

WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES



WBC Conference Call
On 11 October 2020

Items and Actions

1. ATTENDEES

Geoff Blaauw
Mike Molepske
Andy Harris
Brian Price
Robbie Groen
Ben Groen
John Cornish
Ludo Vrancx
Paul Turner
Svenja Hempelmann
Richard Kaufman
Claire Mowday
Richard Gray

2. 2022 JUNIOR, OPEN WORLDS

Currently calling for bids.
Potential bid from Australia at this stage.
Ideal scenario would be to run the event in Europe.
All COVID dependant at this stage.
Andy Harris noted that there is a three lake Nationals site and Davide's site which is a single lake site. May be a good time to discuss at the next meeting in November.
To be made an agenda item for November's meeting.

3. JUNIOR WORLDS TOURNAMENT UPDATE

All travelling smoothly at this stage.
Brian Price – AO report notes that VIC is still in lockdown and boarder closures are in place.
A number of skiers that would ski in this event, reside in Victoria, where there are no guarantees that restrictions will ease soon.
Brian Price put in a request for an extension on the tournament of 1 month to the end of January.
Geoff Blaauw suggested that it may be best to wait until Mid-November to act further.
Note that the event has already been postponed from 30 November to 31 December.
WAWA was not considering sanctioning any tournaments for the year 2020. This has recently changed, and they are considering sanctioning some tournaments.

Decision to wait until 10 November 2020, before making a decision around postponing.

4. 2021 MASTERS – MARK SHANK

Currently working with the Winter Haven to discuss Ski Paradise. Should have a logo in the next few weeks. Once the site is booked, a host hotel will be selected.

Looking to obtain 25x \$1,000 pledges. Currently in receipt of 10 pledges. The purpose of the pledges is to create a real social event.

For those of you who are able to, please provide Mark Shank with email addresses so that he can build his email list for further communications.

Geoff Blaauw - Chief Judge selection has been delayed due to the COVID-19. It would be best that the Chief Judge is not from the home Federation that is hosting the Championships. The rest of the Lead Officials would come from all over the world.

Mark Shank – Suggestion to make an amendment to the rules, regarding Chief Judge.

Agreed that it would be best to make an amendment for this event only, rather than an amendment to the rule book.

Discussed that it would be unreasonable to call for nominations at this stage. 12 months out of the event, best to stay optimistic. By February/March would be the time to be realistic.

All agreed to move forward with taking nominations. March 1st agreed to for decision to be made regarding Chief Judge and Officials.

5. INTERNATIONAL HALL OF FAME

Recent change to International Hall of Fame. Ability now to present the IHOF Award at our chosen location.

Selectors have been chosen as follows: John O'Neill, John Cornish and Hilmar Wehner.

2022 should see 2-3 people inducted into the IHOF. Nominations to be submitted in 2021.

4 disciplines will be inducted 1 year, and 4 disciplines the next year.

Special thanks to Geoff Blaauw, Richard Gray and Oscar Footman for their work in the change to the IHOF.

6. HISTORY COMMITTEE UPDATE – JOHN CORNISH

100 Page Australian history is up for review and Approval.

Also up for approval and review is the history for Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Belgium, The Netherlands, Canada, and the US.

History files (apart from Belgium's) were put up on the Web on 10 October 2020. People can review and fact check on the website.

As you are fact checking, please advise John Cornish of any corrections.

7. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE UPDATE – ROB GROEN

Ship to Shore – no change to update on.

The system is currently limited to 850m of travel.

Anyone who needs Ship to Shore, speak to Rob Groen.

Paul Turner - Feedback on video competition. Some complications with video - wind and spray impeding the video. Rob suggested investing into better cameras including anti-shake and larger lenses.

8. RULES COMMITTEE UPDATE – MARK SHANK

No further update other than the report.

9. OFFICIALS, WEBSITE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE UPDATE – MIKE MOLEPSKE

No further update other than the report.

10. EMS UPDATE

New Zealand and Australia are on the EMS. Europe are working on it.

11. AWARD COMMITTEE UPDATE – CLAIRE MOWDAY

No outstanding athletes will be awarded this year.

Nominations for Athletes of the Decade and Quarter Century to be submitted by 15 November 2020.

Everyone is in support of Claire's judging method to be used moving forward.

The Athletes of the decade and quarter century will be separate for the disciplines. There will be no overall IWWF awards for those two categories.

Just prior to the Masters, there will be a 75th Anniversary dinner, where the Athletes of the Decade will be provided with their awards.

Each discipline would determine where their Athlete of the quarter century would be awarded.

12. WEBSITE COMMITTEE UPDATE – RICHARD GRAY

Mike Holt continues to provide his services to keep the website up to date.

Website for the Masters is expected to be up and running when there is a site chosen. Within 30 days of site being selected, the website will be up.

13. AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA POTENTIAL RESTRICTIONS TO COMPETE

Covered in previous agenda topics.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN ROLE – Geoff Blaauw asked whether anyone else would be willing or interested in taking on the Chairman role. All agreed that Geoff would stay on until 2022.

JUNIORS – Proposal that Ben would discuss with the Athletes the issue of Junior teams.

Richard Gray & Brian Price raised that those who would like to propose a change to the Junior Teams process, should put together a paper, taking into account pros, cons and also rules, and then propose it to the Council.

15. MEETING ADJORNED - 8:15am AEST.