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To the President of the W.W.S.U.
To the Secretary General of the WWSU.
To the Presidents of the Groups
To the Members of the Executive Board
To the Chairmen of the Councils.
To the Members of the Barefoot Council
To the Presidents of the Federations.

DATE:

MINUTES

of the 4th MEETING of the WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL of the W.W.S.U.

held in ACAPULCO, MEXICO on the 29th and 30th of November 1982.

Those present were:

Mr Franz Kirsch	Chairman of the Council
Mr John Morgans	Group 3
Mr Ken Port	Group 2
Mr Brian Carroll	Group 3
Mr Don Cameron Grant	Group 1
Mr Bob Wing	Group 3
Mr Adrian Stekelenburg	Group 3
Mr John Cornish II	Group 1
Mr Mark Hanson	Group 1
Mr Bill Price	Group 1
Mr Charles Ramsey	Group 2

The Chairman opened the meeting at 0914 and welcomed the members.

Credentials The procedures agreed were as follows:

- Members have speaking and voting rights.
- Substitutes may be present and observe, but are not allowed to speak unless consulted.
- Don Cameron Grant to be allowed as observer. His Federation had advanced him as a replacement for Mike Strubble, but as yet there was no letter from Group 1. However it seemed certain he would be a member or substitute in the near future.
- Mark Hanson was recognised as acting member in the absence of a Group 1 member. (Mike Strubble)

The Chairman outlined the discussion procedure. He would introduce the subject with a few first words, and would then go round the table, giving each member an opportunity to speak on the subject, after which it would go to a vote if necessary. Members would vote as individuals and not as Groups.

Election of Chairman There appeared no rules for the election of Chairman other than that the incumbent should hold office till after the World Championships. All were agreed that the Chairman elect should take the chair at the end of the meeting. After some discussion it was agreed the election should be as in the Agenda.

Credentials were then recorded as follows:

John Morgans	member
Ken Port	member
Brian Carroll	member
Bob Wing	member
John Cornish	member
Bill Price	member
Franz Kirsch	chairman
Charles Ramsey	secretary
Mark Hanson	acting member (substitute)
Adrian Stekelenburg	observer (substitute)
Don Cameron Grant	observer (putative member)

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting These were approved at the end of the London Meeting.

Nominations for Chairman

Proposed John Cornish, seconded Bill Price that Franz Kirsch be reelected.

Proposed John Morgans, seconded Brian Carroll that Bob Wing be nominated. Proposer was not against FK but thought the Chairmanship should alternate between the Groups. The reason for not suggesting this before was that he had been happy with Franz.

Bill Price agreed the Chairmanship should be rotated, but against this was the undoubted advantage of Franz Kirsch's proximity to the President

Charles Ramsey said it would be impractical for the Secretary to be of another Group than the Chairman, and members should consider a new Chairman's choice of secretary in his own Group.

The meeting agreed that the vote should be a simple majority, and that it would be by secret ballot.

<u>Ballot</u>	For Franz Kirsch	6 votes
	For Bob Wing	3 votes.

Franz Kirsch was applauded on his reelection and thanked the members for their expression of confidence. He said that to do all that the office called for was a heavy burden, which he had borne cheerfully enough, but now was the time to delegate specific tasks to various members. He cited the example in the Group 2 Barefoot Council where the handling of Judges matters had been delegated to a member, with much success. He would make a start on apportioning certain tasks. The costs of running the office were also considerable, and a sharing of work would spread some of the costs.

It was agreed that there should be delegation of specific areas to individuals.

Item 4.14 Competition Forms The forms used at this Worlds caused problems for some Judges who had not seen them. The Chairman would seek agreement on formats, and would undertake to make master films for local reproduction for use at Worlds and other competitions. The formats could be changed in the light of experience.

- Homologation Dossier The proposal along the lines of the classic example circulated by the Chairman received only one response, from Harry Robb who mistook it for a record application.

There followed a general discussion on features of the format; and Bob Wing proposed Ken Port as task man.

tem 4.14 Safety Representative for the Worlds Bureau.

This person should give advice on the medical aspects of the sport, e.g. jumping for women. However there was doubt that it had to be a doctor. In fact doctors do not seem to agree on matters such as the physiological effects of jumping. The Chairman proposed we find in each Group a person whose advice could be asked on specific subjects before the Council. Dick Hamming's name was put forward.

On an administrative matter the Chairman said that when letters are sent on W.W.S.U. headed paper, copies must go to J.J. and Peter Pearl and the Council members. Thus this headed paper is not to be used for non-official purposes. Only if a letter is sent to Franz Kirsch with a note that no copies are sent, will he copy it and distribute it.

Chief Judge's Report, Distribution

Proposed by Bob Wing, seconded by John Cornish, That a full Chief Judge's Report be circulated to all. To the Council members, this report should include performance reports on all officials, including adverse reports and marked strictly confidential. This should be done for World and Group Championships. Carried

Proposed by Ken Port, seconded by John Morgans, That a similar independent report be made by the Assistant Chief Judge at a World Championships ans sent strictly confidential to the Council members. Carried

Proposed by Bill Price, seconded by John Cornish, That the last resolution be extended to Group Championships. Carried

Calculators It was agreed to make provision in the rules for 3 calculators (to be called Scorers to distinguish them from a reference to the electronic variety), i.e. a Chief Scorer and two others from separate Groups. Also agreed was the appointment by the Chief Judge of a Chief Judge's Assistant from the Judges.

Records Certificates will be issued for the records on endurance and speed recorded as approved in the minutes of the Canberra meeting.

ACTION

Some records in 1981 were not approved by J.J. due to lack of documentation; there had been problems with incomplete claims. The following records were approved by the Council:

Brett Wing	Tricks	14-03-82	4060
Kim Lampard	Slalom	14-03-82	800
Bob Wing	Backwards Speed	03-04-82	100 kph
O'Mahoney	Starts	24-08-82	620
Debby Pugh	Tricks	25-04-82	1880
Frank Reynolds	Starts	24-4-82	620
Kim Lampard	Slalom	24-04-82	840
Peter Wellham	Starts	24-04-82	620
Debbie Pugh	Slalom	28-04-82	870

John Stekelenburg	Starts	28-04-82	620	
N. Tomlin	Starts	28-04-82	620	
Ron Scarpa	Slalom	28-08-82	1400	
Billy Nichols	Starts	08-08-82	620	
Ron Scarpa	Tricks	28-08-82	Not clear from sheets.	
Ron Scarpa	Slalom	Judges sheets not there.		Already
beaten by same skier and record approved.				ACTION

Mike Seipel's application from the 1981 nationals was put to the vote and defeated, 3 for, 6 against.

3rd Worlds.

Chris Harris	Starts	25-11-82	620
Lori Powell	Starts	26-11-82	385

The Meeting decided to make it a requirement that the actual sheets written by the Judges should accompany a record claim. ACTION

International Competitions The Chairman said that in future the Council must be informed of international competitions to be held. This was not done in the case of Marine World.

3rd World Championships in Acapulco

The W.W.S.U. was badly let down by the Organisers, and the competition hung in the balance for a time. Due to the hard work and cooperation of a number of officials and supporters, all could be got ready in time. Bob Wing concluded alls well that ends well, but nevertheless it was not international standard, and cited several deviations from the rules

- the familiarisation was not according to C206
- Judges were allowed to confer between runs.
- there was no backwards facing speedo
- there was no Technical Director.

The Chairman answered that in view of the many deficiencies and anticipated problems, the familiarisation could not be allowed to overrun. The extra speedo arrived too late to be fitted. A Technical Director nominated by the Organisers failed to show, and one of the supporters was promoted to the post. The only boat was supplied by Bill Price after Mastercraft let us down at the last minute.

Bob Wing said the ramp was better for finals and so the non-finalists were at a disadvantage in the overall scores.

Ken Port, the Homologator, said the ramp height was unstable. It was not to say when it became too bad and have to give all starters a rerun. After the preliminaries, the ramp was pulled out and fixed. It was reinstalled and the course had to relaid. It was a case of making do, making the best of what was possible.

Charles Ramsey gave a review of the activities of the Computer subcommittee, which was not much. He had been in contact with Serge Boute and Colin Ellison, but there had been no other response. The jump event was done in this Worlds by computer (Spectrum) with good results. There was no doubt this would be the way of the future.

1983-1984 Rule Book

French language. J.J. recalled that all the paper work was done in English. If someone then wants it in French, he should do it in French from the English original. The printing costs should be covered by advertising. S sponsor could in fact be expected to do more, including costs of sending.

At this point, Helga Linz who had been given the task of scrutinising the score sheets for Ron Scarpa's tricks record application, came to report that she could not substantiate the claim from the sheets. The most she could come to was 3820 points, therefore video would be needed.

Tricks Shorthand Bob Wing found an improvement with the new shorthand symbols in the period since their introduction.

Tricks handle and towline

Proposed that the skier may supply his own line and handle for tricks without any restriction as to size, length or material.

For: 6 Against: 1 Abstained: 1 Carried

Proposed by Mark Hanson, seconded by Bill Price:
That the Tournament Committee supply a line and handle to Wake Slalom specifications for use in tricks.

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstained: 1 Carried

Changes to be made to C1601 & C1104f)

Additional simple tricks

For: 6 Against: 2 Carried

The following tricks will be added:

Surface Jump

Wake Jump

The remaining Group 2 proposals were defeated.

Mark Hanson's proposal for a tumble off ski was defeated.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1910, till the next day.

The Meeting reconvened on 30-11-82 at 0810.

The Secretary produced text for rule C1104 which was accepted.

The Tricks Record of Ron Scarpa of 4140 was according to Harry Robb confirmed by the video.

John Morgans had objections to the way the paperwork requirement was being neglected, but Bob Wing thought if it was clear the skier did it, he should get the record.

The Chairman undertook to write the passes from the video and report OK or not, and with an amendment by Bob Wing that the tape must match up with the score sheets, this was put as a resolution and passed unanimously .

There followed a brisk discussion on the Group 2 proposal to abolish start methods. The Group 3 representatives were strongly in favour of retaining starts, which are popular and a major event in Group 3. The objections do not support such a drastic step. The skiers want starts kept in.

Proposed by Franz Kirsch, seconded by Mark Hanson:
That Start Method be deleted from World Championships.

Amendment proposed by Ken Port, seconded by Charles Ramsey:
That the resolution apply only to the Men's Division.

Fro: 4 Against: 4

The Chairman's casting vote was For. Thus the motion was Carried

The main proposal was then voted on.

For: 4 Against: 4

The Chairman called a 5 minute recess, and after the meeting reconvened, he declared he did not want to use his casting vote for this important issue, and abstained. Thus the motion lost.

At 0915 hrs, the President of the W.W.S.U., Mr J.J. Finsterwald joined the meeting and was brought up to date on the discussions on the start method question. He regretted the absent members vote could not be taken. A proposal to solicit it at short notice was defeated.

J.J. went on the bids for the Worlds Championships. Shreveport had made a bid, but it was not supported by the AWSA.

New Zealand will make a bid.

Thorpe is interested.

Ken Port said there was no intention in the BWSA to bid.

Italy declared its intention to bid.

Canada will be interested in 1986.

J.J. emphasized the importance of T.V. and asked the Council to think of a camera in the boat. He went on to clarify the contract situation for T.V. rights, and explained the arrangement with Ken Harris at this Worlds.

Bill Price suggested using Southern Video Productions to make a professional job of the Ken Harris tape, and asked if the proceeds could go to the W.B.C. to cover some expenses.

John Morgans felt the Executive Board is not giving due attention to barefooting, even though in the Constitution all divisions are equal, There was general consensus on these remarks, and

J.J. saw this point but did not see how to get better attention for barefooting.

The Chairman asked if J.J. could leave the rule book publishing to the W.B.C., including the financing. Maybe there would be a net profit.

J.J. was prepared to agree on the condition he knows who is involved.

The President left the Meeting at 1000 hrs.

Rule Book amendments

- Page 2 line 1. "text if published"
- C203 line 8: Chief Judge iso Barefoot Commission.
- C204: The Chief Judge to approve the change.
- C205: Before the start of the competition.
- C206: starting order to reflect travel distance.
- C205: Reserve skier falls in
- C401: Nominate reserve skiers
- C402: "Judges" = "Jury" and elsewhere
- C405: Relay information
- C406: One remaining event.
- C502: 500 overall points for starts
- C505: Best 4 scores for the team.
- C601: 3 Scorers
- C602 Asst Chief Judge from another Group
- C603: take over classic - team capt
- C604: Judges shall not confer.
- C205: last para also for between passes
- C1101f): Two speedos forward. Recommend one aft. Tacho a must.
- C1201: Delete
- C1404: Delete
- C1406: 2 or 3 jumps: T.D. & C.J. to decide. Delete the pass
- C1413: Tolerance 1m: Smallest of excessive triangles if none in tolerance: if for both jumps, triangles out of tolerance, mandatory rejump.
- C502: Truncate score by 6 meters. Secure positive for overalls

- C1502: 20 points for start without ski if score in pass.
- C1504: On speed by the buoy. Inform if not possible.
- C1511: 60 points forward 1 foot iso 40
- C1503: Only 1 pass backwards.
- Insert wake diagram
- C1601: Delete C1602: As C1502
- C1603: As C1504
- C1605: 15 seconds iso 20
- Reverse to be paid the same as the basic.
- C1605: 15 seconds iso 20
- Knees to feet and reverse delete
- C1615: Hald wrap not first movement.
- C1609: Worlds shall be filmed. Instant replay possibility.
- C1902: Record must be accompanied by video
- C1922/23: Hold it for recognition and then turn
- New Tricks and values:
- see Table 1 in new rule book
- Step: free foot must descend below the line.
- C202: Peride same in all respects
- Diagram 1: Tolerances, along course - 1 meter
- Across course - 20cm
- Diagram 4c: arrows to the centres of the grips.

Records. Kin Lampard Tricks 03-10-82 1900

The meeting was closed due to members leaving to catch their flights.

Diary of the Preparatory Team

Franz Kirsch and Charles Ramsey arrived in Acapulco on 14-11-82 and were later joined by Bill Price.

Members were not met. Arrival not known by hotel (Plaza). No bookings. Great difficulty getting rooms, only by surrendering credit cards.

Mon 15-11-82: Made contact with J.S. Met at Turismo by minor official who asked what we wanted. Principals not available. Spent morning giving details again of requirements.

P.M.: 3 hours work with Producciones Acapulco on tech reqmts. Evening: waited about 3 hours to see Director Turismo. No luck. Told to return next a.m. 0900 to see Imaz (dep. director). 3¹/₂ hours getting J.J. on the phone. Mastercraft backs out of the boat deal.

Tue 16-11-82: Waited in Turismo till 1100. No principals, but nobody in Turismo except principals knows anything. Out to the site, to see that nothing at all was done. Decision made to move courses since promised spectator facilities at planned site not built. Negotiated Cardena's help. Correctcraft unable to supply boats. Discussed Bill Price to bring own boat.

Wed 17-11-82: 0800 breakfast meeting. 0900 Prod Aca. 1100 Turismo. Unable to see principals. Minor official asks us what we want. Use of phone in Turismo inhibited for outside calls. Phone J.J. re cash bond. Letter on this to Director's Secretary.

1200: To the office of the Mayor of Acapulco to solicit help.

1345: as a result, our first interview with Medina (Director). since arr 3 days ago, this is first contact with anyone in authority. Medina accepted the major requirements and delegated authority to Jose Ordaz, except press matters. Made an appointment for Friday 1200. Near midnite, battery requested for computer arrived. Checked. Dead.

Thur 18-11-82: 0900 at Turismo for cheques (personal expenses) No cheques. Return at 1700. Back at 1730. Nothing done; no cheques. Attempting to make appointment with Medina via Secretary, discovered Medina in his office, but too busy to attend to matters. Instructed J.S. to write the letter to cash the bond.

At 2200 hrs, Ordaz came to hotel with technicians, and listed the lumber needed. (repeat of data given Monday). Appointment 1000 Friday with promise everything would be ready.

Fri 19-11-82: Ordaz to hotel with technicians. Lumber list given again. Appointment with Medina (1200) confirmed.

1100 hrs. 2 batteries received (for computer).

1200 waiting in outer office till Medina sent word he could not see us.

1200hrs: seen by Eugenio (Imaz) who asked what is missing at the site. Go through wash list once again. Walkie talkies then produced with dead and corroded batteries. Rope and W/T batteries promised for today. (Delivered to hotel that evening)

Eugenio is now in charge. He accepted the post of Technical Director. Work started on the meter tables with a carpenter from the Federal Construction dept.

Over the weekend, Council members, Officials and supporters put the competition together with practically no appearance by the organisers.

Fuel, lumber for tables, public address, and office equipment eventually arrived. The Technical Director never showed up.