



**E&A Barefoot Council**



## **Minutes EA Barefoot Council Meeting**

EA Council Meeting 13th November 2021 Paris.

### Apologies/Attendees:

Apologise were received from Peter Norberg (PN)

Present

Fillipo Mussano Ribaldone (FM) Dylan Tellier (DT), Nicola Saracco (NS), Svenja Hemplemann (SV), Paul Turner (PT), Ludo Vrancx (LV)

#### 1. Zoom Meeting approval

All approved. Will continue to hold zoom meetings going forward, with physical meetings Nov, Congress, EA and seminar.

#### 2. Covid impact

UK was hit quite hard with strict travel restriction stopping affordable travel to Europe and restriction/fear restricted clubs where non members could compete. The UK managed to run a training/skier kick start and officials event at Lydd in Kent, but were unable to run any formal competitions.

Italy, managed to hold their nationals and could travel within Europe to participate at other sites. However as there were no EA championship the participation/moral was low. New young skiers participation was good with some really promising young skiers.

Germany, Covid was not a big deal, and travel was fine. Training was like normal, with clinics in Wallsee. The combined nationals was a problem due to new covid restrictions in the Netherlands. Nationals were run in Germany and closed to German skiers only with 12 skiers. Germany has a number of girls coming up through their participation programme.

France, was able to run 3 clinics and a nationals with circa 10 skiers. Generally activity is among the seniors.

Sweden, No official nationals but a very active group.

Austria, had nationals, and participated in clinics with Germany.

Belgium, had some active skiers but participation low. Combined nationals was cancelled and ran a nationals in Lommel. Overall there were a limited activity.

Netherlands did not hold a nationals, but a number of skiers skied in Finland and Belgium.

Overall region EA had 36 men and 11 girls on the Standing List, significantly lower than previous years but better than we expected.

#### 3. Officials and athletes

EMS - Germany, Italy, France and Belgium used it with reasonable effect. Overall the system is working well, some Concerns with officials and payment systems but believe this will be OK.

Officials Zoom meeting for EMS SV to organise.

#### 4. Council meetings

The council will plan to hold the following face to face meetings each year – November Combined, Congress and at the EA Championship, with Add hoc zoom meetings as required.

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Potential changes to council: The following members wish to re-stand at the congress meeting NS, PT, SH, DT, FM, PN, LV, The council would like to develop new people to rotate through the council.

5. Athlete of the Year

The council reviewed the active skiers during this challenging period and were pleased to see that a number of skiers were able to find away to train and compete at a high level during the difficult year. We had two outstanding athletes that have reached the top of our standings list. The council have agreed to award the Female athlete of the year to Jacqueline Kirsch and the male athlete of the year to Kenneth Eissler

6. E&A Championships in 2020 and 2021 were cancelled due to covid and travel restrictions. The council is working hard to identify an organiser for 2022, and we feel it is essential that the council does achieve an event to maintain the drive within the sport.

Austria (Wallsee) have shown strong interested and are in negotiations, France may be able to support and the UK is looking at a fall back plan to use the site of the 2015 EA championships Lydd Kent, this site has challenging water conditions. We are targeting the last week of July or first week of August.

7. Entry fee

Open Entry fee to be maintained at €220.

Junior Entry fee to be maintained at €180

The senior entry fee is to go up from €180 to €220 with €100 to EA central, €100 to the organiser and €20 to support judges travel.

8. Officials Seminar

19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March in Frankfurt, organiser German federation SH. SH will run the EMS, PT will run the Homologation, and either AH/PN/LV will run the Rules/judging

9. Additional rules conflict of interest. LV will send around the admincom proposal for conflict of interest. PT will review and pass to council.

10. Filippo Mussano has a surname change to Mussano Ribaldone – PT to inform Admincom.

11. Council Budget

The council budget currently sits at €12579 with no outstanding expenditure (the council gave back in 2019 € 3000). We will have a further €3000 in January plus a grant from the WBC of \$1330 (€1100) from IWWF

The council has approved a Budget for a European Championship Kick start to try and revitalise the competition post covid, this budget is to reduce the impact of the officials panel.

Our Athlete rep is being funded completely from Barefoot council. EA should pay €250 historic now €300 but have not. LV will request this is done.

12. Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December Zoom meeting – EA Championships

13. AOB - None

14. Meeting closed