# World Barefoot Council Conference Call 15th March 2015

#### Present

Richard Gray Brian Price

Joe Malenfant Oscar Mann

Geoff Blaauw Dale Stevens

Rob Groen Svenja Hempelmann

Jerome Bauser Paul Turner

Claire Mowday Brian Heeney (ABC Delegate)

## Update on 2016 Bid for World Championships

Cody Heller has requirements that need to be met and also has exceptions (per the attached)

Canada is interested in hosting

Australia is willing but prefers to host in 2018

#### Issue's are:

Senior Women's Jump to be included in overalls 3<sup>rd</sup> round for Open Skiers Open rounds to start after Junior/Senior rounds

The timing schedule needs to be accurately assessed including input from Cody Heller regarding his requirements before we can get a definite go ahead from Blue Moo

Geoff Blaauw to head a timing schedule with assistance from Rob Groen, Claire and Dale if we need him. Will have an idea how it looks by 7 days.

Suggested it would be a 7 day competition or possibly 9 days.

- Look at possibility of running out of time

- Options:
  - o Second lake
  - Longer days (depending on daylight hours)

Inclusion of familiarisation in scheduling

Cody Hellers exceptions:

- Transfers to and from airport
- Ceremonies final approval

Possibility of separate Junior/Senior and Opens closing ceremonies Handing out of medals

Brian Price raised issue of lights on lake

Richard clarified the lake would be lit with artificial lighting and remarked the difficulty that may face some skiers. Possibly not a fair playing field.

Time for results to be published – would be as soon as possible and remained Domain of Chief Judge

Cody Heller exception wording of "2016 World Barefoot Waterskiing Championships"

Sponsors name to follow

Cody proposed to remove year and the word "waterskiing"

Richard remarked that three rounds for Opens would add 3 hours to the tournament.

Ladies jump including Overall

- Geoff Blaauw advised Australian Skiers were against
- Most suggested it wasn't a big issue

3rd round for Opens

- Again - time scheduling

A split Junior/Senior Opens Tournament could be considered
With Geoff Blaauw confirmed he would serve as Chief Judge for both
tournament and the official panel subject to availability and consider
lower class of judges for Junior/Senior.

If not split, would opens need to familiarise 5 days before competing.

Most agreed, so as not to lose momentum of tournament by stopping half way

It was suggested council has accepted changes because of the threat of fracture to the Barefoot Community. Are we complying with most athletes requests or just a few athletes. We need better communication with skiers and we do not want to be held to unreasonable requests. It was expressed we need to keep the community together and move forward.

Release date for 2015 Rule Book 1st May 2015

Point scores can be adjusted anytime given appropriate notice Refer to forum and Rule Book What is posted on forum is not static information

Discussion re value of turns to be either increased or decreased and rounded to 1/100

Richard suggested this would be sidebar discussion with rules committee.

Oscar Mann suggested one member does not participate – Richard agreed we may need to find new chair for rules committee.

Geoff Blaauw proposed shorter conference call every 4 weeks e.g 1st Sunday of the month

Rob Groen suggested we use Skype as Google Office Geoff Blaauw commented the groups computers need to be upgraded for this to work.

Richard stated he would not be returning as Chair. Council members need to consider nominating a new chair so he/she could be mentored by Richard up until the Worlds 2016.

Richard asked Rob if the IBA was going to be involved as a titled sponsor of the World Championships.

Rob stated that "No, Cody has asked for my assistance, it will not be run by the IBA".

Rob Groen suggested getting a clear comment from Cody Heller.

Oscar suggested the IBA need to define itself and it's goals.

General sense of meeting, all agreed time is of the essence and we need to obtain all bids and make a decision on the Worlds.

General sense that all WBC members want a positive relationship with all skiers, potential bids, IBA, Cody and ABC.

Rob Groen raised thoughts that we should be working on a 5 year plan and that should be coordinated when all members are together.

Richard Gray advised the ABC need to sort 2 members and a reserve to sit on the WBC.

Geoff Blaauw raised when speaking with Cody Heller he was calling for an election in the next 2 weeks. Here is what Cody provided in the bid. More than 13 hours of daylight.

# Average Weather based on information from Weather.com

	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Sunrise	Sunset
August 1	80	58	5:52 CDT	8:28 CDT
August 31	76	54	6:26 CDT	7:42 CDT

#### Actions

GB, CM, RG - Time for the event

WBC All - Nominations for Chair

WBC All - Be involved on forum

GB - Check ABD WBC members with Cody

WBC All - Confirm submission of all bids

WBC All - Gain bids for 2018 Worlds

WBC All – To be ready to answer questions relating to Worlds either by the forum or emails quickly

GB – To propose to group conference call 4th & 5th April

# 2016 LOA Exceptions

# Art 21 (1)

## Original Wording:

The Organizer shall arrange for the persons or groups of persons set out only in Article 17 to be met by duly appointed officials at the airport and transported from there to their-respective hotels.

#### Exception:

The Organizers will provide a subcontracted transport service to provide transportation from the airport to the host hotel during for the arrival and departure dates of the persons listed in ART 17 (1). These times will run in accordance with the transport services already scheduled times. There will be a minimum of three times per day approximately; 9:10am, 2:40pm, and 7:35pm.

# Art. 11 (1)

## Original Wording:

The President and/or the Council Chairman shall approve and have the final decision on the place, time and protocol of the opening ceremonies, medal award ceremonies, hand-over ceremony and the final banquet.

## Exception:

The LOC will be holding opening and closing ceremonies on the site of the tournament. The LOC will have the flexibility to award individual medals and the site during or following competition. The team medals will be awarded at the banquet as well as the hand-over ceremony. The LOC holds the right to have two separate banquets one for Jr./Sr. Worlds and one for Open Worlds. This will be determined upon discussion with the LOC and the WBC.

## Art. 14 (1,2)

#### Original Wording:

- (1) The Organiser shall prepare complete results of all the Events for distribution, no later than the awards banquet and shall procure that the names/logos of such of the IWWF Contracting Parties as the IWWF directs are included in those results.
- (2) The Organiser shall, before or at the awards banquet, give one copy of the results to each member of the Executive Board present, one copy per team, one copy per invited official and two copies to the IWWF Secretary General.

#### Exception:

(1) The organizer shall prepare complete results of all the results that affect the team medals no later than the awards banquet. The remaining results of all individual results will be made available in an electronic media form within an hour following the commencement of all skiing.

(2) The organizer shall provide a final copy of results to each member of the Executive Board present, one copy per team, one copy per invited official and two copies to the IWWF Secretary General following the completion of all events.

# Art. 2

Exception:

Competition can be referred to "The World Barefoot Championships presented by (Naming Sponsor)"