



## **MINUTES E & A RACING COUNCIL MEETING** **Civitel Attik Hotel, Athens - Greece**

**From 09.00 am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 till 13.30 h**

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

A warm welcome from our re-elected President Mike Waterman to all members present.

A special welcome to Steve Cox (GBR) who is newly elected to our Council.

All remaining members of the Council were re-elected again at the Congress yesterday.

Further to the election our Racing Council for 2020/2022 and all members agreeing to retain their positions/functions) all is confirmed:

Mike Waterman (GBR)	President
	Admincom Representative
	IWWF Representative World Council
Vera Van den Bossche (BEL)	Secretary-General
	IWWF World Racing Chair
	Member of IWWF Executive Board
Franz Hebenstreit (AUT)	Treasurer
Julius Leysen (BEL)	Council member
	IWWF Representative World Council
Thea Klarenbeek (NL)	Council member
	IWWF Alternate World Council
Richard Hernaez (FR)	Council member
Steve Cox (GBR)	Council member
Chris Rydl (BEL)	Athletes Representative

Vera our Secretary – General will inform all relevant people of this outcome.

**2 To approve the Minutes of the Council meeting held at Hotel Victoria Olimp in Minsk, Belarus, November 2019 and deal with any matters arising.**

Minutes of the meeting held in Minsk on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were duly approved.

Comments > see point 7 of these minutes.

**3 Outcome of 2020 Congress elections and allocation of Council duties: President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Admin Com representative, WRC members and alternate.**

See point 1 of these minutes. IWWF World Racing Council :

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| - Vera Van den Bossche | IWWF Racing Chair             |
| - Mike Waterman        | IWWF Racing Council member    |
| - Jules Leysen         | IWWF Racing Council member    |
| - Thea Klarenbeek      | IWWF Racing Council Alternate |

Vera will inform IWWF accordingly.

Thea Klarenbeek wondered why she always gets 3 votes less than the other Council members with full votes. With a closed ballot it is not possible to find out why this should happen.

**4 President's report**

Report distributed to all. It gave a good reflection of the season. He wants to especially thank Vera for all the help last season.

**5 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.

**6 Treasurer's Report and draft budget for 2020.**

- Franz presented the income, paid and budget. All under control.
- Franz received a so-called mail from Mike asking for financial help. This is not the first time mails were also received by Vera, Jules. These are fishing mails and please nobody respond to such mail requests (if you check the sender you can see it is not Mike's email address).
- All obligations from Federations on fees, boat numbers and licences are paid. We had 165 licences in 2019 and hopefully in 2020 we will have some more as the Europeans are in Belgium.

Budget 2020 agreed on :

- Support towards Europeans Belgium 1000,- €
- Alcohol testers Europeans Belgium 300,- € (Thea)
- Social Media > to be discussed at a later stage
  
- Invoices boat number Spain (Tenerife) Thea raised the issue of charging the Tenerife people who have illegitimate numbers the standard boat number registration fee.  
Council does not agree because that would mean certain numbers being paid for twice which is also wrong. We simply need to emphasise to all Tenerife boat owners the need to independently register a legitimate number through Thea and pay the regular fee.

## 6a 2020 Racing Calendar including the European Championships in Belgium

10 May	Harderwijk	Int. Open (NED)
13-14 June	Hanseatic Ski Race – King’s Lynn	Int. Open (GBR)
28 June	Viersel Diamond Race	Int. Open & Classic (BEL)
25 July	Catalina Race – Long Beach	Int. Classic (USA)
22 – 30 August	- IWWF Europe Waterski Racing Championships Beringen / Cheratte (Belgium)	
30 October-	IX International Open of Canary Islands	
1 November	Playa Blanca, Lanzarote	Int. Open (SPA)

European Championships 2020 – Belgium:

Bulletin was agreed upon, Vera will send the remarks to the organizers and once these are updated the bulletin can be distributed:

- Mike will send foreword to Vera – update title
  - Include alcohol testing
  - Pages to be numbered
  - Entry form : license
  - Dress code : Official Federation Uniform at opening & closing ceremony
- Questions to be asked (Vera will do so with the organizers)
- Council meeting : possibility on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August ?
  - Officials / Jury do they also have to move to Cheratte ?

## 7 Correspondence,

- Mail from Dunoon regarding the Worlds 2021  
Dunoon has withdrawn their candidature for this organisation.
- Mail regarding the medals Worlds 2020 at Vichy : was very unfortunately that they did not meet the normal standard. Will make sure this will not happen again in the future.
- Letters from Thea to the Spanish Federation regarding jury members and boat numbers.  
Mike and Vera have spoken with the Spanish President Francisco Fernandez Losada at the Congress, he is well aware of the problem. Will help us as much as possible in all cases relating to the Canarian Islands.
- Mail from GB (Tim Mayers) regarding the candidature of Steve Cox.  
This exercise done according to the prescribed procedure and timescale and all in order.

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

For the moment everything is under control, Vera and Jonas are still working on this. However for the future we need to find a solution.

**9 WARAC update-any progress, following November report?**

Peter van Gastel, Martine Ciroux are aware of the problem. We are working on this item and hope to have a solution soon.

**10 Report from Region Europe Athletes' Representative, Chris Rydl-outcome of recent research,**

- Inquiry: most people are very upset that old boats cannot race anymore.
- Asking for more fun, less rules and more **participation**.
- Simon Gale also approached us to make F3 Demo races. Steve, Chris would see this as club challenges. For the moment Council cannot support this initiative and cannot put these on the calendar.
- Insurance is a high topic for the moment.

**11 Outcomes of WRC meeting in Vichy held on 13/09/2019.**

IWWF Racing Council is working on the updates for the Rules 2020. As soon as they are available, Vera will send them to all concerned.

**12 Bids for 2021 World Championships**

- Mail was received from Tenerife to host the Worlds 2021 in Lanzarote August 20 till 29, 2021. Vera is in contact with the organizers and work this out, hopefully this will be agreed upon as soon as possible.

**13 European Racing Hall of Fame –confirm recipients for 2020.**

- As we did not had the chance to award the 2019 candidates, suggestion is made to keep the same names and award them in 2020:  
Carlo Cassa (ITA) European Champion F1 Men 1996 – 2002  
Miriam Grignani (ITA) European Champion F1 Women 1984 – 1985  
Council members agreed on this proposal.
- Award ceremony will take place during the Viersel Diamond Race at the Mayor's Office and invitation towards VIP race day.
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- Vera will do the necessary for the invitations and awards.

**14 Revision of any Region Europe Racing rules for 2020 including Rule 3.04**

- As the World Rules are in the making, Council decides to wait for these and then make the necessary adjustments towards the Europe Rule Book.
- Insurance :  
We all know that this is a very urgent topic and not yet resolved .  
Steve also acknowledge that GB has problems with finding suitable insurance.  
There will be a meeting in Belgium in 2 weeks' time.  
Council proposes to wait for the outcome of this meeting.
- Deadline has set forward : end of March 2020

**15 Boat Numbers regular update.**

All discussed. Nothing else to report.

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

- Social Media : has been discussed in length.  
Steve and Hannah Bird have some ideas towards this issue.  
Mike will try to fix a meeting in this in Viersel in March.  
Will liaise with Vera for the possibilities.  
Proposal also made to foresee a budget for this purpose.
- Jury exam Europe : would be possible on the same date as Social Media meeting.

**17 Date and venue of next meeting.**

- Suggestion made during the Europeans at Beringen 28<sup>th</sup> of August.

Having no other urgent business to discuss the President closes the meeting at 13.30 hrs thanking all members for their attendance, and their work and input for the benefit of our sport.

Vera Van den Bossche  
Secretary-General

Mike Waterman  
President

**Agenda dates:**

- 7-8/11/2020 Council meetings – London (GBR)
- 9-12/09/2020 IWWF Executive Board – Katowice (POL) > Vera
- 06/02/2021 IWWF Europe Congress – Monaco (FRA)
- 12-13/11/2021 Council meetings – Racing would propose BEL