



E&A Barefoot Council



Minutes Brentwood England

EA Council Meeting 08th March 2020

Agenda

1. **Attendees:** Ludo Vrancx, Svenja Hempelmann, Paul Turner, Peter Norberg and Dylan Tellier
Apologies: Nicola Saracco, Filippo Mussano
2. **The previous minutes were approved.**
3. **Officials Seminar at Brentwood 7th March 2020**
 - Seminar went well, good interest from the level 3 and 4.
 - Ludo Vrancx thanked Paul Turner for organising and CMB for the use of the facilities.

4. New Council Members

New members Peter and Dylan, good to have them with the range of skills. Each council member will have a task on the council.

Jobs on the council

Ludo Vrancx - *Chairman*

Paul Turner - *Secretary*

Nicola Saracco - *Treasurer*

Svenja Hempelmann – *Officials and roster*

Peter Norberg – *Additional rules*

Dylan Tellier – *Technical*

– *EMS will help as France has the presidency*

Filippo Mussano – *skiers' representative*

Communication will be the key to the council. Ludo Vrancx uses the phone all the time. The council must be a single entity, no individual agendas.

We discussed using video conferencing, but some difficulty often occurs with the IT and getting everyone available to join. It is often easier to set aside a whole day rather than a few hours. We will continue to review how our meetings go and review the need.

5. Rules Alignment

The council agreed to work towards alignment of rules with the WBC rules to avoid deviation. The council will gauge opinions with skiers especially with the overall, currently requiring all three events in EA and just 1 event at the world level to appear on the overall.

6. Roster

Svenja Hempelmann will send out the Roster immediately following the meeting and deadline 1st April

Current competitions on the Roster:

7th June, Swedish Cup @Brumunddal, Norway
18th July, GB Nationals @Cirencester, England
25th - 26th July, French Nationals @Chartres, France
31st July - 1st August, Scandinavian Open @Brumunddal, Norway
7th - 9th August, Combined NEL/BEL/GER @Brielle, Holland
4th - 6th September, Orange Open @Maurik, Holland
13th September @Alsterbro, Sweden

Svenja Hempelmann to contact Filippo Mussano about the Italian Nationals.

7. EA Championship Medals

Medals – Cut of date 15th March, Ludo Vrancx to order. Date and place not on it. But we want the category on the back of the medals. Ludo Vrancx will explore getting a pin to go alongside the medal with location and date. The council will pay for the pin. Paul Turner also stated the GB council is looking at having the location and date on the lanyard for the 2020 EA Championships (Paul Turner to send details of logos etc and address for athlete of the year).

8. Officials grant WBC

The council will pay as agreed at the previous meeting €200 to the organiser and €70 to those who attend and do the exam. Paul Turner to raise invoice. The office has asked for each national council to arrange single invoicing if multiple attendees to avoid too much work at the EA Office.

Meeting allowance is available for council members who travelled for both the seminar and meeting, those council members cannot claim the €70 as well as the meeting allowance. The council reconfirmed that we will support our officials going to the worlds with a €200 grant.

9. Other expenditure

Paul Turner must get on and use his grant for the replacement jump Camera. Paul told that unless he finds the right camera before the next meeting, he will lose the grant offer.

10. 2021 Europeans

The council is seeking the next organiser for the 2021 Europeans, an organiser has come forward but has requested the sanction fee (50% of the entry fee) be waived. The council said no discussions will continue.

11. EMS

This is a national activity, but the council needs to overview the process and support national barefoot councils where required. Peter Norberg very concerned over the EMS and the costs; he feels it will have a major negative influence on the sport.

12. AOB

Call for all officials to support junior officials and to ensure they meet their mentoring responsibilities as outlined in the WBC PPG.

Swedish clubs' points based

Peter Norberg said there is a serious language problem with rules and language barrier for new barefoot countries like Greece to come and get involved. Both skiers and officials struggle with interpreting the rules. We should think of ways to support this need.

Peter Norberg, there is a need for a simple low-cost jump measuring system and lots of stuff is out there that could be used simpler and cheaper than splash eye, we need to join with 3 events to find an easier way.

Peter Norberg suggested we run Internet competitions, judging from Facebook or skype, with local skiers across different clubs or countries. The judges are based at home and watch on the computer, scores are then sent back to the skiers. Low level comps non standings list at this time. This could encourage more competitive engagement and more judging practice for new judges.

Peter Norberg said that clubs in Sweden have a points-based system, with equipment and coaches giving points, so if you have a barefoot boat, a boom, a barefoot coach etc each attracts points for the club. This encourages clubs to engage in more of the sport.

Ludo Vrancx stated we need to take down the EA barefoot website as it is no longer active. Paul Turner to contact Evert Aartsen and discuss ways of removing the site.

Corona Virus

The council is aware of the virus and two members from Italy were unable to travel. We will continue to follow the developments and will follow Government advice, especially with officials and skiers attending the Worlds next month and the EA championships in August.

Meeting closed.