

**Minutes of 106th Meeting of E Cableski Council Meeting held at Radisson Blu Hotel,
London Stansted Airport on 12th/13th November, 2022**

Present Marie-Anne Persoons (MAP)
Nicky Caine (NCC)
Elena Kunert (EK)
Maoz Tal (MT)
Ulf Langrock (UL)
Nigel Talamo (NT)
Joost De Leyer (JDL)

Or Shinuk (OS) Skiers Representative

Apologies Michal Mos (MM) Consultant

OS was welcomed to his first Council meeting as the new Skiers Representative.

OS advised that there will be 2 skiers (OS and Simon Herrmann) who will be sharing the role and they have talked to Alexander Isayeu (Sascha) who gave them an update on how the council works.

OS confirmed that Simon has the most in-depth technical knowledge, but OS also knows a lot so they both should be very helpful to our Council.

It was confirmed that continuity, particularly as the representative at the Council meetings, was very important.

The Council meetings which we feel are important that there is a skiers representative attending are the ones held in November and March (or whenever the Seminar is in during the Spring).

The elections to the Council are now for a 4-year duration so we are hoping that maybe one of various skiers' representatives over the years may consider becoming a "full" member in the future.

Approval of Minutes

102nd Minutes - The travel allowance for international competitions is being looked into by Louis Polome as flights are so much more expensive now and it looks that this possibly stops officials putting their names forward for World Titled events! There was a conference call regarding this subject at which NT represented our World Council and MAP represented our European Council.

103rd Minutes – The crowdfunding account has now been set up, details below.

We need to ask Dominique whether most countries have Gift Aid so that Tax refunds can be added to increase the fund.

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104th Minutes – Gary Probst will be organizing a central control in connection with Doping. The EC is working out a system so that all costs for Doping test can be funded by EC central.

Most countries get the Drug Testing carried out at their Nationals for free. In Israel they can move the drug testing to their Titled events as well.

Dany de Bakker has now resolved the problem regarding EMS licences at Netherlands Nationals and MT will cancel the duplication of this competition on EMS that appears there at the moment.

105th Minutes - Skiers' Representative is only 2 members not 3 as mentioned in these minutes. We explained how Europe and World Skiers Reps were elected and what is expected from them. The unsportsmanlike behavior issue will be discussed further down the agenda.

We wish to thank to British Waterski and Wakeboard for their organization of this meeting here in Stansted and also for their hospitality together with the "discipline" baseball caps they gave us!!

There was a query about what the item on the agenda "AOB" meant and it was explained that it stood for "any other business".

Competitions 2022

The first competition of the season was held at Friedberg. No comments, a well organized national WBW competition.

The next was at Kiefersfelden and it had been a shame that there were not enough international judges officiating there as there had been a World Record score posted but it could not homologated and was only a WBW event. The reason for not having enough officials at the competition is because the organizer does not want to spend more money on officials.

We need to try and persuade Thomas Bauer in future to try and host the event with a higher homologation level as there is a shortage of Record Capability competitions on our calendar.

It was agreed that the sport is nothing without the athletes but also that the athletes are nothing without the officials! So it is very important that everybody is well looked after.

We want to try and find out which skiers are thinking of "retiring" every season and then see if we can persuade them to become officials. Their local federations need to contact their skiers and suggest they think of looking into becoming an official and staying involved in the sport.

In Waterski some of the skiers also judge but the format of their events is different to ours and is easier for them to combine both. However, some of our skiers in Cable are specialists so this could possibly work. For smaller events it might be possible for the skiers be used as 2 event Judge. We will work out a 2-event judges system.

The Europeans Age Categories and Open combined that was held in Weert, Netherlands was very well organized, and the event went smoothly. As the Drug Testing did not go ahead as the examiner was ill and could not travel to the event, we need to check that the 20 euros that was added to the entry fee to cover the cost of doping control were refunded safely!

It was agreed that it is always useful if there is a reserve judge at a competition, then should one of the officials not be able to attend then the level of homologation not need to be altered.

At the Austrian Open EK doubled up as both Chief Judge and an event Judge but this was not a problem as there were enough qualified judges there.

4 German skiers took part in Israeli National Open.

At the Israeli Nationals they held the Slalom event at lunchtime which meant there were many people in the park watching the event.

Interestingly it appears that in the 2022 season they were more men skiers on the “rankings list” even without any Belorussia skiers being able to compete and this was thought to be because the skiers thought they might have more chance of succeeding in the competitions.

Competitions 2023

There are no competitions yet registered in EMS as the Federations are slow entering their events. We think that most cableski sites will have already set their dates but they have not yet passed on the information. However, as soon as possible, the dates could be confirmed then it would enable the skiers/officials to start to plan their season.

There is due to be council meeting in Germany shortly so after that the dates for competitions in Germany should be ready to be put forward.

Israel confirmed that they are going to host the combined Age/Open competitions. As the original dates now clash with the Waterski Worlds to be held in Orlando, they have revised their dates which are now 18th/21 October with the competition starting on Wednesday. They are hoping to have at least 18 countries, which is their goal as that would secure them more funding.

The price per person in a double room at the Kfar Maccabiah, which is a five star hotel, is equivalent to 87 euros, The single room rate would be 154 euro. The hotel also offers triple rooms at 74 euros per person and a quadruple 66 euros per person.

Transport from the Kfar Maccabiah to the site is free so they are hoping that families and friends will also come along to Israel. The Closing ceremony is also at the hotel. If anyone wishes to stay afterwards then that will be possible.

Sid will send out the new list of obligations showing the revised date.

Israel Nationals will be held Friday/Saturday 3/4th November.

MT proposed that the next November meeting be held in Eilat. At the moment it is provisionally scheduled to be on 12/13 November in Budapest.

The 2024 “February” meeting is due to be in Paris and the 2025 meeting in Schiedam Netherlands.

Rules

Should there be a camera located on the wheel for jump, based on what happened at the last Europeans, we will make this mandatory for RC homologated events.

The camera is already in situ as it is there for the Slalom event so no new expenditure will be needed. The camera footage can be automatically relayed to the tower/judges tower.

Once the footage has been used it can be deleted so that it does not take up too much computer space.

Tricks - Can the results in Tricks be announced for the second run so they know how much they have to do. This is the idea and is currently done at titled events. We should test whether this is also possible at some smaller competitions. Concern that this will mean there could be additional time needed between the two passes.

Cutting inside is now a disqualification, which was done as a safety precaution. However, it appears that it makes a difference if the skier is right foot or left foot forward. It has been agreed that 25M before corner is end of trick pass. However if they do continue after the 25m buoy, they will have a 1000points deducted from their score and will not be allowed to continue in that round.

Slalom - It was discussed that taking out the exit gates has changed the results. OS acknowledges it was his accident that prompted the Council to change this rule. OS confirmed that his accident was due to trying to get to the corner and not that he was trying to get through the gates.

Therefore, we should consider the rule whereby you have to go around the corner (click of the pulley) instead of taking out the gate OS believes that his crash was due to the course being shorter than normal. Maybe we should consider that if it is a short course (under 300m) it should only be a 5 buoy course or if it is under 300m then cancel the gates?

Or the other idea would be to have an exit buoy instead of a gate, if however you put the buoy in the centre of the course it will be hit regularly and the owners of the site will not like it.

Then the council were asked to vote whether the rule should stay the way it is or go back to the way it was.

After further discussion it was decided that the left gate buoy would be put back in (as opposed to having to go through double gates) but we would leave the position at 27m .

2nd Mode (where everyone comes back in after each pass) should now be considered at the default as it was believed you should not have a rule about short lines that is different to that for long lines.

If the mode is announced before the competition, they can train on this and get familiar to this mode.

Mode 1 (continuous on low speeds) is now the 2nd choice.

However, if there is only 1 skier at the slower speeds they can continue with their next speed without having to come in.

The skier has to announce their starting speeds 10 minutes before the expected start of series.

Jump – NT will liaise with MAP to update the various Jump drawings for 2023 rulebook.

On 2 pylon cable there is only one buoy on entry and NT will forward amendment.

Records

There were no new Open Records, but the following “best performances” that were broken this season are:

Senior 1 Men	Fabrice Magana	Tricks	6810 points
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Under 19 Girls	Phoenix Baumgardt	Slalom	1.50@11.25/55
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As this was the first season of Senior 2 the following “best performances” were achieved

Senior 2 Men	Daniel Armas Langheinrich	Slalom	3@13/55
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Senior 2 Men	Jarowslaw Drewiczewski	Tricks	1720 point (One pass)
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Senior 2 Men	Joost De Leijer	Jump	27.5m
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As there were at least 5 skiers in Men Senior 2 it was able for that category to be opened.

It was agreed for the overall category to be “opened” in Senior 2 then only 2 events were needed and the event they had not competed in would be scored at Zero.

Unsportsmanlike Behaviour

An email had been sent to Erwin Zawadski but unfortunately, we have not heard back from him although we have received an email from Anita Kozlicka (Polish Federation) that had confirmed safe

receipt and she also advised that she had talked to him. MM also advised that he had heard nothing from Erwin. It was noted that Erwin had apologized to the organizers after the event

As we have not received a letter, we do not know his explanation for the incident.

This is a very unfortunate situation, and we need to assure that in future it is not allowed to happen again.

We understand that things can happen in the heat of the moment but what we do not understand is why he has not responded to our request for an explanation.

There is going to be a Disciplinary Committee set up at European level and the disciplinary decisions ledger will be published online.

We are happy that we have handled this case correctly and gave the Skier the benefit of the doubt and we feel that he has been disrespectful by not sending in his letter and that is why we feel this needs to go forward to the Disciplinary Committee.

Stefano came in to discuss the rules in place in connection with our disciplinary case and asked what sanctions we were thinking to impose.

Our proposal to the AdminCom was that Erwin should be told of the mandatory attendance at the council seminar and he should then sit his Judges 2nd class exam (which he would need to pass) alternatively if he does not attend then he will receive a 1 year ban.

The reasoning behind our decision is we believe that it will benefit Erwin to know and understand the rules.

Visit by the Bureau

Patrice, Sid and Dominique visited our meeting room and various items were discussed but not major problems, apart from the Disciplinary issue, were identified.

Homologation

To be included in the Overall results the skier must have a score more than zero in all 3 events.

To compete in a Titled event, you need to have a result in WBW, except for Senior 2 category. This is the European Confederation rule and not the World Rule.

If a skier has paid his entry fee before the midday preceding the competition start, then their entry counts towards the number of skiers going forward to the finals. To get the entry fee back then a medical certificate needs to be submitted.

Who Beats Who

Questions were raised as to why it appears that some of the WBW scores are not consistent. Confirmed that the points earned depends on who was there etc.

WBW rankings are based on the 5 best scores on a "rolling basis".

The scores based Ranking Lists World and E&A should be hidden and the "placement based" WBW Ranking list should be shown as the most important one. NT will ask Manu to implement this. The Councils (European and World) should be able to access the information if needed but the breakdown should not be for general public.

Hall of Fame

There is one name that we all agree we should put forward for the first ever Cableski Hall of Fame inductee and we are hoping that several people will assist us to raise the necessary paperwork for the candidate's resumé.

We also need to look again into some people who are involved in Cableski that could qualify as "pioneers".

JDL to check who has the Harry De Laat trophy at the moment and then when it has been returned it can be passed onto Hall of Fame to be displayed.

Athlete of the Year

Several names were suggested and their achievements over the season noted.

As in previous years each member of the council was asked to vote on who we believed should be put forward to the AdminCom using numbered votes.

In the end the following athletes were agreed to be put forward

Female	Laura Hillenbrand	Germany
Male	Niklas Heinicke	Germany

Website

It was agreed that our divisional website needs updating, and MT confirmed that he was in the process of doing so!!

Although the main IWWF site is linked to our Discipline Site we believe that skiers are not going to our own site. They are now using Instagram instead and we believe that Facebook is not accessed so much. We agreed that Instagram needs to give a history of the sport so that they can see who-was-who in the past.

However, we still do need the website!

We want to be able to demonstrate videos of our history.

We agreed a budget of 1000 euros to be offered to "run" our Instagram account for us and Maor Achrak (Isreal) has agreed to start to work on it for us.

Budget

Most of the expenditure is now accounted for and MT will send his bill for "running" the Website.

The following invoices are needed to be raised in connection with homologation fees due

50 euros	Friedberg
100 euros	Kiefersfelden
200 euros	Asten
100 euros	Slovak Open
100 euros	Grand Prix Poland
100 euros	Slovak Age

Officials Training

EK is waiting for the link from the Worlds and then she can upload the trick scores and videos.

We need the scorer to forward all the files when available, or upload master sheet with the startlists.

World Matters

They have a new World Cableski Council Member who is “Bomb” Padiwat Jaemjan who has been involved in the sport for a long time. He used to ski and now he is a Cable Wakeboarder. He knows everyone in Thailand so he will be very useful to the World Council.

Simon Herrmann is due to be going to see a possible new site in Thailand with Paul Fong.

NT has been talking to Jose Antonio Perez Priego who now appears to be more interested in Cable 3 event and in fact talks to NT on a regular basis.

We are hoping that there will be a new cable built in Dubai but at the moment there is no more news!

Doping Control

There is a proposal that 10 euros will be added onto the entry fees for Titled events, over all the disciplines, and this fee will then be remitted to a central fund.

They are thinking of maybe the actual “in competition” testing can now be carried out anytime during the event and not just the finals as this was proving to be more expensive, especially since the finals typically were happening during the weekend.

Disabled on Cable?

We need to look into the possibility of disabled taking part in our Cable competitions.

Entry Fees

Having considered the matter overnight it was agreed that we would charge an additional 20 euros for travel and therefore the new entry fees for 2023 are as follows

	Organizer	E&A	Doping	Travel
160 euro for Junior	65	65	10	20
200 for Seniors and Open	85	85	10	20

Switching Nationality

If an athlete wishes to be able to represent another country then the timescale of non participation needs to be 24 months if both countries do not agree and 12 months if they do both agree. This is according to the official Rules of Eligibility by the IWWF.

Development Fund

The monies we applied for from the Development Fund were in connection with the developing of a new 2 pylon cable. However, it was found that the “movable” cables are not strong enough for slalom.

If we want to apply for monies from the Development Fund we need to put in a budget in connection with a project.

Future Planning

Our first priority is to have more 3-event Cables be built and then once they are up and running we need to persuade them to host a competition.

At the moment we have a list of 300 cables which are big enough to host competitions but unfortunately, we think that at the most there might be only 10 sites that would even consider holding events.

When Simon Hermann goes to a potential new buyer, he is trying his best to persuade the sites to put in large enough cable for 3-event Cable competitions to be able to be hosted.

If the maintenance is done correctly then the cable will be fine at the higher speeds need for 3-event cable training and competitions, however it is acknowledged that Wakeboard puts less stress on the running cable.

If the course is short then it would be better to put in a 4 buoy slalom course

Livestreaming

We need to think about trying to use this more and we should encourage sites to try and look into this if they host events. It can be arranged locally and it is normally easy to find some youngsters who would be able to help.

Seminar 2023

The Seminar will be held in Frankfurt on 22nd – 23rd April and our meeting will be held on Friday 21st with the seminar held on Saturday and Sunday morning. OS will try and encourage skiers to attend.

Unfortunately, NT is probably not going to be able to attend.

The “official” hotel will be Lindner. The cost will be 109 euros for a single and 140 euros for a double and these rates includes breakfast. There have been 30 rooms reserved for the Seminar. The German Olympic Committee building is next door and that is where we will be having lunch. Coffee and water will be arranged during the day. There is a cheaper hotel about 15 minutes walk away if attendees wish.

UL will aim to raise the Bulletin by the Congress in February so that we can show it to delegates.

MT will also make a presentation in connection with Open/Age Categories to be shown at the Congress.

Items to be included during the seminar are:

New Rules

Skiers Point of View

Tricks

Exams

EMS – applying for positions/link to Manu etc

Technical Officer

Development Fund

Potential candidate for Worlds – Asia/ Indonesia/Thailand

Teams

We have now started uploading documents to the Cableski Teams system. These are the documents for shared view by the council.

Next Meeting

Our meeting at Antalya to start 10am on Friday 3rd February and will end when the Admincom meeting starts later in the afternoon. We will now have no meeting on Sunday.

Maybe we could have our lunch and meeting at Ski site in Antalya? MT will contact Baris Ozoral. It is suggested that we go to the site at about 1pm (Maybe some of the AdminCom may be interested in coming with us?)

MAP thanked everyone for their attendance and hard work over the season.