

**Minutes of 102nd Meeting held on 23rd /24th April, 2022
at Hotel Zochovachata, Pezinok, Slovakia**

Present	Marie-Anne Persoons (MAP) Nicky Caine (NCC) Joost de Leyer (JDL) Nigel Talamo (NT) Elena Kunert (EK) Ulf Langrock (UL)
Invited	Michal Mos (MM)
Apologies	Maoz Tal (MT) – joined via Zoom for part of meeting Alexander Isayeu (AI)

Minutes

The Minutes of 101st meeting duly approved and then signed by MAP/NCC.

There was a discussion as to whether the Zoom meeting minutes should be included at the end of these minutes but as both World/European Councils had been invited to attend it was decided that they should have been.

New Medals

Stefano Duranti has sent a link with the photos of the new medals and subsequently MAP sent an email to him with the Councils' comments and queries.

Ukraine Situation

Following an IOC Directive there was a discussion whether Belarussian/Russian skiers and officials are allowed to participate. However, we believe not.

Any skier/official who wishes to transfer and represent a different country, according to the rules of eligibility, is not allowed to participate this season in titled events but if both countries agree they will be able to represent the new country 12 months after the procedure started. If one party (country) does not agree they will have to wait for 24 months before being able to represent the new country.

We are aware that some skiers/officials have already started the process of applying to transfer.

Preparation for Seminar.

MAP had prepared a presentation to New Rules for 2022 Version 2.1. which would include Rules in connection with EMS.

Rule changes including the new "Senior" Over 50 division that we created and the Homologation levels involved.

All other rule changes with the amendments highlighted in blue in the latest World Cableski Rules 2022 version 2.0

Then we would ask for any questions.

Ulf will run a session on the EMS system. He will demonstrate how to use the Calculators' programme. Ulf then showed the Council his EMS presentation.

Then there will be a short break

Afterwards Elena will run the Judges Session with Trick Writing.

The seminar will finish with more discussions and questions!

It was agreed that we would have a short meeting after the seminar to discuss what had happened and any ideas that we had to improve.

Rule Book Version 2.1

Page 68 has been amended with the Slalom long drawing.

We need to look at our rule book and emphasize that from this season everything needs to be entered via EMS.

Rule book – safety. Incident report in our rule book We think that it should be filled in and submitted after any event where anything happened. We need to take out boat driver and replace with Cable Operator. We need to amend for our situation. It has to be checked from an outside company to ensure there is insurance.

We need to have paperwork to see that the cable has been checked and we need to know what should be included.

Look into maybe having nice cover for the rule book next season.

Titled events.

MT has talked to JDL about hosting the Open and Age Categories together. If the competition is to be held over 4 days then to host it in Weert will be expensive.

We looked at the numbers of athletes representing Belarussia/Russian (and possibly) Ukraine had taken part in our last few competitions to see what effect the IOC ruling will have on our competitions!!

It was agreed that if we no longer have any Official training and only offer Unofficial training at a cost then the organisers do not get any extra monies but there will be less expenditure.

After discussion we believe that it should be possible to run the combined competitions over 3 days.

Day One – Open Slalom/Open Jump/Age Slalom/Age Jump

Day 2 – Age Tricks/Open Tricks/Open Slalom Final/Age Tricks Final/Open Jump Final

Day 3 – Age Slalom Finals/Open Trick Finals/Age Jump Finals

Medal presentations on both Saturday and Sunday.

It does not get dark until about 8pm so there should be daylight time if it happens to rains

Date suggested is 23rd/25th September

It will be the same panel for both competitions (Ulf apologies as he cannot make it!)

Competitions 2023

MAP sent an email to Sid to confirm if the obligations have been safely signed by Israel in connection with next seasons' Open.

Future World Championship Sites

Nigel has looked at a site in Thailand but unfortunately the site in Indonesia has closed down.

The Thailand site does not have a direct drive system at the moment but as the site will need a lot of maintenance to make it "competition compliant" it is therefore believed that changing it onto a direct drive could be possible. Maybe Simon Hermann can assist us by advising the likely cost. The Council wishes to send Simon condolences on the death of his father.

JDL will also contact Rixen to see if they would be able to assist.

It was agreed that it would be very useful to have a large competition in Asia as there is a good interest in that region at the moment.

We need also to look at the site in China/Shanghai and hope to keep it active.

Lessons from Seminar

If there are too many attendees then it appears Zoom is not "strong enough" for videos to be shown.

We think that everyone who attended our seminar enjoyed it and they found it useful.

MAP thinks we should have some more trick training sessions available. The master sheets of these sessions should be posted so that the officials could find out whether they had judged the tricks correctly!

At the seminar, it was confirmed that it is the responsibility of the organisers should approve the officials to their WBW events.

We found that EMS officials list can be exported to Excel so that we can agree who had applied for Titled events.

It can be copied and pasted into Excel and then it can be sent around to everyone for a Zoom meeting to appoint panels.

Seminar 2023

We are hoping that next year we can have a "face to face" Seminar possibly in Germany – Ulf to look into this.

Officials

At the present time there are 99 Cableski officials listed but we are sure they are not all active. Each country needs to check their officials.

However, as it stands presently we do not have any of our "Overseas" officials such as Jeff Smith/Nikki Lee/Phillipa Yoong in the EMS system.

Safety Manual

The Safety Manual when finalized is going to be a large document and each discipline will have a page dedicated to them. The worry is that as the document will be very extensive it will not be looked at properly!! The language used is very American so lots of waivers are being requested. NT

(as part of the Executive Board) will request that there is one page version available as well as the full recommendations.

We need a safety check list. Preferably one page. NT will draw up a list and then he will send it around for comments/ extra items.

We will need another meeting in the near future so that we can discuss this further.

The present Safety Directors should be training the next generation of Safety Directors. It was agreed, that it was “Better to get there slowly and safely rather than fast and dangerous”

The original suggestion was that everyone should have CPR training or the minimum being First Aid training but concerns that this might discourage officials

World Games

We hope to be included into the next World Games which will be held in China.!!

Official Archiver

This position should be appointed, and MM had very kindly agreed that he would be happy to take on the role.

It was agreed, that MM is going to coordinate getting all the information in one place

Once a record has been confirmed by the Council then the paperwork will go to MM. Video recordings (mandatory) to go to MM and if other people wish to forward something in addition that would also be great.

If there are great photos to show case Cableski, they can also be sent to MM for archiving. In this case it means that the photos are allowed to be used by the Council without extra approval from any person.

We need to publish this information on our website.

Teams

Morten has suggested a Teams Account for each Council but there was concern that the cost might be high if EC central has to pay for all Council members.

The Bureau and 4 elected members of the Admincom together with 2 members of each Council will be budgeted for at a believed cost of 5 euros per member per month

For information, the German Federation are using Google Drive for their “archiving” etc.

The archives should all be in one place but it does not necessary need to be on Teams. The archives will be taken care of by MM.

We would leave all our old minutes on the original E&A page.

The bulk of the videos etc needs to be saved somewhere safe.

Our Council will now consist of 9 people – 7 members/1 skiers representative /1 archiver. Maybe all the council should have access to Teams? So the Council will pay for the extra licences on Teams.

We all agree that we prefer to have “face to face” meetings.

Travel Allowances

We normally give a travel allowance to our officials at each European Region titled events totalling 1500 euros which is worked out by a spreadsheet worked out on the mileage to the venue.

So as this year both our titled competitions (Age/Open) are being hosted together then the suggestion was that we only pay the travel allowance once and “donate” the other 1500 euros to Weert as support for taking up the organisation of our titled events at short notice.

Weert

MM will try and take the walkie-talkies with him.

The officials maybe will be allocated “houses” instead of at a hotel as this would be cheaper for the organisers. Access to the site would be either via Bicycles or walking or by car!!

Judges Panels

MT sent over the 2022 Judges panels in excel format.

We duly added Horst Heinicke to Friedburg (24/26 May) and Fritz – Bernward Stamm to Weert (15/17 July)

We need to take out any Belorussian/Russian events and any of their officials that are still shown on EMS system. We need officials to start applying on the EMS system to be included in Judges Panels.

We need to request this also on our website. We will also ask Brit to send out emails as not everyone visits our website/EMS on a regular basis!

There will be 6 Judges for Weert. All the council will be there except from Ulf.

AOB

Christianna Mamali wanted pictures of Cableski for the Greek Federation Stand to display at a show. NT had managed to send some suitable photos. It was believed that the Greek Government were impressed and have requested more information such as “safety” legislations in other European countries.

We believe that Sven Fahrenholz of Rixen maybe able to assist Christianna so NCC will forward his details to her.

Reduction of speed in Slalom?

NT asked MM to experiment, for safely reasons, to reduce speed after buoy 6 to see if it made sense.

When the skier reaches the exit buoy/Middle line the speed is to be reduced but it might disturb the skiers so we need to see what happens.

This idea has been put forward in to try and avoid an accident similar to what happened last year.

Succession Planning

As we are all aware everyone is getting older!! In 2 years’ time Sid is not going to stand again as Secretary General. So should MAP decide to stand for this position and gets elected it will be in January 2024. This would be an easy transition with all the paperwork already being in her house!! MAP advised that she will be able to retire from her “full time” job in 2025.

Due to the new constitution we are now all elected for 4 years (2026) so should anyone want to stand down before then the Council will be able to co-opt a replacement. The advantage of this would be that the Council members would be able to choose who they believe to be a suitable replacement.

It is thought that maybe because we are known as a “strong” Council it might be stopping people standing against us.

On the Council ideally we should have a mix of technical and administration skills and they would need to be an English speaker.

A general discussion followed regarding both World and European Presidents and Secretary Generals.

Crowdfunding for Council

A suggestion had been put forward that the Council should look into Crowdfunding as a possible solution to how titled events could be funded as it was obvious it was getting harder each season to find a host for our major events due to the cost involved.

If this is to go ahead then we will need to have a separate bank account which MAP will ask Dominique to look into for us.

For our information the European Region is now a Dutch Company.

MAP thanked Elena for organizing this meeting in a lovely hotel which we had all thoroughly enjoyed (it was really good to be together in person again!!). She also thanked everyone for their attendance at this meeting and confirmed that we would have a “Zoom” meeting before our next officially scheduled meeting in November in London.