

WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES



Meeting of the WBC
On 13 February 2022

Items and Actions

1. ATTENDEES

Geoff Blaauw (GB)
Brian Price (BP)
Claire Mowday (CM)
Richard Gray (RG)
Andy Harris (AH)
Mike Molepske (MM)
Ludo Vrancx (LV)
Ben Groen (BG)
Svenja Hempelmann (SH)
Mark Shank (MS)
Gustavo Serrano (GS)
Char Portman (CP)
Paul Turner (PT)
John Cornish (JC)
Tina McCauley (TM)
Paul Adams (PA)

1. Safety Committee Update - CP

CP presented a brief update on Concussion protocol, Heat Stroke and Heat exhaustion.

2. History - JC

Junior Video Worlds- Need judges and officials lists & pictures. JC raised that the 'Outstanding Service Award' & the 'WBC Honour Award' need to be updated on the website. **CM will rectify.**

3. Lion and EMS – TM

Nothing to report.
TM will work on updating the Lion EMS Video.

4. Officials Committee Update - MM

MM has presented a report, available upon request.

5. 2022 Masters - MS

Intent to Enter form due date moved to 12 weeks prior to event (5th July) to assist with event coordination and scheduling. The official entry form is still due 4 weeks prior to the event.

MS called for the council's assistance in publicising event within the federations.

Thank you to Svenja & John, who compiled a list of skiers from the ranking list, who haven't skied in recent events so they can invite them.

Funding - needing more sponsors. Betsy Gilman and MS proposed a 'Century Club' 25 members/skiers make a \$1000 or more sponsorship; they will receive a 'Century Club' T-Shirt and recognition at the Tournament.

MS addressed Seeding Scores, as per rule 19.07.

MS proposed that scores be seeded from the day after the Canadian World Tournament, RG agreed, as it only determines the order off the dock.

Council agrees, scores for the 2022 Masters shall be seeded from 19th August 2018 until 4 weeks prior to competition.

The bulletin 1 is to be posted on the forums soon.

6. Rules Committee Update - MS

Cycle for this year is complete, insightful clean up comments made by RG, MM, BP.

7. 2023 Open Junior Worlds / Under 23 – BP

Report circulated, Mulwala Ski Club is preparing for the Nationals in March, dates confirmed as per LOA.

8. Athletes Representative Update BG

Brief update, generating interest for Junior Worlds and Under 23.

9. Awards Committee Update - CM

Report circulated last night, Congratulations to Tina McCauley and Mark Shank on receiving a President's Award. CM reiterated that the President's Award is now an annual award. We are yet to confirm AOTY, dependent on whether enough events have been held.

10. Federation Development - GS

GS announced he is in the process of adding Barefoot to all federations, trying to open more federations which will include Barefoot, and assist in the promotion of Barefoot. GB mentioned that attempts to communicate with South Africa & Asia have gone unanswered, BP elaborated that the IWWF board needs to encourage the federations to recognise all disciplines.

11. Systems and Technology – PA

Nothing to present.

12. Junior Development – SH

Really busy over the last few months, there has been discussions within federations, more to come.

13. Europe Update – LV

Europe had their first post Congress for their election with 80 attendees. The European Council was re-elected, for 4 years. The European Champions 27th - 30th July in Chartres, France, it will officially be on the EMS Calendar soon, LAO will be signed next week by French federation. There will be a judge's seminar on a European Level, in Frankfurt, Germany, from the 20th-21st March as they have lost experienced officials due to Covid.

14. Oceania Update – BP

Reports circulated.

15. PANAM Update – PA

Officials Grant has been received. They raised at the ABC meetings, any official at the Masters may need to be trained in SafeSport. PA to keep the Council advised

16. Website Committee Update - RG

RG to remove by-laws and reference it back to the IWWF website as well as post the past minutes to the website.

17. Administration Committee Update – BP

Admin reports have been circulated, updates to the PPG. There has been a request for web-based forms eg. Intent to Enter. **GB to organise action.**

18. General Business

Re: 2022 Masters- The Council to assist in generating publicity, asking skiers to participate.

Under 23's records, proposed to begin at the Under 23's Worlds, more discussions to come. JC asked, what is the age qualification for the Under 23 category? MS elaborated, if you are 22 on December 31st the year prior to the tournament, you are eligible to compete.

Juniors will be counted from the Junior year of 2022, ie. They must be under 17 as at 31st December 2021 to compete at the 2023 Junior Worlds, as per the rules.

MS addressed eligibility of the 2022 Master's, there is no qualifying scores, providing you are in the correct age group and your federation certifies your ability to compete. MS clarified, every skier from each country is a team member for their respective country with the best scores from men & women in each age group total to decide the winning team.

19. MEETING ADJORNED