

Minutes of 105th E Cable Meeting (Zoom) On Monday 3rd October,2022

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

In Attendance Michal Mos (MM)

Skiers Representative

Although there will be a group of three working together on behalf of the Athletes it was agreed that one person needs to be named as the Skiers Representative for our meetings to ensure continuity. The person attending our meeting in Stansted will be Or Shinuk.

If the skiers' representatives decide that they cannot find someone to attend one of our Cable meetings during the season then the one after the Congress is the preferable one to skip as it is normally a short half day meeting.

Meetings

It is believed that the meeting in Stansted (i.e. the November meeting) is the most important meeting as that is when we sum up the season's activities.

Seminar

The 2023 seminar has been confirmed that it will be held in Frankfurt and all the details will be available for the November meeting. Our Seminar in 2025 will be held together with Tournament (Waterski).

Unsportsmanlike behaviour

There was an incident in the Jump Finals regarding the decision of the event judges who judged the second jump of a skier to be a valid jump. This jump made the skier become 2nd place and the skier who was 2nd before the jump, then became only third. The third jump did not make any difference to the placement as it was shorter for both skiers.

There was no camera on the wheel and the jump judges were unaware of the distance when confirming that it was a valid jump, since the judges first declare a jump valid, before the score is announced.

However, after the final Medal presentation attended by athletes, officials and members of the public, Erwin Zawadzki, the skier who became third, took the official microphone and queried the integrity of the officials and whether the decision made was an honest one.

Erwin announced that at the Opening Ceremony there had been the “Officials Declaration” promising fairness and adherence to the Olympic spirit but he believed this had not been demonstrated.

Apparently Erwin had later apologized to Marcel and Joost, but he was asked to explain why he had decided to bring the sport in disrepute. The organisers had given Erwin a wild card to enter the competition (as he did not have a good ranking score to enter as individual and did not make the team) and they felt that this was a very unfortunate way to repay their gesture.

It was agreed that Erwin needs to send us an official apology and confirm that once a decision has been made he has to accept it.

A letter/email needs to be sent to Poland Federation to advise what has happened and request that Erwin sends an official apology letter. Once this letter has been received it will then passed be onto the AdminCom for consideration.

MAP will draft this letter to the Polish Federation requesting the apology letter from the skier. The letter was indeed sent on October 8th, with the request to receive the written appology by the end of October.

Rules

Further to the discussion above (Jump) MM will look into whether it would be possible for a camera to be placed on the wheel and then it can be discussed whether the Council feels this will be beneficial. However not all disputes can be solved by technology and skiers have to accept decisions made by the jury.

Observer at one of our meetings

Joost advised that his daughter Jasmijn (De Leijer), for one of her school courses, needs to be attend an International sports meeting and hence Joost asked whether it was OK for the Council if Jasmijn would attend our Cableski Council meeting once. None of the Council members thought that this would cause any problems and we thought that the meeting after the Congress in Turkey would be the most useful.

Our Next Meeting on 12th/13th November

Nicky will send an email requesting that everyone to send any items they would like included on the agenda.

We look forward to getting together in Stansted.