

WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES



Zoom Meeting of the WBC

On 24/25 June 2023

6:00 AM AEST, 3:00 PM CDT, 9:00 PM BST

Items and Actions

1. ATTENDEES

Geoff Blaauw (GB)
Brian Price (BP)
Claire Mowday (CM)
Richard Gray (REG)
Andy Harris (AH)
Ludo Vrancx (LV)
Rob Groen (RG)
Svenja Hempelmann (SH)
Gustavo Serrano (GS)
Mark Shank (MS)
John Cornish (JC)
Paul Turner (PT)
Betsy Gilman (BG)
Mike Molepske (MM)

APOLOGIES

Ben Groen

1. IWWF Open, Junior & U23 Championships Update

The WBC Review Committee has forwarded topics to the Rules Committee for consideration.

2. Junior Development

A meeting of the committee is scheduled for July

3. History (JC)

All updates are currently posted. Some additional updates are being worked on.

Please make any comments and suggestions regarding the "Firsts" article that was attached to the History Report

4. Records 2023 Worlds (GB)

All the records have been reviewed and ready for presentation. Geoff and the Council Representatives will decide where and when to present them.

Special thanks and congratulations to the Record Review committee members that accomplished this task.

5. Officials Committee and Education Update (MM)

The official's retention has been very positive overall. EU is having issues with Federation/Country support which is negatively impacting the officials. There is still a question regarding the online quizzes and results which is being looked into.

6. 2024 Open, Junior & U23 Worlds Update (GS)

There has been positive movement and currently on a 2 week deadline but talks continue. The site may be the Chapala with the need of 2 jumps and 2-3 boats.

7. 2025 Masters Update

(BG) ABC Southern Region and Polk County Florida are planning to submit a bid, tentative date September 2025 at the Lake Myrtle site in Auburndale, Florida. Other bids are welcome.

8. Rules Committee Update (MS)

Current rules are posted. Currently working on the 2024 edition. The 2023 Worlds Review Report has been forwarded to the Rules Committee for consideration.

9. Athletes Rep (WL)

See the written report

10. Awards Committee Update (CM)

IHOF, AOTY, OSA nominations can be received anytime. The IHOF nominations are due by August 31, 2023. Notifications have been sent out

11. Federation Development

(PT) Things are starting to pick up but The Federation requires approved water sites and it is hard to get water time.
(GS) Not a good year in Mexico as they had an algae problem etc. Looking forward to the coming year.

12. System and Technology (RG)

Nothing to report. Still need to put together the technology lists etc.

A discussion was held regarding judging and scoring on tablets. Some score sheets are needed to experiment with.

13.Website (REG)

Things are all in order.

Thanks again to Mike Holt Enterprises for their service for the website maintenance.

14.Administration (BP)

PPG Final documents will be ready for the fall meeting.

15.Confederation Updates

Europe (LV) A successful official's seminar and skier's clinic was held. 7 competitions planned.

European Championships will be held August 2-5 in Austria

Oceania (BP) Tentatively planning an OA Championship for February 2025

Pan Am (BG) A bid is coming for the Masters in 2025.

16.General Business

Send any events dates etc for posting on the website to RG.

MEETING ADJORNED

7:00 AM AEST, 4:00 PM CDT, 10:00 PM BST