

WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES



Meeting of the WBC
On 17th July 2022

Items and Actions

ATTENDEES

Geoff Blaauw (GB)
Claire Mowday (CM)
Richard Gray (REG)
Mike Molepske (MM)
Ludo Vrancx (LV)
Ben Groen (BG)
Rob Groen (RG)
Svenja Hempelmann (SH)
Mark Shank (MS)
Gustavo Serrano (GS)
Char Portman (CP)

1. Safety Committee Update

CP presented a brief update on Dehydration and Concussion Protocol.

2. Officials Committee Update

MM shared all officials have taken their quizzes. Biggest focus currently is assisting the officials to become officials, looking to expedite the process. MM has organised some information regarding becoming an official or upgrading their official level. The goal is to continue developing judges. GB reiterated the impact of these changes as they encourage more members to become officials, the need for judge's development. LV updated on Europe's new officials, skiers, there are 3 Level 3's in the Open division, they will judge the Junior and Senior skiers at with the support of a Level 1 Judge. The current top skiers are more focussed on competing rather than officiating the event. This, in addition to rising costs of travel are making it quite difficult to continue to find and develop new officials. GB mentioned IOC Funding, reminder the acquittals are due by the end of the year, the sooner the better.

3. 2022 Masters

The Intent to Enter submissions are now at 92, which is far more than anticipated. The lake owner has expressed concerns regarding the high number of attendees and as a result, MS has elected to put a cap on 100 competitors at the competition. MS has proposed to use the high numbers to create urgency, for placing deposits prior to 31st July. MS has

promulgated the draft calendar of events, there will be no X Games, there will be no time for it, skiers have expressed they would prefer to have a Tournament of Champions where the best skiers compete against each other. There has been information placed on social media and the website. BG asked if there was flexibility on the 100-competitor cap? MS advised potentially, however ultimately it is up to the lake owner. GB mentioned that the tournament will now need to 5-and-a-half-day tournament to accommodate the number of competitors. CP asked if consideration has been given to weather? MS advised with the number of attendees and potential costs incurred to travellers, it won't be feasible to have an extra day booked in case of weather.

4. Rules Committee Update

MS said that there has been an amendment to rule 405 of the Master's rules concerning the selection of officials, requested council approval. Council approved.

5. 2023 Open Junior Worlds / Under 23

GB gave a quick update, Bulletin 1 will be circulated in the coming days, the site is ready to go, will be a spectacular event. International Hall of Fame inductees Lori Powell-Drell, Oscar Foot-Mann & Andy Harris will be inducted at the closing ceremony on the Sunday evening, still to be confirmed. GB highlighted the importance of retention in the U23 age group. RG asked if the boats have been decided yet? GB believes it would Sangars, however it will be confirmed in the bulletin. LV advised he will be bringing the IHOF trophies.

6. Athletes Representative Update

Nothing to update.

7. Awards Committee Update

CM has advised there has been no applications for Outstanding Service Awards, a week out from the deadline. Calling for Applications once again. CM asked GB if there will be an Athlete of the Year award this year, GB confirmed there will be.

8. Federation Development

Nothing to report.

9. Systems and Technology

RG stated he will be sending out some material for officials regarding where to sit/positioning in a Sangar, where the judges are best positioned and see what advantage that will have.

10. Junior Development

Nothing to report.

11. Europe Update

LV said the number of officials is rapidly declining, Covid has been a main contributing factor.

12. Oceania Update

Nothing to report.

13. PANAM Update

MM has stepped up in Paul Adams place during this time.

GS has had little commitment to the sport, has been providing free ski sessions, calling for interest in running clinics, however even then struggling to get attendees. GS speculated perhaps having regular tournaments could garner more committed interests.

14. Website Committee Update

Nothing to report.

15. Administration Committee Update

GB stated the PPG has been approved, big thank you to Brian Price.

16. General Business

MM asked who the contact for the EMS is now? **GB replied he will send through who Lyn Blaauw has been corresponding with.**

LV raised a scenario which was put to the European AdminCom, where a Dutch Barefoot skier would like to ski for their Nation as a Barefoot Skier but also represent Germany in Showski at the World's and wanted further clarity on the rules surrounding this as there is nothing outlined.

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GB to send MM through who Lyn Blaauw has been corresponding with regarding the EMS.

His Name is Bernard Kosh and Lyn has forwarded his details to MM.