

**Minutes of 108th Meeting of E Cableski Council Meeting
Held at German Olympic Committee (DOSB)
in Frankfurt, Germany on Friday 21st April 2023**

Present Marie-Anne Persoons (MAP)
Nicky Caine (NCC)
Elena Kunert (EK)
Joost De Leyer (JDL)
Maoz Tal (MT)
Ulf Langrock (UL)
Or Shinuk (OS) – Skiers Representative

Apologies Nigel Talamo (NT)
Michal Mos (MM)

Items Noted for

AOB Development of Volunteers
New Cables
2024 Competitions
Development Funds
Hall of Fame

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were duly approved and signed by MAP and NCC

Exam Papers

Agreed that EK/MAP and NCC will go through the new exam questions. (During the lunchbreak the questions for both Judge 2 and Judge 1 exams were agreed)

WBW – Who Beats Who Rankings List

Daniel Zinser and Robin Senge will be here on Saturday morning and want to discuss the calculations in connection with WBW as they have suggestions that they would like discussed by the seminar attendees.

Seminar Preparation

The seminar will be opened with a welcome and a run-down of the schedule, where to go for lunch (in a separate building) and other information in connection with the weekend.

Then MAP will run through all the rule changes which will be followed by a coffee break.

We will explain how the WBW co-efficients are used to calculate the final score which is dependent on the level of competition and how many “top” skiers are taking part!! There then will follow a discussion hosted by Daniel Zinger and Robin Senge – (after the seminar a Zoom call took place for the Cableski Council and it was agreed after an interesting discussion that the new calculation

method as proposed by Robin Senge will not create the changes we are looking for and therefor the existing calculation would not be changed for 2023 season).

The Trick Writing session will be hosted by EK.

How EMS works and Calculations will be jointly hosted by UL and MT.

NCC will be in charge of “overseeing” attendees who wish to take exams.

OS will host sessions discussing future competitions in 2023 and 2024, volunteers and Social Media.

Signing in sheet for Seminar attendees will be drawn up by UL.

Panels for 2023 Competitions

It was agreed that no official should be showing as “accepted” on EMS until after this meeting.

The panel for Open/Age Categories European Championships. Still missing 2 judges and all officials should be entered in EMS.

Chief Judge	Martin Graw
Assistant CJ	Roi Leichtman
Calculator	Ulf Langrock
Assistant Calculator	Konrad Oborski
Technical Officer	Markus Hoernschemeyer
Homologator	Joost De Leijer
Judge	Elke Ehlmann
Judge	Elena Kunert
Judge	Michal Mos
Judge	Juergen Pitz

World Championships

Thailand will need major investment before it can be considered as candidate.

We are in contact with a site in Sydney, Australia.

There are various different locations in USA that might be possible. MAP and Nigel will try and go to McCormicks while they are in the USA for Worlds.

NT will attend the EB meeting in Orlando and will discuss the issue of finding a site for our Worlds there.

In connection with the Worlds in 2026 MAP had received an email from Weert to see if it might be possible for them to host this event. The city will expect the number of skiers to be an increase on those that participated at the Europeans Championship last season.

They have put forward a suggestion to combine the Open Championships with a Senior/Junior Worlds and have both events hosted at the same time. Another suggestion is to have a World Trophy in connection with the “Age Categories” however, there was concern expressed that this could be a one off event. MAP needs to find out more about whether a World Trophy might be allowed and what the obligations are.

This will further be discussed.

JDL will talk to his club.

Olympic Committee letter

Following on from a letter regarding the status of Belarus/Russian athletes a discussion took place as to whether we should allow these competitors to participate under a White flag with no anthem, they would compete as individuals and there would be no "team".

Any officials from this region, if participating, cannot demonstrate their nationality.

There is also a stipulation that they cannot have any connection with the military and if they do then they cannot take part. They will need to sign a document confirming that they are not participating in the war.

At a later time in the day, Sid then joined the meeting and there was a discussion regarding this letter and the present Belarus/Russia situation.

Things have changed with the advice released by IOC and they have acknowledged they are not a political organization.

At the moment no final decision has been made. It has been agreed that any decision in connection with the participation of Belarus/Russia, will be made season by season.

It is believed that any Ukrainian athletes will not compete if there are athletes from Belarus/Russia competing.

EC is obviously the biggest confederation involved in this situation. Australasia and Asia are not really particularly concerned but in the US there are several athletes that have "moved" countries already.

Martin Kolman will be writing a report on behalf the Athletes commission to demonstrate the athlete's view.

MT is going to try and persuade Ukraine to take part in the European Age Categories/Opens.

New Sites

MAP is hoping to help set up a site in Belgium. Very first initial steps are being set.

Officials

EK has a suggestion that a Chief Judge can also be an event judge for all events apart from Record Capability competitions where there should be 3 separate judges.

Volunteers/Social Media

OS would like to set up a "volunteer" base.

OS will be the link with the Instagram Administrator who is Maor Achrak from Israel.

Maor will need to submit an invoice before the end of November for her fee to run Instagram on our behalf.

The skiers are a little passive at the moment and are not being very helpful with interaction with social media.

We need to get together volunteers to help promote our sport and they can be skiers/families etc. As it is agreed that we need help with media/sponsorship etc.

It is thought that it would be useful to have skiers' meeting out of competition as well as at major Championships. We must approach the skiers and request everyone's help.

One idea was to have an interview with some “old” skiers who were heroes in their own time but it is possible that the new generation don’t know anything about them. So we need to tell their story as part of the Cableski Instagram page.

Each competition should have a QR Code but unfortunately this will cost money!

EMS

Cable wakeboard is now also becoming online via the EMS system however for this season they still have their own separate website but from 2024 everything will be done via EMS.

Teams/Cableski.org

Everything is now uploaded to Cableski.org – rules.

MAP emailed Morten to request that OS is added so that he is able to access the Cable Council’s Teams page.

Several members of the council were shown how to access the Teams site for Cableski and were also shown where the different Council specific documents as the exam papers, are!!

All the exam papers and trick videos are now on Teams.

Thanks to Ulf for pictures used on the new rule book.

Athlete of the Year

Laura Hillenbrand (Germany) as well as being the Cable Athlete of the Year was voted by all disciplines to be the E&A Athlete of the Year. Congratulations to Laura.

Eyetrick

How Donal Connolly’s “Eyetrick” program works, was explained by MAP.

The video of the trick run is shown at 80% of the speed which is not slow motion but is slightly slower than the actual speed. At present this is set up to work for Waterski with a predicted system of which tricks as most expected to be the next. Should we experiment with this system also for Cableski?

It does need some practice before you use the system but does not take long to learn.

Maybe we should look at showing passes at 80% even before we start to consider Eyetrick.

If we do adopt Eyetrick we might need to consider delaying the start of the next skier by a further 2 or 3 carriers but it was thought that the fact that the score can be posted much faster will be beneficial to both skier and public.

It is noted that Donal is also trying to work on a new jump system, based on radar technology.

MAP will talk to Donal soon to discuss whether it will be possible for Eyetrick to be adapted for Cableski tricks/runs (they do differ in sequence to some Waterski runs).

Officials Travel Grants

It was agreed as in previous year there will be 1500 euros available for officials attending each titled competition.

Everyone will get 250 euros travel grant per person (apart for Israeli Officials) for the European Championships being held in Tel Aviv.

Calendar

We want to draw up a calendar for 2024 as early as possible but we have had difficulty persuading the sites to register their competitions in 2023!!

We need to remind everyone that they also can have a One event or Two event competitions and there is the possibility to host competitions on 2 pylon cables.

Of about 3000 sites approached only 10% of them have already had a competition. We need to try and send representatives to go there and talk to them to see if we can persuade them to think of possibly running a competition.

Development Fund

We need to think of proposing a suitable project to apply for some funds.

Maybe we can consider setting up "training camps" out of Europe and we could possibly fly someone there, for instance a skier/coach/official/homologator, and then could try and plan to have a competition while they are there.

Hall of Fame

The paperwork for the athlete we are proposing to be put forward to be considered for the Hall of Fame, is being prepared and several people are assisting with this so all background information is available for the selectors.

If this award is agreed, then we like the recipient to receive it during our next World Championships

European Championships

The organizers are hoping to get 5/6 extra countries that normally don't participate will take part.

They are also hoping that some skiers who do not make the Tournament Worlds Finals could fly into Tel Aviv to practice before the Championships.

MT confirmed that Splasheye for jump, has been purchased.

The bulletin will be distributed by Brit and will also be available on EMS.

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Thursday (19th October) at 8pm.

The Closing ceremony will be held in Maccabiah Hotel and at the present the organizers are negotiating the price but if it is too expensive then it will be held somewhere else. The competition will be live on a Sports Channel on Saturday. There will be lots of Advertising before the competition. The transport between the site and the Hotel will be free. The competition will be filmed by professionals.

MT is willing to look into offering assistance to any new countries that are considering taking part. His target is to have at least 20 Countries competing. The organizers are also going to look into whether they can maybe help with the officials' air ticket costs.

The final budget for the event will be agreed in May.

The Israel organizers will have drug testing and it is believed that the Drug Testing costs maybe paid by the Non-Olympic Sports Association. The number of tests is set as per LAO for Cableski, meaning 4 urine tests to be taken.

The event is scheduled to start on Wednesday on 18th October in the afternoon if there are 100 skiers but if there less than that then it will probably start on the 19th .

There is daylight until 6pm at night and we can start at 7am every morning. The weather in October should be good!

World Games

Israel has applied to host the 2029 World Games to be held in Tel Aviv.

If there are successful with the application, then it will be first time that there will be a possibility of a 3 Cable competition to be held.

It is believed that the decision will be made in July this year.

Next Meeting

Confirmation that our next meeting in Budapest will be held on the weekend of November 11/12 Meeting on Saturday all day and until lunchtime on Sunday morning. So, everyone should aim to fly in on Friday 10th November.

MAP thanked everyone for their hard work and looked forward to seeing them all during the season.