



MINUTES

of the meeting of the
EUROPE CONFEDERATION WATERSKI COUNCIL
held
ONLINE (Zoom)
on Thursday 1st October 2020

1. Attendance and apologies for absence

Candido **Moz** *Chairman*
Dimos **Alexopoulos**
Ricardo **Botas**
Christophe **Duverger**
Hannu **Rintanen**
James **Timothy** *Secretary*
Stian **Lilleberg** *Treasurer*
Donal **Connolly**
Morten **Froulund**
Manon **Costard** *Athlete Representative*
Louis **Polome** *Africa Confederation President*

Apologies for absence:
None

The meeting commenced at 20:30 CET.

2. Driving and associated problems

Candido reported back on a discussion that he had had with members of Admincom concerning an upcoming tournament which intended to use a driver under sanction but because he was appealing the sanction decision, the sanction is suspended pending the outcome of the appeal.

The main points were:

- Except for Record Capability and Elite Events, the WSC only has a relationship with (and therefore control over) the National Federation.
- It is for the National Federation to police tournaments run under their jurisdiction.
- Although the WSC checks the validity of jury panels after the event, it does not appoint them for National Events.

Because of the above, the WSC has limited options at this stage to influence the constitution of the jury panel in question.

The discussion went on to talk about monitoring standards of homologation and that this must be improved. Currently, WSC observers can only be sent to record capability events.

Candido made the point that the National Federations should be encouraged to be more proactive in ensuring tournaments are being run fairly and correctly. It was felt that rather than being confrontational and starting a “war” with the Federations and imposing a lot of checks and inspections, we need to encourage a culture of fair play and to find ways of achieving that.

Various ideas on how to achieve this were discussed at length.

It was decided to send a letter to the Federation of immediate concern and remind them of the need for control of tournament standards within their jurisdiction and to let them know that WSC was monitoring the situation.

It was also decided that the rules would be amended for next year to enable WSC to carry out unannounced checks on sites of concern.

3. Driver differences

The meeting discussed an email received from an elite skier who related that he had recently experienced two drivers in a single tournament, who had both driven within the required tolerances, but who felt very different to ski behind, one good, the other not so good. The skier asked WSC whether this sort of thing was being monitored or even addressed.

Donal pointed out that since the new boat path measurement systems had been developed so that their data was available at a server for analysis, this was very much an ongoing area of development and research. In the future, we will be able to collect a vast amount of data and get a much better understanding of what makes a boat path good for the skier whilst at the same time, avoiding unfair practice. This was also an important topic being discussed by the Drivers Commission.

Candido will reply to the skier who raised the issue.

4. Hall of Fame

There is now a requirement for individual disciplines to nominate “selectors” whose job it will be to nominate candidates to be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame. Candido will circulate the criteria Council members should use to consider a nominee’s suitability for the role of selector.

5. Skier of the Decade and Quarter Century

Because there has not been a “skier of the year” in 2020 and next year the Worlds will be in Florida and will coincide with 75 years of the European Confederation, it has been decided to award a “Skier of the Decade” and a “Skier of the Quarter Century”.

Since this task will require a lot of research, Dimos and Louis have volunteered to work on it.

6. November Meeting - Geneva

Admincom have requested whether WSC can attend a meeting in Geneva or what alternative arrangements they might be happy with.

Given that it is impossible to commit to any travel arrangements given the COVID situation, it was agreed that WSC would hold a series of online meetings prior to taking part in an online meeting with Admincom.

7. Any Other Business

- a. Ricardo enquired as to when the 2020 ranking list would be taken off the E&A results site. Candido replied that he would send another reminder to the site admin.
- b. Candido outlined the latest 2021/2022 provisional calendar.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 22.00 CET.

Secretary

James Timothy

Chairman

Candido Moz

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Meeting session: 19:00 – 20.31 CET