



MINUTES

of the meeting of the
EUROPE CONFEDERATION WATERSKI COUNCIL
held via Teams
on Monday 30th January 2023

1. Attendance and apologies for absence

Candido Moz	<i>Chairman</i>
Amanda Scherer	<i>Secretary</i>
Stian Lilleberg	<i>Treasurer</i>
Dimos Alexopoulos	
Morten Froulund	
Hannu Rintanen	
Ricardo Botas	
Gavin Kelly	
Aliaksandra Berazouskaya	
Louis Polome	<i>Africa Confederation Representative</i>
Martin Kolman	<i>Athlete Representative World Council</i>

The meeting commenced at 19:00 CET.

2. Additional Rules

The Additional Rules need to be revised. Gavin kindly offered to go through the Additional Rules and modify the rules where necessary to comply with the World Rules 2023.

3. Officials for Titled Events

An email has already been sent out to all Officials regarding panel applications for the 2023 Titled Events. Officials have been requested to apply for all Titled Events through EMS. It was noted that the Mediterranean Games are still missing on EMS at this time and therefore not available yet for application. The deadline for applications is earlier this year due to the upcoming World U21 Championships in Mexico 12th-17th June 2023.

The TC believes that Officials should be informed at the time of their appointment to a IWWF World Titled Event of the allocated reimbursement they should expect to receive for their travel costs. Unfortunately, the issue of reimbursement and travel costs has not yet been finalised at the IWWF level so this will not yet be possible.

The system of appointing Officials presently used by our TC (E&A Confederation) will now be utilised by the other Confederations for appointing Officials to IWWF World Titled Events.

4. Seminar 2023

The TC discussed the Seminar Programm, registration numbers and how difficult it is this year, after 3 years of virtual seminars due to the Covid-19 pandemic, to be able to anticipate the actual number of delegates we can expect. The TC then decided that a meeting devoted entirely to the Seminar Programm was necessary. This meeting will take place 9th February commencing at 19:00 CET.

5. Exams 2023

The issue of Re-exams were discussed. Due to the pandemic the TC decided in 2020 to make an exception to the rules regarding the 3 year timespan in between exams and extended the normal 3 year validity of all qualifications for all Officials. Hence the validity date of 2024 showing by the majority of Officials in EMS. This existing date must now be corrected in EMS according to the rules. All Officials qualifications will return to the normal 3 year validity and Re-exams must be taken. This means that as of 1st January 2024 all Officials who have not taken an exam in the last 3 years must take a re-exam. Information of this change will be published in the next bulletin for the Seminar 2023 and in the next newsletter.

Exams and Re-exams for all Officials will be available at the Seminar 2023 in London and it is strongly recommended that Officials take the opportunity to take their exams and re-exams at this time. A list of all Officials needing to take a re-exam will be published shortly.

Information regarding exams in general and a reminder of the normal procedure of how and when exams can be taken will also be published in the next newsletter. This information is also available in the Additional Rules.

Louis had informed the TC already that he will be stepping down from the TC. One of Louis' responsibilities is to monitor exams and update qualifications of Officials in EMS. It was decided that Dimos would take care of this responsibility in the future.

The TC decided that a minimum deadline for exam applications is necessary. This minimum deadline will be published shortly.

The TC was then informed that the new updated theory exams for Judge 1 and Judge 2 are very near completion.

6. EyeTrick

EyeTrick has now been presented by Donal to the IWWF at World Level. There is still some confusion after Donal's presentation as to whether EyeTrick has actually been approved at World Level or not. If approval at World Level is confirmed, the World Rules will be adjusted accordingly to incorporate EyeTrick.

EyeTrick has already been approved at European Level meaning that EyeTrick is now mandated but not mandatory for our competitions here in Europe.

7. AOB

Louis informed the TC about developments concerning the Pro Tour and will keep the TC updated on any future decisions made by the EB regarding the Pro Tour.

A bid from Baurech, France has been received to host the E&A U21 Championships from 17th-20th August 2023.

Gavin presented the TC with an example of the new European Championships medals that will be awarded in 2023.

Next Meeting:

9th February 19:00 CET

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:40 CET.

Secretary

Amanda Scherer

Chairman

Candido Moz

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The Minutes are subject to approval at the next Meeting.

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