



The Barefoot Council



## Minutes

Meeting of the Region European Barefoot Council held at  
Tel Aviv Israel, on **Friday and Sunday, February 01<sup>st</sup>/03<sup>rd</sup> 2019**

Attendies: Ludo Vrancx, Paul Turner, Svenja Hempelmann, Andy Harris, Nicola Saracco, Simon Williamson, Filippo Mussano

Apologies: Rob Molenkamp

Chairmans Opening Remarks.

LV opened the meeting by thanking the attendees for travelling to Israel.

1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The Minutes were approved.

2. Report to congress covered.

The council reviewed the presidents report and outlined the speech to be made by LV to the congress as president of the Barefoot council.

Special point to note: David Small being awarded the IWWF Athlete of the year for 2018.

3. The officials Seminar will be held in Germany hosted by Steffi and Franz Kirsch. The seminar will cover both new and advanced judging so is open to anyone who wishes to become an official.

The Council will have a meeting at the event.

The date for the seminar will be the 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Novice Judge seminar will be led by PT, experienced Judges seminar will be led LV or another level 1 Judge, if AH can attend he will act as mentor.

4. Europeans

The Italian federation presented the date for the EA championship, this date is late but the lake is operated by the Italian Federation and the dates cannot be set until the full calendar is set. The dates available clash with Orange open. The Orange Open is already on the calendar and due to tensions within the Maurik Ski club it will be challenging to move the agreed date. Following a long and passionate debate the Italian Council went back to their Federation and a new date was found in September 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

5. The 2019 Calendar

Officials Seminar 10 to 12<sup>th</sup> May, Germany



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Austrian open proposed date, 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>

German/Belgium/Netherlands combined nationals/open 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July. Fetzter-see Germany.

French Nationals Chartres 19<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> July

Scandinavian Open 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July Kokola Finland

GB Open Cirencester 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> August. Proposed date.

Orange open 30<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September Maurik

European Championships 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September

European Championships 2020 proposed date 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August, to be held in Great Britain at Cirencester Waterski Club.

6. PT proposed we raise the entry fees for the European Championships as these have stayed static for many years and the costs to run a European has increased significantly. PT said that the costs vs the income from the entry fee, (50% of the entry fee) is a barrier to organisers and we have struggled to obtain organisers over the recent years. The current entry fee is €180 with €20 for officials and €80 each to the IWWF EC and the organiser. FM said that as we have 3 years where we have confirmed organisers (Italy, GB and France) we do not need to raise the fees. After discussion we agreed to debate over the summer and in November decided on a price escalator so that by the end of the 3 years settled period we have gradually increased the price structure to aid future organisers.
7. Judges for the world championships in April 2020. Peter, Ludo, Andy.
8. We need new younger judges and the barefoot council has some grant funding from WBC for Judging development. Sweden will put a grant request for some local Judges clinic run by PN and MS. All European countries are encouraged to apply.