2010

Hi Anders,

South Africa would like to propose a Seniors Team competition to be added to future World Deaf Golf Championships. It can be run in similar fashion to the Ladies competition. Most of the original players who participated at the first Championships are either in their 50's or fast approaching that milestone.

Kind Regards  
Chairman

**Raymond Graaff**  
Senior Technician  
Operations, South Africa  
Business Area Electronic Defence Systems

## **WDGC 2010 – WDFG General Meeting**

### **Proposal Motions by USA**

- 1) USA bids for 2014 WDGC
- 2) Allow Women to have an option to ride power carts “Buggies”
- 3) Allow Seniors to have an option to ride power carts or walk
- 4) To establish Seniors as a team with a similar format as Women’s, thus reducing from 10 to 8 in Men’s, and increase from 3 to 5 in Seniors.
- 5) Permit Golfers to use USGA & R&A Rules approved ranger finders for distance measures, as comply with USGA & R&A rules.
- 6) Remove Amateur Status (allow deaf professional golfers to participate at WDGC)
- 7) WDFG should be unaffiliated from ICSD and become an independent organization

## PROPOSAL MOTION FROM WALES

Hi Anders,

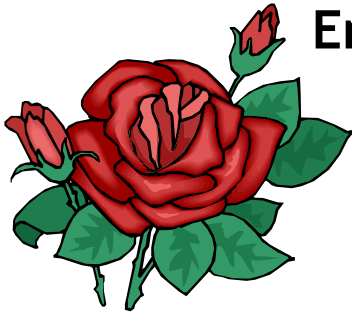
WDGA Chairman - Peter Powe, would like to give 2 motions -

1 - Change to every 4 years world cup instead of 2 years

2 - International players transfer rules

Regards

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# English Deaf Golf Association

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8<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Dear Mr. Hilldings,

English Deaf Golf Association established in 1983 and run strongly with around 150 members. We organize National Championship every year with 4 rounds. We have 7 committees and communicate regularly through emails.

EDGA was the first country to stage WDGC in 1995 at Forest of Aden, Coventry. The tournament went very well and then WDGC has staged regularly till 2010. EDGA is very proud to see WDGF grows stronger and professional international governing golf body.

Now, EDGA would like to bid to host 13<sup>th</sup> WDGC in July / August 2020 to celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Jubilee since the first WDGC in 1995. The venue and cost have not been decided because it is 10 years advance. EDGA wants other country to back our bid for this special celebration. We will provide with provisional details at the 11<sup>th</sup> WDGC in 2016.

EDGA hopes that WDGF will accept this bid in very good advance to allow other country to prepare and save money for the special celebration year of 2020!

We hope to hear from you shortly regarding to allow us to bid at the AGM this August at Fairmont St. Andrews.

Yours in golf,

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*EDGA Chair*

Kevin Whalley,  
*EDGA Secretary*



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# World Deaf Golf Federation

## Board's comments to the Proposal Motions for the 2010 General Meeting

### **8.8 Handicap(ped) Card (Canada)**

The WDGf Board supports the idea that all players must show a handicap card.

The *Rules for the World Deaf Golf Championships* states in article 3 (Eligibility/Audiograms) that a player must show proof of his or her handicap.

### **8.9 Measuring Devices (Canada, Scotland, USA)**

Measuring devices is not allowed during the 2010 WDGC.

For the 2012 WDGC, the WDGf Board recommends that the allowance of measuring devices should be thoroughly investigated by the Board. The decision should be made at least one year before the start of the Tournament.

### **8.10 Pace of play (Scotland)**

The Organizing Committee should set targets for the round times and check that the groups are keeping up with the time schedule. The Organizing Committee should have officials on the golf course who are checking the pace of play. A group should be watched if they have an empty hole in front of them. Timing of individual strokes with the treat of penalties should be made if a player is found to play unusually slow.

### **8.11 New Handicap Championship (Scotland)**

It would be too many competitions if a new Championship is created in the WDGC.

The WDGf Board could however consider a special prize for the best net score.

### **8.12 Financial Partners (Scotland)**

It is very hard to get a sponsor today. The companies do not want to give money without getting anything in return. WDGf must provide something in return when asking a company for economical support. We should also contact the International Golf Federation and ask for their advice how to get sponsors.

### **8.13 Buggies in Ladies' Tournament (USA)**

The rules in the Ladies' Tournament is the same as in the Men's Tournament; no buggies.

Old players could provide a Doctor's Certificate which states that they need a buggy to be able to play a round of golf.

### **8.14 Power carts in Men's Senior (USA)**

Power carts (an electric driven trolley) and buggies are allowed in Men's Senior Tournament.

### **8.15 WDGf unaffiliated from ICSD (USA)**

The WDGf should stay affiliated with ICSD since we want golf to be a Deaflympic sport.

### **8.16 WDGC every 4 years (Wales)**

The WDGC should remain being played every 2nd year. A change to every 4th year will be brought up in the future if golf is elected into Deaflympics.

### **8.17 International players transfer rules (Wales)**

The rule today is quite clear;

*A player must have a valid passport for the country he or she is representing. The player shall have some relationship to the country, e.g. live in-, or have been born in-, or have parents from the country he or she is representing.*

*If a player has represented a country previously he has to wait for two years before he or she can represent another country. The player's former National Deaf Golf- or National Deaf Sports Organisation must give their approval. The player is not allowed to represent his or her former country in any sport during this time. A player can only change his or her nationality once.*