



# MINUTES

of the meeting of the  
EUROPE CONFEDERATION WATERSKI COUNCIL  
held  
ONLINE (Zoom)  
on Monday 27th April 2020

## 1. Attendance and apologies for absence

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Candido **Moz**      *Chairman*  
Dimos **Alexopoulos**  
Ricardo **Botas**  
Christophe **Duverger** (from 19:00 CET)  
Stian **Lilleberg**      *Treasurer*  
Hannu **Rintanen**  
Donal **Connolly**  
James **Timothy**      *Secretary*  
Morten **Froulund**  
Manon **Costard**      *Athlete Representative*

The meetings commenced at 1800 CET.

## 2. Drivers' Commission

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The Commission's composition is:

- Chairman: Donal Connolly
- Group X: Ian Campbell  
Constans Olivier  
Ricardo Botas
- Group Y: Vincent Stadlbaur  
Franz Oberleitner
- Group Z: Peter Davies
- Athlete Rep: Freddie Winter

The question of whether to have two athlete representatives was discussed but it was agreed to remain with one.

### 3. Request from Patrice Martin

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The WSC was asked to consider delaying the first Titled Events of 2020, ie the Youth and U21 Championships to a date later in August. It was agreed to continue to review the situation on a 60 day rolling basis and delay if necessary.

### 4. Review of IWWF Rules (Section 1, General Rules)

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1. **Rule 2.02 – Rounds** – Discussed but no change recommended
2. **Rule 4.01 – Safety Director** – Discussed but no change recommended.
3. **Rule 5.02 – Pylon Height** – In light of the fact that only more recent boats with ZO could be approved, it was suggested that the pylon height range be reviewed.
4. **Rule 5.02 – Speed Control** – In the event of failure of the boat's speed control system and the tournament having to revert to manual driving, it was suggested that the allowed Maximum Scores were too high.
5. **Rule 5.07 – ZO Course Mapping** – The reason for a 2.5metre tolerance before requiring a re-map was clarified, ie this is the maximum accuracy that ZO can currently achieve.
6. **Rule 5.09 – Tow Lines** – Discussed but no change recommended.
7. **Rule 6.02 – Boat Speed & Tolerances** – It was suggested that a 1km/hr tolerance for Tricks was too high and should be lowered.

### 5. Examinations & Re-examinations

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It was agreed to extend all deadlines and issue a statement to that effect.

### 6. E&A Officials Seminar 2021

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Gavin Kelly has asked whether he can go ahead and organise the Officials Seminar (postponed from 2020) for April 2021. It was agreed that despite the success of this year's Webinar and resources made available (and considerable cost savings), there was still great value in face to face discussions. Therefore we should continue to organise a traditional event in 2021.

### 7. Grading of FFLF Trick

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Since there were two ways of starting this trick (ie from hard side wrap or easy side wrap), it was queried as to whether the easy side wrap in should be downgraded from the existing 850 points, ie have two versions of the trick with differing points. It was agreed that Manon would poll the skiers.

### 8. Any Other Business

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#### 1. Athlete of the Year Awards

It was agreed that during the lockdown period, awards could be sent directly to the skier if necessary.

#### 2. Championship Medals

Ricardo queried as to whether he should go ahead and order Championship medals for this year. It was agreed that since medals could be provided within the rolling 60 day review period, we could wait until an event was confirmed before actually ordering them up.

#### 3. Level 2 Scorers

Hannu pointed out that there was at present, no formal processing for Level 2 Scorers. It was agreed to set up a working group to deal with this.

#### 4. U17 & 35+ Age Categories

Dimos proposed that if the 2020 European U17 Championships are postponed until 2021, athletes who would have been eligible this year should not be allowed to compete at an actual age of 17/18. It was decided to wait until the 2020 event was actually postponed before deciding on a policy for eligibility.

#### 5. Elite Ranking List

Manon queried as to whether it might be better to do this list starting at 1<sup>st</sup> January each year (as opposed to being on a 12 month rolling basis from the previous year). Skiers will be polled.

#### 6. Standardisation of calendar years

Dimos suggested that there should be a global standard calendar year. For example, beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July. Dimos will bring a proposal for consideration.

### 13. 2020 Meeting dates and venues

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14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November      November meeting      GBR      TBC. London Heathrow

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**Secretary**

James Timothy

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**Chairman**

Candido Moz

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The Minutes are subject to approval at the next Meeting.

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Meeting session: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1800 - 1945 CET