



Minutes - EC Wakeboard Boat Council Meeting, 3/6/2021

1. Welcome

Linda welcomed all members to the meeting held by zoom.

2. E&A Wakeboard Boat Championships

An email had been received in April from the organiser and Council had subsequently discussed the potential to seek another venue or to postpone until later in the year, perhaps September.

LJ had written to AdminCom to inform them of the organiser decision and advise of the plan to seek a date/venue later in the year – September.

As agreed Council had written to the organiser to request transfer of the event to September dates.

As agreed Council had written to all Federations to advise of the necessity to postpone the championships until later in the year and are considering other possible venues – perhaps Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine or Portugal

LJ contacted Mark to check out the possible venues with availability of boats. Given the logistical problems with the transport of boats at present – this was key to the decision.

Late in May JMN responded to offer to host the event at the original site in September. Council had discussed the various options and on balance agreed to revert to France.

It was recognised that this would be low key as an event but would focus on the athletes having the opportunity to compete.

Chief Judge - Jean Philippe Richonnier (FRA)
Assistant Chief Judge – Stefano Duranti (ITA)
Judges –
Arnaud Jacquesson (SUI)
Didier Roux (FRA)
Oskars Kruze (LAT)
Alexey Philipov (RUS)
Colin Hart (GBR)
Nils Kroon (NED) - reserve
Nicolas Subjobert (FRA) – reserve. Liaison with organizer
Nuno Eca (POR) - reserve
Chief Driver: Cyril Cornaro (SUI),
Assistant Driver : Jan Kees Speksjinder (NED)
Chief Calculator: Maria Bulgakova (UKR),
Assistant Calculator : Linda Johnston (IRL)

Linda to make contact with Mark to ensure the boats are available.
Maria will liaise with JMN urgently to issue the Bulletin
Nick will liaise with JMN to assist with the necessary covid protocols.

3. 2021 Wakeboard Boat World Championships

Dates: 19 to 24 July 2021

Venue: Rieti, Italy

The event has been postponed due to travel restrictions and will be held in July 2022 at the same site

4. 2021 Malibu Partnership Planning/ Events

The Hillside Resort cancelled the event in June due to covid and travel/ quarantine.

The Eat Play Love has been moved to September by the German authorities

Venue: Cologne, Germany

This event will be held in conjunction with the Eat Play Love - a streetfood and music festival, attracting thousands of spectators in Cologne.

5. International Officials Seminar

The international seminar planned for Portugal in May had not been possible due to the lack of travel across Europe and the covid impacts and restrictions.

- an online seminar had been held by zoom with the Swiss Federation
Nuno and Colin are also planning a seminar by zoom in Abu Dhabi?

- Germany have emailed to request a National level seminar

It is hoped that we may be able to hold a physical International seminar either this autumn - 2021 or next spring.

It was agreed to offer Germany the option to host this seminar.

6. European Coaching proposal

- Arnaud Jacquesson had been in Italy working with Cesare Comollo and has written to Council to ask for the opportunity to discuss a European coaching proposal.

Agreed we would invite Cesare to discuss this by (zoom link) at our next full meeting of Council in November.

Addendum – July/ August timeline of actions and decisions

JULY 2021

11 July - The Intention to enter was issued to scope the numbers of riders/ countries prepared to travel

21 July - email from JMN expressing further concerns as the situation is getting worse day by day. JMN and his staff are concerned regarding the event. NS will make contact to discuss the mitigations that were out in place at a recent event held in Lyon.

JMN asks that we make a final decision about the event on 9th August 2021
LJ wrote to Patrice Martin to ask for his advice regards the possibility of holding the event in September given the escalating situation in France/ quarantine issues
SD will call PM to discuss the position in France

27 July – email from JMN re the boats

30 July – email from LJ to MM to confirm the boats – Malibu.
Boats confirmed and JMN informed

AUGUST 2021

3 August – Letter to Federations to advise not to book any flights – but we are still doing our best to plan for the event

8 August – LJ called JMN to discuss his ongoing concerns/ risks re the event

9 August – Council meeting. Lengthy discussion regarding the concerns. A vote took place. 6 for the event to go ahead 2 against.

The event will proceed

Agreed to ask for entries and full payment within the next 10 days.

CJ not available,

NE not available

CC not available

CH may not be able to travel re quarantine

Need to find additional judges and a driver - MB/ LJ will action

SD will become CJ

15/16/17 August – emails from CH, CC, MB, SD and LJ to highlight and examine some of the complex issues/ questions arising.

CH sought additional information from CJ/officials of recently held waterski events re managing the covid +ve situations.

Responsibility of managing the teams and participation in the event rests with CJ.

19 August – Call LJ with JMN. JMN has many concerns/ risk assessment. No permission has been granted by the local authority – the local Prefet. This is required.
LJ call with SD re JMN concerns

20 August – Call SD with JMN. Need the permission of Prefet
SD agreed to call JMN on 23rd August

23 August – Call SD, JMN and LJ. SD and JMN covered the pros and cons.
JMN confirmed as yet no permission has been received from Prefet.
SD as CJ feels that safety is the first priority and the risk assessment leaves some questions outstanding.
Local Prefet has not given permission – we cannot risk people booking flights and incurring costs and then we cannot hold the event.
SD wrote a statement setting out the reasons for the need to cancel.
This is a joint recommendation to Council and to Admincom from
JMN – the organiser, SD as the Chief Judge and LJ as the Council President.

24 August – Council meeting.
Recommendation brought to Council as above and it was agreed unanimously by those present to cancel

25 August – contact with Admincom. JMN had called PM to advise the decision.
LJ wrote to Admincom
LJ wrote to MM / Malibu
SD statement issued to all Federations