



# MINUTES

of the meeting of the  
EUROPE CONFEDERATION WATERSKI COUNCIL  
held  
ONLINE (Zoom)  
on Wednesday 4th November 2020

## 1. Attendance and apologies for absence

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

Apologies for absence:  
None

The meeting commenced at 20:00 CET.

## 2. E&A Open Championships 2021

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Candido reported that following the WSC enquiry as to whether a one week delay was possible, he had received a reply from the organisers to the effect that it would not be possible.

## 3. 2021 Youth Championships

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The proposed schedule which divided the Championships into three separate tournaments were discussed and it was agreed that it would work. It also had the benefit of allowing a change of officials when some might find it difficult to be there for a 9 day event.

Because of time, it is likely that in each category, there would be one final and two sets of results (2020 & 2021) as opposed to running separate finals for each year.

The Federations should add competitors into EMS in the correct way. There will separate entries for each category and year.

#### 4. Officials – Examinations

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Candido reported that there were some homologator exam results to be entered.

#### 5. Seminar 2021

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Due to Covid, there will not be a normal seminar and planning will have to start for another on-line version as in 2020.

#### 6. Record Approvals

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Candido reported that there have been three applications for record performances all at one event. None of them have been approved because the boat paths were not within tolerance. In order that the reasons for refusal will be transparent, the end-course videos and other material will be made publicly available.

Another pending record which is under review which does not have gate video available at one end of the course was also discussed. The rule is slightly ambiguous in that it mentions that boat video may be used “in conjunction with” the gate video to obtain a more accurate result. However, this still implies that the gate video is present. In the end, it is down to a vote (World TC) as to whether to accept the boat video evidence and approve the record or not.

Candido congratulated Manon for her pending European record.

#### 7. Bob Corson

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Candido reported that Bob Corson would be standing down from the PanAm TC in November and will be replaced by Dana Garcia.

#### 8. Drivers Committee Report

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Donal reported that perhaps the Commission had been too ambitious in its initial aims and had now reverted to the core requests that had been asked of it by WSC, such as the progression of drivers. It was slow work but they were making progress.

There has been a lot of work on a proposal for a new rule governing boat path. Donal will distribute the draft document in preparation for discussion at the next meeting. The proposal already has broad support from the ProAm Drivers Council. If approved, it could be put forward to the World Council at their next meeting.

Donal also pointed out that E&A had already decided that a “boat path monitoring system” would become mandatory for all R & L tournaments in 2021 but the rest of the world will not be implementing anything similar yet. This might unfairly pressurise European events so it might be wise to revisit this decision.

#### 9. Admincom Items

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- Finance:
  - Homologation, registration fees – Candido still working on it.
  - Cash prize levies etc – Candido still finalising
  - There will be no levies/fines associated with calendar changes etc.
  - Stian has submitted expense claims for the boat homologation but has not yet sent the annual member expenses.

- Federation Voting Power – it is proposed that this will remain the same as for 2019.
- There are two possible record certificates: Manon’s pending slalom record and also an overall record for a Junior athlete set last year at Roquebrune. No one realised at the time and so at present, the jump picture is missing. This is still in the process of being retrieved from the computer which is at Roquebrune.
- Intention to Enter (Titled Events) forms will be available in the old fashioned way (ie not on EMS)
- Titled Event Entry Forms will all be done via EMS.
- “Youth” Championships will be divided down to U14, U17 and U21 Championships for 2021.

## 10. Online Forum Discussion

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Following receipt of an email from the E&A President, Candido drew attention to a discussion in an online forum in which some leading international drivers appeared to endorse a “weaving” boat path. Donal was of the opinion that this was just an online forum and not anything official and that we should be careful of taking it too seriously. Ricardo said he thought those drivers were very influential and could give the wrong impression on how seriously they viewed the rule on driving “straight”. James did not believe that the drivers were advocating any disregard of the rule but acknowledged that their comments could be misconstrued. Donal said that it was not for the WSC to comment on videos retrieved from social media and other unofficial sources. If anyone wanted examples of acceptable and unacceptable boat paths, then we would be happy to provide them.

Candido will reply to the email outlining the work WSC is doing with regard to boat paths.

## 11. Proposed role of Tournament Auditor

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Donal has prepared a draft specification for the role. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 12. Any Other Business

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Dimos reported that, for the first time, had seen Sure-Path used at an event at the weekend. He said he liked it very much and it was noticeable how much more focussed the drivers were when it was present in the boat.

Manon raised the issue again of trying to keep July free for elite events. The only date not yet fixed for 2022 is the European Open and Candido said they would try and encourage a date in August or later.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.30 CET.

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**Secretary**  
James Timothy

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**Chairman**  
Candido Moz

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Meeting session: 20:00 – 21.31 CET