



## **MINUTES IWWF EUROPE RACING COUNCIL MEETING** **Hotel Mercure, VICHY (FRANCE)**

**From 09.00 am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 till 18.30 h**

### **1 To record attendance and apologies**

Our President Mike Waterman gave a warm welcome to all members present.

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| Mike Waterman (GBR)        | President                                 |
| Vera Van den Bossche (BEL) | Secretary-General                         |
| Franz Hebenstreit (AUT)    | Treasurer                                 |
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| Thea Klarenbeek (NL)       | Council member                            |
| Julius Leysen (BEL)        | Council member                            |
| Richard Hernaez (FRA)      | Council member                            |
| Chris Rydl (BEL)           | Athlete's Representative                  |

Apologies received from:

Jonas Garcia (ESP) due to work commitments/travel costs. Unfortunately we have no news from Jonas at this point, will try to find out what is happening, pursue when back home.

Reason why our Council preferred to come to Vichy instead of Tel Aviv is because we felt that we could do more to locally help France with the upcoming Worlds than attend the Congress. We intend to do everything in our power to support the French Federation in organizing the World Championships Racing in September 2019.

The Chairman also welcomes Steve Cox (GBR) to the meeting to discuss the F3 initiative demonstration to show at the Worlds on the off days. He invited Steve to attend the whole meeting with us, but of course without a vote on any key Issues.

### **2 To approve the Minutes of the Council meetings held at Radisson Blu Hotel, Split Croatia in November 2018 and deal with any matters arising.**

- Minutes of the meeting held in Split on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were duly approved.

- Point 6 : Vera will send circular to European Federations through Brit (Region Europe office) to find candidates for the European Racing Championships in 2020 !

### **3 President's report**

No Written tabled for once owing to personal reasons but he had used the November Report for Congress.

Our Chairman had visited Vichy in December 2018 together with Peter Butler to discuss possible International TV coverage for the Worlds. It was a very good and constructive meeting – World Organisers seemed quite impressed and keen – generally positive but they have to get approval from the Federation and local region – waiting on the outcome.

Extra agenda during that meeting as regards to the Worlds in general and also in particular regarding the F3 demonstration organisation the organizing committee approves this demonstration and will extend the normal logistical support required.

### **4 Secretary General's report**

Nothing special to report. Think everything is running smoothly and most of the points are contained in the Presidents report. Items of importance always copied to Council by email, so no outstanding matters.

### **5 Treasurer's Report**

- The support towards Int Open. Claim forms have to be made for approval, once this is done the payments can be done. If a club puts more than 1 event on the calendar as Int Open only one event per club will be supported by Council.
- Budget from Split is approved.
- Add to the budget : promotion support towards the F3 demonstration on the off days at the Worlds in Vichy: 500 € approved.
- Website costs are rising from 70 to 118 €.

### **6 Calendar for 2019.**

- It is very unfortunate that we have not had any Europe Cup competitions in the last two years. Of course it is more expensive we know but as International opens are all free standing one- off events there is no aggregate or series points as there is for Europe Cup.

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Suggestion has been made to review the rules and obligations for Europe Cup and see whether we can make the events more attractive to organisers.

The Ideal would be that we go back to the Europe Cup circuit so suggestions towards this issue and review of the obligations/ rules are welcome.

We need events which give value to results.

Discussed all possible elements – to be further discussed at next meeting.

- Suggestion made to re-start the Ranking List  
Ranking List as Thea did before results counts towards Ranking list.  
Thea and Chris will make an unofficial version for this year.  
It might help to get people interested again to go to events abroad.

Reflect on the items discussed and come back on this next meeting.

## **7 Correspondence, including reference to Belgium disciplinary Tribunal outcome.**

- Mail received from Derek Blackmore (GBR): suggestion rules
- Mail received from IWWF : jury panel published for the Worlds 2019  
WADA 2019 list published > to be distributed to all athletes.
- IWWF Hall of Fame selectors : Jan Thurgar – Dusty Schulz – Marie-Ann Persoons : maybe a good point for our Racing division.

Outcome disciplinary Tribunal Belgium :

- Robin Mariën > banned 2 years
  - Sylvia de Spiegeleire > case dismissed, acquitted on all counts.
- IWWF Europe Racing Council duly noted the outcome and recommend no further action at this level.

## **8 Any pressing IT issues/website/social media—Jonas—(also update on IWWF Racing World Website initiative).**

- IWWF Racing website and Facebook page was implemented by Jonas  
And it looks great – congratulations to Jonas for this job well done !!

## **9 WARAC update-**

- Beginning of March we will have a meeting to update.
- At Seminar a manual for WARAC will be made (by Chris)

## **10 Report from Region E & A Athletes' Representative, Chris Rydl,**

- All quiet in close season so not much to report.
- Chris will give full support towards the F3 demonstration at Worlds.
- Will publish on Athlete's corner the new WADA regulations

## **11 Judges Rota for 2019**

- No juries appointed this year are no titled events.
- Worlds Vichy : Technical Officials panel was published
- Jury list National performance: it would be a good idea to have this list seeing that for the moment we do not know who is still in function or not, each Council member to act on getting this information.

## 12 **Officials seminar 2019 at Viersel- confirmation of details**

- Vera will send a draft invitation to Mike.
- Dinner : would be either at the Aldhem or the Renteniershuis.
- IWWF Europe Hall of Fame award Paul Jensch: maybe a good idea to invite Paul to this seminar and present the award to him at that time.
- Topics at the seminar: Rules, Warac, exams

## 13 **European Racing Hall of Fame –confirming 2019 recipients.**

### **2018**

- Billy Rixon received his award in GB unfortunately we still do not have a picture from him to be published on our website > Mike to follow.
- Paul Jensch did not yet received his award > maybe at seminar ?

### **2019**

Suggested nominations :

- Carlo Cassa (ITA) European Champion F1 Men 1996 - 2002
  - Miriam Grignani (ITA) European Champion F1 Women 1984 – 1985
- As of 1990 Jersey (GB) we changed the European Championships in an two years' time event alternating with the World Championships.

### **2020**

Was already discussed on a previous occasion to include drivers and observer into our Hall of Fame and we all agreed on that.

So following suggestions are made :

- GB : Driver Jeff Price – (Team Wayne Ritchie AUS)
- Belgium : driver Vic Verheyen – observer Fons Bertels (team Danny Bertels)

To be discussed next meeting.

## 14 **Revision of any Region Europe Racing rules for 2019**

Suggestions and remarks made by Derek Blackmore on the rules – worked our through all points carefully – detailed response below:

Page 3 - Rule 2/3 Euro Cup and Euro Champ must have International License (not Required for Int. Open) is a loss of revenue.

Racing Council understands this very well, but unfortunately for the moment it has been so decided. Will be reviewed next winter at our meeting.

Page 4 - Note Rule 4.07 This is not always applied but should be.

Racing Council feels If needed it should be applied. Vera says that in Belgium on penalties above 3 % are discussed with the Teams.

Page 5 - Rule 4.11 This does not require an International Judge (this is good and should remain)

Racing Council thinks the same if International Open – no problem

Page 5 - Rule 4.15 Note no Ambulance specified ( again good providing adequate cover provided)

Racing Council feels : no action required depends on the specific site.

Page 11/12 - Rule 5.14 A to H reword to say any of the above will fail scrutineering not allowed to race - Unless rectified  
Racing Council : we cannot put penalties on every rule but it is up to the common sense of the judges, this goes for all rules without penalty stipulated.

Page 14 - Rule 5.28 Note Smoke signals preferred to flares and safer  
Racing Council does not agreed upon we keep it as it is.

Page 15 - Rule 5.34 ( F ) Amend wording  
Racing Council does not feel that there is any action required.

Page 17 - Rule 5.35 (K) Check wording as Carbon Fibre could now be classed as Normal.  
Racing Council does not agree at all with Carbon Fibre – too expensive and not accepted at World Level (also too dangerous in use).

Page 20 - Black and White Flag it would be impossible to implement as it states CJ to get agreement of all voting Judges ( How the hell can CJ obtain when all voting Judges are on the water)  
Also thought Judges did not give warnings of it warrants a DQ then give it with Black Flag.  
Racing Council discussed and indeed was not used until now and is under re-consideration.

Page 21 Rule 8.05 This rule penalty is not fair and not in the interest of fair play and if forced by other boats to go inside the buoy the other boat can get away with a 6% penalty  
Racing Council : this is up to the common sense of the Jury.

Page 22 - Rule 8.05 ( C ) amend wording > if skier is starting from outside the box neither boat or skier are to enter the 50m area until the skier is in the skiing position and must not impede the progress of boats that are on the course.  
Racing Council decided that this rule is related to tide water – so common sense is applied.

Page 22 - Rule 8.10 Define (Adequate)  
Racing Council feels that this is a specific matter for each event – not possible to cover all measures to be taken into a rule.  
Will add (site specific).

Page 27 - Rule 11.02/11.05 This does not comply with Rule 4.07  
Racing Council thinks that these are 2 different issues – on one hand the jury decision and on the other hand competitors protest. No action required.

Racing Council approves the 2019 Racing Rules as presented by Vera Van den Bossche > Vera will distribute to all concerns..

## 15 **Boat Numbers regular update.**

Nothing special to report, ongoing work in progress. Thea confirms any questions asked immediately by mail.

## 16 **IWWF World Championships Vichy September 2019-- review.**

- Mike apologised to Richard and explained that we did not know that the bulletin should be approved by the IWWF Bureau. This gave rise to some extra work in Vichy. In the meantime this has been done.
- Vera and Peggy Piron will work together for all administrative issues towards Officials and prepare all documents needed, such as hotel accommodations, etc....
- There was a misunderstanding regarding procedure for the hotel reservations for the Officials but these bookings go through the organisers (Peggy/Vera).
  
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> bulletin (expected by end of March) should be included:
  - IWWF Technical Officials list
  - Entry per team
  - Waiver document
  - Anti-doping
  - Parents approval
  - Opening and closing ceremony – time schedule
  - Parcours/circuit
  - Insurance > Mike to explain what was discussed
  - Team captains will be informed separately
  - Container transport from overseasChris thinks it is needed to explain organisers the need of specific information such as ports etc...  
If needed Chris is willing to liaise – maybe suggest to put in the bulletin contact Chris for professional giddiness.
- Vera will liaise with the organisers and send all necessary documents to them so they can be included in the bulletin.

### **F3 demonstration on the off days during the Worlds in Vichy :**

- This initiative coming from European competitors (GB) and will be supported by the Europe Racing Council as much as possible.
- It must be very clear that these demonstrations may NOT interfere with the World Championships who have priority to all.
- Mike will ask Paul Fong (IWWF) what we may and/or not do.
- The goal is to have at long term more competitors and make this a fun event to be part of.
- F3 Organisers will make a Bulletin regarding these demonstrations.
- Time table : Wednesday and Friday from 14.00 till 17.00 h – races max 20 min.
- In case of practice of a World competitor in coordination with officials
- Rescue team – to be discussed
- Jury : Vera suggest to not call if officials, but Race officers.

- Maybe ask Fran Hynes (AUS) to help out, because she will be there anyway and not in an official capacity (Vera will contact her)
- Question was raised if there could be an Invitation for F3 competitors for the Opening and Closing Ceremony : not officially --all people who are there can come as spectators and may buy tickets for the closing ceremony.

Racing Council will have a separate meeting with the organisers tonight and discuss all the above with them.

#### **17 Any other business, and electronic race entry/signing in facility.**

- IWWF Europe Racing Technical bulletin 2019
- Discussion regarding the GDPR privacy policy ?
- Should coordinates of members and officials not be removed ?
- Or suggest Vera sends mail towards all for GDPR approval of all.
- Vera will laise with Sid Adriaensen regarding this issue and ask for advice. What is happening within IWWF Europe ?
- Mike asked how the situation is in Belgium regarding the subject : Entries to be made by competitors before the race on line – Vera says that it is a good idea but far from perfect. You have indeed an idea of which competitors will be present at an event, but on the day itself a lot of changes are still made on the grids.

#### **18 Date and venue of next meeting..**

Racing Council decides that it is not necessary to have a meeting at the seminar, as some of our members cannot attend. Any urgent issues can be addressed by email between Council as required.

Having no other urgent business to discuss the President closes the meeting at 18.30 hrs thanking all members for their attendance, and their work and input for the benefit of our sport.

#### **FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS in 2019**

- IWWF Racing Council meeting (World meeting)  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 at Vichy (France)
- IWWF Europe all Council meetings  
Saturday 9th of November 2019 at Minsk (BLR)

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