



E&A Development Commission Minutes of Meeting 24.01.14 MILANO (ITA)

Present:

Jean Michel CAU (JMC)
Maureen WRIGHT (MW)
Ricky CASILLI (RC)
Absent: Florian BUTTY

Meeting starts at 14:00

Agenda

- New Seminar presentations
- Budget
- Communication
- 2014 Seminar
- Relationships with E&A ADMINCOM
- Next meeting
- AOB

New Seminar presentations

New presentations agreed :

- **Kids coaching + Team coaching** has been submitted to JMC last december and reviewed during the meeting. Changes agreed and amendments to be done by RC before end of March.

- **Physical preparation for Waterski/wakeboard:** a provisional version had been submitted to JMC by 15th January and has been finalised at the end of January.

- **Driving presentation** has been written by RC for the 3 events disciplines and has been checked during the meeting. Changes agreed and amendments to be done by RC before end of March.

FB should have submitted to JMC by 15th january a WAKEBOARD DRIVING presentation. So far, this has not been done and the presentation needs to be completed and finalised by end of March.

Budget

Budget presented to Admincom for 2014 has been cut drastrically.

- 3 000€ has been allocated for Development Commission for operating costs.
- 3 000€ has been allocated for E&A Development (covering E&A President development expenses and Commission expenses under the control of E&A President).

Communication

Means of communication : Following the November meeting in Stresa, all information about Development Commission activities, Assistance for new federations, Development Seminar details - are now available on both E&A web site :

<http://www.iwwf-ea.eu/waterski/EAMEOfficeMailings.nsf>

[Previous](#) **E&A Office Mailings**

HOW TO DOWNLOAD A DOCUMENT

- click on the blue arrows to see more levels
- when you find the document you need, do not open it
- right mouse click on the document name
- in the pop-up menu, choose "save target as"
- choose a location on your computer for the document
- save


- ▶ MISCELLANEOUS
- ▶ ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
- ▶ CONGRESS 2014
- ▶ CONGRESS 2014 REPORTS
- ▶ CONGRESS archive
- ▶ BAREFOOT
- ▶ CABLE
- ▶ DISABLED
- ▶ RACING
- ▶ TOURNAMENT
- ▶ DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
- ▶ WAKEBOARD BOAT

and <http://www.waterskitournament.eu>

Home E&A TC Contact Us Championships Calendar Development Commission Officials Rankings Results Records
Rules Videos Ski Schools

TOURNAMENT COUNCIL WEBSITE

International Waterski and Wakeboard Federation - Confederation Europe and Africa



Welcome to the IWWF Confederation Europe & Africa Tournament Council website.

2014 Seminar

Poland was expected to host the 2014 Development Seminar. No response from Poland has been received in the last 3 months, nor did their President show up at the Congress. Instead, the Italian federation has been approached to organise this years Seminar in the north-east of their country, in order to attract attendants from « developing countries » of central Europe and Mediterranean border.

Provisional dates to be set around middle of may (to be confirmed).

Relationships with E&A ADMINCOM

During November ADMINCOM meeting in Kiev (november 11th 2013), a discussion regarding the Development Commission were raised. See below the minutes on this item

1.1. [The Development Commission \(DC\).](#)

Up to 2013 E&A got some money from ARISF for the development of the Mediterranean area. As of 2014 we don't get this money anymore. Therefore the Development Commission will not get an extra budget anymore towards this goal.

If it is the will of the Mediterranean countries to hold a kid's camp etc, the Mediterranean Waterski and Wakeboard Confederation should fund it.
The Development Commission did ask for 2014 a budget of 9.000 Euro for its usual functioning.
However, the Admincom wants to review the goals, orientation and strategy of the DC.
What's more, a budget of 9.000 Euro is three times the basic budget each Council gets and some work of the DC and the Councils is duplicated.
The budget of the DC for 2014 will be cut to a more reasonable level.

Comments :

The members of the DC are not elected. The DC is a commission, appointed by the Admincom.
The four actual members were approved during the May Admincom meeting. They should also work as volunteers as all the members of other councils.

It is the role of the Councils to upgrade their officials. However the DC can form new officials.
The DC expertise should be available to each Council. Tournament and Wakeboard are already well developed. It should be the weaker councils which need the most help.

A development seminar in St. Petersburg makes no sense, since Russia has already a fully developed federation.
A development seminar should be aimed at setting up new federations.

Development is a process, not a one-time seminar. It is the aim of the DC to propose the admincom a strategy to find new federations and to help them at the beginning. If the DC follows a wrong strategy, then that is the fault of the Admincom who should give more guidance.

The DC should follow a different orientation towards the new countries (Sudan, ...) and have a look at our four year plan (more women in sport, etc..).

Following this, JMC, without any previous notification, had to present himself to the January ADMINCOM meeting (january 26th 2014) in order to answer questions from President Alain Amade.

See below the minutes on this item.

Development Commission

Alain said that Jean Michel Cau had been invited to attend this meeting, following discussions at the last Admincom meeting. He gave a brief history of the situation.

Alain said that at their previous meeting the AC wished to discuss the work of the Development Commission. He outlined the history of this Commission which was started using three people employed in the development field by the French, Italian and British Federations. These three – John Wood, Jean Michel Cau and Maurizio Grillo, had been fully supported financially by their Federations, which was a great asset to the Confederation. John Wood and Maurizio Grillo have since retired from their Federations and from the Commission. Jean Michel also no longer works for the French Federation. So the Federation support is no longer given.

The AC decided at their last meeting that the Development Commission must operate in the same way as all the Sports Division councils, and with the same basic €3000 Euros budget as the councils receive.

The AC feels the political development is part of the role of the President of EA. As soon as new federations are found, we must try to help them to organise their Federation and coaching development via seminars. The AC questioned why seminars are run in countries where there is already an organised Federation? For example in Russia last year. The thought is that seminars should be held in countries where there is almost no organisation.

Jean Michel thanked the AC for this invitation. Firstly he believes that Development should be part of the AC work. He recounted the history of the Development Commission, which was as Alain described, but at that time under the remit of the Tournament Council with the aim of encouraging more countries to compete and by sharing knowledge in the newer countries. That was the Coaching Sub Commission.

Eventually proper seminar were held in different countries and to date some 300 coaches have attended over the years. When Maurizio dropped out John and Jean Michel continued. It then became obvious that many new federations needed help in how to run a Federation too and this information was drafted and circulated and included in the Seminars. After John left, the Commission started to get a lot of wakeboard requests and so Florian Butty joined the Commission.
~~At this point the name was changed to Development Commission.~~

At this point the name was changed to Development Commission.

The commission works on a voluntary basis. The policy is to give knowledge to all federations to be capable of running their own national championships, to train skiers and riders, to have officials, and to give them knowledge.

As to holding Seminars in an already organised country, Jean Michel explained that newer countries do not necessarily have the people or experience to organise seminars, and so they utilise organised countries to which they can invite neighbouring countries – and there are new

countries all around. For this year Italy can handle the organisation and we can invite individuals from many countries who can travel there with ease.

Jean Michel agreed that it is part of the President role to find new Federations and then the DC can step in and organise something there. For example, Turkey is important to IWWF – and the new delegate who attended this weekend will make sure they send some coaches to the seminar.

Jean Michel was deeply disappointed with the problems of participation at the Mediterranean Games and the problems arising from it. He had written to Alain and Candido about the possible solutions for the future, but had received no reply. Without proper feedback it is difficult for him to know where to go in the future. We have all these new Games coming up and we have little or no contact with the important countries who might take part. We need to capture these potential countries.

Florian added that the seminars held in Egypt for example are working because now there are riders and coaching coming to competitions and seminars in Europe. There is long term goal of bringing in new people a little at a time.

Andy pointed out that development is a cycle – which can take some years to achieve something. But the investment has to be made and in time the results will come. Out of participating federations come the new competitors.

The 2014 plan is to have 40–50 people from 4 or 5 countries at the seminar. Plus continuing with our Mediterranean Strategy – kids camp, and so on to be held in Greece. Also 3 countries have asked for the DC's help in establishing their national coaching diplomas.

The DC budget will be €3.000 from EA.

The Med Fed has its own budget for its training camps and so on.

Patrice, on behalf of the FFSNW offered the free services of a technical person to help the DC if wished.

Jean Michel would also need to travel to the next venues for the Mediterranean Beach Games and the Mediterranean Games. The first couple of trips will come from IWWF budget, and then once he is appointed as Technical Director the Games organisers take over the costs.

The Admincom seemed to appreciate the information that Jean Michel had given.

For information, see attached a meeting proposal sent to Alain AMADE E&A President, Candido MOZ, TC President and Dimos ALEXOPOULOS, MWWC President. Nobody answered to this letter.

Next meeting

Next meeting planned to be held in November in Portugal, with all other E&A Commissions....

AOB

Not any other question. Meeting finishes at 17:30

Jean-Michel CAU, Chairman
15/02/2014

