



MINUTES

of the meeting of the
EUROPE CONFEDERATION WATERSKI COUNCIL
held via Teams
on Tuesday 11th July 2023

1. Attendance and apologies for absence

Candido **Moz** *Chairman*
Stian **Lilleberg** *Treasurer*
Dimos **Alexopoulos**
Ricardo **Botas**
Gavin **Kelly**
Morten **Froulund**
Aliaksandra **Berazouskaya**
Howard **Ramsden** *Africa Confederation Representative*
Martin **Kolman** *Athlete Representative World Council*

Apologies for absence:
Amanda **Scherer** *Secretary*
Hannu **Rintanen**

The meeting commenced at 20:00 CET.

2. IWWF Support

The Council unanimously agreed that any sporting body receiving financial support from the IWWF is expected to follow all IWWF Rules.

3. November Meetings Budapest

All members of the WSC are, at this time, all intending to attend the November Council Meetings to be held in Budapest 10th to 13th November 2023. Martin Kolman also announced, as Athlete Representative to the World Council, his intention to be at the Waterski Council Meetings in Budapest in person.

4. 2025 IWWF E&A +35 Championships

AdminCom has fortunately received 2 bids for the 2025 IWWF E&A +35 Championships. One from Czech Republic to be held in Melice and one from Austria to be held in Fischlham. AdminCom must now decide which site will be granted with the 2025 IWWF E&A +35 Championships. It was noted that Austria have also bid for the 2025 IWWF E&A Open Championships to be held in Linz.

5. 2023 IWWF E&A U21 Championships

The Council was informed that unfortunately officials are still missing from the panel of the 2023 IWWF E&A U21 Championships to be held 17th to 20th August in Bordeaux, France. Candido and Gavin will now be on the panel and the Council discussed other possible officials that may be able to travel to France for these Championships. Upmost priority is to complete the panel to ensure these Championships can go ahead successfully.

6. AdminCom

The WSC appointed Candido Moz as a substitute to represent the WSC at AdminCom.

7. South Africa

The WSC has received a request from South Africa asking to amend homologation fees for 2 competitions which were held in 2021. The request concerning homologation fees for 2 competitions that were actually National Competitions held in the same year due to the pandemic meaning no homologation fees should have been due. The WSC will not refund the homologation fees but the fees will be credited for the 2023 invoice for South Africa.

8. Officials Activities 2022

Gavin kindly asked the Council if Mark Burridge could maybe be reinstated from J3 to J2* until 2024. The Council had agreed to downgrade Mark Burridge from J2* to J3 in March due to lack of activity as a Judge in 2022. Gavin informed the Council that Mark had in fact been extremely busy at competitions as D2 and H2 in 2022 and was therefore not able to judge in 2022, but that he intends to spend much more time judging in 2023. The request to extend Mark Burridge's status to J2* until 2024 and to reevaluate his activities in 2024 was agreed to.

6. AOB

Candido informed the WSC about late requests which have been received this season asking to upgrade the homologation levels of competitions after the deadline. The rule clearly states that these requests must be received no less than 30 days before the competition. No exceptions can be made for this rule. A request can be made to upgrade the homologation level after the competition has taken place. There is though no assurance that this request will be granted. Ricardo then asked the Council if the Rule 8.08 can be reviewed. There have been many issues regarding this rule this season and a solution needs to be found. The Council agreed that the rule needs to be discussed and proposals made to the World Council for future decisions. The existing waterskieurope website and emails are no longer working. The new website is now waterskieurope.eu.

The wild card request from the USA asking for 5 extra wild cards for the upcoming World Championships 2023, as hosting country for the World Championships, was discussed. The Council feels that this topic needs to be discussed at the World Council Meetings to be held at the same time as the World Championships 7th to 15th October in Florida, USA.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21:00 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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