

International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation World Barefoot Council

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Minutes

Barefoot Council Teleconference May 25th, 2019

Attendees:

- Gustavo Serrano (GS)
- Ludo Vrancx (LV)
- Svenja Hempelmann (SH)
- Richard Gray (RGy)
- Claire Mowday (CM)
- Brian Price (BP)
- Andy Harris (AH)
- Paul Turner (Secretary) (PT)
- Geoff Blaauw (Chairman) (GB)
- Tim Hall (2020 LOC rep) (TH)
- Mike Moleskpe (MM)
- John Cornish (JC)
- Mark Shank (MS)

GB Opened the meeting and declared a full Quorum.

TH addressed the meeting and outlined the current status of the 2020 LOC planning.

The LOA have obtained all the permissions for the extended water time required for the event. They have in place a weed control plan.

Entertainment is progressing, with a bar and stage being set-up, 3-course welcome ceremony is planned and a 4-course closing ceremony. 30 rooms have been secured for the Officials, WBC and IWWF delegates.

Equipment: 3 identical boats have been obtained, Oscar Mann is sorting the Ropes and Williams handles.

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Discussions were held over the size of the WBC meeting room and on the attendance by non-WBC members at the Canadian worlds, it was suggested that a larger room is obtained.

Rules Committee.

Mark Shank is taking over the chair replacing Oscar, who after many years of excellent service has elected to be a mentor for Mark. No further update from the rules committee

PPG report submitted, no further comments.

History Committee.

GB congratulated John Cornish on his entry to the Hall of Fame.

JC said that there is not much progress to report although the team is being very busy and active. He has been having some website issues and RG agreed to investigate these if JC can provide a list of the issues.

Awards Committee.

CM. Nominations for Athlete of the year need to be in by the end of October 2019. Outstanding service awards by September please.

Officials committee.

MM. Please can all officials take their quizzes especially those attending the 2020 worlds. It is important that each confederation sends to MM their Officials qualifications as many are not listed. PT agreed to do this for EA.

Federation Development.

GS reported that he has little success in South America, he has been unable to convert his contacts in Argentina to become active competitors rather than recreational Barefooters.

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MS asked if we can get as many people as possible to join/like the Barefoot Mexico Instagram page as this is an important way of bringing the Mexican Barefoot community in.

The PanAm confederation championships is moving forward.

Ranking List.

The new live ranking list is up and running but does require the use of the Lion scoring system. The recent IWWF sanction fee has been based on this list that only shows part of the sport as currently only the EA and AO confederations are on this as the PanAm will only come live this year.

Technical Committee.

Rob Groen was unable to join.

Safety Committee.

We have lost CW and thus we need a new chair, any volunteers.

EMS Update.

No update but AH has an EA admin com meeting next week and will get an update from this meeting. GB to chase IWWF.

Senior Worlds 2021.

GB stated that the French bid has been withdrawn. It is essential we have a bid for this event shortly, there is still the possibility of Mexico, but this depends on the success or not of the PanAm. RG and MM said it would be good to have this Event in the America's as this is the largest group of seniors. GB to send RG and MM the LOA.

Upcoming federation championships.

The EA Championships will be held on the 18th to 21st September in Italy.

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The PanAm championships will be in Mexico (date ??) and will have an entry fee of \$300US.

Confederation updates.

EA LV. The EA calendar has been listed with the Belgium's, Germans and Dutch sharing a combined championship. The British championship is on the same date in the UK. French nationals in Chartres the week after. The Scandinavian championships will be in Kokkola Finland.

2 Officials seminars have been held in EA with good attendances and many new officials as part of the officials development plan. PT to send RG list of all EA competitions to be added to the WBC website.

AO BP. Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Additional comments, NZ nationals will be held immediately prior to the 2020 world in Aus. The 2020 worlds has over 50% of the officials from AO and the federation is pleased to have such a depth of officials.

No progress is being made to expand into Asia.

Officials' shirts.

GB asked for support to get sponsors at \$250 each.

Splash eye.

Now approved and has been up and running at several competitions.

Lion Software.

AH. Software now purchased by all confederations. Good roll out into AO, but slow in to PanAm. Tina Maculey is leading the charge in PanAm and most of the Eastern regions are now up and running.

There have been some classification updates required for AO and PanAm these have been added.

Ranking list rules do need to be looked at now we have a live system.

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BP asked if we need a forum or can we direct change requests through AH.

AH will continue to be the conduit for changes.

There is an issuer of Ranking list history especially for officials RK is looking into this for Barefoot and Tournament are actively working on methods to do this as well.

General Business.

Discussions were had over quizzes and qualifications of judges being updated. MM will investigate this but, new and developing judges should be notified by the confederations to MM to get included.

GB to send RG a web link to the 2020 worlds website.

GB has asked that all members of the council step up and take some of the load from him. He has a busy work life and is finding it hard to keep up with the Barefoot requirements.

GB closed the meeting.