



MINUTES

of the meeting of the
EUROPE CONFEDERATION WATERSKI COUNCIL
held via Zoom
on Sunday 10th April 2022

1. Attendance and apologies for absence

Candido Moz	<i>Chairman</i>
Amanda Scherer	<i>Secretary</i>
Dimos Alexopoulos	
Morten Froulund	
Hannu Rintanen	
Ricardo Botas	
Gavin Kelly	
Louis Polome	<i>Africa Confederation Representative</i>
Martin Kolman	<i>Athlete Representative World Council</i>

Apologies for absence:

Stian Lilleberg	<i>Treasurer</i>
Manon Costard	<i>Athlete Representative</i>

The meeting commenced at 18:00 CET.

2. Wild Cards

There will be an announcement published, following the bulletin for the E&A +35 to be held in Ioannina, Greece, informing the Federations that the Wild Card Rule 14.14 will be accepted by the organiser for this event.

3. Officials affected by the present Ukraine crisis

The same rules, regarding athletes affected by the present situation in the Ukraine, will also be implemented for all officials wishing to officiate. The rules of eligibility for athletes are published on the IWWF website under Resources/Athletes/Rules of Eligibility. On this matter, it was mentioned that our current EMS system has to be updated with an IWWF/Neutral flag for all athletes and officials who find themselves in a period of ineligibility.

4. Europe Waterski Council Meetings

The normal cycle of TC meetings, before the era of virtual meetings, were physical and took place before and after the Congress, before the E&A Seminar and again in November. The world has changed in the past 2 years and virtual meetings have now become part of our lives. This has made spontaneous meetings, to discuss unexpected issues that arise in between our physical meetings, possible. It was decided, as well as the 3 physical meetings, to continue with the virtual meetings on a regular basis in the off season period and to meet only as deemed necessary in the high season.

5. Scorers, 1 & 2 Event

There was a request to allow or introduce Scorer (2 Event), similar to the Judge 2 (2 Event), at international level. It was discovered that this is already allowed under the World Rules and that National Federations are already able to appoint Scorer level 3 (2 event). The Additional Rules will be modified to clarify this possibility.

6. Seminar

The virtual seminar which took place 2nd/3rd April was considered a success. The feedback has been very positive and the participation from officials in Europe, Africa and from varied other parts of the world was very high. The question has arisen, based on the high participation for the virtual seminars, as to whether the yearly officials seminar should rotate one year virtual the next year physical. There are many pros and cons to this that need to be considered. This will be discussed later in the year. As already published on the IWWF Europe Waterski Council homepage, the 2023 Officials Seminar will be a physical seminar and will be held in London from 24th to 26th March.

7. Officials Exams 2022

There are requests for officials exams 2022 using the exam online platform. The exams must be taken in the presence of, or supervised by, a Level 1 Official. Exams can also be taken at Titled Events during the year. There will be an update about the officials exams published in the Additional Rules and also in the newsletter "Around The Buoys". Also regarding National Officials officiating in other countries. This is normally not possible, but there are certain agreements between some countries where this is in fact possible.

8. EMS and Council duties

The EMS issue of athlete participation visibility 60 days before an event was brought up at the seminar. This is still being looked in to to see if a solution can be found.

It was agreed that each Council Member would submit a list of responsibilities that he or she were already undertaking which would be consolidated and be the basis of further discussions.

Next Meeting:

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:45 CET.

Secretary

Amanda Scherer

Chairman

Candido Moz

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The Minutes are subject to approval at the next Meeting.

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