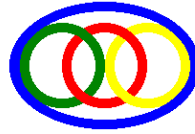


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Minutes - 26th WBC Meeting Otaki, New Zealand Jan 24, 2009 - Byron's Resort

Meeting opened: 9:08 am

Present:

Region EAME

AV- Alex Vigoureux EAME Chairman
HW- Hilmar Wehner
EA- Evert Aartsen
SH- Svenja Hempleman EAME Res

Region AA

BP- Brian Price AA Chairman
OFM- Oscar Foot Mann WBC Secretary
CW- Claire Willard Event CJ
GD- Geoff Davis AA Res

Region PA

LS- Lee Stone
JM- Joe Malenfant Event ACJ
REG- Richard Earl Gray WBC Chairman

Apologies

GLD- Graeme Dwyer WBC Honorary
BB- Brent Benoist PA Chairman

Review Minutes of Council Meeting #25

Ratify BP LS Second

EAME revisions:

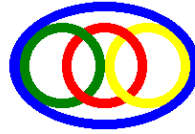
- Add Gill Hill IWSF in attendance
- P7 - EAME council was unaware of Italian Bid
- Timer cap software free BUT proprietary hardware is required

The Chairman highlighted that such amendments should have been advised when the minutes were circulated to Council members shortly after the meeting. Feedback noted by EAME delegates.

Approved Unanimously with the listed amendments

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Matters Arising from Minutes

BP- no action on archiving historical data

BP- confirms BC meets honorary membership

BP- Rolling SL. To be addressed by GD in SL report

BP/LS- AA and PA did not trial timer capture

OFM- Level 1 tests. Regions nominated officials who did not pass test

OFM- Fed development. AA is increasing fed participation. PA needs to go into South/Central America

AOB

The following items were listed:

- Officials nominations
- Tournament entry forms. REG
- Athletes Advisory Council election process. To be from athletes at these championships by those same athletes
- E-meeting protocol. REG
- Skiers input. To be presented by Fred Groen today
- Overall calculations. JM

Review e-ballots

Moved LS

REG Second

Unanimously approved

Chairman's Report

BP suggested a meeting between a meeting IWSF reps and Regional Chairmen

GD questioned should IWSF reps be on site to qualify for LOC room/meal

subsidy

Past LOC's to share LOA's with future LOC's

Report accepted

PA Report

OFM questioned PA federation expansion plans. None planned

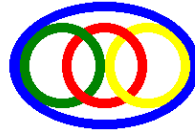
OFM questions PA Regional Tournament plans. None planned

EAME Report

REG highlighted that record applications and judging are items of concern.- Many records are late and do not meet judging criteria to be records

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AA Report

BP informed us of possible Moomba participation
REG commended AA for federation expansion efforts

Mike Holt USA independent skier joined meeting @10:45 as a observer

Rules Report

BP questioned slalom and jump starting speeds. All agreed they are not necessary.

PPG Report

BP requests standardization of terminology on awards
BP has updated appointed officials not skiing policy
Work continues to update PPG

11:05 Stefan Worpel and Terry Gregory made presentation for 2010 World Championships. EAME Council expressed full endorsement of this future bid. Questions regarding the quality of site were asked. LOA will be submitted to the WBC before the end of March 2009 to be subsequently forwarded to IWSF in Calgary.

11:50 Rob Groen made presentation as LOC president.

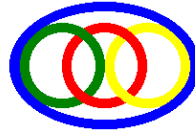
Inspiration site was reviewed.
Ski course and jump driving was reviewed.
Forest lake site and driving paths were reviewed.
Refueling procedures reviewed
Tournament safety was reviewed
Meetings and functions were discussed

12:40 Claire made CJ presentation

Issue was raised regarding rates of acceleration
Rear speedo in one boat will be replaced by GPS
For 2 days we will be short on the scoring team so the WBC is requested to assist
Due to the dual lake site the protest time will be extended to 1 hour for the days of dual lake use. Protests will be accepted by ACJ or CJ.
Unanimous agreement to all issues.

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BP mentioned that due to a poor turn out of EAME and PA judges there is a large disparity of regional representation on the judging panel and therefore the boat crews will not likely comprise a judge from each region. Noted by the council.

Record Report by REG

Issues were raised regarding the recent World Record applications submitted by the South African Federation. Items of concern included – applications submitted well out of date, errors in paperwork and inaccurate judging assessment by the EAME Record Review panel. These issues are almost insurmountable, unless EAME changes their record approval process.

World Records skied at this tournament will be ratified at this tournament.

EAME is seeking a new RRC representative for this championships and forward.

REG presented the question of how to best document jump speeds via GPS.

After discussion it was referred to the rules committee.

World Events Report by REG

World Games athletes must be named to REG before the end of these championships.

OFM asked the question will China be allowed to replace Taiwan should Taiwan not enter. World Games selection processes were discussed. OFM will consult with Kuno regarding China's involvement

OFM nominated BP for CJ of 2009 World Games.

BP has been invited to inspect the WG site. More information to follow.

The question of boats was asked by AV. No information at this time. REG will get more info from IWSF. A Barefoot Sanger w/ tower and SFH has been purchased by Taiwanese Barefoot Club and offered to be used free of charge but there is some question as to it's acceptance by either the IWSF or KOC. REG will follow up

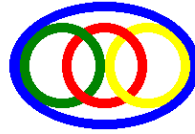
Standings List report by GD

EAME standings list issues were addressed and EAME has agreed to use the WBC methods.

The use of the WBC scoring program has received resistance from the EAME SL officer and this is keeping us from instituting the rolling standings list, which was mandated in Witbank (2005 World Championships). EAME reps will be introducing the scoring program in EAME for future tournaments. GD will be giving instructions on the program.

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Officials Report by BP

BP asks for some other member to replace him as Chairman.
JM has accepted the Chairmanship of the Officials Committee
JM has agreed to burn DVD's as a start of the standard judging DVD project.
Many thanks to Gary Butler (USA) for donating a 160GB hard drive of raw tournament footage to use for this project.

Promotion report by HM

EAME has developed a "tournament in a box" to travel to new federations to ease the introduction of new federations to barefoot tournaments.
HM proposes that to promote the increase of inverted jumping that a minimum distance be awarded to inverted jumps
HM proposes that to increase focus on the fundamentals that reverse 1-foot, toe holds, and 1-foot TT's be paid a bonus. Referred to the Rules Committee

3:00 Fred Groen was allowed to express opinions on behalf of the skiers.

SFH.....World Cup..... 5 year plan... WBC fixated on rules... IWSF????
Communication... Records approval process... Record problems??? President to implement 5 year plan...Dissatisfaction with WBC... Off year events... Skiers rep... Suggested the WBC operate under more of a "President" leader than a "Chairman"

Approval of new tricks

WBC members replied to Fred, acknowledging the items tabled and clarifying a number of misconceptions advised to him by the skiers.

WBC Web Site

Mike Holt agreed to assist AV with setting up a stand-alone WBC web site

Slalom Shorthand

Slalom shorthand change... Approved unanimously

Byelaws

Byelaws change to meet e-meeting protocol... Approved unanimously

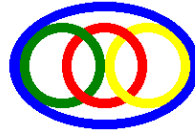
Outstanding Service Awards/Honor Board

OM highlighted to the meeting that Federations and Confederation Councils need to be more mindful re the timely acknowledgement of people who had contributed to the sport and not wait until these people had died or retired before bestowing such recognition.

... Awards Committee Chairman LS assisted by GD...

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IWSF Athlete's Commission

General discussed on the viability of the commission. The disparity of representation has left barefoot impotent in this commission. The AAC reps must be elected by and from among the athletes present at these Championships... A discussion on developing a strategy to make this council a benefit to barefoot was discussed.

Official's Clinic Certificates

OM proposed that attendees to WBC approved clinics be awarded a certificate of attendance. BP will seek a source.

AOTY Selection Committee

REG to establish a committee comprising of experts to analyze the nominations and name the recipients of these awards... Discussion regarding whether the nominations should come from the confederations or membership.

Deadlines

WBC has a dismal track record in meeting deadlines. Mike Holt offered to develop a calendar to help the council to meet deadlines. BP suggested a reminder e-mail 3-5 days before the deadline would be helpful. The feeling of the council is the accepting of responses post the nominated deadline be the domain of the Chairman, after having considered the criticality of the item in question.

Fines due to Late Entries... (C405b4)

The question was asked regarding the dispersal of any late fees resulting from 2006 World Championships. Any fines for these Championships will be assessed and reported back by REG.

SFH for RC Tournaments

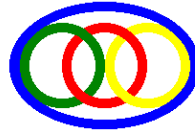
EA moves AV seconds to accept the SFH for RC as an option for LOC's. Passed 7 in favor - 1 opposed

REG questioned WBC election policy, which is unclear. Referred to Byelaws Committee

Meeting adjourned 5pm

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Reconvened Monday, Feb 2, 9:45AM
Groenz Co. – Wellington, New Zealand

REG – PA
CW - AA
BP - AA
JM - PA
GD – AA RESERVE
LS - PA
OFM - AA
SH – EAME voting until 10:30
AV – EAME
EA- EAME arrived 10:30
HW- EAME arrived 10:30
GLD – Honorary
Peter O'Neill arrived 10:45

Discussion re: IWSF neglect of Barefooting

Following general discussion there was a consensus of opinion that our sport was not receiving due respect and representation from IWSF. e.g. World Games towboats, World games site test in November 08, lack of inclusion in IWSF sanctioned coaching clinics, lack of inclusion in World Cup events. Letter to be written by REG to IWSF expressing WBC dissatisfaction with barefooting's representation.

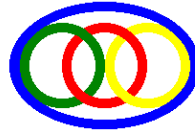
Discussion of 90 day Trick Policy.

Discussion re: length of time necessary to approve and promulgate the new tricks compared to the time spent on discussion of the process prior to Otaki. Discussion of management of introduction and promulgation of new tricks in a timely and more complete manner. Agreed that we need to disseminate the description and video to all confederations in a timely manner. REG proposes Rules Committee develop new tricks and bring them back to WBC.

BP proposes tricks must be submitted to WBC 120 days before the next World Championships and be adjudicated no less than 60 days before the Championships. This process will be summarized in the rulebook and presented in complete form in the PPG. Consensus in favor.

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Qualifying Scores re Independents @ 2009 Championships

Discussion on the amendments made to the qualifying scores for Independent entries for these Championships. The majority of the Council supported the amendments made to the qualifying scores.

Qualifying Scores for future World Championships

After general discussion on this item REG appointed GD to chair a committee to review and rewrite the rule regarding the independent qualification scores. BP to assist GD via preparation of the terms of reference. AV asked that a percentile be used as the determining factor.

Discussion on Future Operation of Committees

It is the Chairman's intention to undertake the on going business of the Council using committees. The committees will work independent of the council and undertake tasks allocated to them. Having fully assessed the allocated task, a detailed report including a recommendation will be presented back to the Council for final ratification.

Discussion of Senior Womens Jump Event

Opinion sought from Council members re the on going viability of the Senior Womens jump and should it be included in the overall. Proposed that Senior Womens jump is not technically advancing and is only participated because we include it in overall, which may be forcing the Senior Women to jump. Discussion will continue on forum.

Skier Issues presented by Peter O'Neill

Peter presented a paper outlining the following items:

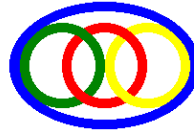
- Tie breakers. Peter's information conflicts with written statements REG has obtained.
- Junior Teams event
Peter suggests that the team selection concept is discouraging/disappointing juniors and contributing to a loss of skiers going forward to the open division. Discussion will continue on forum

World Games Athlete Selection

World Games athletes must be selected and forwarded to REG by the end of this week. WBC reps will make these selections to REG based on SL and these World Championships.

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Athletes Council Rep

Athletes council representative selection was not participated by the athletes. Only one athlete (Peter O'Neill, Aus) volunteered for this position. REG will confirm with Peter.

Late Entries

Any late registration fines for these championships will be assessed and distributed by REG.

Review of Entry Forms

Discussion of entry forms/requirements for Championships. Question of do we need 3 entry forms. REG will be working on developing an updated electronic version which will download to WBC scoring program.

Scorers for World Championships

Discussion on the number of scorers required. CW suggests 5 scorers. BP believes if we had 12 judges for a two lake site, the judges could supplement the scoring panel when not judging.

Level 1 Test

Short discussion regarding Level 1 test requirements and methods. This test can be administered by all WBC members.

Review of Judging Performances

Questions raised regarding the overall judging performance at these championships. Not enough judges were appointed and all agree that we need to increase our number of officials in all regions. Many errors in the judging resulted from lack of knowledge of the rules.

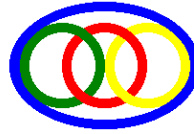
GD, EA, left meeting 12:25.

Chief Judge Discretionary Powers

Discussion on the Chief Judge's obligations to achieve correct results and action's necessary correcting mistakes made in the boat by judges vs. accepting the on water judgments made by the event judges, needs to be further addressed. OFM will write a paper to supplement video review policy explaining the use of video to ensure proper outcomes

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Judging Multiple Turns

HM questioned judging of multiple turns. It was agreed that judging seminars are necessary and JM is already charged with developing review videos.

Re-election of the Chairmen

BP highlighted that there was no formal re-election of the chairmen. Election methodology was discussed. No nominations were taken and no elections were held. BP believes the formal re-election of the Chairmen needs to be undertaken at the Bi-annual meeting of the Council. Proposes this requirement to be detailed in the PPG.

Meeting adjourns at 12:45.

Items we did not cover:

Forum Protocol

To be discussed via e-mail in the future

IWSF expense Claim forms.

An electronic form will be sent to all WBC Members for claiming of travel expenses for this meeting.