



**Minutes IWWF Region Europe Racing Council Meeting
(Microsoft Teams) on Friday 5th June 2020 at 19.00 hours
(Belgian Time).**

1 To record attendance and apologies

Mike Waterman (GBR)	President
Vera Van den Bossche (BEL)	Secretary-General
Franz Hebenstreit (AUT)	Treasurer
Thea Klarenbeek (NL)	Council member
Richard Hernaez (FR)	Council member
Steve Cox (GBR)	Council member
Chris Rydl (BEL)	Athletes Representative

Apologies received :

Julius Leysen (BEL) due to other commitments.

Seeing the circumstances there is no other way than having a meeting this way. Mike thanks Chris for setting up this zoom meeting.

2 To approve the Minutes of the Council meeting held in Athens in February 2020 and deal with any matters arising.

Minutes of the meeting held in Athens (Greece) on February 2nd, 2020 approved.

3 Presidents'.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.

4 Secretary General's report

Due to the COVID 19 situation all major events are cancelled. Nothing special to report Items of importance always copied to Council by email, so no outstanding matters. Vera has send a mail to the Officials tanking them their cooperation and explaining the current situation.

**5 Treasurer's Report and revised budget for 2020.
2020 Racing Calendar including the European Championships in Belgium**

- Franz presented the income, paid and budget. All under control.
- Due to the COVID situation we have a very different outcome this year.
- Sure there will be no income from the Licences.
- Collect the money for boat numbers is very difficult under these circumstances.
- Maybe this year we can make a refund to Central to help (2000 €)??
- If Lanzarote is on end of the year we keep the promised budget.

6 Correspondence,

Nothing special received, all matters are directly dealt with.

7 Insurance for water ski racing- GB/Belgium

- New GB insurer specifically excludes Racing in their policies.
- Belgium is still working on a solution for the insurance problem. Unfortunately no positive outcome yet.
- Steve says : personal accident cover instead of third party. Individuals But this does not get round the problem of legal liability.
- Vera has provided the Info from Jules (UIM) to Mike who will contact.

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

Vera has contacted Jonas and for the moment he helps her **where** he can. Jonas will send us the invoices for the website shortly, upon receipt Vera will inform Mike and Franz.

9 WARAC update-any progress, following November report?

Nothing to report. Hope we can have an update after the planned meeting.

10 Report from Region Europe Athletes' Representative, Chris Rydl-

Nothing to add. For the moment seeing the current situation practically no contacts with the competitors. Although most of hem are asking for less rules on engine and more fun races.

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

Vera will try to make something out of this. Maybe ask the tape from Fran ?? (Vera does not think she has the minutes on tape).

12 Bids for 2021 World Championships

Vera (as Chair IWWF) is in contact with Tony (Canaries) for further news. Waiting for the signature from Canarias Islands and countersigned through the Spanish Federation.

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

Due to the circumstances postponed till 2021 with the recipients of 2020.

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

- Waiting for the outcome of the IWWF Rules.
- Mike will put forward a proposal to be circulated.

15 Boat Numbers regular update.

All OK. But difficult to get the money this year without any races.

16 Region Europe Racing nominees for IWWF Hall of Fame.

After discussion it would maybe best to nominate Lizz Hobbs (GB) and Danny Bertels (BEL). Mike and Vera will investigate.

17 Discussion of possible future formats of Water Ski Racing in Europe

There are a lot of ideas going around but we have to make it work;

- Steve > club events
- Tom Lumley also has send mail with suggestions 2 weeks events
- Chris > Race of Nations

All are requested to put ideas on paper please.

18 Any other business, including Social Media

Maybe ask Steve and Hannah Bird also for a zoom meeting to explain their thoughts regarding Social Media. Mike will contact.

19 Date and venue of next meeting.

Proposal to have another meeting (zoom) end of July 2020.

Having no other urgent business to discuss the President closes the meeting at 22.30 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