

INTERNATIONAL WATER SKI FEDERATION

President: Isidro Oliveras, Caspe, 31, 08010-Barcelona, Spain

BAREFOOT WATERSKI COUNCIL

Chairman: Franz Kirsch, Ostallee 49b, D-5500 Trier

M I N U T E S

of the 8th MEETING of the WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL
1st SESSION

held on the 27th of November 1988 in the VICTORIA HOTEL, MELBOURNE

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Those present were:

Mr Franz Kirsch	Chairman	(FK) (Chm)
Mr Brian Carrol		(BC)
Mr Stew McDonald		(SM)
Mr Don Mixon		(DM)
Miss Karyn Cromwell		(KC)
Mr Brian Price		(BP)
Mr Graeme Dwyer		(GD)
Mr Charles Ramsey	Secretary	(CR)
Mr Sam Spano	by invitation	
Mr Lester Sowry	by invitation	

Chm first brought to solemn account the tragic passing away of our friend and colleague of many years, a man who had tirelessly devoted himself to our sport, and is now taken from friends and family in the prime of life. The meeting stood in silence in memory of Bill Price.

Chm opened the meeting at 1900 and welcomed the members. He went on to announce the Council schedule. The current session would be devoted entirely to approving records. On Monday there was to be a meeting with the Chief Judge and the Organizers. Thereafter we would continue in closed session.

BP announced his new address as from Jan 14th:

29 Hazel Grove

Pascoe Vale 3044 Victoria

Chm then went on to the main point of the meeting which was world records, and reminded members that records were a very important thing and not to be taken lightly. He asked Groups, officials and organizers to make absolutely sure before a record is submitted to higher authority, that it contains no calculation or other factual errors. For the future a new method of approving records is proposed - faster and easier. The system in use in the Waterski Division is a good example. It has been in use a couple of years and works very well.

SM asked what were the rules, restraints, and procedures for viewing records on video. Chm said no restrictions or conditions were laid down, either by the Council or other rules. We have the right and responsibility to set our own rules and procedures.

DM was concerned with the possibility, in open session, that one member might try to unduly influence others, and mentioned the possibility even of intimidation. He thought we have a moral responsibility not to try to influence each other.

CR said we should take into account our status. We are a Council, not a jury, and must make our own rules to perform our task freely without fear or favour.

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BP proposed that in coming to a joint decision, each member vote on each element or reason for not giving a trick or crossing, and a majority be taken on each point and not on the whole trick or crossing. SM, who had earlier advocated such a system, now proposed that wakes and tricks be decided for each reason i.e. each point, part, facet or element of a trick or crossing.

CR proposed that to cut down unnecessary discussion and optimize areas of agreement, this procedure only be applied when a trick or crossing had not been paid by a majority in the boat. Agreed.

SM added, further, that we go through each pass until a member has a negative view of an element in it, discuss and note it and go on. This procedure was only to apply to these current record approval sessions. This resolution was passed unanimously.

CR is to supply copies of the W.W.S.U. Statutes to all on Monday. (no copier yet available - Ed.)

DM asked if members are allowed to influence each other. The general opinion was that no restriction is necessary. Members should use their own judgement. The meeting then devoted its attention to the video.

Peter Wellham: 5460. All passes were all paid by majority vote. A motion to review the paperwork at a later time was carried.

The subject of ruling on continuous turns came up.

CR said on close study, the words in Rule C1613g meant any previous trick, immediately previous or not. This was never intended by the Council. It was proposed that the word "previously" be interpreted as "immediately previously." Carried unanimously.

DM brought up the considerable differences in viewing with slow motion and a big or small screen. The skier was lucky the Council has only a small screen. (and no speed options). He proposed to throw out slow motion or stop viewing.

BP thought slow motion was necessary to be sure you make a precise decision.

DM pointed out you can get slow motion today but what of tomorrow? The motion not to use slow or stop motion, but only normal speed in record verification, was passed 7 to 1.

The Group II alternate Selwyn Neiman could not get a visa. Gillian Hill however, gets in late tonight.

The next viewing was Debbie Pugh, April 1987 2110 tricks. This was approved unanimously at 2110 points.

Jennifer Calleri 2490 tricks. The 1st pass was agreed. However the 2nd pass was not on tape and the application could not be processed. SM was sure he has the tape at home. He will send it. Group I, then the Chm, CR and GH are to view it. GD made a motion that if 5 members approve it then it is OK. SM was given 30 days after going home to produce the tape, i.e. before the 10th Jan.

Rick Powell 5670. After an exacting scrutiny, taking into account the different reasons members had for their refusals, the record was accepted by majority vote.

Lori Powell 1275 slalom. There was a query regarding the time. SM proposed we accept timing by hooter in the video if within 0.3 seconds of the 15. On the 1st pass, the vote on the 4th crossing (backwards) was 3 for, 5 against. The rest was accepted. The downgrading of the one crossing from one foot to two reduced the score to 1215. This was verified as a record.

Don Mixon 1680. The Council was unanimous in not approving this application.

The meeting recessed at 0030, with the intention of convening a small group the following morning at 1000 to review the remaining record applications to try to screen out "impossibles".

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M I N U T E S

of the 8th MEETING of the WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL
2nd SESSION

held on the 28th of November 1988 in the VICTORIA HOTEL, MELBOURNE

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Those present were:

Mr Franz Kirsch	Chairman	(FK) (Chm)
Mr Graeme Dwyer		
Mr Brian Carrol		
Mr Lester Sowry	Alternate	
Mr Sam Spano	by invitation	
Mr Stew McDonald		
Miss Karyn Cromwell		
Miss Gillian Hill		
Mr Charles Ramsey	Secretary	
Mr Don Mixon		

Chm opened the meeting at 1905. BP was unable to attend, LS was present as Substitute.

The ad hoc committee of the same morning presented its report. At this informal meeting, records were viewed with a view to screening out non-contenders. However, it transpired that none of the applications could be ruled out unequivocally, and it was left to the full Council to review them.

At this informal meeting, some potential records made in RSA were discussed. Some were not submitted, as they were less than others submitted and thus considered to have no chance. It now appears that after some of those submitted were refused, some of the lower non-submitted records may become candidates. Also that some were at separate competitions, and could be records of themselves.

It was recommended the Council authorize Group II to review these records when submitted by the organizers, with a courtesy copy to Group III.

Those they passed were then to go through the WBC approval procedure.

(This recommendation was later adopted by the full Council).

Chm welcomed the Organizing Committee representatives, Les Doyle (Chairman) and Debbie Williams (Secretary). It appears things are going well. There have been Bulletins nrs 1 - 4 (2 and 3 not received by many). DW said a 5th had appeared recently (not received by many). FK referred to a report in a bulletin that rooms must be shared.

SM had a strong objection to having to share a room with a stranger.

LD said this was a misconception. Sharing rooms referred to persons accompanying the official. It was necessary to pay a share only if the official brings a guest in a double room, but if he is alone, all is paid, for the specified period e.g. officials 7 days. It was not so people would have to share a room with a stranger.

LD confirmed that all WBC meetings would be held in this room. (The Jacarandi room). The computer and printer would be available at the site.

No request for a copying machine was known (sent, but appeared to have been overlooked), but one would be brought from the site for use of the Council, with adequate supplies of consumables.

Chm reported the decision of the W.W.S.U. that drug testing will be carried out. GH added that it had been arranged to be done by an Australian doctor. GH gave some background on drug testing at Thorpe. The 1st three plus a random draw were tested at the event site after the event finished. Those named were required to go to the doctor themselves. It was quite quick and painless. LD said it will take place behind the judges tower.

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In answer to a question, GD said the course was almost 280m between the yellow buoys.

LD said there would be the tournament's own video at all times in the boat. There would additionally be TV at times in the boat. TV would stay on board for the entire event (the finals).

FK asked about the offer of the German TV which had not been taken up. DW said there was no answer as they had been awaiting a response from the Australian TV, who were very tardy.

In response to a request from FK, LD said he would copy the tournament video for FK, in Melbourne.

FK asked about a welcome desk and notice board in the hotel, in the lobby. DW is planning to do it. It should be there now.

FK then announced we had approved some records and will do more. He had brought certificates with him to hand over, but asked when could this best be done. LD suggested the barbie on Friday night. FK had no more questions, and asked if the Organisation had any points.

LD was against the cancellation of the entry fee. He asked why we had to stick to a historic situation. It was unjust and unfair, especially as, unexpectedly, the whole WWSU had decided to come out here after the bid was made. The cost for this alone was \$7000 - \$8000. FK said this was an administrative matter. The WBC was a technical body and not allowed to discuss this. The Executive Board was always at Waterski Championships and once at the Racing Championships, and now for the first time was meeting at a Barefoot Championships. FK suggested to bring it up at the Executive Board meeting, to which the Organizers would undoubtedly be invited. LD thought it not right they should have to accommodate people not involved in the Titles.

SM referring to entry fees said this was the only arena where the performers are charged instead of being paid. FK stated Group II do not allow an entry fee to be levied at named Championships. SM said neither did Group I. GH said an entry fee had never been charged.

DW said contradicting statements had been received from the President regarding entry fees in the obligations. GH suggested FK should bring up at the Executive Board meeting that Barefoot had taken on the Executive Board costs, which the Worlds Championships had not bargained for, but this issue should not be mixed with that of entry fees.

FK stated that reserve judges do not have to come (unless called out) and do not have to be accommodated, but if they come on their own, they get some invitations, hospitality etc.

The Chief Judge was then invited to make his report. He was happy with things as they were going. He was specially complimentary about the Organisation Secretary, Debbie Williams, who as of now ceased to be secretary and becomes his Assistant to the Chief Judge. He was informed that the Council decision regarding majority decisions on tricks and crossings did not apply to the competition but only to the Council approval of records. It had not yet been discussed from a point of view of judging at competitions. The Chief Judge announced a get-together on Thursday night. It would comprise the officials with the organizing committee and local dignitaries. The plan was to charge \$20 for oneself, plus \$20 for a guest - one of the Organisation.

LD announced a boat trip on Thursday.

DM thought now was the time for a clarification on neck and teeth. In Kelheim it was decided to pay the two foot neck and teeth after doing the one foot. TB sees loading i.e. putting the handle over neck analogous to putting the foot in the toehold. FK said he would investigate exactly what was decided from the Kelheim minutes, and would convey a decision to the CJ next morning.

SM had a point for the CJ. The seeding broke down due late nomination of the US team. Good jumpers found themselves in the C and D groups. CJ said he only got the US team names on Monday morning, too late to use them in the seeding. The draw was made the day before. SM cited rule C405 which could mean the final list not due till Wednesday p.m. Seeding could prove a distinct advantage or disadvantage. CJ will look at it and try to solve it.

He concluded with a hope for a ruling for necks and teeth.

FK thanked him for his work and expressed the wish of the Council that it would be an outstanding Championships.

StM proposed that the 5 unclaimed records from RSA be kept alive till it can be seen if they become applicable due to denial of higher records claimed. These are:

- Mixon 1560
- Powell 1620
- Powell 1560
- Fuchs 1575
- Fuchs 1560

GD said it was up to Groups to make proper claims. The top scorer plus one or two backups in case it is denied. SM's motion was passed unan-

imously. SM regretted that the video of Jennifer Calleri's slalom record of 1320 is not available. He asked the same treatment be open in case the video becomes available. This proposal was agreed to unanimously. The meeting then returned its attention to the TV monitor.

Lori Powell's 1330 was accepted in spite of the bad tape, the vote being 5 for, 3 against.

Brian Fuchs 1725. Backwards pass: Three crossings were not accepted as one foot. This means 180 points less, i.e. 1545, which equals the existing record.

Don Mixon 1680. In spite of the poor film quality, the Council were able to approve the record.

Don Mixon 1680. There appeared to be no 2nd pass on the tape.

Rick Powell's 1st run of the 1740 claim was filmed from the side. (The rules require video from the boat). What can be seen from boat filming does not add up to enough for a record.

Filming of the Brian Fuchs passes starts from the side. The most that can be seen from the video taken from the boat is 1500 points.

Mike Seipel's jump record of 21.1m. The recalculation checked OK. The record acceptance was passed unanimously.

The Onofrio jump claim of 14.6m does not checkout. The Ramp triangle size calculates out as 60cm. GH proposed we not consider it. GD seconded. She said any significant error calls into question the whole thing. On the voting 1 was against the motion and 8 for. Record denied.

Chm closed the session devoted to the discussion and approval of records. He will now prepare the certificates of those approved.

The session on rules changes and amendments was planned to start on this day, but since much more time was necessary to discuss records, we must now restrict ourselves to some clarifications necessary for the CJ before the competition starts.

Chm expressed the view that we need to spend 4 to 5 hours in the Wednesday session in order to catch up on the agenda schedule.

SM raised the question, if the rope used in training by some teams is the competition rope? GD said the Organizers had made an arrangement to use Australian ropes. (Downes 8 mm Poly-E, not Kevlar or cord).

The neck and teeth question then came up. It was proposed that coming in loaded precludes the two foot getting paid after the one foot. This was agreed unanimously.

Turn sequences. 1. It was already decided that "previously" means "immediately previously".

2. any recognized trick that comes in between two turn tricks disables the prohibition rule.

3. does putting the foot down between two one-foot turns constitute a one foot plain trick?. The answer is no. The skier must do a complete trick by doing it on other foot or putting the foot down twice.

The meeting closed at 2230. The next session on Wednesday will be a long one, some 4-5 hrs.

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M I N U T E S

of the 8th MEETING of the WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL
3rd SESSION

held on the 30th of NOVEMBER 1988 in the VICTORIA HOTEL, MELBOURNE

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Those present were:

Mr Franz Kirsch	Chairman	(FK) (Chm)
Mr Charles Ramsey	Secretary	(CR)
Mr Brian Carroll		(BC)
Mr Stew McDonald		(SM)
Mr Sam Spano	by invitation	
Mr Brian Price		(BP)
Mr Graeme Dwyer		(GD)
Miss Karyn Cromwell		(KC)
Mr Don Mixon		(DM)
Miss Gillian Hill		(GH)
Mr Lester Sowry	by invitation	

Chm opened the meeting at 1925, and introduced Mr Steve Combs, Executive Director of the AmWSA, who was invited to tell us about the World Championships 1990 contract.

Item 8.2.5. Standings Lists.

This was discussed in Florida. The Standings and Seedings lists need a sponsor. Then it can be sent free to Federations and top skiers. Chm asked members **how we can finance it**. Suggestions from members invited. It is nice for skiers all to see where they stand, but for this they must all ski to the same rules, thus to the **same Homologation**. The **cutoff** is to be the rule book ratings, **300, 140 and 6 metres** for tricks, slalom and jump, to be reviewed annually. The pattern set by Waterski would be followed.

Item 8.3.1. Minutes of the Florida meeting.

GD proposed and GH seconded that they be accepted. Passed unanimously.

Chm reported that **George Blair** has expressed willingness to sponsor the next **rule book** as he did in the past.

BP on matters arising, referred to **drug control**. Chm said little had been known. The Executive Board said at first no tests but had now decided to do it. It would be done by a doctor from Perth. We have nothing to say about it.

SM asked about the 2nd test. 2 samples are taken. If the 1st is positive, a **2nd test is made** in the presence of the skier or his representative.

DM asked what if the medal winner's test knocks one out so that the medal goes to the 4th who has not been tested. Chm could only refer to the action of the Executive Board.

The Minutes of meetings 8.1 and 8.2 had been distributed, and with some corrections from the floor, were approved unanimously.

SM then brought up the subject of records. Lots of earlier records had been approved but the **certificates not issued**. Chm said the Executive Board made the decision there would be no more starts records as they are not an open competition, but he will search his records and find all he can and cooperate fully with SM's compilation of a records history, but Bilo has said no more starts records.

BP asked about a check on the standard of judges.

Chm said he very much liked the idea of **unifying judges standards**, but has had no time to tackle it.

KC handed over the Canadian standards and examination. BP will give us forms for the jury assessment of the boat driver, used in AUS. Arrangements for the use of copier and printer will be attended to by GD. The Minutes of meeting nr. 8.2. were unanimously approved as amended. Chm asked if there was a proposal for the records approval procedure. CR will make more copies. It will be discussed on Monday. Chm called on Steve Combs to say a few words about the World Championships 1990. Steve Combs reported agreement with Bilo on financial matters. No site had been fixed as yet. It would probably be a southern location. Chm remarked that it must be included in the contract with the TV that they give a copy on the site on the day, of the film, for records and judging.

BP asked why FK did not inform the Council that a **bid was made.**

Chm replied the Executive board makes the negotiations and the decisions. The WBC as a technical body has no right to discuss administrative things. BC asked are we satisfied with things this way with no site.

Chm repeated that the Executive board decides; **we have no say.**

Steve Combs said the choice of site would be made at least 12 months ahead. Chm considered at least 6 months required, so this was adequate. GD affirmed we should be satisfied with a year.

The Organizer chooses the site and the Executive board approves it. The Executive board can ask the WBC for advice on technical suitability. SM complained the bid had been submitted but the Council not told.

Rules changes. Chm said we have a **very good rules book.** No changes are really necessary, and there was no real need for a reprint. We should try to make it better for the competitor but also for the public and sponsors. Our heartfelt thanks to George for making a new book possible.

Chm thought it desirable there be simple rules for lesser skiers to join in.

BP said there seems to be no proper procedure for items and material sources in the agenda. He was **highly critical** of the agenda procedure and the promulgation of Groups' proposals. CR pointed out he had written often asking members to send copies of proposals to the others especially if it was close to the meeting date.

BC recalling he had been on the Council for a number of years during which the agenda had served satisfactorily, said it would be better if we got on **with the business at hand** instead of discussing agenda format.

Item 8.3.3. Correction of calculation errors in the results.

SM proposed that officials have the chance to find and make corrections in results up to the prizegiving, i.e. before the awards of medals and prizes.

SM proposed and DM seconded a motion that we use the same words for the officials as are used for protests. "Once the results of a round have been posted, the officials have 2 hours to make a correction. After that the results shall stand." Passed unanimously.

BP volunteered to extract decisions from the minutes to compile a policy manual. FK is to forward past minutes to assist this research.

BP proposed that when **video is being reviewed** according to the video rules in C15 and C12, the Group III proposal be applied. This reads:

"At all video viewings made in accordance with this rule,

- a) all judges shall review the [slalom] [trick] passes on official ratified equipment and premises.
- b) normal video running speed will be used.
- c) there will be no discussion between the judges.
- d) where practical, judges shall review separately.
- e) reviewing shall be supervised by the Chief Judge or his nominee.
- f) the Chief Judge shall record all alterations to sheets for later statistical analysis. (Note. the analysis is for the purposes of assessing judges' ability and competence)."

Passed unanimously.

On a motion to remove the right hand start of course buoy in jump, DM considered the buoy was needed for the driver to lineup at difficult sites. There was no consensus on this one.

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Item 8.3.4.b. No timing in jump.

DM said this was the only event where the skier can get an advantage through too high a speed. FK proposed there be no timing in the boat but rely on the speedo and the driver. There was no consensus on this. FK asked about the system of **jump speed timing** i.e. the tolerances. It was agreed it stay as is, i.e. ± 1.5 kph with a cutoff of 68. C1402 should have reference to the tolerances in C1202. CR said the whole speed calibration and application system needed overhaul to separate the functions of calibration and speed check. A change to get the **judges out of the boat** was not supported. FK was in favour of keeping it as is.

Bumming. DM asked if the Council would give a doctor 5 minutes to explain the possible injuries. The Council agreed to invite the doctor to give a **5 minute address.**

On the technical aspect of bumming, losing bsp before the ramp was very difficult to see from boat. No action was taken at this point. It was proposed to include in rule C1410 b) "the scorers shall validate each successful jump on the basis of a proper, in tolerance triangle and a **simple majority** from the boat judges score sheets." Passed unanimously.

Cross track in jumping. (lateral displacement of the error triangle).

SM then went on to the definition of "best" as a triangle selection **critierion**. It had hitherto been taken to mean smallest, but now cross track deviation was being advanced as another criterion.

CR confirmed he had used **crosstrack deviation** (distance of the plot left or right of the jump line) to select the **best triangle**. The computer program to make this assessment possible was in place. It was a judging matter. One reason for caution was that it was valid only so long as jumpers were going straight over the ramp. If they start to cut, they may well land off centreline and invalidate the crosstrack assumption inherent in the computer algorithm.

He was charged to phrase words to **include crosstrack in the rules.**

SM proposed we **consider the crosstrack discriminant** for triangle assessment. Seconded GD. The voting was 8 for, 1 against. Motion carried.

Slalom: GD suggested **1 forward and 1 backward** run. This is to pave the way for equal points for forward and backward crossings, with a view to rationalizing the overalls. Learners today can do backward slalom in 2 years.

DM feels it necessary for the sport to **allow forward** if the skier wants.

FK said 70% of the skiers in Group II cannot **slalom backwards**. GH supported this with some statistics.

BP was all for a **2 forward pass deterrent** e.g. half points for a 2nd pass forward. **No decision** could be reached, so Chm closed the meeting.

He said that on his calculation, carrying on like this, it will **take 12 hours on Monday**. Members should therefore be prepared to stay Tuesday.

This presented problems, and the remainder of the week was scoured for time. Saturday appeared the only free time, and the next meeting was planned for then.

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of the 8th MEETING of the WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL
4th SESSION

held on the 3rd of December 1988 on the site of the 6th World Championships

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Those present were:

Mr Franz Kirsch	Chairman	(FK) (Chm)
Mr Charles Ramsey		(CR)
Mr Brian Carroll		(BC)
Mr Stew McDonald		(SM)
Mr Sam Spano		
Mr Brian Price		(BP)
Mr Graeme Dwyer		(GD)
Miss Karyn Cromwell		(KC)
Mr Don Mixon		(DM)
Miss Gillian Hill		(GH)

Chm opened the meeting at 2110, introducing the President of the W.W.S.U., Mr Bilo Oliveras, and the Secretary General, Mr Bruno Tavecchio.

The President began by saying that the Executive Board were present in Melbourne and this presented an unique opportunity for him to speak to the Council. Members could see him in person, and he could listen and bring back views and suggestions to his Executive Committee.

He was pleased to see the work being done and emphasized the important thing for our sport was we have to be united. That was being achieved today. The sport was benefitting from the experiences of all the divisions. On behalf of the Committee members he could see in future that still we are united but we must get closer. We must exchange opinions. He was no stranger to barefooting. He would like to remind all that in 1974 he was invited to organize barefooting, and was the first to organize a competition which was held in Spain. The whole thing then started in Europe. He was proud to have been in charge of the Spanish Federation and to have staged the first international barefoot event.

The President expressed himself open to anything the members would like to say. He would bring it back to his Committee.

Chm said the intention at this meeting was to talk formal things and not heavy technical things. He guessed there would be questions around the table to Bilo. There was misunderstanding or lack of knowledge around. Some things in the Constitution applied to this body. In earlier years the members had arrived at an appreciation of how things were and how they must go. Now there were a great many changes and new faces. Some had never even seen the Constitution. Bilo was willing to answer questions on this. BP asked about the Executive Board membership, e.g. Bob Corson and Ron Fergusson. What was the function of the Tournament Committee.

The President explained that it was a Council and the same as the other Divisional Councils. He went on to explain the composition of Executive Board. The 9 members, 3 from each Group, were specified in the Constitution, and were elected at the various Group Congresses. These were the Group President and the Secretary General. The Group I additional representative Bob Corson was decided on by Group I. Stefan Rauchenwald was so for Group II and Ron Fergusson for Group III.

SM pointed out there was one less here for Group I.

Bilo said one was just not there. He was entitled to be there but was absent.

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GD asked about the elections for Group III. The President said that the Group III Congress elects its President and Secretary General.

BP thought the divisional Chairman of the Group should go. Bilo said this was a matter for Group III alone.

SM said barefoot was not even mentioned in Group I. In the W.W.S.U. Statutes the Worlds site is not referred to the barefooters.

The President said the W.W.S.U. handles administrative matters; technical matters were for the Divisional Council to comment on.

SM said there had been complaints of the site for this World Championships.

The President not aware of this. He would not have gone against the technical requirements of the Divisional Council.

FK reported that the question of the suitability of the site had been raised, but the Organizing Committee had said it was this site or nothing. The President quoted the case of a site that was refused for waterski on the advice of the Divisional Council.

SM asked why there was no barefoot member on the Executive Board.

The President pointed out that he himself had no vote, neither did the Chairmen of barefoot and racing, although they were entitled to be present. This arose because of the perceived preponderance of Europeans in the Executive Board, which led to voting being restricted to the 3 from each Group. He did not feel himself specially a European when it came to voting on waterskiing, but there it is.

In Europe the Committees have equal powers.

There are some 50 national Federations around the world and all have a vote. There are only 12 or so Federations with barefooting, so it is difficult to achieve 100% equality for everybody.

BP asked for a copy of the Group II Statutes.

The President explained the Executive Board had shelved the new constitution proposal. There would be just a few new items and some old ones come out to go in byelaws where they are more easily handled.

The Secretary General said just now the power is in the Groups. The International Federation concept was to establish direct contact with the national Federations.

FK asked Bilo to give a short report on the Olympics.

Bilo said the IOC in 1986 examined 12 sports and selected only 2 sports. They first needed the agreement of the other Federations for the common use of the Olympic water. This was done in mid '87. The very size of the Olympics was an increasing problem. Seoul moved 40000 people. Now it will be 50000 - too much. Rather than limit the number of sports, the Olympics must first reduce the number of athletes per sport, but keep the same number of sports. Also some sports were in doubt and might not maintain their place.

The World Games is for non-Olympic sports. The first was bad, the next half bad. Nr 3 in Karlsruhe promises to be better. There was a good chance the World Games Committee would say yes to Barefoot.

SM proposed a vote of confidence in the President's tireless efforts on behalf of our sport. This was carried by acclaim.

In reply to a question, Bilo said there was no way an organisation can charge an entry fee. Not now or in the future.

BP asked about changing obligations. The President replied the obligations do not change very much except for small accommodations to local conditions. He gets to hear from Divisional Councils their desires for the obligations.

FK explained our requirement for the availability of video to the WBC was accepted by the Executive Board and now it was in the obligations.

GH thought definitely the final night party should be free to skiers, but it is a \$55 charge.

The President and Secretary General left at 2155, with the thanks of the Council.

Chm resumed the meeting with a reference to rules of procedure. He thought all would agree that it was no way to conduct a meeting as we did last time. That way we would never get finished. He introduced a ruling for the next meeting. He would make a brief introduction of the agenda item, and after a short discussion, there will be a decision.

Minutes of meeting nr. 8.3.

These were accepted, with thanks to the secretary.

The subject of rule amendments would be on the agenda for Monday. Material had been distributed for members to study in the expectation of shortening the discussion, and members should be ready for a decision. The Monday meeting will start at 0830 in the Acacia room.

The Chm closed the meeting at 2220, and in thanking them for their efforts, warned them of hard work ahead.

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M I N U T E S

of the 8th MEETING of the WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL
5th SESSION

held on the 5th of December 1988 in the VICTORIA HOTEL, MELBOURNE

Those present were:

Mr Franz Kirsch	Chairman	(FK) (Chm)
Mr Charles Ramsey	Secretary	(CR)
Mr Brian Carroll		(BC)
Mr Stew McDonald		(SM)
Mr Sam Spano	Alternate	(SS)
Mr Brian Price		(BP)
Mr Graeme Dwyer		(GD)
Miss Karyn Cromwell		(KC)
Mr Don Nixon		(DM)
Miss Gillian Hill		(GH)

Chm opened the meeting at 0850. GD arrived at 0900, reporting that BP was busy with accommodation problems.

Minutes 8.3. and 8.4. were handed out and were tabled till members had had a chance to read them.

Chm introduced two medical specialists:

Dr David Calvo, USA team trainer.

Dr Peter Gwozdecky, Sports Chiropractic.

Dr Calvo gave some details of his sports background, and had been asked his opinion of bumming. He had evaluated jumping as a whole and found it a dangerous sport. Athletes were so fine tuned they were able to avoid this type of accident:

1. Contact of heel or feet.
2. Inadvertent contact of head or body.
3. Contact in bumming.

Objectively there is a possibility of injury to the heel in spring jumping. A tumble into the ramp was rare and common to both styles - but more in spring jumping.

There were two forms of bumming - a clip and a slide. He understood the intention was not to clip the ramp, but slide up it, and this could be in conflict with the rules in touching before the ramp.

In the sliding approach there is very little axial spinal force. (This is compression which acts on the discs). There was a forward force on the spine in the clip and slide. Forward compression is serious. Catastrophic injury is rare. There is an accumulative effect over many jumps. This is the long term effect.

Seeing top skiers doing slide bumming produces an emulation effect on young jumpers, and for them it is very bad.

There is also the effect of head jerking on the brain which is analogous to brain injury in boxing.

Dr. Gwozdecky said in classic jumping the G forces are 4 to 5.

However, it was not applied long enough to cause immediate injury.

The barefoot ramp is the same angle as waterski, but the length and thus exposure is less, so there is less chance of immediate damage.

Falls in other events also produce serious forces. Most spine injuries seem to come from water contact on landing rather than on the ramp.

Landing on the seat in an upright position makes for forces on the spine.

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FK himself had been injured many times in waterski jumping but never in barefoot jumping. He asked if it was possible to make a comparison. Dr Gwozdecky said barefoot was OK with the correct technique. SM requested a written account of these findings and studies from the doctors.

Dr Calvo mentioned the possibility of a computer study where a biological study was not feasible. FK has a super-slow motion film of jumping for study material.

BC had a question on age with reference to brain structure, as youngsters are getting more and more into sophisticated barefooting.

Dr Calvo said the spine is not mature till some 20 or 21 years of age, earlier in females, so 13 year olds are extremely vulnerable.

At 0950 the two doctors took their leave, with the thanks of the Council.

Item 8.4.3. Election of Chairman.

Nominations:

GH nominated the current chairman, Franz Kirsch.

BP nominated Graeme Dwyer of Group III.

On a secret ballot, 5 votes were cast for Franz Kirsch, and 4 votes for Graeme Dwyer. Franz Kirsch was declared elected Chairman.

FK then appointed Charles Ramsey as Secretary.

The new Chairman said that in order to get our business done, we must impose self discipline on the discussion. The way things went in the first session we would never get finished, and we had a long agenda. From now on, he would name the subject and call upon somebody to introduce it. Then it would go once round the table for views and contributions. After that, if necessary it would go to a vote.

In this way people would get one chance to say what they wanted, and could not come back with the same arguments again. People should make sure they said everything they wanted to say the first time.

The meeting, appreciating the problem, gave tacit assent to this constraint.

Item 8.4.5. Review of the 6th Worlds Championships.

GH said the organizers did a fine job.

SM thought the organizers needed more time and money, but in spite of that they did a good job. If there had been input from the WBC, it would not have been on that river.

FK said the organizers had declared it was that or nothing. The WBC was certainly aware of it.

SM was judge in the boat 8 times and found the water not the same for each skier.

DM said the bad water was not as bad as he had thought, and in spite of it the organizers did a great job.

KC said the water conditions were bad at times but a lot better than expected.

BC said it was poor water and not all got the same conditions, but it was a successful competition.

BP found the Obligations left a lot to be desired and should be expanded to make things more clear.

GD said the organizing committee put together a great event. It was the best organizing committee he had ever worked with. With regard to water conditions, he would like to see the boat go up and down the course before the 1st skier. The question of regulated turnaround time arose as a result of the turnaround times imposed at these Championships.

GH said the turnaround time should be the same all the time.

SM had observed definitely different water conditions if there was a delay for something. This item was deferred till later. (page 7)

Item 8.4.6. Records from this Worlds.

SM said there was a women's slalom and a men's tricks record.

GH has the sheets.

GD said the Chief Judge was coming with the papers and the video.

Item 8.4.7. W.W.S.U. matters.

Our name will be IWSF from Jan 1st. Chm decreed we should start using that term for the minutes from now on.

IOC status had already been reported by Bilo.

World Games. It was a credit to us that our sport is to be part of the Games. Waterski is not much interested as there are so many cash prize competitions.

The principle of a World Cup was broached. The GD document was a start. GH is working on it. GD will circulate it. On approval by the Executive Board, then in 2 years we will have it in operation.

Item 8.4.8 Reports

The Chief Judge, Mr Terry Benford arrived at 1020 and was welcomed by the Chm, and invited to give a short report on this Worlds.

TB reported 2 record applications.

He cited an incident at the site. The Chief Judge was asked to read out his report on the actions of a team manager whom he had had to remove from his position and ban from the enclosure, for his public criticism of the performance of a driver.

This was not only out of place, but unwarranted and distressful to the person concerned who was having to cope with very difficult weather conditions. The offender was unrepentant, and in concert with his jury, the Chief Judge had taken the necessary action. The CJ said part of the driver's problem was absence of a high enough windscreen on the boat, which left the driver's eyes unprotected against the rain, and made seeing the course very difficult. He strongly advocated a proper windscreen for this kind of weather. There was a severe strain on the driver in rain, with no windscreen.

FK said canopy protection is available. The one he had used was designed to avoid obstruction to view.

CJ reported that the automatic timers acted up. The jury had to revert to uni timer action. He advocated a self contained unit.

The CJ expressed himself very appreciative of his Assistant Chief Judge. There was some discussion on her dual role in the Organisation and a theoretical conflict of interest, but all agreed she had discharged her duties admirably. The Chief Judge would have liked to have put his Assistant in the boat to keep him better informed on what was going on. CR said however there was nothing in the rules to prevent this. Only the Chief Judge himself should not judge.

The rules do not provide actually for an Assistant Chief Judge, but only a Deputy Chief Judge and a Chief Judge's assistant.

The Council will reword the rule to make the distinction clear.

TB said 1st class Judges should be meter reader qualified in all Groups as they were in Group III.

Apart from the backwash which died down in time, he had accepted it that rollers which persisted in the course were due to wind and tide.

The Chm thanked the Chief Judge for his excellent work.

Chm announced that World Cup rules will be approved by the Executive Board at the September meeting.

Chm asked BP to elaborate on his criticism of the agenda. BP said in the way he is familiar with, the agenda items solicited are accompanied by a precis of the item and the reason for it.

Chm will in future make the agendas with full supporting documentation.

GH was against documents coming in later (under separate cover).

Chm related that in the Executive Board, the agenda with documentation was sent out beforehand, and given out again at the meeting.

Item 8.4.9. Next Worlds

The Federation is known, the date and site not yet. Steve Combs was trying very hard to get the site at West Palm Beach.

For 1992, GH was considering a bid. She thought Thorpe would be ideal. Kelheim was a second possibility, not being put forward at this time.

Item 8.4.10. Sponsoring for the Worlds Standings List.

The idea was to get advertising-cum-sponsoring for a \$2000 price tag.

GH thought we were more likely to get 4 at \$500

Chm said it would then need to be 4 x \$550 or \$600. He visualized 2000 copies.

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Item 8.4.11 Rules Book print and sponsoring.

The new Rules Book would be the same as the old one, and printed on the same paper, in Trier.

Waterski wanted their book done in the same print, as it was not only better but much cheaper.

Ordering cost would be \$1 per book including postage. Federations could then sell to users at their own price.

Item 8.4.12 Rules discussions

BP thought all team members should get a medal. This was his understanding of what had been agreed.

FK to action. This is an Executive Board decision, announced in an FK circular.

CR asked about the Group III scores for the Standings List. GD promised they will be sent this week.

The inter-worlds Council meeting will be held at 1800 on Wednesday 30th August in West Palm Beach. (at the Waterski Worlds).

SM expressed himself disturbed about the drug test selection and the numbers. He understood there were only 8 tested out of 66 contestants. His impression was that all medal winners would be tested plus some others at random.

CR said Bob Corson was in charge of testing, and had made the draw random. There were 8 only on account of the costs (£90 a go).

Chm said in future it would be in the obligations. The IOC would pick up part of the tab.

BP wanted to pool Council travel costs. Chm said meetings were scheduled around the world and in the long run costs would even out. He did not think much of the idea of a member with low costs reimbursing someone who paid more. It was up to each member to get the cheapest possible travel he could.

Item 8.4.7. Rules changes.

Chm had discussed rule changes with team captains and skiers. We had better be careful about changing rules. Clearer wording is in order, but we should be careful not to make major rule changes. Skiers are happy with it the way it is now. Changes affect established skiing, coaching and training.

Item 8.3.4.c Bumming.

Chm said to ban it has major consequences. We would need 3 extra judges on the bank. We have also to think of lower level skiers and girls, who may accidentally bum. A ban may force them to go into a forward position to avoid disqualification and thus invite a danger of falling on the ramp. CR found the two doctors had given a differing medical assessment.

On the ethics angle, there were 2 advocates. One said jumping should be off the feet, the other that distance is the object, never mind how. SM was dead against bumming.

DM said of the two sorts of jump - bum or feet, he was concerned about safety. He had found no support among competitors for bum jumping.

KC opposed bumming as not consistent with the rule book barefoot position. She was concerned about safety, and would rather see the event taken out of the rule book if bumming is allowed.

BC had seen people fall forward on the ramp so he cannot be so certain on the safety angle. In the spirit of the sport the skier should approach the ramp on the feet in an upright position, not hit it like a bag of spuds. The skill and technique are in the jump off the feet. Bumming detracts from the sport.

BP said we should not take the event in isolation. Bumming in trick turns is not in the spirit of the sport. For spectator appeal, distance was the criterion. But he did not see it the way we are talking. He could see no reason for banning bumming, nor for keeping it in.

GD said most people see it as a new evolution. There is no medical evidence to suggest we should ban the practice. There is even evidence the technique is a whole lot safer. The accidents he had experienced were in tripping just before the ramp.

FK said the doctors were not in opposition, just highlighting other aspects. FK's proposal was to defer bumming to the next meeting when we have more experience and facts to go on.

SM insisted on putting his motion that no part of the body other than the feet may touch the ramp. Seconded KC.
 The motion of FK had been made first, and was thereupon voted on, with seconder BP. He said we were just not ready to vote on a ban. On the vote, 6 were for and 3 against. Motion carried.
 This decision pre-empted the motion of SM which was not proceeded with.

Item 8.3.5.a Slalom compulsory forward and backwards passes.

CR saw this as a preliminary to a change in the overalls. He could not see how this overalls change works and what it does and thus saw no justification for the change to the slalom passes.
 GH also was not clear on the overalls aspect. She did not like forcing people to go backwards if they did not want to.
 BC said compulsory forward and backwards passes were for World titles. The people at home can vary it.
 BP can support BC. One pass forward and one pass backward is part the way to changing the points. Backward is too highly paid. In this Championships there had been more crosses backwards than forward. There was a strong case for compulsory forwards and backwards. Then we can go on to address the points values.
 GD noted the present effect it is having on the overalls. It is putting overemphasis on backwards in preference to going forwards. Why penalize the forwards expert?. It is as difficult to go forwards one foot as backwards one foot, or even harder. The idea is to give even points for backwards and forwards.
 FK said another way to achieve the first objective is to halve the points for the 2nd pass, to allow the neophyte to go twice forwards and allow equal points for forwards and backwards. FK then proposed that the lower scoring of 2 forward runs be awarded half points. GD seconded the motion. On the voting, 6 were for and 3 against the motion. Motion carried.
 The Secretary interrupted to say that he had the official Minutes 8.3. He explained that he had been able to reactivate his disk drive and recover the draft minutes. They did not differ substantially from the reconstructed minutes already approved, but they were more complete and he requested they be approved as official. This version, - V3 - was approved as the final minutes.

Minutes 8.4. These were approved subject to the addition of the attendance list.

SM referred to the official Worlds results, in which the date on the results is the 3rd and should the be 4th of December.

Item 8.3.5.a. Chm returned again to this item and asked GD to make a proposal for slalom.

GD proposed equal points forwards and backwards, with half points for the lower scoring of 2 forward passes.
 Sam Spano asked how will this affect new records.
 Chm deferred this aspect to later.
 CR proposed an amendment that the points be 100 and 40, a one foot to two foot ratio of 2.5.
 On the voting, 6 were for with 3 abstaining. Motion carried.
 The meeting agreed to it give further consideration and study to the points values and we will go to a postal vote to improve on the above numbers if indicated. The intention is to arrive at numbers that will repeat closely the points skiers are getting now for the top runs. There may be a pause in new records till technique overtakes any points drop.

Item 8.3.5.c No limit on slalom line length.

This left the skier free to place himself anywhere in relation to the wake, but there was no wake at all in some places, which would make judging impossible. The meeting found no merit in the proposal.

Item 8.3.5.d Pass to continue after a fall and recovery.

CR thought it makes judging impossible.
 BP pointed out we do not penalize a fall in tricks. In the case of slalom, a restart must be made again outside the wake.
 GD saw no problem with judging. He proposed and BP seconded a motion that in principle slalom can be re-started after losing BSP.

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On the voting, 7 were for and 1 against the motion, with 1 abstaining. The skier on recovery must restart outside the wake. He gets a half crossing as now. In the case of a backtrack, he does not get paid for the stalled crossing, but can carry on again from outside.

Item 8.3.6.a Eliminate reverses

This found no favour.

Item 8.3.6.b The same direction turn sequence.

It was agreed we insert the agreed rule change here.

Item 8.3.6.c Extend the tricks list.

In many Federations simpler rules are needed for local competitions. The general feeling was that this is not something for world rules. At this point FK had a phone call from Bilo with greetings to the Council. World Games. It was quite sure barefoot would be in the World Games. If waterski was in, it would be 2 days with 20 skiers, or 3 days and 30 skiers if there was no waterski participation. It is every 2 years in between the Olympic Games. The 4th Games take place in the Hague.

Item 8.3.6.d Shorthand symbols.

GD's proposal was intended to tidy up the shorthand if necessary, but if we are satisfied, it is mostly for surface turns. The members found merit in the turns shorthand. The motion to change the surface turns symbols to GD's proposal was passed with 5 for and 2 against, with 2 abstentions. It was agreed we change the symbols, but members are to work on it and rediscuss it at the next meeting. Thus it was agreed no change in the rule book for the present.

Item 8.3.6.e A 1 foot trick to be considered a variation of a 2 foot.

Thus with only the best scoring. This cuts down the number of tricks, for instance 8 tumbles to 4. There was no support for this change.

Item 8.3.7.a Overalls change

GD found a change was necessary to even up the overalls effect of incremental increases in the different events scores. It was not quite clear how the relative difficulty of catching up on gains in other events could be evaluated and equated.

Item 8.2.7.d Jump biasing

CR had made a statistical study that shows that to even up the events in the overalls, the actual bias figure is 7.5 metres. It was agreed that the objective in the overalls calculation is to make each event contribute equally to the overall points; in other words, each event nominally contributes 33.3% of the total overall points. It will vary from skier to skier but on the average this proportion should be realized. His analysis of results scores of 100 skiers depicted this as a percentage of the ideal 33.3% for each event. A zero bias made the average jump contribution 140% of the ideal. A 6 metre bias was still slightly too little but acceptable. Graphically depicted, slalom and tricks scores go from the top to almost zero over the spectrum of skier skills. For jump however, the curve goes down only to about 6 metres, which gives it a completely different slope to the other two. The problem was that it was not possible to jump a small distance. The minimum is about 6 metres, which the skier gets just for landing without any attempt at distance, which is what jumping is all about.

DM said in effect, jumping starts at 6 metres. Tricks starts in the box. SM proposed to keep the 6 metre bias but study modifying it. This was agreed.

Chm introduced the subject of ladies jump in the overalls.

CR thought the ladies were ready for it.

GH was definite they were not.

SM wanted it in.

KC said the majority of the girls want it in. She saw the progress between the last Worlds and this.

BC agreed that if it has been put to the women then OK.

BP thought it not as convincing as had been said.

GD said we should only do this if the ladies want to. But technical expertise is absent and they were in danger of crashing on the ramp.

Chm proposed to include ladies jump in the overalls. Seconded SM.

On the voting, there were 5 for and 4 against the motion. Carried.

Stew McDonald's rules proposals paper was raised. One proposal was that record holders, the top skiers of the standings list and gold medalists from the last Worlds be allowed to enter in the current Worlds, in each case event by event. The principle was unanimously accepted. It was agreed to take the wording from Waterski rule 401.

The next point was that Team representatives can see the sheets of all skiers. There were 7 for this motion, with 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

The scoring sheets of each judge for every skier shall be made available for inspection by the team captains as soon as the results are posted.

Under the team captain's responsibility, a skier may view his own scoring sheets.

C1101(a) 71kph to be achievable by the tow boat. FK said the Executive Board has made a boat policy document which he send to members for study.

C1101(c) SM objects to the requirement for a quick release, as the rule book says nothing about its use.

On a motion by FK, seconded by SM to delete the requirement for a quick release in the boat, 7 voted for the motion, and 1 against, with 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Speed table. The meeting refreshed its previous decision to make the tolerance 1.5 for jump except 1 on top (68 kph). The speedo calibrations shall be taken from spot values in the table, the tolerance table used in timing the jump.

Rule C1301. The meeting agreed on the start line mark or buoy for a position for the skier to start from.

Skiers' starting instructions to be as were decided in Florida.

C1509 This will be according to the text proposed by CR. (Note 1)

In C1510 and 1610 the scorer shall score each crossing or trick, element by element. All agreed. The details as were discussed for record viewing.

DM was against submitting trick routines. The judge can be adversely influenced, or even misuse it. It was agreed to delete it. The skier did not have to stick to it, and in these Championships many had been forced by falls and conditions to make substantial changes.

BC saw great variation in the method of doing tumble turns, and asked what was the purpose of requiring the skier to roll over on his shoulder. He made a proposal, seconded by SM, to delete the over the shoulder requirement in tumbleturns. Agreed

Toe turns. GD was concerned the toe turn is in danger of disappearing. The bounce up requirement was too severe. He proposed the skier just must complete the turn on his feet before touchdown. From then on no further restriction. The time loss in sitting too long is sufficient penalty. This was agreed.

The claimed record of Rick Powell of 5850 in these championships had been recalculated and an error of 400 points in the points allocation discovered. This brought it down to 5450, which is no record.

The new rule book print (discussed before under Item 8.4.11.) is needed in Group III at the nationals in the beginning of February.

This was well realizable. It meant that members must be prompt in responding to the draft version which will be sent out quickly.

The record approval procedure in the rules does not work. FK said the Waterski system is very simple. CR thought any one of us can see and approve the simple case.

Only if there was doubt was it necessary to go to 3 judge adjudicators, and only if then there is still no approval does it go to the whole Council. Sending all the documents and video to all is very expensive. GD would like to study the FK record approval proposal, and if he agrees, it goes into the rule book.

BP wanted a standard turnaround time for all events. Experience showed it could not be done in less than 60 seconds and this should be the minimum standard time. Turnaround time begins when the boat arrives in the start area. The skier is told 30 seconds then 10 seconds before time to go. The object is to make it the same for all skiers. It may be more, at the discretion of the Organizers. BP said this would stop professional stallers.

DM proposed an amendment that it be not 60 seconds but a standard turnaround time. The exact time to be agreed between the CJ and the Organizers. This was agreed.

GD wanted the boat run through the course at the start and after a delay. Agreed.

Policy

BP wanted the Obligations to include an invitation for 3 officials per team, to cover captain, coach, trainer, medical attendant etc. Agreed.

CR proposed no jump practice be included in the 8 minutes in the rules, as it was a lot of trouble and necessitated rescue services at odd times.

DM proposed that jump familiarization be available if required. SM seconded this and it was agreed.

Chm announced the agenda was concluded. He expressed much thanks for the cooperative spirit of today. He asked members to excuse the pressure he applied to get through the agenda and declared we did a great job today. He closed the meeting at 2100. The meeting expressed appreciation for his chairmanship.

The slalom record video was then viewed. On the first pass, which the judges scored 6 1/4 forward, the Council was unanimous in finding that the hooter went before the skier crossed the wave. This made the count 6 which is not a record. A stopwatch check on the hooter disclosed no significant discrepancy, so the record had to be disallowed.

Note 1. C1509 Agreed text.

"In performing slalom crossings it is the contestant's responsibility to show the judges that he/she has fully crossed the wake, and whether it be entirely on one foot or not. A skier attempting a one foot crossing and failing to complete the full crossing solely on one foot will, if he does complete it, be allotted points as for a 2 foot crossing. To qualify for a one foot crossing, the lifted foot must be completely clear of the water before either foot reaches the wake and remain visibly clear of the water until the other foot is outside the wake, without ever touching the water surface within the bounds of the wake (see Table 4)".