

Minutes of 99M Meeting of Region E&A Cableski Council
On Saturday 19th June, 2021

Present	Marie-Anne Persoons (MAP) Nicky Caine (NCC) Nigel Talamo (NT) Maoz Tal (MT) Joost de Leyer (JDL) Martin Graw (MG)
Invited	Kohei Yamaguchi (KY)
Apologies	Elena Kunert (EK) briefly phoned in from competition she was officiating at Alexander Isayeu (AI) Michal Mos (MM)

Minutes

Minutes duly agreed and as previously discussed the minutes would be signed and formally agreed at our first “face to face” meeting.

AOB

MAP gave an update and advised that it had been a serious fire at Brit’s flat and everything had been destroyed but the good news was that no one had been injured. Luckily, not much data had been lost as most of it had been saved in the “Cloud”.

The “Covid Committee” will have a meeting on Monday with the Organizers of the Worlds.

Paul Fong has requested that for the 75th anniversary celebrations, each discipline organizes a video with commentary on the history of their discipline. We should ask Axel Muller to give the commentary as that is what he does professionally. We need to have someone from Cable to start putting this together with some old videos from the 1980’s/90’s. It is believed that Heidi Pauen might be able to assist as she may have some old footage from Langenfeld. Also, Juergen Pitz might be able to help by locating something suitable that we can use. The other suggestions to track down some video content would be to get in touch with Thomas Bauer and Rixen who may have some archive files.

The plaques for “Athletes of the Decade” had arrived but there were both damaged as it appeared that they had not been packed properly. MG should get replacement plaques in the next couple of weeks and as soon as they are received then MG will send around pictures to the Council.

Competitions 2021

Due to the Covid situation at the moment JDL advised that it had been decided that Weert will now not be an International and just a National competition. Unfortunately, Weert cannot change the date so it is has not been possible to rearrange but next year they are hoping they will be able to host the competition.

Adi Schall is having an operation on his arm and we send him best wishes for a speedy recover.

The Austrian Government have advised that if over 20 “overseas” persons are attending then they will need to appoint 2 people to go to competition, the cost of which will be in the region of 2000 euros so this competition has also been downgraded from an International to National.

Both Weert and Asten decided to downgrade to only National status as in both countries if there are skiers from other countries competing then testing needs to be done every day and also the skiers need to be classified as “professional”

Alexander Vasko has confirmed that the competition in Kosice will definitely be going ahead.

Age Categories 2021

At the Age Category Championships due to be held in Friedberg, Germany they will be changing the Homologator from Bernward Stamm (Fritz) to Daniel Maltzahn and then if Ulf Langrock will be able to make the competition (Ulf confirmed that he can be there meanwhile) he can replace Horst Heinicke who will then concentrate on his role as part of the organization team. MT has uploaded bulletin.

The Intention to Enter form needs to be submitted by 26th July so the decision regarding ordering the medals will be made then.

Officials Training

The Trick runs from the Ukraine Worlds have now been uploaded and we are just waiting for EK to send the Master sheets.

KH is going to try and take his level 1 Judges Exams during the Cableski World Championships due to be held in Poland in September.

Intention to Enter Forms

Reminders have been sent out regarding the Intention to Enter forms for both the Worlds and Age Categories.

Several countries have already submitted – NED, AUT, GER, POL, ISR but at the moment we are still missing a replies from SVK, BLR, GBR, FRA, UKR, RUS, ESP, JPN

New Trick Approval

Ilya Labkovich had sent a video at the end of May regarding a new trick - WFLIPFFB - for consideration. It had been distributed to all the Council members and no negative comments had been received so it had been duly approved and it was agreed that it should be awarded 900 points similar to the FFLIPF. We will not approve the reverse or award any points until this new trick has been demonstrated.

We will post the approval on Facebook and extend our congratulations. Also MAP will email Ilya with confirmation. The Technical Rulebook has been updated as well as the Lion Scoring program.

Hall of Fame

Juergen Pitz had sent proposals for the HOF. However, as we want it to be well presented it will need some in depth research to be carried out and this is the reason that MAP and MG have not looked into this in any detail yet. We believe that at the moment our “best” skiers are still competing however there are several people who we feel could be put forward as “pioneers”

We need to decide whether we should put forward any suggestions individually or jointly as a Council. Any proposal can be made by anyone and MAP advised that when she was on the selection panel she did not know who had put any of the applications received forward.

It was agreed that if we do decide to send in any proposal from the Council then we do need to be very careful. The new awards are being looked into, particularly the background information, in more detail.

Confirmed that the categories are Officials/Pioneers/Skiers. It is our decision where the awards should be presented and in our Council we still believe to achieve maximum recognition from their peers from other disciplines that there being part of the presentation at the Tournament (Waterski) Worlds or the World Congress is the preferred option. However, if that is not possible then maybe we should look at presenting them at the E&A Congress which next year is scheduled to be in Monaco.

It was agreed that we should look into raising a list of possible recipients in September/October

Although it had been considered to have the Tournament (Waterski) Worlds as a stand alone competition with no HOF/Congress/EB meetings it has subsequently been decided that it will now go ahead as normal with all meetings etc taking place.

It has already been agreed that Junior (Tournament) Worlds is going ahead but the Senior (Tournament) Worlds has been cancelled.

Any travel to USA at the moment for either competition will need a NIE (National Interest Exemption) as well as an ESTA.

November Meetings

The original suggestion was that the meeting should be held in London at the Post House Hotel at Heathrow but apparently it is still a "quarantine" hotel so we would have needed to make a decision by July with a deposit paid of 15K euros.

Therefore, the location will probably be changed with it possibly being moved to Paris, near Orly Airport, but it is believed that the decision has not been made yet. The advantage of Paris would be that many people would be able to drive there.

Other proposals are always welcome.

PCR tests at Titled events

The Organizers of titled events will need to provide the possibility of PCR tests if they are required to allow participants to travel home. They should be able to supply the contact with the test center etc!! so that the skiers do not need to find these places themselves. Therefore, they will need to find a test centre that is open over the weekend or alternatively organize for someone to come to the site.

The cost of these tests will be paid for by the people who need them.

Future E&A Meetings

AI is in Georgia at the present and he has proposed that Georgia be considered to host one of the November meetings but unfortunately there do not appear to be any flights during the winter months. The idea is that maybe they should host an AdminCom meeting first.

Council Elections

It will be Council elections next year for the members of the Discipline Councils which is now for a 4 year term (instead of 2 years previously).

As NT is a co-opted member of our Council he will need to have confirmation from BWSF that they are happy for him to stand (this should not be a problem!!)

It was agreed that the present members of the Council would not make a decision as to whether they wish to re-stand until we have managed to have “face to face” meeting.

We wish to put a request to the AdminCom that if it is not possible for usual November “face to face” meetings to take place that the Council Elections are actually delayed until after these “in person” meetings have taken place.

Entry Fees

The European Entry fees are 120/160 at the moment. All the other councils want to increase their European fees so they are closer to Worlds fee. We are the only Council not to have asked for an additional 20 euros for officials travel, be added to the entry fees. These fees have not been increased for 10 years but it was believed that it should be reviewed annually/biannually Maybe we should look increasing them to say 150/200? Some of the entry fees are covered by the Federations, so the increase would make little difference to the participants. It was agreed that we would come to decision at the November meeting so that it can be discussed at the AdminCom meeting scheduled to be held afterwards.

EMS

MAP advised some of the numbers of people who have registered and paid and apparently in the region of \$55K has already been raised. The system appears to be working quite well. Peter Frei is being very helpful with any queries. However, it obviously will take a while to “repay” the original investment in the system.

Statutes

On the agenda I had written Statues instead of Statutes which at caused lots of confusion about what we were due to discuss!!

IWWF Europe is registered in the Netherlands and we need to review the Statutes to update them according to the new Dutch law.

Things that have to change are for instance the AdminCom members have to be voted on by the Congress delegates so they are going to have to find a way to annotate the “vote” for the Council representatives.

We also need to set out, as we are a “not for profit” organization what will happen to any monies held if we cease to exist!! Lots of small changes need to be made.

Virtual Games

This is a concept whereby everyone “skis/rides” on their own site and then they will send the videos to be judged. But we don’t think we want to spend any time on this at the moment but if anyone is interested then they can contact Paul Fong for further information.

Budget

We haven’t actually spent any monies yet but we have agreed to send flowers to Vreni which will be organized soon. Martin Graw thinks that he may not yet have claimed for Bruno’s flowers but he will check!!

Next Meeting

It was agreed that our next meeting would be held at 6pm (CET) on Wednesday 28th July, 2021

MAP thanked everyone for the continued hard work through these “strange times” and hoped that we will all be able to meet up very soon!!