

NEODGA Semi-Annual Meeting

5/28/2024

Welcome 2024-2026 NEODGA Board of Directors!

We will start this meeting by going around and introducing ourselves, reading our job responsibilities and a discuss few of our goals in our positions.

Michael Knepp – President 2X: The President shall schedule, create agendas, and preside over association meetings. The President will also act as directional lead for NEODGA.

My Goals:

1. Continue to improve communication between NEODGA Affiliated clubs. This not only applies to league events and tournament scheduling but also throughout the year to help improve the strength of our clubs and leaders.
2. Continue to build our NEODGA Events up in hopes of bringing a PDGA Major or DGPT event to NEO in the next few years.

Jon Gensel - Vice President: The Vice President will coordinate committee activities, act as a substitute for the NEODGA President, monitor activities of the treasurer, and be the key contact to reach out to new clubs for inclusion into the NEODGA.

Goals:

Aren Payne - Communications Director: The Communications Director shall be responsible for contacting and communicating with all NEODGA affiliated clubs, NEODGA members, the state PDGA representative and the PDGA. This includes official communications by internet, mailings, e-mails, postings, meeting minutes and voting activities.

Goals:

Tori Cutlip - Treasurer: The Treasurer shall manage fundraisers and raffles and disperse common association funds. This officer shall oversee and coordinate all sponsorship efforts. This officer shall provide financial status reports. The treasurer will coordinate official NEODGA merchandise distribution.

Goals:

PK Deaner - Competition Director: Responsible for coordinating, providing direction, and monitoring reoccurring NEODGA competitive initiatives. Initiatives may include but not limited to regional events series and multicourse leagues.

Goals:

2023 Financial Recap Frozen Fingers and other events – (Gensel/Cutlip)

- Financial Update – Frozen Fingers Update (Supplemental Spreadsheet)
- Current Paypal balance \$17,642.74
- NEODGA Event Proceeds in account (Grassman has around \$1.5k, Hudson \$500 and Sunny Lake around \$750). I need to find time to compile all of the event spreadsheets and update these numbers.

2024 NEODGA Grants Awarded

Coursework Projects:

\$1000 Lake County DGC - Painesville Baskets (2) – **PAID**
\$1000 Medina DGC - Tee Pad Project - **PAID**
\$1000 Parma DGC - Brown Course Improvements – **PAYMENT DUE**
\$1000 - Summit DGA - Sunny Lake Signage – **PAYMENT DUE**

New Course Grants:

\$1000 Backyard Discs - Nathan Seissel Cowles Creek 9 Hole course in Geneva -**PAID**
\$1000 Findley Flight Club/Medina DGC - Spencer Ohio new course - **PAID**

Event Grants:

\$500 - Findley's Lost Island Adventure VI - PDGA B Tier – **Event Registration Soon**
\$500 - Attack of the Grassman IV - PDGA B Tier - **Event Registration Soon**
\$500 – Youngstown Urban Open - PAYMENT DUE

2025 Frozen Fingers Gameplan –

- Quick discussion regarding 2025 series
- Roll out tags at event #1 and play for them at all series events?
- Events:
 1. Wingfoot TD: Knepp/Dr. T Vendor:
 2. Medina TD: Schultz/Ferrell Vendor:
 3. Hudson TD: Haney/Knepp Vendor:
 4. Warren TD: Silvers Vendor: Turbo Putt
 5. OPEN TD: Open Vendor:
 6. OPEN TD: OPEN Vendor:
 7. FINALE Parma TD: Gensel/Knepp Vendor:
- Potluck
- Swap Meet
- Any other suggestions?

Charter update review (Gensel/Knepp)

- Mission Statement review
- Position title review - COMPLETE
- Affiliate club fees
- Club membership program/tag program – We have sold most of the NEODGA tags ~25 left
- Vote to approve updated charter to be published

Finance Update – Cutlip/Gensel

- Taxes filed for 2024 – Tori to meet with Matt soon to transfer accounts
- Tax Exempt status
- Donation write off forms
- Fundraising programs?

NEODGA Tournament Assets:

- I would like to use some of our current money to purchase some event assets. What are some things that we need?
- Water coolers, tent, banners, feathers, course signage, directional signage, bus etc.
- I would like to create a big NEODGA Tent and banners to use for events.

NEODGA Summer Series? (PK Deaner)

- Choose 6-7 events to include in NEODGA summer points series
- \$1 per player donation to the summer series pot
- Trophies and prizes for series points winners

Merch Plans? (Aren Payne)

- Frozen Fingers Series hoodies? Success?
- NEODGA merch store updates
- Pins/patches and stickers
- Summer series merch?

Diversity and Inclusion Update: (Gensel/Cutlip)

- NEODGA Ladies league(s)!
- NEODGA Kids clinics?
- NEODGA Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives?

Competition Director Initiatives:

- We have many new aspiring TDs in the area that may not know the process to setup an event (sanctioned or unsanctioned)
- I would like to create a “TD process sheet” outlining the process by which an event can be approved in NEO
- Detailed instructions and processes on how to run an event
- Any issues with potential “stepping on toes”

Events:

- It is important to ensure that we provide a great player experience for all NEO events
- Any suggestions/comments/feedback on how best to improve our events?
- Any recent event issues that need to be discussed?
- Can we get a NEO Amateur Championship going here which could build into an A tier event within the next few years?

Website:

- We have multiple parties interested in helping us create a website. I would like to make this a priority this year as it is required by Ohio state 501c3 status.
- Thoughts about content?

NEODGA Club Directory:

- I would like to create a NEODGA Club/Course Directory with contacts available for all courses and clubs to be posted on the NEODGA page & website

PDGA AM Worlds Bid

- It is important to have all our ducks in a row prior to even submitting a bid to host a major.
- We can lay the groundwork over the next few years to build the NEO Event scene
- We will need an army of volunteers and support from all affiliate clubs to accomplish a major here in NEO

Other discussion topics: