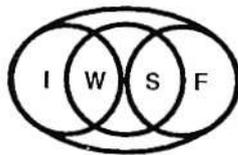


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MINUTES OF THE 17th MEETING OF THE WORLD BAREFOOT WATER SKI COUNCIL HELD IN PENRITH, AUSTRALIA ON MONDAY 20 and MONDAY 27 APRIL 1998

Present:-

REGION ASIA AUSTRALASIA (AA)

Graeme Dwyer (GD) - Chairman IWSF World Barefoot Council.
Brian Price (BP)
Clive Stephen (CS)

REGION EUROPE, AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST (EAME)

Charles Ramsey (CR)
Andy Harris (AH) - Secretary IWSF World Barefoot Council.
Steffi Herrmann (SH) - First session (20 April) only.
Birte Holter (BH) - Second session (27 April) only.

REGION PAN AMERICA (PANAM)

Don Mixon Snr. (DM) - Region PanAm Chairman.
Oscar "Foot" Mann (OM)
Richard Gray (REG)

Each Region confirmed their voting delegation as above.

Apologies for absence had been received from Romain Gilot, the chairman of Region EAME. Noted that SH would only be in attendance on Monday 20 April 1998. BH would replace her on Monday 27 April 1998.

In attendance:-

Dale Stevens (DS) - Region PanAm Alternate.
Brian Carroll (BC) - Region AA Chairman and WBC Alternate.
Geoff Davis - Chairman, Australian Barefoot Water Ski Club (for part of the meeting).
Peter Tait - Chairman, New Zealand Barefoot Water Ski Club (for part of the meeting).
Dawn Farrell - President, American Barefoot Club (for part of the meeting).

2. To approve the minutes of the 16th meeting held in Martigues, France.

Proposed OM. Seconded CS - Agreed unanimously.

3. To deal with any matters arising from the minutes.

a) In consultation, with the Chairman, BP had decided that the **officials assessment sheets from the 1996 World Championships** would no longer serve a useful purpose and he had therefore abandoned this project.

3. b) The **Patrick Wehner** situation had been resolved some months ago. The Council wished to thank Region EAME and the DWSV for their due consideration and attention in this matter.
- c) AH proposed that any **rule changes only become effective when the WBC publishes a new World Barefoot Technical Rule Book**. Seconded CR. Agreed that emergency rule changes or exceptions can go in the PPG until a re-print is issued. This item is to be listed under policies within the PPG. Agreed unanimously.
- d) Confirmed that the Chairman's consultative group was made up of GD, AH, DM and t.b.a. (Region AA)
- e) GD/AH to talk with President Botero concerning **WBC budget submission** to the IWSF.
- f) Thanks to Philippe Poyet for the first **WBC Judges training tape**. Regrettably, the picture quality is not too good and Philippe had advised AH that he was not happy with it but unfortunately there was nothing he could do, as in the case of the copies sent to the USA, the pictures had had to go through no less than 4 separate conversion processes. Nevertheless, it was agreed that this first tape was a good start.

4. **To deal with items postponed from the last meeting.**

a) **Frequency of meetings and use of InterNet.**

Using E mail as a discussion forum could save a lot of meeting time. Agreed that we should make more use of this in future.

It was agreed that we do not need to meet every 12 months and in future, meetings would normally be every 2 years during the open World Championships. An assessment would be made by the Chairman's consultative group prior to the Junior Worlds as to whether a meeting was needed in between the regular biennial meeting.

b) **Homologation Dossier from 1997 World Junior Championships.**

This has now been received, checked and is in good order. It will be sent to the archives.

c) **Notification of officials appointments.**

There is a lack of definitive information being sent to officials after they have been appointed to function at a World Championship. This item needs to be included in the supplemental obligations list for organisers of World titles that is being prepared by the PPG working group. In future, the letter of appointment from the WBC must include the dress code requirements at the competition site, opening and closing ceremonies.

d) **Analysis of the application and effects of C408(e).**

CR to draft and Email a clarification of how this rule works (and is working) and it's effect so that all members understand its implications.

e) **IWSF Hall of Fame.**

The Council should consider nominations for submission. We need the nomination criterion which AH will obtain from the IWSF and distribute on receipt, probably via Email.

f) **Rules for World Games.**

We need written guidelines as to how skiers are invited to participate in this event and how we nominate officials. The PPG would include a section covering these items and the rule amendments/exceptions that pertain to the World Games.

4. **g) Re-rides for starts.**

After much discussion, DM proposed that a re-ride in tricks be offered for the affected section of the pass only i.e. either the pass or the start. Seconded CS. Not agreed by majority - Against 6, For 3.

5. **To note items for A O B.**

6. **Current Championships.**

GD gave an overview of the run up to the championships from the Organisers perspective. Acknowledged that there had been problems with the distribution of the Bulletins and general information. Similar sentiments with the distribution of the entry forms. GD apologised for this on the behalf of the Organising Committee. On the positive side, there will be a giant TV screen on the bank for these titles with live pictures from the boat.

There were two urgent items that needed attending to which GD will deal with immediately:-

Transportation to and from the hotel and site.

Function schedules and ticket information needs be posted.

Agreed that the Council should help the WOC as much as possible to make sure that these championships are the success that they should and will be.

Peter Tait was invited to give an overview of his new computer software providing the results service at these World titles. The software is still in the development stage and as soon as trials are complete, copies of the program will be made available to all Federations free of charge.

Post 1998 World Championships Review/De-brief.

OM reported that he was disappointed that the overall judging standard was lower than expected. Some of the appointed officials were excellent but others were not up to the required level. Procedural errors as well as general judging errors were made. Only one protest received. WBC Officials Division to evaluate and deal accordingly. Change the requirement that there must be a judge from each Region on every boat panel. A proposal concerning this item will be tabled later.

There was a shortage of event support staff. No competition stationery was available at the beginning of the tournament. Safety was compromised with no ambulance on site during competition. Safety crews were not properly trained or experienced in recovery and immediate response. No Chief Judge's secretary was available. In short, there were too few doing too much, but the Council acknowledged the tremendous hard work and dedication from those who did run the tournament.

The live video was sensational; it was a real shame that the giant screen did not work for the Sunday finals, but for the 2 days that it was in operation, it added a whole new dimension, allowing the general public to see our Sport as it should be seen. There is no doubt that future Worlds organisers must endeavour to have this facility as a priority, although it was acknowledged that access to this kind of equipment is far easier to resource in some countries than in others.

Radio communications were poor and there was not a sufficient number of units available and only one single-station charging unit! Boats were great and functioned extremely well maintaining good speed throughout the week. Speedo heads were very reliable. The new Spectra competition tow-lines performed well and were not the problem that they may have been perceived to be, but there should have been an announcement about their intended use in the bulletin. Bulletin and entry form distribution was poor and there was far too much reliance on word of mouth, Email and the World Wide Web. In future, Bulletins MUST be sent by airmail.

AH will ensure that all future World title organisers are sent entry forms as per our rules and that organisers send bulletins and entry forms out in good time to all Barefoot Federations, appointed officials and WBC members.

On the water, the slalom/tricks course was not as per the WBC recommendation. There were several Computer Program problems that need working on. The results presentation was not as per the agreed WBC requirements or format. CR to liaise with Peter Tait on presentation of results.

There seemed to be little or no pre-event publicity, and very little coverage in the media. Here was a golden opportunity to promote our sport which was missed. **Note: The 4 May issue of the Sydney Morning Herald devoted the whole of its back page to the Worlds with excellent full colour action shots of several skiers. AH has a copy.**

The final night banquet was excellent. A very unique venue and superbly organised.

In conclusion, the organisers and their small band of workers are to be thanked for their tireless work which was much appreciated by everyone involved. There were however, many areas where they had failed to provide what is required. Much more thought and preparation needs to be considered in future.

7. Reports from the Regions.

a) PanAm Region.

A written report will be tabled later. Veterans Competition questionnaire sent to 250 skiers - 25% response all in favour. PanAm trying to seek activity in other countries. Interest in Argentina. The PanAm Council are expecting the USA to tender bids for the 1999 World Junior and 2000 World Championships (see item 11).

b) EAME Region.

Romain Gilot had faxed in his written report. CR gave a verbal précis on Romain's behalf. A copy of the report would be circulated to members during the week.

c) AA Region.

BP reported reading from a written report from his Region. Numbers of competitors decreasing at an alarming rate in NZL and AUS. BC working on bringing in new Federations to the Region. BC and GD will be working hard co-ordinating our requirements at the 2001 World Games and work has already begun! BC believes this will be a great opportunity to see Barefooting start up in the Asian countries and Japan in particular.

d) WBC Chairman's Report.

AH apologised to GD for omitting to put this item on the agenda and no, he wasn't trying to tell him something! GD tabled a written report which was circulated to all members. He acknowledged the feelings of the WBC concerning the run up to these World Championships and suggested that we must agree urgently, a set of supplementary obligations for future World Championships Organisers. In particular, this list must include our requirements for the sending of bulletins, entry forms and schedules. He and CR will work on this during the week. In addition, GD wants the PPG published urgently and certain key projects must be in draft form by the end of this week. He hoped that CR and the PPG working group could deliver.

8. Promotion and Development.

a) Feed-back from Regions concerning World Seniors Competition.

No feedback from EAME, some interest in AA, but a good and positive response in PanAm. CS proposed we introduce a World Senior (Veterans) Championship. Agreed unanimously. It was further agreed that the inaugural Senior Championships be held in conjunction with the 1999 World Junior Championships. Agreed unanimously.

AH advised that he doubted whether the IWSF would grant "championship" status to this event. In the same way as they have done with tournament, the World Barefoot Seniors Competition would be titled the "World Seniors [Trophy]." There was one possible advantage with a "trophy" - no sanction fee, but the organisers would be responsible for supplying the medals. GD to confirm all these details with the IWSF Executive Board.

AH proposed we use the junior rules for the senior competition and the IWSF age limits i.e. 35 and over for men and women. CS proposed an amendment to set the age limit at 40 years and over. On a vote, the amendment was rejected by majority of 1 for and 5 against with 2 abstentions. The original proposal for setting the Senior age limit at 35 and over was therefore agreed unanimously. The wording for the Senior age limit would be as follows:-

"Men and Women, 35 years of age, or over, at 31 December of the year preceding the Championships [Trophy]"

As we would be running the Junior Championships and Senior Championships [Trophy] side-by-side at the same competition, OM suggested that the Council consider the merits of a combined Junior/Senior team overall award. After discussion it emerged that there were several options that were worthy of consideration:-

- Separate team overall for each age division.
- One combined team overall (say best 2 Juniors and best 2 Seniors).
- Team overall for Juniors only.
- Options (i) and (ii).

Agreed that we canvass for thoughts and feelings during championship week and make a decision on Monday the 27th. It was subsequently agreed to run the Juniors and Seniors as per the first option above.

After further discussion, it was proposed by OM/DM and seconded by BP (Seniors) and CS (Juniors) that competitors taking part in the World Junior and Senior Championships [Senior Trophy] do not have to jump to place in the overall results. Agreed unanimously - (one member not present). Rules C1808 (b) and C504 would be amended accordingly.

b) Feed-back from Regions on use of the Extended Pylon.

OM reported that he had received some feedback supporting this equipment after circulating the idea in a newsletter back home. There was little feedback from the other 2 Regions. Discussion ensued concerning the height, safety considerations and use of scores from competitions. It was proposed that a maximum permitted height should be set and the Council agreed this at 2.25m. Further proposed that we allow scores for standings list but not for records and use must be noted in the CJ's report and on the Homologation Notice. This is now the trial period for using the extended pylon in the run up to the 2000 Worlds. CR to list the above as exceptions to our rules in the PPG. All agreed unanimously.

8. c) **E mail from CS - circulated.**
- i. **WBC Web Site.**
We need this set up ASAP. We must make sure that all items on our Web pages carry the endorsement of the WBC. Our site must be part of the IWSF site. CS to liaise with Robert Corson who is the IWSF WebMaster. All agreed unanimously.
 - ii. **One Combined World Barefoot Water Ski Championship.**
CS felt this had merit and would see the Open, Junior and possibly the Senior Worlds take place at the same time. This idea found no favour with the Council at this time. Proposed CS and seconded BP. 1 for 7 against. 1 abstention.
- d) **The role of the IWSF, the WBC, the Regions and the Federations.**
AH was concerned that information was not getting through to skiers and officials. In his Region (EAME), all Federations and Officials receive copies of all EAME/WBC Council meeting minutes. The line of communication should be that the WBC feeds through to the Regions and the Region Councils, who then feed through to the Federations. Only in extreme cases would the WBC go directly to Federations. So far as document distribution is concerned, AH is liaising with IWSF Secretary-General Graziano Tognala and IWSF President Andres Botero to see if it will be possible that items for general publication/distribution such as Standings and Rule Books etc. can be sent from the new IWSF Office in Italy. This would be a service to the Council and would greatly reduce the burden on each Region Council, but until AH can organise something with the IWSF office, Regions are expected to ensure that their respective Federations are adequately serviced with information etc. as is necessary. AH hoped that the "horror" stories he had been hearing about concerning the dissemination of information would not occur again and looked to the Region Chairmen/Secretaries to make sure that **Federations, Officials and Skiers** within their Regions were kept fully informed.
- e) **E Mail from Richard George.**
The Council were grateful to Richard for his time and his thoughts however, this needs to be dealt with in the PanAm Council who can if necessary, bring it to the WBC at a later date.
- f) **World Cup.**
AH put forward his thoughts on a possible World Cup for Barefoot. PanAm -v- EAME -v- AA. 8 skiers in each team, 4 Men and 4 Women. A cash prize tournament comprising an individual competition for men and women plus a Region Team overall competition. Each Region would field a team of its best 4 men and best 4 women for a maximum 2 day competition from start to finish. A slightly different format for the skiing was also planned. AH will circulate more precise details for the Council to consider by Email. This is something for the future and AH was confident that it would be an exciting development.
9. **PPG.**
- a) **Progress report from CR**
CR had been working hard on this project during championship week and we now have a detailed framework which CR will circulate. AH suggested we publish the Supplementary Obligations and then we can add the rest of the PPG sections as they are completed. PPG Working Group to prioritise the various items. CR would like feedback to all the items he circulates within one week of receipt. If no response is received this will be taken as an OK. The deadline for the publication of the Supp. Obligs. was set at the end of May 1998. All agreed unanimously.
 - b) **World Barefoot Standings and Top 12/20 Listings.**
 - i. **The possibility of a "rolling" or quarterly WBC standings list.**
AH described how he believed this could work for Barefoot. Other members added their thoughts as well. It is dependent on the federations sending their competition data and homologation dossiers to their Regions promptly. Once the scores are verified against

the homologation dossier etc. they can then be forwarded to the Standings Lists Custodian (currently CR) who would then incorporate them into the standings lists. Scores must be submitted in the required format (Excel 5 minimum). We could start this now using the 1997 standings and adding to them until 31 December 1998 when the definitive 1998 Standings would be complete. We would then discard the 97 scores and then build on the 98 listings with scores from tournaments held in 99 and so on. The Council found favour with the concept and it was agreed unanimously that the WBC could begin running the new rolling standings henceforth. CR will circulate the m.o as per what the Council have agreed.

9. **c) Items from PanAm.**

i. Wake to Wake tricks - Clarification of downgrade to wake.

The Council confirmed that so long as the skier satisfies the criteria for a wake trick, an attempted wake to wake trick can downgrade to a wake trick. We need to make this clearer in the next issue of the rule book. Confirmed that a wake trick cannot downgrade to a surface trick as per CI 609 (s). Agreed unanimously.

ii. Clarification of rules concerning failed feet-to-feet toe front.

OM and AH had re-worded the text in the trick descriptions which will appear in the PPG and the Council endorsed this as follows:-

"The next level of skill is called Failed Feet-to-Feet and refers to the case where the skier almost makes it feet to feet, but at the very end he is unable to maintain BSP long enough for the trick to be recognised as a feet-to-feet. At the very end means that he has completed the trick and is facing forward and holding BSP while waiting for the jury to recognise he has completed the trick. A "Failed Feet-to-Feet" should be indistinguishable from the "Feet-to-Feet" trick except the skier is just unable to maintain BSP after arriving at forwards BSP. This is the "hard luck" case and is very close to feet-to-feet but is sufficiently different to be worth less points."

iii. Proposal to reduce the point value of the neck and teeth tricks to 20-40-40 for each type.

Proposed REG. Seconded DM. Not agreed by majority of 1 for and 8 against.

d) Rules for the Judging of Video Jump.

The draft that had been prepared by CR/AH/BP and OM was accepted and approved by the Council and would be listed in the PPG at this time and then in the World Rule Book itself at the next re-print. Agreed unanimously.

10. **WBC Officials Division.**

a) WBC Judges Training Tape.

The Council thanked Philippe Poyet (FRA) for his work in preparing this for the WBC. This tape is to be used for demonstration and the coaching of judges. It is also the benchmark tester for Level One Judges.

We now need to put together another tape with typical and particular examples to be used specially for seminars. REG agreed to take this on working to guidelines to be laid down by the WBC Officials Division.

b) Worlds Officials Seminar - Feedback.

Concern that skiers who are used in video examples could be prejudiced if they are shown to have made an error - we need to be mindful of this in future. The pre-Worlds seminar was thought to have been a success at the time but it seemed that the lessons had not sunk in for some of the officials after looking at their sheets. This item is covered under item 6.

10. **c) Chief Judges Authority to use the best Judges on a Worlds panel.**
The Council agreed that for all future World titled events, once the eliminations had been completed, the CJ then has a good overview of how his panel of judges are performing and can then select the best judges, **regardless of their Region or nationality** to work the semi-final and final round boat panels.
11. **Calendar items.**
- a) 1999 World Junior Championships.**
Dawn Farrell was invited to attend the meeting. On behalf of the American Water Ski Association (AWSA) she was delighted to advise of their intention to bid for this event. Dates: August 25-29 1999. Venue: TerraMare Lakes, Houston, Texas, USA. The bid will include their willingness to host the inaugural World Senior Championships [*Trophy*] as well. Endorsed and supported by WBC. Proposed DM Seconded REG. Agreed unanimously.
- b) 2000 World Championships.**
On behalf of the American Water Ski Association (AWSA) Dawn Farrell was even more delighted to advise of their intention to bid for this event as well. Dates: August 22-27 2000 (to be confirmed). Dawn stated that at this time the AWSA and Fergus Falls WOC were intending to bid provided that they could enjoy the same contract terms as per the 1996 contract agreement. GD advised that IWSF have now set a ceiling of SWF50.00 entry fee. Contract negotiations would therefore be started concerning sanction fees and entry fees. This intention to bid was endorsed and supported by the Council. Proposed DM Seconded REG. Further proposed that GD assist in contract negotiations. Agreed unanimously.
- The Council were grateful to Dawn, the respective Worlds Organising Committees, the ABC and the AWSA for this news.
- c) 2001 World Junior Championships - possibly New Zealand.**
NZL are very interested but there are several contract items that require careful negotiation. Suggested that NZL direct mail all IWSF Barefoot Federations requesting a written commitment from that they would attend the event if NZL were to bid. In addition, a letter from the WBC Chairman would accompany the letter from NZL. NZL would want to run it with the Senior Championships [*Trophy*]. GD to meet with Peter Tait (NZL) for further discussions.
- d) 2001 World Games - Japan.**
AA Region will be overseeing the organisation for Barefoot. GD wants to make sure our requirements are fully satisfied. GD is planning a visit to Japan. He would also like to seek assistance from BC with this project.
- e) 2002 World Championships.**
Noted that it was high time the World Championships were held in Region EAME again, the last time being back in 1992 in London. AH said it was his dream to be able to host the Championships again but there are other EAME Federations who are more than capable. It was hoped that the stronger EAME Federations would seriously consider making a bid.
12. **Ratification of Records.**
- a) Nadine De Villiers (RSA) - Woman's Slalom 16.4 points. Semi-final round South African Championships, Pretoria, RSA - 5 April 1997.**
After video review: This record had been viewed again by the Scrutiny Committee who failed to reach a unanimous verdict so it was shown to the full WBC who ruled in favour of the application by a majority of 7 in favour and 1 against.. The application was for 16.4 points but this was reduced to 16.1 points for the following reasons:-

The 1st pass score was reduced by 0.1 to 8.1 as the skier failed to complete the remainder of the crossing on 1 foot after time. The second pass was reduced from 8.2 to 8.0 as the 15 second timer sounded at the end of the 8th crossing and not just after the turn-in of the 9th. **Ratified at 16.1 points - This is a co-held World Record.** The Council wished to apologise to Nadine for the unacceptable time taken to deal with this application and AH was asked to mention this when he responds officially in due course.

12. b) **Sharon Dodgson (AUS) - Women's Slalom 17.2 points. Australian Team Trials, Liverpool, AUS - 18 April 1998.**
After video review. First pass forwards: ruled as 8.0 points not 8.2 as per sheets after checking for time. 2nd pass backwards: ruled as 8.5 points not 9.0 as per the sheets. The 7th crossing was ruled as early down. **Ratified at 16.5 points - New World Record.**
- c) **Brett Sands (AUS) - Men's Slalom 20.6 points. Australian Team Trials, Liverpool, AUS - 18 April 1998.**
After video review. First pass forwards: ruled as 9.6 points as per sheets. 2nd pass backwards: ruled as 10.0 points not 11.0 as per the sheets. The 2nd and 6th crossings was ruled as early down. **Total: 19.6 - Application denied.**
- d) **Nadine De Villiers (RSA) - Women's Slalom 17.4 points. World Barefoot Championships, Liverpool, AUS. Semi-final round - 25 April 1998.**
After video review. First pass backwards: ruled as 6.9 points not 8.8 points as per the sheets. The 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th crossings were ruled as early down. 2nd pass backwards: This pass was not checked. **Total: 15.5 - Application denied.**
- e) **Brett Sands (AUS) - Men's Slalom 20.8 points. World Barefoot Championships, Liverpool, AUS. Semi-final round - 25 April 1998.**
After video review. First pass forwards: ruled as 9.2 points not 9.6 points as per the sheets after checking for time. 2nd pass backwards: ruled as 11.2 points as per the sheets. **Total: 20.4 - Application denied.**
- f) **Keith St.Onge (USA) - Men's Slalom 20.8 points. World Barefoot Championships, Liverpool, AUS. Final round - 26 April 1998.**
After video review. First pass backwards: ruled as 10.0 points not 10.2 as per the sheets after checking for time. 2nd pass forwards: ruled as 10.2 points not 10.6 as per the sheets after checking for time. **Total: 20.2 - Application denied.**
- g) **Ron Scarpa (USA) - Men's Tricks 7150 points. World Barefoot Championships, Liverpool, AUS. Final round - 26 April 1998.**
After video review. First pass ruled as 4000 points as per the sheets. 2nd pass: ruled as 3060 points not 3150 as per the sheets. After checking for time, the backwards one-foot reverse was ruled out of time. **Total: 7060 points - New World Record.**
- h) **Patrick Wehner (FRA) - Men's Tricks 7070 points. World Barefoot Championships, Liverpool, AUS. Final round - 26 April 1998.**
After video review. First pass ruled as 3800 points. The 4 "tik-tok" 180 degree surface turns at the end of the pass were not ruled for credit as the skier failed to pause between each trick. 2nd pass: ruled as 2790 points as per the sheets. **Total: 6590 points - Application denied.**

12. i) **Sharon Dodgson (AUS) - Women's Slalom 16.8 points. World Barefoot Championships, Liverpool, AUS. Elimination round - 24 April 1998.**

The Scrutiny Committee were unable to review this application as the boat tape was not yet available. GD will have the tape soon and will ask Region AA look at it and then pass it through to one of the other 2 Regions for their opinion.

j) **Nadine De Villiers (RSA) - Women's Slalom 16.5 points. World Barefoot Championships, Liverpool, AUS. Elimination round - 24 April 1998.**

The Scrutiny Committee were unable to review this application as the boat tape was not yet available. GD will have the tape soon and will ask Region AA look at it and then pass it through to one of the other 2 Regions for their opinion.

k) **Appointment of WBC Records Custodian.**

AH is covering this at the moment. If any other member wishes to take it over AH would welcome the lightening of his load!

13. **Any other Business.**

a) **Jump records.**

After the undoubted success of the Video Jump Measurement System, the Council accepted that now was the time to review the jump record situation. It was agreed and accepted that the Johnson system is over-measuring by up to 1.5 metres in some cases.

After much discussion the following proposals from GD, seconded by REG were agreed by majority - 1 against, 8 in favour:-

Effective immediately, both measuring systems are allowed for records, but the Council wish to restrict records in the future to the more credible video measurement. The Council decided to introduce a new potential jump record made by video measurement, held in abeyance, side by side with the Johnson system-made records, until a changeover date of 1 July 1998. Beyond that date no further records measured by the Johnson system will be accepted.

This transition will take place in two phases with phase 1 beginning on 22 April 1998 where jump records can be broken using either system.

1 July 1998 will see phase 2 begin operation when the current record held under the Johnson system will be frozen, and new records will be made only under video measurement, starting from the longest jump made since the beginning of phase 1. The end of phase 2 will be when a jump is made under video measurement which exceeds all others, (Johnson or Video), and from that time on there will be only one record in existence.

During phase 1, the current record can still be broken using the Johnson system. The greatest jump measured during phase 1 by video will, if it does not surpass the published record, be preserved but not declared or announced. It will be kept and produced as the "present" record at the start of phase 2.

On 1 July 1998, the Johnson record will be frozen. It will be classed as a "past" record and the best of the video jumps to that date will become the "present" jump record. Both will continue to exist and be valid until broken.

As soon as the "past" record is broken by a video measured jump, it will be retired and cease to exist, as has ever been the case with broken records.

It is possible that the Johnson record will be broken by a video measured jump during phase 1. In that case the video record will become the new and only record and the beaten Johnson record will be retired at once and cease to exist. Both phases will then terminate and records move into a future which recognises only video records.

Therefore, we will hold the current best known distance from the 1998 Worlds **(25.2m - Peter Fleck/Evan Berger/Brett New and 16.1m - Sharon Dodgson)** and any other subsequent longer video jumps in abeyance till July 1 1998 when the longest we have will then become the new WBC World Barefoot Jump record(s).

In the meantime, the Johnson system continues to be valid for records until 30 June 1998 afterwhich the Johnson records will be "frozen."

The Council agreed that from 1 July 1998, the WBC will only publish the current video jump records. To avoid confusion, the 2 records held in suspense will not be published.

The Council wished to emphasise that the Johnson Measurement System can still continue to be used for Standings List Homologation level competitions, but from 1 July 1998 a jump record application will only be accepted if measured using the Video Jump Measurement System. It was suggested that all 3 Regions adopt this policy in line with the WBC.

Verification Procedure - Video Jump Records.

The Homologator must re-check the site installation etc. and sign the record application along with the 2 Video Judges, the boat judge, the Ramp judge and the ride-out judge. BP/GD agreed to research/advise of any additional requirements we may need.

i3. b) Budget.

GD/AH had not had the chance to discuss this item with President Botero. Projects worthy of consideration included, Videos for Officials, Scoring Software, Officials Clothing. Members were asked to submit any other suggestions to GD ASAP.

c) Video images using the InterNet.

CS will investigate the possibility of sending video images via the InterNet.

d) Election of WBC Chairman.

GD re-appointed until next Open Worlds (2000) - Agreed unanimously.

e) Service Awards.

OM feels that we should think about making some. Criterion as per the PPG. Nominations to go to GD from Federations with a supporting resume.

f) C1408 (f) - Clarification.

Dealt with immediately as needed for this tournament. Confirmed that both judges must not credit a jump for it to be disallowed for tumble-turn recovery or BSP to ride-out buoy.

g) Somersault recovery C1612 (j)

Agreed that the recovery must be as per the rules i.e. that there can be no deviation from the axial movement right the way through to gaining BSP. There can be no recovery that resembles a tumbleturn recovery.

h) Elimination of 3-tier scoring - make it 2-tier.

This suggestion found no favour.

13. i) **Clarification of the lift-off and set-down points for one-foot wake slalom.**
Confirmed that set down point for one-foot slalom is at the same position down the wake curl as the lift-off point on the other side.
- j) **Reduction of maximum speed.**
In Europe, some countries are now banning the use of outboard motors. Council need to think about this for the future. Getting the weight out of the boat may be the only answer. Confirmed that we will accept scores if the boat used does not make speed. The problem is that the rules call for a boat that does 72kph minimum so C103 may need to be invoked.
- k) **CJ Report from La Mede.**
GD will fax it to AH and he will send it out with these minutes.
- l) **Video Jump rules.**
As tabled by CR - Agreed unanimously. This item covered under item 13 (a).
- m) **Re-rides.**
Question as to whether the rules were correctly enforced during this tournament. OM confirmed that they were.
- p) **C205 (b).**
It was proposed by BP that a minimum of 30 minutes notice should be given for schedule changes. Seconded OM. Defeated 2 to 6. REG not present.
- q) **Location of Boat during turn-round time as per C1306.**
OM advised of a peculiar situation arising during the championships concerning the turn around time clashing with a flying start. AUS additional rule covers this and we will put this in the PPG. BP to send the text to CR.
- r) **Homologation Dossier.**
There are many amendments needed. Dale Stevens agreed to take this on board. BP to give him the sheets he used for Homologation of ropes etc.
- s) **Nominations for CJ at 1999 World Juniors & Seniors.**
Regions to submit their nominations to GD for Chief Judge, Chief Scorer and Homologator as soon as possible.
14. **Date of next meeting.**
The Council felt that we may not need a meeting until the next World Championships in 2000. The Chairman would keep in touch with his consultative group on this. So for now our next scheduled meeting(s) will be in August 2000. It was emphasised that we should all carry on the good work that we are doing over the InterNet but don't forget that the phone still works as well.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting after what was generally agreed had been a good weeks work on behalf of the Sport.

Signed



Secretary

These minutes were approved by the World Barefoot Council on 25 June 1998 and have been signed by the Secretary on behalf of the Chairman.

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