

# International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation World Barefoot Council

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## Minutes

### **World Barefoot Council** teleconference 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Present: Geoff Blaauw, Claire Mowday, Brian Price, Rob Groen, Richard Gray, Betsy Gilman, Dale Stevens, Ben Groen, Oscar Mann, Paul Turner, Garth Strydom.

#### **2016 World Championships – Geoff Blaauw**

- Spoke to LOC just before Christmas. 1st Bulletin has been released. They seem to be working very well.
- All is under control and making good progress.
- Anticipating that nominated Officials are undertaking training with a view to their roles in the championship.
- GB needs to speak to Brian Heeney regarding the scoring program Re: First Round of Worlds.

#### **Officials Clinics**

- Geoff asked if there is a program of planned Officials' clinics being run by each of the federations.
- Dale - there was one held at nationals last year.
- Betsy - there are 2 more planned this winter.  
Teleconferences coming up organised by Mike Molepske – February Judges, March Scorers.
- Claire - New Zealand will be discussed in 2 weeks.
- Garth – South Africa will be starting at the end of January with assistance from Rob Groen.
- Brian - Australia - Introductory Clinics are being held. Will be getting an Officials clinic up and running with Peter Franks.
- Richard - Canada - Clinics being held each season.  
Richard advised all to go to the WBC Website and register Officials so they can be assigned certification levels, update details and create bios with

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photos. Become familiar with the link to Officials programs and resources and asked if feedback could be given on Clinics to Geoff Blaauw and Oscar Mann.

- Oscar – Asked for Clinic Syllabus to be adhered to – Do not add your own material unless discussed with GB & OM.
- Richard - Advised that he and Geoff will contact Officials Representatives in each confederation to keep them updated on Officials Clinics - They will put together a conference call as can be scheduled.

## **2018 Submissions for World Championships**

- Geoff/Richard – Only one bid for the 2018 World Championships was received on time.
  - The one bid received was from Canada.
  - Australia was expected to submit a bid - No bid was received and no request for an extension of time was received prior to the due date.
  - On the 3rd of January GB contacted the Australian President Peter Franks to find out what had occurred.
  - On the 4th of January the Western Australian President Justin Anderson forwarded a request for an extension of time.
  - Considering the importance of the event, the clarity of the deadline and the work and calibre of the Canadian bid it was considered inappropriate to provide an extension of time to the Bid date.
- Brian - Queried whether Canada's bid was compliant as it was not accompanied by a bid letter stating they would comply with the PPG and the IWWF LOA.
- On review all happy with the Canada bid although the compliance letter is required. Richard will request letter from Canada asking them to comply with PPG & LOA items. Note: Letter received 11th January 2016 from Canada.

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## Review of 2015 - Richard

- Difficult and trying year with disruption of world championships.  
Stronger because of it. Moving forward in a positive manner.
- Resulted in closer communication with athletes. Thanks to Ben Groen as the athlete representative working together with the rules committee.

## WBC Dates

- WORLDS
  - WBC Meetings Worlds
    - 11/8/16 – Evening 7pm-9:30pm
    - 12/8/16 – All Day 8am-4pm – Evening Officials Welcome Dinner
    - 13/8/16 – Would be Officials Clinics 8am-3pm
    - 21/8/16 – 9:30am-4pm
- Richard - Requested at least one more teleconference - March/April or every 3 months. Geoff Blaauw has agreed to become Chairman of World Council at the next meeting. Any discussion please contact Richard in the next week.
- Brian – Asked if Dale was interested in becoming chair – Dale advised No.
- Rob – Asked who would be Secretary?
- Richard – GB to recruit a Secretary, Richard will remain on the Council at least for the next year.

## By-Laws

- Richard – By-Laws may be changed.
  - IWWF has made changes to their by-laws. They now State that no federation may have more than 2 members sitting on their Council. Our By-laws may be integrated into our PPG.
  - By-Laws = Procedures

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- Definition of Athlete Representative: An open or elite athlete that has competed in at least the last 3 championships.
- Further changes to be made is for the athlete representative to have a full voting seat on each divisional council.
- This person is elected by their peers at the World Championships. Ben's position is the Barefoot Representative from the athletes IWWF Commission. The term is for 2 years.
- Oscar – Asked/Suggested there be a "job description" for the AC Rep and added to the PPG. Richard to review this with Jim Grew & Gill Hill Miller (IWWF) to draft something up. Oscar to assist.

## Scoring

- Richard - ABC Scoring is not being used by some (none of EA uses it) and have requested to use their own scoring & submit their own rankings list to be merged.

Proposed submitting to Brian Heeney that other scoring programs may be used to create a World Rankings List (WRL) Richard to talk with Paul & Andy to discuss EA Options.

- Oscar - Would like to see the reference to the WSP removed from the rule book.
- Brian - Suggested we require some type of approved scoring program to be referenced as approved.

Work needs to be done on the WSP. Please consider and report back.

## 2015 World Standings

- Richard - Europe and AO standings have been completed and will be ready next week sometime.

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## **IBA Report**

- Rob – Meeting every 2-4 weeks. Finishing off website and skier's profiles.  
Working hard on 2017 events and beyond on off years of World Championships.  
3 day x games and cable format. Work in progress. Funds will go towards the development of the sport.
- Oscar - Requested closer working ties with IBA & WBC.  
Rob is the Chair of the WBC Systems & Technology committee - This is a good way for the IBA & WBC to work together.  
Suggested that Rob merge the IBA Technical Committee with the WBC S&T Committee and work as one. Rob Agreed.

## **General**

- Richard - Welcome Garth Strydom from South Africa to WBC.  
WBC YouTube Channel link through the Website has several world records. Many thanks to Betsy for setting this up.  
Richard now has all previous on hand VHS World Records (PAL And NTSC) in digital format. Richard to work with Betsy to populate the WBC You Tube Channel with these.  
IWWF have signed a deal with Correct Craft for the next 10 years.  
Barefooting is not a part of that agreement.  
Boat Sponsor for the future worlds needed.
- Oscar – Requested that all members of the council read all clinic documents.

**Next meeting – March 2016**

**Meeting adjourned 9:30am.**