



# MINUTES

of the meeting of the  
EUROPE CONFEDERATION WATERSKI COUNCIL  
held  
ONLINE (Zoom)  
on Wednesday 16th September 2020

## 1. Attendance and apologies for absence

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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 1900 CET.

## 2. Boat Homologation Expenses

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Candido outlined the results of the homologation carried out on the new Method boat. It has been granted provisional approval for one year (until July 2021) and then has to be presented with certain things fixed or improved.

There were issues with:

- Wakes at 10.25 rope length and below.
- Visibility of Zero Off display
- Potential for rope snags at the rear of the boat.
- Engine and propeller choice, setup and configuration.
- Problems with the balance of the boat.

There will be another full homologation process after one year at which the boat will have to pass all tests for the approval to continue.

The homologation process incurred expenses for the three WSC attendees. The homologation fee of €10,000.00 will be shared as follows:

- Admincom €5,000.00
- WSC €5,000.00

It was agreed that the homologation expenses of around €2,500.00 be paid from the WSC allocation.

### 3. Zoom Expenses

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It was agreed that WSC would pay the ongoing fees incurred by Candido for the use of Zoom for online meetings.

### 4. 2021 Calendar

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Candido outlined the provisional 2021 Calendar:

22-25 Jul	E&A Open Championships	GRE
02-08 Aug	E&A Youth Championships	ESP
02-08 Aug	E&A U21 Championships	ESP
22-29 Aug	World Junior Championships	USA
22-29 Aug	World U21 Championships	USA
02-05 Sep	E&A 35+ Championships	ITA
13-19 Sep	World 35+ Championships	FRA
Oct	World Open Championships	USA

### 5. 2022 Calendar

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Candido outlined the provisional 2022 Calendar.

??	E&A Open Championships	
03-07 Aug	E&A Youth Championships	GRE
26 Aug – 03 Sep	E&A U21 Championships	AUT
27-31 Aug	E&A 35+ Championships	GRE
24-27 Aug	FISU World University	BLR
10-14 Jul	GAISF World Games	USA
??	World Junior Championships	
??	World 35+ Championships	
??	World Open Championships	
??	World U21 Championships	

### 6. Tournament Driver

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The meeting was advised that Admincom had received a request for clarification as to whether a driver who was sanctioned after an event in 2019 could drive in a sanctioned tournament (Baurech) this year whilst an appeals process was still in progress. The Admincom decision was to consider any sanction suspended until the appeals process had finished.

There followed a lengthy and sometimes heated discussion.

There was general consensus among the WSC members that:

- They were disappointed that WSC had not been informed of the request for clarification on the sanction or asked for a view.
- They disagreed with the Admincom decision even though they could understand why it had been reached.
- They were extremely concerned that the perception from outside of the Confederation, would be of incompetence and/or a lack of will to deal with problem driving as and when it occurred.
- Going forward, there should be a process of random checks on tournaments.
- That if the sanction is upheld by the appeals process, that the sanction should begin at the beginning of a summer season and run for the duration.

## **7. Driver Qualification**

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The meeting was updated on the question of approving an International Driver qualification following a request from the Malaysian Federation to do so based on qualifications and experience already held in Malaysia.

Candido advised that following a request for detailed information on the actual level of qualifications held in Malaysia, it turned out that the driver was only qualified for domestic and recreational competitions. This was somewhat different to the impression given in the original request and so it was determined that none of the normal procedures for progression to an International Driver qualification had been followed. The request was therefore denied.

## **8. 2021 Seminar**

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Candido advised that a letter had been received from Gavin Kelly, advising that the UK Federation would be unable to host the planned annual seminar in 2021.

In the absence of a physical seminar, there would of course be a webinar.

Donal expressed the view that there was a great need for delegates to see each other right now to discuss issues in the sport but understood the reasons for the UK cancellation.

It was proposed that maybe it would be possible to hold a mini seminar with say one delegate from each country who could then go back and disseminate information to a larger assembly in their home countries.

## **9. Athlete of the Year**

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The question of whether to have a 2020 Athlete of the Year award was discussed. It was agreed that this would be pretty meaningless but that any outstanding performances in 2020 should be considered when determining the 2021 Athlete of the Year.

## **10. 2020 Ranking List**

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Ricardo pointed out that a 2020 ranking list seemed available on the E&A site and it shouldn't be there. It was agreed to ask Emmanuel to take it down or at least hide it until the end of the year.

## **11. November Meeting**

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Admincom have suggested that the normal November meeting could be a mixture of Zoom and face to face meetings.

Given the uncertainty still around for travel and hotels etc, WSC agreed that whatever Admincom proposed/arranged, we would do our best to be prepared and participate as best we can.

## 12. New Rule Changes

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Following online voting at World level, the following rule changes were agreed:

- For the 2021 IWWF 35+ Championships, the over 35 division would be the 2020 age division but opened up to include 45+ etc.
- The 2021 ranking list rules would be the same as agreed for the E&A 2021 ranking list.
- The new 35+ age categories will be 35+, 45+, 55+, 65+ etc with each division having no upper limit.
- 45+ women slalom skiers will shorten at 52kph, ie they will not have an option to ski at 55kph.

## 13. Any Other Business

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- a. Stian asked whether there were results from tests taken in 2020. Candido replied that they were on their way but he was waiting for some more tests to come in.
- b. Manon asked how EMS was progressing and in particular, did it publish a ranking list yet. She pointed out that Water Ski Nation was producing an elite list which was very easy to find and understand. Dimos replied that the EMS lists would be very flexible in how reports could be generated based on varying criteria. However, an elite list will take a bit more time.
- c. Ricardo asked whether an Organiser of a private tournament could have more control over entries into their own tournament. Dimos replied that more of this sort of control was being developed.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.31 CET.

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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: 19:00 – 20.31 CET