

Minutes of 110th Meeting of the EC Cableski Council Best Western Plus, Paris Orly Airport on Sunday 4th February, 2024

The Council were aware that Marie-Anne was standing for the position of Secretary General of European Confederation which would mean that we needed to find a new President of our Council.

Marie-Anne was successfully voted by the Congress as Secretary General and our congratulations were given to her. We presented her with a small gift as a thank you for everything she had done over the years for Cableski 3 event. We will miss her and we are sorry to see her leave our Council!!

Over the Saturday of the Congress, the Cable Council discussed who we believed should take over from Marie-Anne and it was agreed unanimously that Elena Kunert should take over.

Sunday morning

Present	Elena Kunert	(EK)	(New Chairman)
	Nicky Caine	(NCC)	
	Maoz Tal	(MT)	
	Nigel Talamo	(NT)	
	Joost De Leyer	(JDL)	
	Ulf Langrock	(UL)	
Apologies	Or Shinuk	(OS)	
	He sent a report (see below) and will attend our April 24 meeting.		
Invited	Michal Mos	(MM)	
	Marie-Anne	(MAP)	
	– until the rest of the Bureau arrive when she will become Secretary General!!		

The council confirmed that they had voted unanimously for Elena to take over as President and wished her good luck!.

EK will replace MAP as our AdminCom representative and UL will remain as our substitute representative.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were duly approved by the Council and these which will be signed by MAP as she was President at the time and all future minutes will be signed by Elena as the New President.

New Rule Book

MAP had distributed, via Teams, her newest version of the Rule book for discussion and asked the Council to bear in mind that some of the words are in German!

WBW

Only Robin Senge had written in to query the WBW rules and he has come back with several points he wishes to be considered. He has queried the calculation (co-efficients) being used.

We have experimented using co-efficients based on the relevant World records (which was the presentation MAP gave at the European Congress) and we believe that this could be a good idea and may solve some of the original problems. UL will ask Manu to test last year's scores using the new "World Record" base line and see how it looks.

MAP very kindly advised that if there were questions regarding WBW she would be happy to help.

The number of competitions (at the moment 5) that the WBW is based on has also been a discussion point.

It appears that there are many competitions held in Poland but their skiers do not seem to travel to competitions held in other countries. We agreed that we are trying to persuade more people to travel

It is was noted that at the moment there are only 3 major competitions held - Weert/Asten/Kosice however many countries also hold their Nationals.

It is only a few skiers that need the WBW to qualify for titled events it was agreed that it would be left at 5 competitions but we will discuss again in our meeting in Athens in April.

We will not be posting how the "new" WBW will be calculated until after the scores have been tested.

Athletes Representative

OS had submitted a report of the feedback he had received over the season from the skiers and other initiatives that he has set up to try and involve more skiers in the sport.

We need to try and encourage OS to attend (remotely) the IWWF Athletes Commission meetings and then be able to give us feedback from the other disciplines Athletes representatives.

MAP

MAP will be in Athens and is happy to come to our meeting if we wish.

MAP is also happy to keep officiating at our events although she may have problems with finding enough time after taking on her new role!!

EK to contact MAP to pass over the Voting Powers spreadsheet.

Succession Planning

We obvious need to try and find some "new members" to sit on our Council.

We have about 2 years to find people to co-opt and we agreed that ideally we want someone who is "Cable based". Maybe we should look at finding members from Belarus but we need to keep an eye on the advice we are receiving from IWWF Executive Board.

However, it was agreed that we should officially co-opt Michal Mos back on the council which we were all very happy about.

EMS

Peter Frei came into our meeting to give an update on EMS.

The big news is that Cable Wakeboard will soon be integrated into EMS system. Cable Wakeboard will need to adopt a new scoring system. It is believed that Cable Wakeboard will be up and running from November.

The Waterski (Tournament) ranking list will be ready soon.

The event management for Titled events and Intention to Enter will also be ready.

EMS can now take payments in connection with Intention to Enter fees.

Competitions will be "closed" 2 days before the start date however the Chief Judge/Chief Scorer will, if necessary, still be able to amend information.

MT has had to change, one by one, the dates that officials' qualifications are valid until. The reason for this is apparently due to the fact that some officials in other disciplines have different expiry dates.

Ulf can change Sigita country from Lithuania to Germany. It is believed that Sigita has also changed her surname

The Bureau

Patrice Martin and Dominique Lakens Douwes joined the meeting and MAP switched to her new position as Secretary General!!

Israel will send in their Intention to host application form for hosting a competition in 2025 and Netherlands will also send an intention for 2026 Worlds, which hopefully, will be hosted in Weert.

Titled Event Competitions 2024

EK is going to keep LOA for both the Youth 2023 and 2024 Age Categories .

The proposed dates are
13/15 September Youth
20/22 Age Categories

We need to agree the cutoff date to announce whether we are having a Worlds this year.

If the Worlds is being held in Australia, we will need confirmation that people will be prepared to travel. The possibility is October at a site near Sydney. We can try and work on a presentation and the sanction fee.

We should look at maybe trying to give some incentives to encourage skiers from different countries to participate.

If Australia are not able to host it in 2024 then MM will ask Dawid Kazek if he is interested in organizing the Worlds in Poland .

MM talked to David but he is still worried about the sanction fee. He will need to get permission for the World Championships from his local Council. If the Worlds do happens then 2023 Youth and Age Categories will be held together and then Worlds the following weekend.

MT requested that the weekends could be switched as 20-22 clashes with World Cable Wakeboard Championships which would cause him a problem.

Meeting in Athens

Our meeting be held in Athens in April 2024 and it will start as soon as we have all landed and then will continue until Friday noon when Waterski (Tournament) starts its seminar. UL will organize the room for us! Starting at 2pm (or when we land) until 7pm and then from 8am -12 on Friday morning.

2025 Officials Seminar

Next year's Seminar with be held in Prague together with Disabled and Waterski (Tournament).

Other Competitions 2024

At the moment according to EMS there are the following competitions taking place in 2024

- 4 in Germany
- 1 in Weert (RC)
- 1 in Austria(RC)
- 1 in Israel (RC).

Polish Federation want to organize a Grand Prix in Augustow but the cable, at the moment, is broken.

Panels

Panels for the titled events will be chosen at our next meeting in Athens.

Blue-Green Algae

There is a dye that can be put in the water to stop the algae growing. NT showed everyone interested the website where the information regarding this can be found.

World Matters

The World Council are looking into the possibility to use only 3 First Class judges for the Worlds.

Chengdu, China are thinking of putting in a 5 corner Cable, However, at the 2025 World Games only Cable Wakeboard and Boat Wakeboard will, apparently, be featured which is believed to be a decision made by IWWF. Tournament (Waterski) have not made friends with the organizers of the World Games as in previous years their skiers have withdrawn without notice and without giving a reason for their non-attendance.

We hope that we might be a demonstration sport at 2025 World Games. The dates for the World Games are 7th -17th August and it is believed that the dates for Cable Wakeboard will be 14th-17th August.

To our Council, the decision to have Cable Wakeboard and Boat Wakeboard included but that Cable 3 event is not, does not make sense.

2029 World Games are being held in Karlsruhe, Germany and it is hoped that IWWF will push for Waterski (Tournament) and Cableski 3 event and Cable Wakeboard to be included

It is believed that the discussion about which disciplines will be included will be in May and Guenter Kuhnt (German Federation President) will try and go and encourage as many as possible disciplines be considered.

Putrajaya, Malaysia has just had a meeting in regarding of installing a Cable, which was very successful and Hanifah is very keen to build this.

2025 SEA (South East Asian) Games which are being held in Thailand/Malaysia and Singapore we hope might include Cableski as there are cables in all these countries.

There are 3 sites in India that are considering buying 2 pylon Cables. If this happens then we need to encourage them to run some training camps.

Rulebook

Ulf made an observation that we need to clarify more clearly where a trick run ends at T2/T3 The skiers should not be penalized if the “final trick” finishes in the back position.

It was agreed that the “new” rule book needed to be finalized before our next “face to face” meeting and therefore It was agreed that we would hold a “Zoom” meeting to discuss this. (Zoom meeting to be held on Tuesday 20th February)

Robin Senge had queried how many skiers were allowed to qualify to take part in Titled Championships which will also be discussed.

For RC (Record Capability) events there should be a minimum of 3 Judges preferable J1 plus Judge 2. The J2 can be Chief Judge for these events but for Titled Events the Chief Judge must be J1 .

In all competition bulletins that are published we need to confirm if we are using alternative mode in Slalom.

EK and NT will liaise about the rule book to help finalise it.

There was a query regarding how it is possible for the 1000 points to be deducted if they ski after the trick buoy. UL will advise the calculators how to do this on the calculation programme.

“Surepath” can be used for data collection for homologation purposes.

NT has already updated the system with the new tolerances.

Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Julia Meier-Gromyko on her Hall of Fame recognition and we hope to be able to give Julia her award at the Worlds.

We need to think of future people to put forward to be considered for the Hall of Fame award. A couple of names have already been suggested.

Athlete of the Year

MT is going to add to our website the “Athlete of Year” for back years.

EK thanked everyone for their input into the meeting and she was congratulated on her first meeting as President.

Zoom Meeting held on Tuesday 20th February, 2024

Present	Elena Kunert	EK	
	Nicky Caine	NCC	
	Nigel Talamo	NT	
	Maoz Tal	MT	
	Ulf Langrock	UL	
	Michal Mos	MM	leave early due to previous appointment
	Joost De Leyer	JDL	arrived late due to work commitments
	Or Shinuk	OS	
Invited	Marie-Anne Persoons	MAP	
	Manu Lion	ML	

This meeting had been called as there were a few items that we had not managed to discuss in full in our “Congress” meeting.

Who Beats Who

The main item of this meeting was to try and discuss the best way forward for the “Who Beats Who” Rankings List and both MAP and ML had kindly agreed to attend the beginning of our meeting to give their input as to how they believe we might be able to improve this Ranking List and make the final results as fair as possible.

The major co-efficient of scores being taken against the World Records was still being considered.

It was agreed that one of the main problems is that there do not appear to be enough skiers competing in “Open “class (this is hoped that this will improve in future when Belarus/Russian skiers can participate again) which makes the “Age Categories” skiers where there sometimes tends to be more competitors being awarded more points due to there actually being more people they can “beat”!!

One of the proposals that was put forward was to treat all male and all female skiers, whichever age, be taken as “one group” in their respective sex. We just need to look for the solution how to include Seniors, because of the different speeds.

Another suggestion is to use a buoy counting system and vary the start speeds according to sex.

It was agreed that maybe we should also look into how many competitions go towards the rankings list – should the 5 competitions at the moment be reduced to 3 or 4?

ML advised that once the Council had agreed how the WBW rankings list is going to be calculated he will be very happy to re-calculate the previous years’ results to see how it looks and change the computer programme according. He quite understandably advised that it was not worth his time trying to change the calculations until the Council had come to their final decision.

It was agreed that the final decision will be agreed at our meeting to be held in Athens in April.

EK thanked both MAP and ML for their input which had been very useful and it was appreciated that they had put forward their views to assist the Council in coming to a decision. Both left the meeting and advised if we needed anything else that we thought we help to contact them again

Ramp Height

Discussion took place as to whether we should consider allowing a new ramp height of 135 and there was divided opinions – some thought it would be helpful for young skiers learning to jump and also possibility for some Senior skiers but others thought it might cause problems as not every cable site would be able to lower their ramp down that far and therefore this “new” height might not be available for all competitions.

The Council were asked to give this more consideration and again a final decision would be made at our Athens meeting.

Wild Cards

It was agreed that we did not want to lessen the need for skiers to try and get themselves selected for their national team. And Wild Cards should only be used in special circumstances. After discussion it was agreed to leave the “organizers” the ability to put forward 2 Wild Card skiers and that if anyone else wished to put forward potential Wild Cards that it would be possible, if deemed appropriate, for the Council to be able to award a further 2 Wild Cards.

Applications should be put in writing and submitted to the Council for discussion and consideration.

It was agreed that we would award 6 Wild Cards for Belarus as well as Russia for the titled events.

For any skier to be awarded a Wild Card they will need to have participated in at least one competition during the season.

Update on World Championships

NT had been in regular contact with a potential site in Australia but he was still awaiting a final decision.

It was agreed that the announcement needs to be made as soon as possible, so that either skiers can start planning their trips, or that the alternative site in Poland can start working on being able to host it.

The final deadline will be Monday 26th February, 2024. (The site in Australia has come back to advise that although they are very keen to run the Worlds there is a concern regarding the rig being able to run at “speed” so there will not be able to run Worlds in 2024 but are interested in being considered for later years).

It was noted that if the Worlds were to be held in Poland then it would be on the same site that OS had his accident and therefore the “slalom course” will need to be looked at.

One suggestion was since the length at the Polish site is short, we could make a slight rule change exception whereby the skiers can let go of the handle as soon as the carrier goes around the final pulley. If this goes ahead then the Worlds will not be able to be Record Capability.

Obviously if Poland is awarded the Worlds then the dates of the Juniors/Age Categories will need to be amended and possibly combined with the Worlds the following weekend.

If the Worlds is awarded to Poland then the Sanction Fee will need to be considered.

Elena thanked again the Council for their attendance at this additional meeting and looked forward to seeing everyone in Athens in April.