

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL  
SESSION ONE MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER 1990 AT THE HOLIDAY INN, JACKSONVILLE

PRESENT

Franzs Kirsch	Chairman - Group II
Don Mixon	Group I
Karyn Cromwell	Group I
Stew McDonald	Group I
Charles Ramsey	Group II
Selwyn Nieman	Group II
Brian Price	Group III
Brian Carroll	Group III
Graeme Dwyer	Group III
Chuck Alleger	Group I Substitute
Gillian Hill	Group II Substitute
Clive Stephen	Group III Substitute

1. Kirsch welcomed all to the first session of meetings and looked forward to useful and constructive meetings. The time of this meeting had been brought forward to allow a meeting with the Chief Judge prior to his meetings with Team Captains and officials.

All present were asked to re-submit their names, addresses and contact numbers so the new list can be compiled after the meeting. Welcome to the two new substitutes from Groups I and III.

The main business of this meeting was to address problems pertinent to the Championships about to commence. The agenda would therefore be dealt with out of order.

5. MATTERS CONCERNING THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A number of items had been identified in letters which had been circulated to the Council members. The council agreed to deal with these in no particular order.

Mr. Price - one main concern related to scoring tricks - the procedures can vary in different countries. A decision had to be made for this Championship. Mr. Dwyer believed that procedures for deciding if a trick, crossing or jump is paid should be the same in all three events. All believed that we previously agreed that if two judges do not pay a trick for any reason then we do not pay it. We should not change this decision now. Some felt the same should apply to crossings, one late up, one early down equals two judges not paying therefore no crossing. Mr. Mixon said that we are looking for clean tricks and crossings and he would like to see clean skiers paid for their work.

Agreed that from the commencement of a trick, the highest scoring continuous sequence that any two judges record shall be scored.

Mr. Dwyer sees a problem for the future if we don't come up with something more positive in how to handle this problem. This is something we must address at our future meetings. Mr. Neiman said the decision we have just taken will solve the problem for the time being and we should not continue discussing it.

Lots of unhappiness about the late up early down slalom problem - the majority prefer the wording perfect and imperfect crossings.

Agreed that for slalom a simple majority means that two judges have to give it as a perfect crossing.

The use of submitted trick lists is not happening - and some feel it was taken out at the last meeting. Agreed that skiers would submit trick lists for this Championship.

Mr. Neiman asked for clarification on the toe turn back to front - there still seems to be a problem. This particularly relates to the foot leaving the water - DM pays it providing the foot clearly comes round to 180 degrees and is on the water prior to any sit back, then there is no problem. This was generally agreed. No part of body can touch the water during the turn - agreed. Mr. Dwyer said any skier heading in the direction of falling round on the turn does not get paid - agreed. A foot on the water does not necessarily mean that the skiers weight is supported by it.

Major elements of toe turn trick

Foot Round 180 degrees

No part of body to touch water during turn

Weight supported by foot at conclusion of turn

No falling round

Touchdown after completion of turn down does not disallow the trick.

Mr. Neiman wished to confirm that a 180 degree turn disallowed for not being 180 degrees means the second 180 of the pair also does not get paid as the starting point was not from 180 degrees.

Mr. Ramsey believed that judges must be able to see if a one foot is lifted through spray - the judge should see the lifted foot, not have to guess it is there. The skier is there to show the judges what he has done the judges should not have to look for it. BP said it must be realised that the odd spray can come up and obscure the foot momentarily. Felt the rule book covered this problem.

Chief and Assistant Chief Judge arrived.

Quick release device - Mr. Price felt the requirement for a quick release was removed from the rule book in Melbourne - Mr. Kirsch said it was put back in during the West Palm Beach meetings. There is still no wording about an operator for the release - and so far no one is authorised to use it. Agreed that for this Championship they will be in the boat. The skier does not have to be hooked to the release and can nominate if they wish to. If the skier asks for it to be used he must accept that it will be used only in an emergency and he has no come back on the operating judge.

C11.02 - Mr. McDonald wished to use a shock tube on the rope - agreed.

The boat speedos are in mph - not according to rules. Agreed skiers can instruct in either kph or mph. A standard conversion chart must be supplied prior to practice the following day that all team captains can take advantage of.

Agreed tolerance should be half a mph, rather than 1 kph.

Mr. Dwyer said the Chief Judge will need our opinion on judging surface turns - some cannot judge between differential in speed of turn and a pause. Agreed a change in rotational speed does not constitute a pause or hesitation.

The following points were raised by the Chief Judge - coming into course loaded - say neck - means the skier loses the basic, but any one foot can count after. Mr. Mixon clarified whatever trick they are doing at the time is no credit. Any trick done after is available for credit, i.e. the one foot and one foot reverse. If the skier comes in rope on toe, they do not get the rope on toe, but can get a toe back. If the skier subsequently falls on the turn there is no reversion to the basic rope on toe.

Judging bumming for jump - all done from the boat. Video if no majority, but the judges must decide.

The Chief Judge requested to use a timer in the boat for jump - in addition to the 3 judges. This was agreed.

It was agreed that during the tournament the Chief Judge would speak with the Chairman of the Council should be require a ruling. The Chairman would be responsible for calling together the council members.

The council members wished the Chief Judge good luck and a good competition.

Safety boats as identified in the rule book would not be used during this Championship - but there were adequate other arrangements.

Re-ride requests - Concern was expressed that the dominant personality in the boat takes charge of this and that perhaps not all judges put forward their point of view. The Council wished to ensure that every opportunity is given for each judge to express their point of view. The next skier should not be taken until a decision on the previous skier is reached. Suggested and agreed that each judge is asked to say at the end of each pass that everything was OK.

Skiers indemnity - all skiers have been asked to sign an indemnity which is was understood contained certain items not normally found in the release form. No copy of this form being available for scrutiny, the matter would be investigated the following day.

Individual members - The USA had written concerning two individuals who they would like to enter the Championships, but who were not on the standings list for one reason or other. William Farrell scored 5210 in New Zealand and for some reason this did not get in the World Standings List. This would have placed him in the top eight, displacing Brian Fuchs. Mr. McDonald proposed that Farrell be allowed to ski in tricks on this basis. The Council understood that this was a genuine mistake and agreed unanimously that Farrell be allowed to ski in the trick event.

The second request was for Casey someone, who had turned out to be one of the best jumpers in the USA during this season. He did not have a placing in the previous year standings list. Mr. McDonald moved he be allowed to ski. Ms. Hill said we would be completely breaking our own rules if we allow him to ski when he is not in the top eight of the standings list. Suggested he be used as forerunner for both prelims and finals. This will stop us breaking the rules. Vote - in favour of him competing - one only. Against 8. He is the forerunner.

The seedings for this Championships are used from current performances and are nothing to do with the standings list.

The Council agreed that the next meeting would be held on the Wednesday evening at 7 pm.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL  
SESSION TWO WEDNESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 1990 AT THE HOLIDAY INN  
JACKSONVILLE

<u>PRESENT</u>	Franzs Kirsch	Chairman Group II
	Don Mixon	Group I
	Stew McDonald	Group I
	Gillian Hill	Group II
	Selwyn Nieman	Group II
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Mr. Kirsch announced the Group II voting members had changed from the last meeting.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the first session were handed out at the meeting. The members had time to study them, prior to approval at our next session.

The Minutes of the meetings in West Palm Beach in 1989 had been circulated to all members. There was discussion on whether or not any trick values were changed during those meetings, however, subsequently there were some changes made in the rule book and a general agreement had been reached that the points as published stand for this Championships. The Chairman would arrange for copies of letters accepting the draft rule book to be available to the Council.

Mr. Price believed Rule 4.05 was amended to indicate the final 8 skiing team members did not have to be submitted until 48 hours prior to start of competition. This change is not included in the new rules quite as was agreed. Four weeks prior to Championships the 10 skiers should be named. 48 hours prior the actual skiers would be named.

The Minutes of the meetings held in West Palm Beach were approved on the understanding that these two points above will be re-discussed at a later session in this round of meetings.

Mr. Mixon moved that we use the points values as printed in the new Rule Book for this Championships. Voting: 7 in favour - 2 against. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE IWSF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Chairman had attended the World Executive Board meetings held in July. It was noted the Chairmen of Racing and Barefoot Councils were invited there as non voting members of the Board. The meeting lasted two days and was very worthwhile.

The Executive Board met the President of the IOC in Lausanne to discuss the participation of water skiing into the Olympics. There was hope for the sport to be included, but it would need less participants from other sports and the total loss of other sports. Mr. Samaranche was particularly interested in the development of cable water skiing.

The EB discussed the various upcoming World events - the change of venue in USA was noted and the arrangements were going ahead for 92 in England. The Worlds in 1994 would be in Group III, although discussions are under way as to whether this would be New Zealand or Australia. Mr. Dwyer said that Group III would back a bid from New Zealand.

IWSF is trying to get calendar dates and venues fixed 6 years in advance which would be most beneficial to all. The sanction fees in the obligations are a minimum figure - they are negotiable upwards only. An increased offer of finance to the IWSF could influence the decision on which bid to accept in the event of there being more than one bid. Mr. Price was concerned that money could buy a World Championships - he would prefer to see the event awarded on merit.

Mr. McDonald said he believed the IWSF sanction fee system was wrong - the sanction fees should be lower and the IWSF find another source of income. This was a matter for discussion at the World Congress - via the IWSF Executive Board and should be pursued through the Federations.

The Council wished to know if ever the Acapulco worlds finance had been resolved. Mr. Kirsch said this was never recovered.

Mr. Price believed the Council should be putting forward their ideas on bids and sanction fees to the IWSF and foresaw that the divisions would eventually run their own sections. Mr. Kirsch advised that the IWSF were putting forward a complete new Constitution and once this was approved by Congress it would take years to change. If any groups had comments to make they should deal with this through their own Federations.

The Executive Board discussed the flow of letters from the WBC members to one another and were concerned at some of the contents. Mr. Kirsch was able to assure them that the Palm Beach Minutes were accepted and that a new rule book had been printed.

The Chairman reminded the Council that copies of all his correspondence had to be sent to the IWSF President so he is well aware of what takes place within this Council. Mr. McDonald still resented the Executive Board dictating to this council - he believed the Chairman too often ran to the Executive Board when he had problems within the Council. Mr. Kirsch denied this.

The Minutes of the Executive Board will be published in due course and circulated to the Federations. Mr. Kirsch would try to ensure that each Council member would receive copies of same.

Mr. Kirsch believed that Barefooting had made big strides forward in the IWSF and the future looked brighter with the Council Chairman taking their rightful voting place on the EB.

#### RULES REVISION

The Chairman suggested we try to follow a procedure. Mr. Ramsey had summarised the various proposals and Mr. Kirsch would like to put over some of the work to smaller groups, who if they agree a proposal, will bring it back to us for formalised voting. This principle was agreed.

Chairman asked Council to ensure that all changes were necessary and not just for the sake of change. That a notice period of changes be given. Make as few changes as possible. It seemed the skiers wanted very few changes if possible. The printing of a new rule book was always a problem and the costs of it were expensive.

It was noted that the majority of the proposals for discussion were of an administrative nature and may not affect the skiers too much.

Mr. Mixon would like to consider widening the jump course as well as lengthening the stand up buoy. This item would be added to the agenda.

The committee then considered the summary prepared by Mr. Ramsey..

Mr. Neiman wished to remind members that the Group II delegates come here to represent 14 barefooting nations. He believed that the proposals emanating from the three groups had not been published in sufficient time for consultation with the countries to take place. This feeling was also echoed by others present.

*Policy*  
It was agreed that in future the Chairman would call for all agenda items and proposals to be submitted to him at least 90 days prior to the date set for the World Council meeting. The Chairman would, as quickly as possible, and not less than 60 days prior to the meeting date, circulate the agenda and proposals to all Council members. This would allow sufficient time for the Group delegates to consult their fellows prior to the meeting taking place. The Council members could then truly reflect the views of the skiers in their groups.

The Council agreed that the working group for the various rules proposals would consist of Messrs. Mixon, Dwyer and Neiman. They would report back to the next meeting and where possible the Council would try to vote en bloc for those items agreed unanimously by the three members. Items they could not agree on would be discussed in full by the Council.

Miss Cromwell asked that we identify which items we will cover at the next meeting - Rules are our main priority at the next session, followed by Additional rules and Records.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to add the following items to the list for discussion:-

- accreditation of Judges
- judges nomination forms
- service awards.
- Boat approval
- Procedure for adoption of a World trick or slalom record
- Technical obligations for World Championships
- Recommendations for changes to the Administrative Obligations

The IWSF call for drug testing at all World Championships, but it seems that it will not happen here. It was believed that it would be part of the organisers responsibility but they have asked the IWSF for financial assistance and no reply had been forthcoming. Mr. Price said he would like to think that the IWSF would put part of the sanction fee back into supporting a drug testing programme.

The Council expressed their dismay that despite having been assured that each skier of the top three teams would receive an IWSF medal, these had failed to arrive. Once again there was only one team medal for each of the top three teams. The Chairman assured the Council that the IWSF Executive Board had agreed that 8 medals should be presented and he would make it his personal commitment to ensure that these would be sent to the teams.

It was agreed that the next meeting session would be held on Friday evening at 7 pm. The meeting adjourned

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL  
SESSION THREE FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER 1990 AT THE HOLIDAY INN  
JACKSONVILLE

<u>PRESENT</u>	Franz Kirsch	Chairman Group II
	Don Mixon	Group I
	Karyn Cromwell	Group I
	Gillian Hill	Group II
	Selwyn Neiman	Group II
	Brian Price	Group III
	Brian Carroll	Group III
	Chuck Alleger	Group I Substitute
	Charles Ramsey	Group II Substitute
	Clive Stephen	Group III Substitute
<u>LATE</u>		
25 mins	Stew McDonald	Group I
15 mins	Graeme Dwyer	Group III

MINUTES

The Chairman wished to have the minutes of the first session adopted. There were no comments from those present - moved BP, 2ndd SN - approved unanimously.

The Minutes of the second session had been circulated that day and would be subject to approval on Monday.

The Chairman had received a fax from Andres Botero, President of Group I, giving his apologies for being unable to attend the Championships. The letter also wished us a good competition and meetings.

The homologation dossier has been circulated - and also tabled for further consideration was the Group II Homologation guidelines leaflet. This council had given the Chairman the authority to make changes to the dossier and he had done so. He hoped they council would consider that this new document is good for the sport.

Mr. Price felt the homologation guidelines were probably very good, but he would have preferred to see a draft before it was in final format. It would be good for us all to use the same document. Minor amendments would be easy to make.

6. RULE REVISIONS

The working group had met during the past two days and had come back with a number of firm recommendations. The Council agreed that each rule amendment would be discussed separately and voted upon.

4.01 Number of skiers in team - No need to alter for time being but re-discuss in two years. Agreed by Council.

4.05 Delete para 2 "as well as the names of the official reserves" Agreed by Council.

5.02 / 3 No change in deduction of 6 metres for jump. Agreed by Council.

7.02 Delete requirement for video for bumming in jump. Agreed by Council.

8.08 Need for safety boats in slalom and tricks. Working group believed safety boats were not required and safety should be handled by the tow boat. For jumping it was clear in the rule book what was needed. Maybe a rule should be there to cover the use of safety boats, but the group felt the requirement for safety boats should come out. They would like to see a safety crew only. Agreed by Council. Remove reference to boats.

Delete 8.08 and re-word 8.09.

9.04 Agreed there should be a rule to ensure that all judges in the boat should declare any problems they saw with the run and give a go-ahead for the next pass. Felt this should go into additional rules. Every pass. GH work out words for ADD rules and words for rule book for all to consider.

11.01c Quick release not necessary. Additional rules could recommend that Feds with lesser qualified skiers may wish to use one. Agreed by Council.

11.01f Speedo in back of boat - agreed driver should have 2 speedos and judges one speedo in back. This should be mandatory. 2 front speedos should be on different pickups - back can share with a front one. Agreed by Council.

11.02 Shock tube for line - yes. Council discussed if this was an item for the Rule Book or rather a recommendation. A vote was taken and 7 were in favour of it being mandatory and included in the rule book. Agreed by Council.

The Council had a brief discussion on the implementation of Additional Rules and it was agreed that another name should be found, perhaps, Judging handbook, but for the time being the words Additional Rules would be used for the purposes of these Minutes.

11.02 Rope specifications - tensile strength, strand count and material - working group felt this and the next proposal for kevlar, etc should be thoroughly researched prior to next meeting to ensure that rules allowed for new technology. Mr. Allegre volunteered to prepare a report for the next meeting. Agreed by Council.

11.02 Choice of 12 or 15" handles - the Council believed that only 15 would be used at top level, but the 12 is there for younger skiers. The choice should be given. Voting - 8 in favour, 1 against. Agreed by Council.

Size of v will be 30cm for 12 inch - therefore jump handle can be used. Agreed by Council.

11.02 Handle required to float - can be by attachment of float. Agreed by Council.

13.01 Increase minimum run up for slalom and tricks from 150 metres. The working group recommended this, but concern was expressed that

this would limit number of sites which could be used. A compromise of 180 metres minimum run in was suggested. This was agreed by Council.

- 14.02 Move jump end of course buoy to 60 metres and move the stand up buoy to 40 metres to keep the same course length of 100 metres. Agreed by Council.
- 14.02 Make jump course wider by 1 metre. From 4m to 5m. Keep inside buoy where it is. This is to allow a better timing. BC moved to move to 5 metres. 7 in favour - 2 abstentions. Agreed by Council.
- 14.05 Give on speed signal in jump if skier asks for it. Agreed.
- 14.05 Raise max jump speed to 70 kph - GD moved max speed be raised to 70 - 2ndd SmcD - 6 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention.

The rule book was unclear in its wording regarding the meetings of the Council. It referred to a biennial rules revision meeting, but did not state when this would be.

SmcD proposed that the meeting held during the World Barefoot Championships be considered the biennial rules revision meeting - and that in future that is what is intended by 1.06. Agreed unanimously. GH to reword Rule.

- 14.08 The written proposal was to move 2 judges out of boat in jumping and onto the bank. Working group recommended that we move 2 out of boat, put three on bank in line behind one another at 60 m buoy. One boat judge, no judges at ramp. Boat judge will watch for bsp, course and time. Separate timer needed. Discussion took place.

Talk about not timing in jumping - if we have a top speed we must time it. Perhaps we can use electronic timing in the future.

GH proposed we put a timer in the boat, 2nd by SN - vote 7 in favour - 2 against. Agreed by Council.

Judge in boat responsible for path. bsp before the ramp and skiers instructions. Agreed by Council.

Three judges standing one behind another in line with the 60 m buoy on bank judge stand up and bumming. The Homologator will be responsible for marking the spot at 90 degrees to the 60m buoy at which they will stand. Agreed by Council. Mr. Price wished his objection to this proposal to be noted.

- 15.03 Two forward slalom passes - working group felt no change is necessary. A compromise could be to allow two forward passes and score the highest for those skiers who cannot go backwards. Discussion.

Mr. Carroll proposed that no changes to the rule as existing be made. This was agreed unanimously by the Council.

- 15.09 Miss Cromwell believed this rule was unclear and suggested the words "either by a fall or a touch down" be added in brackets in para

3 - the council believe the rule is quite clear, but clarification could be included in additional rules.

15.10 Factorise higher numbers of crossing - Mr. Price withdrew this proposal. The Council believed they would be willing to look at some evidence if Mr. Price would provide it in the future.

15.10 Double slalom points and delete straddle - no change proposed by group.

GD moved points stay as is, 2ndd by DM - 8 in favour, 1 abstention. Agreed by Council.

15.10 Judging for Slalom - Element by element or whole crossings to score.

GD proposed slalom crossings be judged element by element - so at each scoring phase you are looking for a majority. 2ndd SmcD. 3 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstention. Defeated.

Any imperfection in a one foot crossing means that crossing reverts to a 2 foot score from that judge. Each crossing would be judged as a whole - good or bad.

16.03 Delete trick list - the working group suggested not. Keep it and hand to CJ, Commentator and Scorers. Judges can have it if they want.

SN proposed that we leave the rule as is - but let the skiers know that we may consider making following the list mandatory in the future. BP wishes it minuted that a skier will not be disqualified for not submitting a trick list. Agreed by Council.

16.10 Majority decision on trick scoring - clarification. It was proposed that for "compound or turn tricks" from the commencement of a trick, the highest scoring continuous sequence that any two judges record shall be scored. For simple tricks a majority no credit trick for whatever reason does not score. Voting 8 in favour - 1 abstention. Agreed by Council.

16.12f Limit number of surface turns in a pass. Suggest we leave until this championship is over and look at the sheets. Discuss on Monday. SN proposed we leave it for one year and re-discuss. SmcD said we could try to have a discussion on Monday under AOB, but no decision will be made. Agreed.

Table 1 - Feet to feet toe front - recommend new trick B-F toe 180 feet to feet worth 700 points. Only one type of B-F eligible for scoring - so put under same trick number.

Voting on inclusion of new trick - in favour 8 to 1 (BP). Now the points - several suggestions proposed GD 750, 2ndd DM - voting 7 in favour, 2 abstentions. Agreed new toe B-F 180 turn feet to feet be included scoring 750 points.

Agreed existing toe turn points remain the same.

Table 1 - new tricks 2 ft side slide and 1 foot step - Miss Cromwell has a video to show the Council and asks for them to see it. Two foot side slide - inclusion or not - vote 5 against inclusion. No new trick.

2nd proposal is for a one foot step 180 - inclusion or not - 2ndd by DM - voting 8 against inclusion of new trick.

Tables 1 & 2 - revision of points values. Working group recommend that whole council discuss it. By and large the working group felt the points should not change. Discussion - GD has said it all in his paper - and CR subsequently put forward some other changes. GD would like to see trick points allocated by a formula which we could apply to new tricks as they occur.

Agreed GD and CR study this over the next two days and we will re-discuss on Monday. SN would like to see their proposed formula applied to this weekend results to see what it would do. This formula applied only to surface turns and a revision would also need to be made on other tricks.

4.03 Slalom ratings need to be updated to current scoring system. BP moved scores be 3 and 2 and one half, 2ndd DM - 6 in favour.

Suggestion to remove neck and teeth tricks due to danger of injury. BP moved they be retained - unanimous.

Trick descriptions needed for one foot side slide and surface hop.

Rule 14.08 - put in additional rules the fact that a slow boat speed can cause an optional re-ride.

CR's clarifications for NZ can be included in the additional rules. BP moved they be included. Agreed - except that the point about the foot coming out of water will need to be changed according to the decision at our first meeting.

#### RECORDS

The Council agreed it was too late at night to approve records - suggested we defer until Saturday evening. BP moved that we have a record accreditation committee of three members - one from each group, on the council and first class judges. BP from Group III, SN from Group II, Don Mixon from Group I. FK will be the timer. Agreed by Council.

#### AOB ITEMS

- Promotion of new Federations
- Growth in Groups I & III
- More International competitions
- World Judges seminar

Next meeting Monday morning at 0900 hours.