



MINUTES

of the meeting of the
EUROPE CONFEDERATION WATERSKI COUNCIL
held in London and via Teams
on Thursday 23rd March 2023

1. Attendance and apologies for absence

Candido **Moz** *Chairman*
Stian **Lilleberg** *Treasurer*
Dimos **Alexopoulos**
Ricardo **Botas**
Gavin **Kelly**
Howard **Ramsden** *Africa Confederation Representative*

Online:
Amanda **Scherer** *Secretary*
Morten **Froulund**
Hannu **Rintanen**
Martin **Kolman** *Athlete Representative World Council*

Apologies for absence:
Aliaksandra **Berazouskaya**

The meeting commenced at 09:00 GMT.

2. Exams

Candido informed the WSC that all new exams have been completed and are now prepared for the Seminar. Candido then gave the Council a presentation of how the new exams now look and function. Some small changes or alterations were made where necessary mainly to ensure that future candidates will fully understand what will be required of them when taking the exams. After a demonstration of the new Trick exam, the Council was able to agree on time limits for Judge 1 and Judge 2 exams. 50 minutes will be the time limit for Judge 1 and 60 Minutes for Judge 2. Gavin will inform all officials about the availability of the new exams in the next newsletter 'Around the Buoys'. Gavin will also emphasise in the newsletter that Sure Path is obviously now part of the exam content meaning that all candidates should be aware of this and prepare accordingly.

3. Panels for Titled Events 2023

All officials received an email 25th January 2023 requiring them to register their interest and apply for the 2023 Officials Panels for all Europe and Africa Titled Events using EMS. The Council discussed all the panels for Titled and E&A Events and officials were appointed from these applications. The panels will be published at the seminar commencing 24th March. There are some panels that are not yet complete at this time. Officials will have the opportunity either at the seminar directly or through EMS to apply for these positions where officials are still required. The Council will then appoint officials to the incomplete panels from these applications.

4. Drivers

Ricardo informed the Council of developments and proposals at world level regarding qualifications or requirements of Drivers wishing to progress from D3 to D2 or from D2 to D1. The World Council is aiming to unify all levels of Drivers across all the Confederations. The WSC discussed how Europe should progress with these proposals and how Europe can accommodate these developments regarding our Drivers. The Council discussed at length all levels of Drivers (D3, D2 and D1) in Europe and at exactly which and what events each level of Driver is able or allowed to drive. Also where exceptions to the rules can be made or requested. For example, a D3 Driver wanting to, or have been invited to drive outside his or her country. An exception of this kind can only be approved by the WSC. A special request must be made to the WSC in advance of the event. The Council then agreed on exact descriptions of E&A Drivers D1, D2 and D3 to be put forward to the World Council.

The present proposals at world level for the future process of selecting Drivers for World Championships were also discussed.

5. Budget

The WSC Budget for 2023 was discussed. The Council agreed to all proposed and planned expenditure for the 2023 season. It was emphasised that organisers receiving subsidisation for the cost of webcasts must fulfill the requirements defined in the signed list of obligations. It was decided that the list of obligations linked to webcast subsidisation needs to be reviewed. Stian is reviewing the list to be finalised by May 1st.

The Council decided to continue to subsidise all Pro Tour events agreeing that 3 event and gender equality should receive the maximum contribution.

The ongoing issue of travel expenses for officials was discussed. A solution to reimburse officials, especially for World Titled events, has not yet been found. Also the possibility of covering the costs of council members expenses for the Council meetings that take place each year was discussed. This is not possible presently and it is hoped that council members will be reimbursed by their respective federations. The WSC needs to find a way to increase financial resources to hopefully cover some or all of these costs in the future.

6. AOB

The Council has received a question regarding the 2023 World Open Championships to be held in Florida in September. The question coming from the organisers of the event and asking if eyeTrick would in fact be made mandatory for the World Championships. A discussion about eyeTrick and whether enough judges worldwide would be familiar with the system in time for the World Championships took place. The WSC believes, that if Donal is in agreement, then the way forward is definitely to use eyeTrick at the World Championships. The final decision will be made at a later date by the World Council.

The Council then had a discussion about the difficulties on the whole for marketing and finding sponsorship for events. It was also mentioned that sponsorship for the division waterski flows into the entire IWWF budget whereas sponsorship for some other divisions, for example wakeboard, flows directly into the wakeboard budget. The WSC requires a larger budget for the future. Sponsorship needs to be reviewed by AdminCom.

Complications, support or the compatibility between the different organisations, IWWF, WWS and the Pro Tour were also discussed.

The meeting closed 23rd March at 16:00 GMT.

Next Meeting:

24th March 09:00 GMT.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:00 GMT 24th March.

Secretary

Amanda Scherer

Chairman

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2. Officials

The Council reviewed and analysed the list of activities and qualifications of all Officials during the 2022 season. Where applicable Officials have been upgraded or downgraded. All amendments where Officials have been downgraded are listed here:

Homologation:**H1**

LIZLER Tomas	CZE	Downgrade to H2
STRACK Joachim	GER	Downgrade to H2
TORRES ALTISENT Josep	ESP	Downgrade to H2

H2

BROWALYS Pierre Andre	FRA	Downgrade to H3
JOSEPH Gilbert	BEL	Downgrade to H3
LOUMAKOS GEORGE	GRE	Downgrade to H3

Drivers:**D1**

DE MARCO Marco	ITA	Downgrade to D2
DE PEIC Sibyl	SUI	Downgrade to D2
HAGANG Daniel	SWE	Downgrade to D2

D2

NAPOLITANO Mario	ITA	Downgrade to D3
NECAS Zdenek	CZE	Downgrade to D3

Scorer:**S1**

DEFFORGES Valerie	FRA	Downgrade to S2
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S2

MIERMONT Francoise	FRA	Downgrade to S3
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Judges:**J1**

KEMLINK David	CZE	Downgrade to J2
LUCINE Clementine	FRA	Downgrade to J2
PARTL Daniel	AUT	Downgrade to J2

J2

BUROS Loic	FRA	Downgrade to J3
D'ELIA Vincenzo	ITA	Downgrade to J3
FINAZZI Christina	ITA	Downgrade to J3
JOHANSSON Rune	SWE	Downgrade to J3
MOS Michal	POL	Downgrade to J3
TURNER Mike	GBR	Downgrade to J3
VANDERMOT Cedric	BEL	Downgrade to J3

J2*

BURRIDGE Mark	GBR	Downgrade to J3
LUCATO Stefania	ITA	Downgrade to J3
NATHANAIL George	GRE	Downgrade to J3
NIEUWSTAD Matthew	RSA	Downgrade to J3
ROUSSELOT Sonia	FRA	Downgrade to J3

Dimos will now update the status of Officials on EMS where the above changes have been made and where Officials have successfully taken exams and been upgraded.

3. AOB

Some correspondence that the Council has received was discussed. Candido then informed the Council about when the next World Council meeting will take place and which topics will be on the agenda. In particular the topics that will involve Europe. Also the resulting complications with scores linked to nationality changes on EMS were discussed.

The Council then updated the list of Judges that will be used in the case of approving any new European or World records. The judges who are new to this list will be informed and asked for their consent. Candido then informed the Council of a pending World record waiting for approval.

Next Meeting:

27th April 20:00 CET

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:00 GMT 24th March.

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