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BAREFOOT WATERSKI COUNCIL

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M I N U T E S

of the 9th MEETING of the WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL

Held on the 30/08/1989 to the 03/09/1989 in the PALM HOTEL, WEST PALM BEACH

Those present were:

Mr Franz Kirsch	Chairman	(FK) (Chm)
Mr Brian Carroll		(BC)
Miss Karyn Cromwell	[arrived later]	(KC)
Mr Graeme Dwyer		(GD)
Miss Gillian Hill		(GH)
Mr Stew McDonald	[arrived later]	(SM)
Mr Don Mixon		(DM)
Mr Selwyn Neiman	Substitute	(SN)
Mr Brian Price		(BP)
Mr Sam Spano	Substitute	(SS)
Mr Charles Ramsey	Secretary	(CR)

Item 1. Welcome and Attendance

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1935 and welcomed the members.

Stew McDonald, Group 1, arrived soon after.

Karyn Cromwell, Group 1, was reported to be on the way.

It was agreed that the alternates may be allowed to be present and to speak.

Sam Spano was declared a voting member in the absence of KC for this session.

Item 2. Agenda

Chmn announced that this meeting would go on only till 2100, and would concentrate on setting up working groups for the following day, and defining their objectives. On Thursday at 0900 the working groups would assemble, and collate agreed, uncontested items for rapid block approval by the whole meeting.

The discussion of other items would take place in the full Council. Maybe there could be a full meeting on Thursday night. BP asked that we put records as Item 12. This was agreed.

Chm announced that Item 5 would be postponed to the next plenary session. The President wants to be in on this item. There was some material available.

Item 3. The Melbourne minutes.

It was agreed the minutes of the first 4 sessions were approved at session 5, and should stand. The minutes of session 5 were at issue. We can try to find agreement on those minutes or drop them and rediscuss the main items at this meeting.

KC arrived at 1945 and took her place.

GH proposed that the Council rescinds those (5th session) minutes, but the content will covered in this meeting.

Passed nem con.

BP reminded the meeting that at session 5 the Chairman was elected.

SM proposed that whoever was chairman at that time remain so till replaced. Seconded BC, Passed unanimously.

Item 6. Interaction with the World Bureau and the Executive Board.

Chm apologised for the letter to the ABC of the 10th of March 1989, which contained an incorrect reference to the EB involvement. This letter went only to the ABC. The letter to the whole Council contained a correct account of the President's remarks. Chmn established that we now go into a well prepared session. All Groups have submitted items and have received the material from the others. CR has consolidated all proposals into the current (1986) rules.

Item 7. Limit of one meeting.

It had always been the intention to meet earlier, but the Chm was committed to the afternoon meeting of the EB. There would be further meetings as the Chm finds possibilities. Chm then asked if we could start on Friday at 0800 and work till 1200. This met with approval. Chm undertook to let members know if something upsets this.

SM made the announcement that a barefooter is an official delegate to Congress.

Chm said there was the possibility of meeting late Thursday if the EB finishes early.

Item 8. The 1990 World Championships [This item is reopened later]

From the EB the Chm learned there was no news about the site or the date.

SM admitted this is true but there is a report to make. SS will give the report.

Chm referred to video and TV. If TV is allowed in the boat, we must have a contract to ensure that we have the signal, and it must be available for the jury. Chm is to phrase it for the contract.

GD asked is it normal for the ABC or AWSA that video in the boat is changed to commercial video, with a contract as part of the Obligations.

SM said video can be AWSA or commercial, but it must be in writing.

Chmn said we have a signed contract. The EB accepted this bid as long as there is no other bid.

SM said final decision must wait 4 weeks till after this Worlds is over.

Chm warned there will be calendar problems all over the world if there is much more delay.

SM brought up the matter of officials. GD said Groups should make their recommendations without waiting.

Chm asked proposals for Chief Judge.

GD proposed Lester Sowry. Seconded SM, passed nem con.

Chm is to ask the President if he wants more than 1 nomination.

BP said it is up to the Council to make the recommendation.

Chmn said then we must have another meeting.

Chm asked a proposal for homologator.

BP proposed to defer the discussion on officials.

Chm said we shall write to the Groups soliciting nominations for officials.

SS proposed that the Group nominations for officials shall be in the Chairman's hands by the 1st of December. Seconded SM, passed unanimously.

Item 9. Biennial report

SM repeated his remarks he made in his letter.

GD takes umbrage at certain passages as a slight on people. He thought it went overboard.

The general feeling was that the remarks in the report put members in an unfavourable light.

Chmn in acknowledging this said he always said what he thinks.

It was an honest report. He apologised for some parts of it.

BP said the Group 3 members of the Exeboard had gotten the impression of something wrong in barefooting.

DM acknowledged that the Chairman has the right to write a report as he sees it, but thought the content unfortunate in places.

GH asked can a later report come out in a positive vein. This was taken as a proposal, seconded by SM. Passed unanimously. This report will reflect the spirit of harmony prevailing in the current meeting, and the common determination to get on with the mutual task of running the sport.

The meeting recessed and reconvened the following evening.

At a later session, the Secretary asked to be allowed to address the meeting on the subject of the Chairman's biennial report.

It had been said that the Council comprised 8 members who spoke perfect English and one who spoke almost perfect English. It was a tribute to the Chairman that he had conducted affairs so successfully in to him a foreign language, but when it came to writing, he sometimes consulted the Secretary in matters of precise text and shades of meaning. In the present case the Chairman had accepted full responsibility for what he wrote and the role of the role of the Secretary was not brought out. It was apparent on reflection after the debate, and hearing the reactions of the members, that the Secretary should have taken greater initiative in advising the Chairman on the semantic impact on the members of the phraseology used in the report. Some of the text was in fact the Secretary's interpretation of the Chairman's sentiments, and parts of it were taken over in the report.

Although the Chairman should, and did, accept full responsibility for the content of the report, the Secretary acknowledges that he neglected to make the Chairman fully aware of the possible impact on the members and should have better foreseen their reaction.

When something hard is to be said, there are different approaches, and the Secretary feels he could have better advised the Chairman on the finer points of language. He wished to offer the members his sincerest apologies.

Item 11. Rules Amendments

Proposed SM seconded BP that the order in the rule book be slalom-tricks-jump.

CR pointed out this would be a major task in recompiling the rule book, and moreover it would diverge from Waterski, which uses the jump-slalom-tricks sequence as we do now. It would be easier to alter the competition forms, results etc. to conform to the existing rule book.

On the vote, there was 1 for and 8 against. Motion defeated.

C403 ratings. The present ratings were far too low, but the time has not come to make them high enough to cut down on entries. It was agreed to make the men's ratings slalom 250 and tricks 600

FK queried whether we need any standards for women.

CR said women's standards can only eliminate some women, and they are all too few.

BP thought we should leave it to the Federations.

SN proposed for women, 200 for slalom and 400 for tricks.

For jump, the men's rating should be 9 metres and the women's 6 metres. This was passed unanimously.

C408 The list is to include a world record holder, using the Waterski words "world record holder provided the world record was performed after the closing date of the most recent world ranking list." (Note 1)

This was proposed by SM and seconded DM, with 8 voting for and 1 against the motion. Carried.

Proposed SM seconded GH, that C408b) read "The defending event champion from the preceding World Championships." Carried unanimously.

It was agreed the overalls scores were reserved for team members. **For C408c)** it was agreed to adopt the Waterski wording with the exception that the level be decided by the Council.

It was proposed by DM and seconded by BP that the last para in the Waterski rule 202 be incorporated as is. Passed unanimously. DM proposed and BP seconded a motion that we take over Waterski rule 501 paras 2 and 3. Passed unanimously.

Also, that all skiers qualified as individuals must be entered by their Federation, was proposed by SM and seconded by GH and passed unanimously.

The meeting thought a fixed number should be decided now.

GH objected that a fixed number may lead to too many in the finals. However, it was felt most of these would be in the team. Proposed SM seconded GH that a fixed number of 8 men and 4 women be set. Carried unanimously.

C502a) Women's jump in the overalls.

SM proposed and KC seconded a motion that women's jump be included in the overalls.

SM gave a resumé of the discussion the previous day in the working group.

BP thought a decision should be based on a clear majority of the skiers.

DM pointed out that Waterski does not differentiate between men and women. If women are not in the overalls there is a connotation of weakness in them. As they are allowed to jump it should be given importance in the overalls.

Some thought the Group 3 survey questionable.

BC said NZL is not strong in women's jumping. But jumping is coming in; it is just a matter of when.

BP said the doctor's report showed a negative feel on jump. We should not urge women skiers to jump.

Chm said that long ago medical opinion had been consulted and the conclusion was it was OK. We should not go back to this. The question is the overalls and not jumping as such.

On the motion that women's jump be in the overalls, 6 were for the motion and 3 against. Motion carried.

DM proposed that we keep watch the next years and if necessary we take women totally out of the jump.

C6. The appointment of drivers

This is to go out of C7 to C6 and be treated the same as judges. FK reiterated that they are now all treated the same.

Scorers: Waterski has only 2.

Proposed SM that in C601 we delete "and 2 scorers, each from separate Groups." seconded GH. Passed unanimously.

Proposed SM that in C602 we add the driver and scorer after the judges. Seconded GH. Passed unanimously.

The C602 text becomes "The judges, scorers and drivers for the World Barefoot Championships shall be appointed by the President of the IWSF, from the list drawn up by the World Barefoot Council, following proposals made by the 3 Groups. The judges, scorers and drivers shall be of the 1st class and shall represent the Groups as follows: Each of the 3 Groups shall be represented by 3 judges, one scorer including the Chief Scorer, and one driver."

Seconded BC. 1 was against and 6 for the motion. Carried.
Proposed SM "A reserve from each category may be provided by each Group, for replacement(s) as deemed necessary by the Chief Judge. The reserve if used should come from the Group where the vacancy is" seconded DM. Passed unanimously.

A motion to delete the provision that the Chief Judge select an Assistant Chief Judge from jury was passed nem con.

SN proposed that it be provided in the Obligations that the Assistant Chief Judge should be nominated from the hosting Federation. Passed nem con.

DM Proposed "That the Chief Judge shall not and Assistant Chief Judge should not serve in the boat." Seconded GD, passed unanimously. [It later appeared that the Deputy Chief Judge was intended.]

GH proposed and SM seconded that the appointment of the Deputy Chief Judge go in C601. Passed unanimously.

Proposed SM that in C605 in para 2 is added "and driver". Passed nem con.

Proposed SM that C607 goes into the video section (C7). Passed nem con.

Proposed BP "The tournament committee shall appoint 3 suitably experienced video operators who shall be responsible to the Chief Judge" go in the video chapter. Seconded SM. Passed nem con.

Proposed GH that the boats to be used for each event shall be decided by the organisers provided they are approved by the World Barefoot Council. (in C1101g), Seconded KC. Passed nem con.

C1409.2.d) Disallowed jump. New clause.

DM declared bumming is not jumping. Landing becomes the criterion. In the ABC, (forbidden) bumming is judged by 1st class judges on the meter tables. There must be a majority faulting the skier to knock the jump.

BP pointed out there was no satisfactory medical evidence of injury due to bumming. Regarding ethics, he pointed out that tricks uses and permits bumming. Bum jumping is a great attraction to the public.

KC said we are trying to encourage skiers to ski on their feet. Barefooting is on the feet.

GD agreed that bum jumping is not puristic barefooting. But techniques currently being used are leading to skiers face planting on the jump. They are getting further and further forward to get the distance. There is more to be learned about how to get the distance. He could see an increase in people who are crashing on the jump, and they are top skiers.

He reported also that 4 out of top 10 have such badly damaged heels they are out of jumping. Some may require major surgery.

SM proposed to ban bumming. Seconded DM. An amendment was made, proposed by SM and seconded by DM that unintentional bumming should not lead to disqualification. The amendment was defeated, with none for the motion. Proposed SM seconded DM "if any part of the body other than the feet touches the ramp the jump shall be disallowed". This was more specific, and 7 voted for and 2 against this motion. Carried with a 2/3rds majority.

BP proposed that it take effect after the next World Championships. Seconded GD. There were 3 for and 6 against. Motion defeated.

Judging the jump. Proposed SN that boat judges shall judge the jump, and video on the bank perpendicular to the course line opposite the ramp be available to the judges for doubtful cases. This to go in C7. Agreed nem con.

Proposed CR seconded KC that the rule C1508 drafted after the Melbourne meeting be approved. There were 2 against and 7 for. Carried. The original text of the post-Melbourne draft shall be taken over. Carried nem con.

C1508 Element by element judging.

Replying to fears of the difficulty of judging element by element, BP said that if in doubt they could ask for video. DM was for each judge deciding whether it is good or not. It is not practical to go into detail.

Proposed GD that judging be element by element (C1508). Seconded SM. On the voting, there were 3 for, and 5 against, with 1 abstaining. The motion is defeated.

C1511 Proposed BP, seconded BC that 1 forward and one backward pass in slalom to be mandatory. On the voting, 6 were for and 2 against, with 1 abstaining. Motion carried.

Proposed DM, seconded FK that scoring be 1 point for a one foot crossing forwards or backwards. 2 foot crossings to score half one foot points. There were 8 for this motion with 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Future records must be recalculated in terms of this scoring system, i.e. the number of crossings. At the present moment the record for men stands at 19 one foot crossings, and for women at 14½.

Resolving a tie.

Proposed SM that a tie be resolved in the following manner:

- 1 the best final round
- 2 the best pass of the final round
- 3 the best number of one foots in the final round.
- 4 the best preliminary round
- 5 the best pass of the preliminary round
- 6 the best number one of foots in the preliminary round.
- 7 a runoff

This was carried unanimously.

Proposed SN that there be no element by element judgements in tricks, i.e. no change to the rule. Seconded DM.

On the voting, 5 were for, none against with 3 abstaining. Motion carried.

Proposed GD seconded BP that the reverse need not follow the basic. There were 2 for the motion and 6 against. Motion defeated.

Proposed SM seconded KC that a tumbleturn one foot reverse does not have to be on the other foot.

On the voting, 3 were for the motion and 5 against. Motion defeated.

Proposed GD that in C1613b) we add "during the turn" and to go after f). Seconded GH. Passed unanimously.

C1613d) It was proposed to allow "off" (the wake) instead of "over". Agreed nem con.

Step turns. It was agreed nem con that the foot over the line is to touch first. The line may be between the legs. Agreed nem con. [Delete the requirement in C1613e)]

1613f) The wording "turn tricks must be completed in a standing position throughout; however, at the conclusion of the turn, a touchdown and bounce up..." was proposed CR seconded SM. Carried unanimously.

Proposed BP that P3012 be accepted, relaxing the embargo on sameway consecutive turns. It appeared there were 4 cases, 2 foot following 2 foot, one foot following one foot, one foot following 2 foot and 2 foot following one foot. The like following like required a reversal of direction or an intermediate trick. For the unlike, no rule is necessary as the discontinuity is obvious to the judge. New words are necessary, the old words stay in with the deletion of "or one foot".

Tie in tricks: It was agreed the present wording to be firstly for the final round and add that if this fails, the same procedure follows for the preliminary round scores. Seconded GD. 7 were for the motion with 2 abstaining. Carried. Proposed SN seconded CR the wording "a **somersault** (heels over head) must..." be made. 7 were for the motion with 1 against and one abstaining. Motion carried.

P1090 was cancelled.

P2014 (4 tumbleturns only) was withdrawn.

P1091 C1613j, delete "which position... skiing position" This removes the over-the-shoulder requirement. Passed nem con.

P1097 Combine 3 rules in one. Proposed SM seconded DM. There were 4 for and 5 against the motion. Defeated.

P1101 **backwards jump** 90 points. It was proposed DM seconded SM that backwards jump be accepted. The voting was 8 for and one against. Motion carried.

DM found the proposed 90 points too low. It is much more difficult than a one foot.

Proposed DM seconded SM that the points be 150. There were 7 votes for the motion and one against, with one abstaining. Motion carried.

P3013 Reintroduce descriptions. BP wanted this to clarify tricks for judges and skiers, particularly those new to the sport. It was felt this did not belong in the rules book but in a training document. The motion was withdrawn. We will create a handbook on **trick descriptions**. A subcommittee of one from each group to compile descriptions.

These will be BC from Group III, SN from Group II and DM from Group I. They will send copy to each other. The deadline is 30/11/89.

2015 was annulled. (Reverses half points)

P1102 **Back wake jump**. Proposed SM, seconded KC that it be accepted, at 150 points. But one only. Passed unanimously.

P1103&4. Proposed KC seconded DM that sideslide be added to the list. It was felt the two foot sideslide was difficult to see and judge. On the motion there were 4 for and 5 against. Motion defeated.

Ron Scarpa was invited to speak on his proposal for interaction with a **Skiers' Council**. Distance was a problem, but they would meet sometimes and correspond in between.

Their relationship with the Council would be consultative.

The **one foot sideslide** was then put forward. It was felt there was a case as the judging problem was more straightforward.

Proposed KC seconded DM that the one foot sideslide be recognised. On the motion there were 4 for and 3 against, with 2 abstentions. Motion carried. The proposal carried a points tag of 320.

It was agreed proposals for new tricks to be accompanied by video, showing how it is done and can be judged.

Proposed GD, seconded SM that the **wake 360 b-b** be recognised. On the voting, 4 were for and none against the motion, but 5 abstained. Motion carried.

Proposed DM seconded SM that the step 360 f-f and b-b be recognised. On this motion, 1 was for and 7 against, with 1 abstaining. Motion defeated. Group 1 was requested to come back with preparations so we can see what it is.

Proposed SM that the body 360 be recognised. There was no seconder and the proposal was dropped.

Proposed SM seconded DM that we delete the 720 b-b and f-f. On the voting, 2 were for and 6 against the motion. Defeated.

Points Changes.

The analysis by CR of the points structure had been studied the previous day, and it was felt we should wait with points changes until we had a better idea of how they should relate. The CR proposal to build a sample structure base on the averages in the present system was put as a motion.

SN said we should delay changes till after the Worlds.

FK said for commentators we should not change points.

GD agreed we hold off till the Worlds Championships. He will submit his own formula for the relationship between the different forms of a trick.

BP said we should let the skiers' council express an opinion on points. An amendment to the proposal was proposed by GD and seconded by KC that no change involving points values be made till after the World Championships. On the voting, there were 8 for the amendment and 1 against. Motion carried.

The structure study was proposed by CR, seconded by KC. On the voting, 8 were for and none against, with one abstaining.

P2016&2017 Reformat Table 2 to emphasise that 1 and 2 foets are alternatives, and the flyer points. Agreed nem con.

It was proposed by DM and seconded SN that the **wake 360 b-b 2ft** with 530 points be recognised. On the voting there were 6 for and 2 against with 1 abstaining. Motion carried.

Proposed BP seconded GD that we delete flyers for tricks. On the voting, 2 were for and 7 against. Motion defeated.

Item 12. Approval of Records

Jump Records.

The Council then considered the **jump record applications** before it.

Debbie Pugh 14.5. 04/02/89 AUS Masters. Agreed unanimously.

Dodd Dwyer 21.6. 12/02/89 NSW Pre-State. The recalculated distance of 21.4. was verified. Approved unanimously.

Brett Sands 22.1. 25/02/89 Vict State. Verified OK.

Approved unanimously.

Debbie Pugh 16.5. 30/03/89 AUS Nationals. Verified.

Approved unanimously.

FK brought forward the claim of Aureli of 12.4 metres, a Group 2 co-record, made last year. There was doubt whether it was valid. The timer did not see the skier pass the buoy; one judge said OK; the other did not know. The Chief Judge on the bank saw she passed the buoy sitting, and so would not certify it as a record. There was also not a full complement of 1st class judges. Therefore the Chairman of Group BFC was unable to certify the record.

GD, based on the input of the Group 2 Chairman on the jump record, said the info supplied was incomplete, and as such this Council advises him it would be inappropriate to submit an application.

BP endorsed this view.

BC supports him. Based on this report this Council would not consider this application.

The application of Evert Aartsen of 21.4 metres was not proceeded with in view of the Brett Sands record.

Melbourne meeting fallout.

{M}C207c) is to go in the rules as is. Agreed nem con.

{M}C1609w) Proposed CR seconded BC. Agreed unanimously. It is to go in the rules.

Medals for individual members of the team may be given by the organiser, and ordered from the IWSF. They must be paid for by the organiser or the host Federation.

It was agreed that in the Obligations there must be a requirement to invite 3 supporting members per team, to allow them bring their own medical specialist.

The speed tables in the post-Melbourne draft, Tables 7a, b and c to go in the rule book, was agreed unanimously. [Note: this also has consequences for the text of Rule C12
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Item 5. Rules of Procedure

The Executive Board has no rules as yet. The new constitution will come before the next Congress. It was asked if there are any suggestions from the World Barefoot Council.

SM said he has a set from earlier times, and he will dress them up and present them to the Council.

Item 6. Interaction with the Bureau and the Executive Board.

This item was reopened with new input.

Chm reported that there was a letter from Bilo to the Exeboard members with many enclosures. The letter from FK to members was endorsed by the Exeboard completely.

Records: The President told the Chm we have our own rule book and the procedure for approving records was written in the rules. It was very important that records procedure be followed. They were not followed according to the procedure, and so cannot be dealt with anymore.

This includes start methods - there cannot be any more. Thus many records on the list before the Council cannot be dealt with any more. Only those actually in process can proceed. The EB entrusts the Chairman with the responsibility of relaying their words to the members. The President is willing to meet individuals who are not satisfied with this. This is not to be seen as a precedent. Soon there will be 6 Councils and contact with each member would be not workable.

SM brought up the WWSU byelaws of 1984 0.01.

These rules apply to disputes.

GH said they were never passed.

GD said we need rules so we know where we are at and can get on with the job. There appears to be no rule to cater to situations which arise. There was much frustration - we want standards to work by.

Fergusson and others do not want to get involved in Council affairs.

SM said many things should have been taken within the Council and not taken to the EB. They should trust us to get on with it.

CR said the the President and EB have the right to know what is going on, and bear the responsibility for what we do. We have the duty and responsibility to keep them informed of major decisions and problems, and this is in the Constitution.

Regarding records, SM shall research applications that were made and for which there is no certificate. There must exist records in minutes of these putative records being approved by the Council.

Item 7. Plural Meetings

More meetings have been scheduled. [In fact a total of 5 full days discussions]

Item 8. Worlds 1990 [This item is reopened later]

Steve Combs is due to come at 1000. We await his arrival.

No organising committee has been appointed.

GD said this cannot be done till the site is named.

Contract line for video, Commercial rights TV.

SM read out a paragraph on video rights for the judges purposes.

Proposed SM seconded GD. The text was accepted unanimously.

BP quoted Art 41 of the Constitution. The Council duties are spelled out in 41b.

Item 10. Towboat testing and approval.

A rule has been passed by the EB. Chm thinks some things in it need consideration.

He will send copies for each Group who will send to the Chm by Dec 1st a proposal along the lines of the document calling the attention of the EB to the World Barefoot Council view.

The Chm then thanked the Council members for the work on rules this week.

Item 13. AOB

SN suggested that for the next meeting there is a report from each group

- that we promote international competitions.

- that we stage a world class junior international event.

GD reported that for the 1992 World Championships, there was an AUS bid coming.

It was agreed the Chief Judge's Assistant has to be put into the Obligations.

Regarding the International skiers' committee, the Council would write to Ron Scarpa to suggest they get 3 from each Group, and not more than 9. The WBC appoints a liason officer for committee affairs. KC volunteers, and is accepted.

The 1st meeting should be at the next Worlds.

The Council nominates Ron Scarpa to get it going.

Steve Combs arrived at this point [0950], and the meeting reopened item 8.

Item 8. World Championships 1990 [Reopened]

SS on is on the committee.

6 sites have responded. The Committee brought the number down to one - the best.

StC has been investigating Palm Beach County for a 2nd competition based on this (Waterski) Worlds. The County were very interested. The County Parks authority also indicated support. His efforts concentrate on the authority and community and promotional side rather than the skiers interests which are in the hands of the ABC.

A specific site has not yet been identified.

The issues must be resolved in the next 2 weeks.

If this site is a no go, then another site in Michigan is under consideration. Hopefully this will be resolved by October 1st.

FK asked the date of the Michigan venture.

It would be best mid July. In the ABC board they are looking at late summer in PB County.

FK said July would pose problems for Group 2 fixtures.

SN asked about boats.

StC said they had first gone to manufacturers the in US who have met certain criteria, to ask if they want to support the Worlds Championships. He then would consider firms outside the US such as Boesch.

BC asked if there would be 2 boat manufacturers.

StC said Correct and Flitecraft qualify.

The boat specifications requirements for the various events would have to be spelled out.

StC promised that by Dec 1st we shall have all the info we require.

He foresaw operations and site preparation personnel coming from the ABC.

Chmn thanked StC for his comprehensive sketch and looked forward to more news as soon as possible.

Item 13. AOB was continued.

The Groups were then asked to report to the Council.

Group 1. DM is the new Chairman.

As regards international Championships there were none. This year it must change.

National Championships had been run and well attended in the US and in Canada.

In Canada the skiers have made progress. They will be fighting for 3rd place in the Worlds Championships.

New judges are coming in.

Canadian National records were set at the National Championships.

The US Nationals were super well run. The water conditions were not too great but nothing to complain about.

There were no world records. A lady jumper had pending jump records (overtaken by Debbie Pugh with 16.5m)

Mike Seipel jumped 67.5 ft.

There is a pending record for tricks.

Two top ladies did not compete due to injuries.

Group 2 was in the midst of a very successful season. The Group II Championships were made with 11 nations, including two new ones - Finland and Denmark.

The Russians soon will be in.

The standards are going up rapidly.

There were a lot of group records in the past season.

In every Federation women were developing. The message is to get the young ones going in central Europe.

The 1st juniors event was held last season and now this year was very successful though the entries were few.

In the World Championships 1990 there will be at least 11 nations.

The judges standards need working on. We will be selective for the 1990 Worlds.

There is a hope to get US skiers over to Europe.

Group 3. GD said they had held a juniors Group 3 championships.

A group of girls and boys went to NZL, and the juniors spoke in glowing terms of it.

It was a huge success; Group are intending to foster the concept.

Group 3 championships have not been held since 1985. They plan to rekindle that. There was a meeting of the Group 3 Barefoot Council on 30/04/89.

BC reported NZL barefooting was declining at one time now is back on track and improving vigorously.

In Australia, this years nationals could not be finished. The site in Sydney is the very best, but disastrous rain and floods washed out 2 days of skiing.

There is a very vigorous training program for juniors.

The Group 3 Congress is on 01/09/89

They had made contact with other Federations.

Singapore has men and women barefooters.

BP reported a Worlds Championships deficit of \$15000.

The Group's annual report and the Group Barefoot Council minutes are sent to all, but they do not often receive minutes from other Groups. It helps a lot for others to read your minutes.

Judging progress: There were problems all over the world. The Group 2 Barefoot Council found that judges do not get enough attention and are not paid enough for what they are doing. It was asked, what can we do to encourage them to go to competitions and sit in the boat.

In AUS judges get the same consideration i.e. uniforms, functions, accommodation etc.

FK thought uniforms a good idea.

BC said recognition was very important - such things as blazers etc. Judges are part of the state team. (in numbers this is equivalent to a Group 2 Federation)

DM thought officials should not appear to be part of team but should have a neutral uniform.

CR said officials should not appear to be associated with their team, in order to maintain the appearance of impartiality.

FK said we must not forget to raise standards and motivation.

SN referred to his judges exam video. He would add some 4000 trick runs, send it out to representative judges and get their idea of the score. It could be used to develop judges' standards. Judging points and how-to-do-it.

BC advocated a small judges seminar at big competitions under the Chief Judge, before the competition.

FK brought up the World Cup.

GD intends to have an invitational international in AUS open to all skiers.

GD solicits ideas on people, times. There will be prize money, no entry fees, accommodation provided. No fares paid.

The World Games were brought up.

Bid for World Championships 1992

GD had a corporate sponsor (BP) who was keen to get into it. They were keen to back the World Championships. AUS intend to make a bid at Congress (on 02/09/89).

FK said this means they accept the full sanction fee.

GD said this was no problem. Liverpool, Sydney would be the site

BP said we should not put ourselves in the position 12 months before the Worlds that we have no site known.

FK confirmed AUS asks us to support their bid technically.

DM said the UK intends to make a bid for 1992.

GD Proposed that the Council expresses its acceptance of the technical aspects of the AUS bid. Seconded BC and passed unanimously.

SN said the **standings** must be in before the cutoff date.

FK asked AUS to promise to send the info immediately.

GD accepts that standings go out with the info on hand on Nov 1st

FAX NUMBERS

BC reported his fax number is 64 4 759555.

GD - fax 2 591189 (same as phone)

SM - fax 813 8861866, also for DM.

KC/Ron Scarpa - 813 293 2749

SN 27114048232

Chm in closing this successful meeting at 1230, said the rule book can come out soon.

FK has asked SM to work with SS and DM and BP on **records pending**.

The **Rules Group** would be GD and KC.

A ruling on tic-tok turn tricks was made "In a 180 degree surface turn only the feet are required to turn 180 degrees. Both hands need not necessarily go back to the handle."

Note 1.

Slightly reworded to provide a more positive predictable date.

Item 12. Records Approval

A further session was held to ratify slalom and tricks records from video.

The following records were approved:

Rick Powell	Tricks	6770	12/08/89	Last Chance
Brian Fuchs	Slalom	1740	12/08/89	Last Chance
Jennifer Calleri	Tricks	2430	28/08/88	US Nationals

Trier, 29. September 1989


Charles Ramsey