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Reports Binder

30th meeting of the **World Barefoot Council** to be held at
Metropolis Resort Hotel, Eau Claire, WI August 2016.

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MINUTES

29th meeting of the World Barefoot Council at Mulwala, Australia March 2 & 10, 2014

**Note: All related reports can be found at <http://www.worldbarefootcouncil.com/bylaws.php>*

March 2, 9am

Call to Order:

Chairman Richard Gray welcomed everyone, thanked them for attending and called the meeting to order. New members Paul Turner (GBR) and Jerome Bauser (RSA) were welcomed to their first meeting. Apologies for the late start were made as four members drove up from Melbourne just this morning after attending the AWWF Hall of Fame Gala last night.

Establish Quorum:

There were 8 voting members and three reserves in attendance

Attendance:

Richard Gray (CAN) - REG (Chairman)
Dale Stevens (USA) – DS
Claire Mowday (NZL) - CM
Brian Price (AUS) - BP
Geoff Davis (AUS) - GD
Rob Molenkamp (NED) – Rob M (Sunday only)
Paul Turner (GBR) – PT
Jerome Bauser (RSA) – JB (Sunday only)

Reserve Members:

Svenja Hempelman (GER) - SH
Rob Groen (NZL) – Rob G
Mike Molepske (USA) - MM

Apologies for absence: Joe Malenfant (USA) - Mike Molepske - PA Reserve will sit in his place

Approved the minutes from Waco 2012.

Moved BP/Rob G

Matters arising from the minutes

None

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Confederation Reports:

EA Report: See Reports binder

AO Report: See Reports binder

Additional comments: Pleased to have South Korea and China represented here at the 2014 Championships.

PANAM Report: See Reports binder
Verbal report summarized in binder.

Presidents Report:

Verbal Report. Richard reminded us of how the WBC runs – Committees. Members are expected to be sit on at least 1 or 2 committees. We use the forum for day to day discussion. It is frustrating at times not to get timely feedback on requests. Please respond in the way requested. Members should look at the forum at least once a week.

Current Championships (Rod Green Chair of the LOC)

Rod gave us an overview of the championships and state of the site. All is set for optimum conditions for our athletes. Opening Ceremony, social functions and closing banquet are all set and will be hosted at the Mulwala Ski Club. Rod provided more detail and answered questions regarding various items and issues. None were significant enough to minute.

Five Federations entered these championships late. The Fee is \$200 US for late entry. Richard to meet with Federations who were late and decide what should happen. Changes to Entries/Starting list are at the discretion of the Chairperson and appropriate fees may apply.

Bids for Worlds 2016:

Geoff Blaauw (AUS) was invited and did a presentation of a bid by New South Wales Barefoot club (Australia)

Submission of a bid to hold Worlds in the USA was presented in written form and questions answered by DS as Representative at the meeting for the Bid

The council would meet during the week and approve one of these bids to be put forward to the IWWF - decision to be announced to the Closing Banquet.

Committee Reports:

Administration Committee (BP Chair): See Reports binder

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Additional comments by BP. More work to do on Bye-Laws. Many things in PPG repeated in Bye-Laws. Suggest If in PPGs take them out of Bye-Laws and attach Byelaws as an addendum to PPGs. BP to work on this project.

Further changes to be made to PPG – rule clarifications from section 9 will come out and be added as an addendum to Rule Book.

A big thank you to Mike Holt for his continued support of editing and publishing all of our documents through his professional staff and business.

LOA to be reviewed and suggested updates sent to Kuno for approval - REG to do this.

Ratification of Bye-Law amendment. This was unanimously agreed to on in December of 2012 via our forum. Formal ratification is required at our "P" Meeting. Changes highlighted in yellow.

6.0 Council Composition

1. The WBC shall consist of nine (9) voting Council Members, three (3) Reserve Members and any Honorary Members. There shall be three Confederational Representatives (voting) from each of the three WBC Confederations, and one Reserve Member from each Confederation (non-voting). **There shall be no more than two voting members from any one federation, unless there is only one federation in a confederation that has held homologated tournaments in the past two years, or has fielded a team at the last World Championships.**
2. The Athletes Commission (AC) shall appoint 1 representative to the Council. Whenever possible this athlete shall be an existing council member who conforms to IWWF byelaw 13.1.2 When it is not possible to appoint an existing member as the AC representative there shall be ten (10) voting Council Members, including the AC member.
3. **The WBC shall have the authority to appoint one additional voting member if they feel it is necessary for the work of the council as per IWWF byelaw 11.2**
4. All WBC Members, excepting Honorary Members, are to be members in good standing of their respective Federations.

Moved BP/DS

Awards Committee Report (CM Chair): See Reports binder

Additional discussions - International IWWF Hall of Fame:
Barefoot needs to look to nominating outstanding athletes for the International IWWF Hall of Fame. We have many most deserving candidates for this prestigious award. This shall be added to the website and PPG.

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Everyone on Council will organize a nomination for the International Hall of Fame, the criteria is on IWWF website. Nominations should come through Awards Committee. Richard to scan example of nomination and send to members. Richard will work on a nomination for Mike Seipel.

Officials Committee (REG Chair): See Reports binder
Verbal report summarized in binder.

Qualifying Scores (Geoff Davis Chair):
A new formula was adopted and is part of our current rule book.

Rankings List (Geoff Davis Chair):
Short discussion regarding some challenges faced with the scoring program and its use in certain areas of the world, notable EA. Paul Turner is working with Brain Henney to help resolve.

Record Review Committee (REG Chair): See Reports binder

Additional comments: still working on one Slalom Record for Ashleigh Stebbeings. This will be done prior to the championships. Record Certificates from performances since the 2012 Worlds will be handed out at Opening Ceremony

The council decided not to re-time the slalom records as suggested in the report.

Rules Committee (DS Chair) : See Reports binder

Additional comments: Trying to slow down changes after major changes in 2013. Any updates from this meeting will publish very soon after the worlds. Minor changes will be notified to team managers for this championship otherwise 2013 rules apply- these will not have any effect on the competitors in the championship.

There have been positive comments about the revamp of the rule book.

The Rules committee will meet during this championships week and some potential changes to be discussed at the Monday meeting.

Safety Committee (Evert Aartsen Chair)

IWWF has a safety booklet. Lee Stone and Evert Aartsen worked on reviewing this when requested by the IWWF. No updates were made over the past year.

Systems and Technology (Rob G Chair): See Reports binder

Additional comments: More work required. Instant scoring not tried by enough people – would like it to have been trialed in other places around the world. Skiers and audiences around the world love the system. People need to understand the system more and then they may try it.

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Further discussions to take place on Monday.

Ratification / voting on committee projects - PPG, Awards, Bye-Laws:

This was done during committee reports and discussions.

Meeting adjourned and reconvened Monday morning at approximately 9am.

Feedback from Workshop Sessions:

Future / Format for World Championships (Rob M Chair): See Reports binder

This was the key focus of our Monday meeting workshop sessions. An in-depth purpose driven discussion around the format of the future championships took place. Rob G took a lead position in facilitating and keeping the group on track to our end goal. A proposal drafted up by REG (See Reports Binder) and one drafted up by Rob M (See Reports Binder) were circulated to the council prior to the session and provided some introductions to the discussions. Neither or the proposals found favor with the council. Both proposals are included in the reports binder. The session produced the desired outcome - A format for the future World Championships that was embraced by the entire group.

GD was tasked to write this format up in a document to be send around to federations for review and feedback. This document to be drafted by the end of March. Committee (GD, REG, DS, CM) to review and create final document by April 20. Document to be sent to Federations no later than April 30th. Solicit feedback by May 15th. If consensus from federations is that this is acceptable then format to be used for 2016. Format Document

Instant Scoring (Rob G):

Randle Miekle to be added to this committee.

Looking to continue refining "instant scoring"- next phase is to look at our own scoring system linked to website – seedings will automatically be updated if there is internet access if not links must be uploaded manually

Why would we use the money to change scoring programs if we could use it to work on getting scores from the boat quicker.

Looking into tablets for scoring with wireless transmission back to scorers – this would then be done electronically and only disagreements then need to be sorted.

People are looking into "Splash Eye" jump system. Need to test this side by side at a tournament to verify then perhaps adopt It as a approved system.

Can this committee write a manual that will tell me what to do to set up you computer etc for a site.

to run the jump scoring system including functional use -.look at website for this information

Scoring programme has some issues that GD is working on

Officials Development (REG):

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Time was limited so this session was more of an informational takeaway and implement at home. Get all official registered in our on line system, educate your officials about the program.

Rules Committee (DS Chair):

Through discussions during the week of the championships the committee brought some recommendations to the council:

Wording of TT to one - a tumble turn with one foot stand up - Agreed

In any event if there are not enough skiers to eliminate anyone in a round then that round would not be run it would be a direct semi final or final - Agreed

Senior Womens jump is to be removed from overall – this may increase the number of Senior women entering the championships. - Agreed

AAO Board would like the age limit of Juniors to be raised by 1 year to under 18 – significant support for this from the AAO Board that age limit would significantly help with the change over into Mens/Womens Open(maturity, fitness etc) - backup information requested and to be provided to the Rules committee for consideration.

Review of Championships just held (2014): See Reports binder

This was a "round table" discussion of the take aways from the championships just held. Summarized In the reports binder.

IWWF EB (REG):

IWWF Athlete Commission Barefoot Representative Report (Ben Groen): See Reports binder

WBC Chair report to the IWWF 2013: See Reports Binder

IWWF EB Meeting in Chile, November 2013

Richard spoke candidly and in depth with the IWWF Bureau regarding our association with the IWWF and "What we get vs what we give". The council agreed that even though we feel Barefoot does not receive enough back from the IWWF we still must stay with the IF as there are many intangible benefits to this, as well as opportunities that federations realize because of our affiliation.

Calendar Items:

World Games:

Is this to be a priority? Germany asked the question as funding in Germany is tagged to World Games. Work through Confederation Chair Persons to answer this question.

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Maybe cable is the only way into Olympics. Next Games are in Poland. Perhaps we could make some personal approaches through people we know there. Paul Turner to follow up with Kuno regarding a proposal for World Games. GD, CM willing to help with this.

2016 Worlds:

The council decided to accept the Bid from the USA (Cody Heller Chair of the LOC) for the 2016 Championships. This was announced at the banquet on Sunday. Flag passed over to Dale Stevens as a representative of the USA Federation and the LOC.

2018 World Championships:

Bid process. The sooner the better. Closing date for bids 31 December 2015
March 31 2016 decision will be made.

Old Business:

None

Election of Officers:

Richard asked council if any others had a desire to take on the role of chair. No interest or nominations from the council. Richard Gray agreed to sit for another term.

Moved BP/DS

New Business:

None

Next Meeting:

Wisconsin – 1 evening and one day prior to start of the competition as well as one full day after the competition. The evening meeting to be three evenings prior to the first morning of competition. The day meeting to be two days prior.

Meet at least once a year – with current technology this should be possible via "skype"

Meeting adjourned 2.30pm 10th March

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Chairman's Report to the 30th Meeting of the World Barefoot Council.

Once again I look forward to all of us being together for a face to face meeting as I feel it produces much better results and does not have the unintended tones and distractions of Internet based discussions. I feel it is the most productive meeting format. With that in mind I write this report to touch some "review" since our last meeting, but I will expand on this when we meet in Wisconsin.

Over the past 29 months since our last "P" meeting we have made some great progress in the development of our organization. We have had some very challenging times and we have come through stronger and with the support of all federations. I feel we are now positioned better than ever to effectively go out and spread the word about our great sport.

I cannot thank Geoff Blaauw enough for not only taking on the role of WBC Secretary but for exceeding all expectations on his time and dedication to the role. I cannot imagine the past 24 months without his administrative role, his support, and his guidance. The WBC and all of our stakeholders can be assured that the organization will prosper under Geoff's leadership.

I attended my seventh IWWF EB Meeting at the 2015 World Water Ski Championships in Chapalla, Mexico. I was once again pleased with the acceptance of Barefoot around the EB table and at the congress. We have made some great steps forward with the IWWF in the recent years and will continue to push for Barefoot involvement in all programs. A true supporter of all things Barefoot - Paul Fong of Singapore - is now the Executive Director of the IWWF. Paul will be attending these 2016 World Championships. I urge everyone to take the

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opportunity to meet Paul and give him an earful of barefoot "hospitality". He will welcome the new friends and new insight into our sport division. All that meet Paul will immediately understand he a fan and supporter of all disciplines.

Again at this World Championships there will be an election for our IWWF Athlete Commission Representative according to the IWWF policy. This election is run by the athletes and for the athletes. The WBC has no involvement in this process. Ben Groen is the current AC Rep and I am hoping that Ben will continue on for another term. His involvement with all council issues as well as his voice and vote on the Rules Committee has been a monumental step forward for the WBC and Athlete relations.

Many people have gone above and beyond on helping the WBC achieve goals and successes. A few have stood out for me and deserve the thanks of our entire community.

Andy Harris. My mentor and predecessor. Rules Committee member and Honorary WBC Member.

Oscar Mann. Rules Committee Chairman and Officials Committee Member. For his continued dedication to the WBC. These programs have had great success with his countless hours of development, collaboration and leadership.

Mike Holt. Officials Committee Member and our largest benefactor. Mike has opened all resources of his company to myself and the WBC. Our website is professionally developed and maintained on a "Live" basis. The officials program quizzes, all of our documents professionally typeset and formatted, problem solving, solution development, proactive thinking and just solid advice from someone that asks for nothing in return.

Mike Molepske. Over the past 12 months Mike has delivered the WBC Officials program to the USA federation. There were many

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challenges along the way that Mike addressed and found resolution for by using a proactive approach to making the program work for this federation. ALL USA / ABC officials are now registered in the system and are becoming "involved" in the officials' program. Other federations can learn from Mike's work here and I urge all present to take the time and find out what the successes were for this delivery.

Paul Adams. On behalf of the entire WBC thank you for your dedication to these 2016 World Championships. You have embedded the past 18 months of your life in this "Project" with unwavering commitment. You deserve the thanks of all barefooters World Wide!

Richard E. Gray - Chairman, IWWF World Barefoot Council.
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Secretary Report

WBC World Meeting August 2016

In brief nothing to report. I would like to thank everyone for the timely responses to questions that I have had over the past 12 months and the providing of reports as required by the due dates. I would also like to thank everyone for their attendance at meetings through out the year, the contribution to improvements and the ongoing contribution and efforts by all members of the WBC past and present in making the job as secretary an easier one.

Regards,

Geoff Blaauw
Secretary

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AO CONFEDERATION BAREFOOT COUNCIL REPORT – August 2016

Barefoot Water Skiing in the Asia Oceania Confederation remains stable, with a good base number of skiers in both Australia and New Zealand. Development in the Asian Region of the Confederation continues to be a challenge and it was most disappointing to hear that China will not be sending a Team to the 2016 World Barefoot Championships.

A key item for the AO Barefoot Council is developing and promoting the sport in Asia. The task ahead continues to be challenging to say the least, with resources being restricted to individual personnel giving of their time, plus financially contributing to the projects they undertake. However, it is a key task we must continue to pursue and support, if Barefooting is to grow in the Asian Region.

The following report provides an overview of the key activities associated with Barefoot skiing within the AO Confederation.

Year 2015/16 in Review

Barefoot skiing within the Asia Oceania Confederation during the past 2015/16 season saw some excellent achievements both in Australia and New Zealand, and to a lesser extent, in the Asian Region.

Major events held over the past twelve months within the Confederation include:

- > 2015 Australian Federation Championships – Max Kirwan Ski Park, Mulwala, Australia
- > 2015 New Zealand Federation Championships – Otaki, NZ
- > A number of Barefoot Training Camps held through-out both Australia and New Zealand

Both the Australian and New Zealand National Championships had good participation, with a high level of skiing across the Divisions. In addition, the various training camps that were conducted during the season have also proved to be a success and in turn, set-up the 2015/16 season for an increase in Barefooters at the scheduled tournaments that each Federation held.

Regrettably, I have no specific information to report regarding activities or events held in the Asian Confederation.

There has been a lot of work put into developing the rules for the Asia Oceania Championships. Effectively it is the WBC Rules, with an addendum number of rules to suit the AO Confederation competition requirements.

Federation Update

Australia

The 2015/16 season has seen a hive of activity at Junior level, with skier numbers for both Girls and Boys increasing from a total of 36 Juniors in 2014/15 to 60 Juniors in 2015/16. This will be the key in sustaining the sport going forward and hopefully produce a number of International skiers in the not too distant future.

Overall membership has been good, particularly in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. The smaller States of Western Australia and South Australia continue to face challenges in attracting new members. A training camp hosted by Brett Wing in Tasmania is another positive sign of growth and a great step forward in re-establishing Barefooting in this State.

Attendance at tournaments has been good and the standard of skiing is quickly increasing at Junior level, from tournament to tournament.

The 2016 National Championships was held on the Georges River, Liverpool NSW from 29 March to 3 April. One hundred (100) skiers attended the Championships, in very good conditions, resulting in excellent skiing across the Divisions.

The 2016 Overall Champions for the respective Divisions were:

Open Men:	Keenan Derry
Open Women:	Ashleigh Stebbeings
Junior Boys:	Connor Rogers
Junior Girls:	Elaina McClung
Senior Men:	Dion Sullivan
Senior Women:	Leanne Cross

The Australian Team for the 2016 Worlds is likely to consist of 7 - Open skiers, 6 - Junior skiers, 4 - Senior skiers plus 3 - Independent skier's (2 - Junior & 1 - Senior) will also be competing at the Championships. Australia is also provided a large number of officials for the Championships - Geoff Blaauw - Chief Judge, Brian Price - Asst Chief Scorer, Lyn Blaauw - Judge/Scorer, Sue Russo - Judge/Scorer, Peter Knaggs - Driver, Peter Franks - Homologator and Bruce Hutcheon - Driver.

Another key achievement for Australia and more importantly the skier, was the announcement of Ashleigh Stebbeings as the 2015 IWWF Female Barefoot Athlete of the Year. Congratulations and well done Ashleigh.

A very big set-back to water skiing for all disciplines, including Barefooting, was the substantial cut in government funding for the sport. This will particularly impact on funding Australian teams and result in a greater burden on the skiers, when representing their Country.

Current Federation Executives:

President	-	Peter Franks
Vice President	-	John O'Neil
Secretary	-	Geoff Blaauw
Treasurer	-	John Price

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The next Barefoot Australia - AGM is scheduled to be held in September 2016

The 2017 Australian Championships will be held at Bonney's Water Ski Park, Perth Western Australia from 24 – 27 April. 2017.

NOTE: A report from the Australian Federation is attached.

New Zealand

Strong activity over the past 12 months has seen some very positive outcomes for the sport in New Zealand. Key items of interest include:

- NZ Nationals will be held in Rotorua over 3 days during the Easter break, from 24th - 26th March. Twenty nine (29) skiers attended the Championships from all around NZ.
- NZ will be sending 11 Athletes to the 2016 World Championships – 2 - Senior, 6 - Open and 3 - Juniors
- Three (3) officials from NZ have been selected to officiate at the 2016 World, which is testimony to the quality of officials from the relative small population of NZ. Kathy O'Donnell – Judge, Claire Mowday - Chief Scorer and Rob Gardner - Reserve Driver.
- Growth in the sport in NZ is up by 10% due to an increase in Juniors, whilst retaining existing skiers who have moved up in Divisions.
- Competitors at Regional tournaments have been very good with numbers around 18 to 22 skiers, for the three events held to-date this season at Wellington, Auckland and Waikato.
- NZBWSC were proud to have Ben Groen named as the 2015 IWWF Male Barefoot Athlete of the Year.
- NZBWSC are also proud to have Ben Groen representing the skiers on the IWWF - WBC.
- 4 NZ records were broken in the 2015/16 season

A key initiative undertaken by NZBWSC is the investing of \$30,000 into building a mobile trailer for Judging and to improve running of events. Upgrading computers, ship to shore and TV screen to improve and promote Barefoot waterskiing in the Federation.

Another initiative adopted in NZ as a way of sourcing additional resources for judging and running events, is the 'Mate in Boats' theme. Invite someone to come in your boat as a means of getting them interested in our sport. This may be a theme that can be adopted World-wide.

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Secretary - Claire Mowday
Treasurer - Eileen Linton

The next NZ - AGM is scheduled to be held in September 2016

NOTE: A report from the New Zealand Federation is attached.

China

No information to report.

Philippines

As a result of being totally wiped out by Hurricane - Haiyan/Yolanda, the creation and development of the new Barefoot & Water Ski School in the Philippines – *Water Ski Philippines* has taken much, much longer than anyone imaged.

Proprietor – Greg Brown is still toiling away and is hopeful of having the ski school up and running early in 2017.

Chinese Taipei

No information to report.

Korea

No information to report.

The AO Barefoot Council will continue to encourage and support the Asian countries and will be making every effort to have them attend the Asia Oceania Championships in New Zealand – 30 Jan to 5 Feb 2017.

Barefoot Numbers in AO Confederation

Federation Barefoot Members Total – 2015/16

Australia	-	212
New Zealand	-	65
Asia	-	No Information Available

Competitors

Australia	-	195 (30% increase from 2014/15)
New Zealand	-	35
Asia	-	No Information Available

Officials

Australia	-	83 (17 - Non Competitor Officials)
New Zealand	-	19 (9 - Non Competitor Officials)
Asia	-	No Information Available

Combined Asia Oceania Confederation Championships

The Combined (Barefoot, Classic, Ski Show, Ski Racing and Wakeboard) 2017 (2106) AO Championships is scheduled to be held in Auckland, New Zealand from 30 January – 5 February 2017. This is a great opportunity for our sport to showcase Barefooting to the AO Confederation and utilize the opportunity to discuss with administrations particularly from Asia, re how we can assist them in developing Barefooting in their respective countries. As further information comes to hand on the event, I will communicate accordingly.

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AO Officials

A key focus for the Confederation is to conduct more 'Officials Training Days' as a means to introduce more officials into the sport, plus find ways to improve the running of events.

A key positive for the sport is the growing number of skiers who also judge and drive at tournaments. Without doubt, as a result of these skiers officiating at tournaments they greatly improve their understanding of the rules, which in turn helps them to become better skiers.

Officials seminar's have been held in both Australia and New Zealand over the past 12months, with good outcomes achieved.

Details on the number of officials within the Confederation is listed above.

Barefoot Athlete of the Year - 2015

The AO Barefoot Athletes of the Year in 2015 are:

Female - Ashleigh Stebbeings - Australia
Male: - Ben Groen - New Zealand

The skiers will be presented with their awards at an AO ceremony at the forthcoming World Barefoot Water Ski Championships, where they can be appropriately recognized for their achievements.

Key Barefoot Event Dates in 2016/17

A summary of the major Barefoot events is detailed below:

New Zealand

- Asia Oceania Championships 30th 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th Feb 2017
- Wellington Regional's 11th 12th Feb 2017
- Waikato Regional's 4th 5th March 2017
- BOP Regional's 18th 19th March 2017
- NZ National's 6th 7th 8th April 2017

Australia

- Australian Championships - 24 to 27 April. 2017 @ Bonney's Water Ski Park, Perth Western Australia
- Victorian Championships - 1st & 2nd April 2017 @ Max Kirwan Ski Park, Mulwala NSW
- New South Wales Championships - 25th & 26th March 2017 @ Georges River, Liverpool NSW

Details of the Barefoot events in both Australia and New Zealand can be found on their respective Web and Facebook sites.

- Australia – https://sites.google.com/site/idx.cfm?fuseaction=display_main&orgid=5225 or Facebook – Barefoot Australia
- New Zealand – www.nzbwsc.co.nz or Facebook – New Zealand Barefoot Water Ski Club

AO Barefoot Council

Chair & WBC Council Delegate: Brian Price (Australia) Secretary & WBC Council Delegate: Claire Mowday (New Zealand)
WBC Delegate: Geoff Blaauw (Australia) WBC Alternate Delegate: Rob Groen (New Zealand)
Zhu Zhi na (China), Fath Daud Wangka (Indonesia), John Price (Australia), Kathy O'Donnell (New Zealand), Chang Kuanga yu (Chinese Taipei)
Graeme Dwyer (Honorary), Geoff Davis (Honorary) Brian Carroll (Honorary)

Summary

Barefoot skiing has many challenges in promoting the sport within both the Oceania and Asian Confederations, particularly in countries outside Australia and New Zealand. We will continue to explore all avenues and work hard to achieve our objectives. The progress to-date has been slow and I again thank all those people who have given of their time over the past twelve months in promoting Barefooting through-out the two Confederations.

In moving forward, we will appreciate and be most grateful of any advice and assistance in finding ways to further grow and progress the development of Barefooting within the Asia Oceania Confederation. If anyone has a family or business contact within the AO Confederation re people who have an interest in Barefoot skiing, please pass on my contact details to them - e-mail: b.j.price@bigpond.com or have them give me a call.

In closing, may I take this opportunity to thank everyone from the Asia Oceania Confederation who have taken the time to attend the 2016 World Barefoot Championships and for me personally, I very much look forward to catching up with everyone from our World Barefoot Family at Blue Moo Lake, Wisconsin.

B J Price
Brian J Price
Chairman – AO Confederation Barefoot Council

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To the Members for the World Barefoot Council

As President of the New Zealand Barefoot Water Ski Club I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have sat on the Council for the past 2 years. To those that are stepping or have stepped down, to thank you for your time you have put into this sport. It is very much a thankless task, that comes with personal sacrifice and a personal financial donation.

The NZBWSC would like to thank Richard Gray for the hours of work that he has put into the sport of Barefoot Water Skiing during his time as President of the World Barefoot Council. While he will be stepping down from this role by no means will Richard be leaving the sport and we all look forward to him being able to take the sport to the level it deserves. New Zealand would like to congratulate, and support Richard's replacement for President.

A lot has happened in the last two and half years. With change comes new growth, enthusiasm, pain and fresh spirit. With the beginning of the International Barefoot Association, new blood onto the council and support from the current members, I look forward to a team that will make barefoot water skiing a water sport that the other sporting disciplines will inspire to be like and want to follow. We are all one sport under the IWWF umbrella and in my view the more we work and involve ourselves with the other disciplines, the stronger we will be. New Zealand is a small country with a strong passion in any sport and on the world stage we stand out more than any other country in the world, per capita. Our membership is very small with only 65 financial members, only 35 are competitive skiers. This year you will see once again that New Zealand will be placed in the top three countries in the world and our athletes will be standing on the podium come the finals at the Blue Moo.

In the year to come 2017, New Zealand will be hosting the Oceania Championships where Barefoot and Classic Tournament will be skiing together as one and alongside Wakeboarding and possibly Show skiing. We will be holding four Regional events and our NZ National Championships. We will be making a large investment in technology with our Mobile Judging Transporter to travel from event to event. This will enable us to promote the sport, run events more efficiently and teach new officials.

New Zealand has always been a leader in the sport and will continue to be so. We look forward to supporting the WBC, IBA and the IWWF in working together to make the sport a show case for the world. This is what our Athletes want and deserve.

Best Regards

Robbie Groen,
President of the NZBWSC



Barefoot

WATERSKI AUSTRALIA

05/07/2016

To Mr Brian Price,

The 2015/2016 season has been a successful year for Australian Barefoot Waterskiing.

The Australian National Championships were held in Liverpool NSW, with 100 skiers in attendance. The number of officials attracted was the greatest number of nominated officials this century. The National Championships was run on two sites with ample judges and drivers. The event finished with the Australian Open this being a head to head event with only 1 winner. Overall it was a great event!

In the 2014/2015 season our membership had 154 competing members:

- 77 Adults
- 31 Introductory
- 36 Juniors
- 10 Transition
- 16 Officials

For the 2015/2016 season we had 197 competing members:

- 95 Adults
- 25 Introductory
- 60 Juniors
- 15 Transition
- 17 Officials

Which was a 30% increase in membership.

The break down of officials who are registered on the WBC website is as follows:

- 18 Drivers
- 12 Homologators
- 33 Judges
- 20 Scorers

Many of these officials are registered for one, two, three or four of the above categories.

The dates for the 2017 National Championships have been locked in and the championships will run from 24th April 2017 to 29th April 2017 at Bonneys Ski Park in Perth, Western Australia.

Australian Barefooting has a strong executive group with a healthy attitude. Efforts are currently being made to increase ground roots growth across the board with an emphasis on leadership in each of the states.

Australian Government Funding has drastically reduced. With our attention focused strongly on the above we are sure that we have addressed the problem in time for the 2018 World Championships.

I would like to acknowledge all the states, the Barefoot Australia Executive, the AO council and the WBC for their ongoing support of Barefoot Australia and the sport of barefooting.

Peter Franks
President

Barefoot Waterski Australia.

Report from the President of the EA Barefoot Council 2015

The 2015 season was a non-World Championship year with ups and downs in our discipline but still we, as a Council, think that there is light at the end of the tunnel. The Council was working with the same people as in 2014, including our skiers' representative, Stefan Wimmer. For the World Barefoot Council we have Paul Turner, Svenja Hempelmann and Jerome Bauser and reserve Nicola Saracco. During the season, Jerome Bauser was replaced (at his request) by Garth Strydom. This replacement was fully supported by the EA Barefoot Council.

The EA Barefoot Council supported the following events in 2015:

- A skiers' clinic in Wallsee (Austria)
- EA Barefoot Championships in Lydd (Great Britain)

Special thanks go to Paul Turner and his organisation who set up a great tournament in spite of terrible weather conditions.

The new combined age-category team event within the EA Championship has proven to be a successful format because it encourages more participants and good age-category representation from all the federation teams. The Council are happy with this new concepts and it serves us well.

The clinic in Austria was well organised and we will organise a clinic in 2016 in Finland. Our special thanks goes again to the Wimmer Family, who still are and have been supporting our sport for already more than 30 years!

During the 2015 season, a group of the Dutch Barefoot Community, approached me to help them out with a problem they had with the Dutch Water Ski Federation about what happened in the past few years. The Dutch Federation has had a lot of problems, not in the least because there were no people to give structure to the Barefoot Skiing in Holland. In the last (November 2014) meeting, Mr. Piet Jongepier was willing to help out the Dutch Federation to survive within the International Water ski Federation as a stable Federation again. I have talked to Piet several times in 2015 about the above-mentioned problems and that's why, at the end of the season, we invited Piet also to our Barefoot Council meeting in Zaandam (NL).

Throughout the 2015 season, still a lot of discussion came up between the Federation and the Dutch Barefoot Community (see the 7th and 8th November meeting minutes). The conclusion in this matter is that a lot of things (so far) have been solved and cleared up. Myself, Michel Velle, Piet Jongepier and Ian Ramsey (who I approached to help us with building up the sport again in the Netherlands), agreed to form a working group to provide for the future of barefoot skiing in the Netherlands, a very positive decision! Our first meeting was planned in February 2016 and I was very pleased about this. We of course still need to solve the problems with Evert Aartsen, because there is an official complaint from the Chairman of the Dutch Water Ski Federation against our Council. This as a result of a lot of negative comments and obscenities Evert put on social media. The matter has been discussed and solved in the meeting from the Council in Spain, January 2016.

The 2016 season is a very busy one, since the Council is organising

- two seminars: 1) for beginner judges and 2) high level judges
- a skiers' clinic in Finland
- supporting the EA Championships in Sweden
- supporting the World Championships in Wisconsin, USA

The Council will also be supportive in financing the live streaming during the competitions. A concept plan will be worked out further.

The 2015 athlete of the year, male and female are:

Male : Frank Zinn

Female: Svenja Hempelmann

A very special event for 2016 is that our good friend Hilmer Wehner is organising for the benefit of Patrick Wehner, an invitational Night Jump Competition at the end of August 2016. I'm therefore asking everybody who knows Patrick, to support this event and help us where they can!!

We are looking forward to continuing our work for the Barefoot sport in 2016 and I take this opportunity to thank the EA Office, the Bureau, the Admincom and the Congress for continuing to support us.

With kind regards

Rob Molenkamp

President – EA Barefoot Council

July 24th 2015

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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT – August 2016

Policies Procedures & Guidelines (PPG)

A review of the PPG has been undertaken, which primarily involved the amalgamation of the former WBC Bylaws and WBC PPG documents. The requirement to undertake this task was initiated following a directive from the IWWF that Divisions were not permitted to have Divisional Bylaws. Policies relating to conducting the day to day business of the Division, was acceptable to the IWWF.

The final draft of the revamped 2017 PPG document has been prepared and will be circulated to WBC Members for comment and feedback prior to the forthcoming WBC meeting. Whilst I am not aware of any contentious items in the document, should this occur, the item/s can be discussed and resolved at the WBC meeting.

Upon approval of the PPG document by the WBC, the intention is to have the document professionally formatted and ready for loading onto the WBC web site prior to the end of the calendar year – 31 December 2016.

User Guide For Hosting World Barefoot Championships

The final draft of the 'User Guide for Hosting World Barefoot Championships' is basically complete, but is pending obtaining feedback from the 2016 World Championships – Local Organizing Committee and incorporating relevant information into the manual. I will follow up with the LOC towards the later part of 2016, when they have had time to recover from hosting such a big event.

I have set a target date 30 April 2017 for completing the manual.

Future Tasks & Projects

A future tasks and project for the Administration Committee is to assist the Officials Committee to finalize and issue a properly formatted 'Officials Manual'.

The intent is to have a manual that contains:

- Officials position descriptions and duty statements
- Documents relating to Officials clinics
- Guidelines for undertaking Officials assessments

B J Price

Brian J Price

Chair – WBC Administration Committee

Awards Committee Report 2016

This committee is Eddie Wilson and Claire Willard (Chairperson) We would like to thank Richard Gray, for his help and support.

Athlete of the Year Awards:

The candidates for 2015 Athletes of the Year were nominated by confederations and the committee made their selections. We thank the selection committee for their work on this. The successful candidates were Ashleigh Kate Stebbeings and Ben Groen from Australia and New Zealand respectively. Ashleigh Kate Stebbeings went on to be award IWWF female athlete of the year 2012. This is the first time a female barefooter has won this prestigious award and we are all very proud of Ashleigh. These awards will be made at the World Championships at Blue Moo Wisconsin, as will the 2013 Athletes of the Year to Ashleigh Stebbeings and Keith St Onge (USA).

Should be noted that Ashleigh has won this award six times, five of these consecutively from 2011.

Outstanding Service Awards:

There will be three presentations made this year to people who have all made an outstanding contribution to our sport of Barefoot Water-skiing. The names of these people will be added to the report after the presentations are made so as the awards remain a surprise.

Honours Board:

There has been no proposals to add anyone to the honours board to date.

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Officials Report

WBC World Meeting August 2016

The 2015/2016 year has seen great development across the globe amongst our officials.

Clinics have been run in the USA, Europe, Australia and New Zealand, with an improvement in communication between the WBC and the Officials Committees of the Federations. This being said there is much to be done to increase participation and the quality of the clinics to ensure continued participation and interaction.

Through the clinics, we can see greater consistency in the quality of the judging and more willingness for new judges to participate. Through the clinics, we have seen skiers that have attended educating others on the rules and improving the standard that all parties involved are performing at. The participants attending clinics, in most cases, have received clinic certificates to acknowledge their participation. Clinics run in Australia provided feedback sheets to the participants. The feedback confirmed that we are on the right track, and participants confirmed that the content in the clinics was of value. Moving forward there is a consensus that we need more video interaction. At these world championships, the hope is that the clinics that are developed will incorporate this need and will take our clinics to a new level. In 2017, it is hoped that much of the officials clinics are made available via video, to encourage increased participation.

There has also been a great success in relation to the online quizzes on the WBC website. From 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 approximately 350 officials completed these quizzes designed to hone and develop their skills. The following is a list of officials registered on the WBC website plus a table of federations and the area of officiating they are included in:

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Aldritt, Peter	Lino Lakes, Minnesota, USA			L4			
Andrews, Suzan	Downingtown, Pa, USA			L3	L2		
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Bacon, James	Brisbane, QLD , Australia			L2			
Bailey, Tim	Helena, MT, USA	L2					
Barbieri Arnaldi, Paolo	Lodi (LO), Italy, Italy						
Baumgartner, Daniel	Hartland, Wi, USA	L3		L4	L4		
BAUSER, JEROME	KIMBERLEY, NORTHERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA						
Bauser, Lesley	Kimberley, Northern Cape, South Africa				L1		
Beangstrom, Steven	Kimberley, Northern Cape, South Africa						
Beattie, John	Sydney, nsw, Australia	L1					
Bencina, Eckhard	Gelsenkirchen, NRW, Germany						
Bergthold, Mark	San Jose, CA, USA			L2	L3		
Bettenay, Gavin	Middle Park, Qld, Australia			L3			
Blaauw, Geoff	Wilberforce, NSW, Australia	L2	L2	L1	L1	L1	L1
Blaauw, Lyn	Windsor, NSW, Australia			L1	L1		
Blake, Patrick	Libertyville, Illinois, USA			L4			
Bohn, Douglas	Fridley, MN, USA	L4			L4		
Bouchard, Gary	Winter Haven , FL, USA						
Bourbonnais, Clay	Maize, Ks, USA	L4					
Boyd, John	Myrtle Beach , South Carolina, USA			L1	L1		
Bray, David	Emerald, Queensland , Australia	L4	L4	L2			
bryce, paul	brisbane , queensland, USA	L3					
Cameron, Smith	Bli Bli, ALS, Australia	L2					
Cardoso, Juan Carlos	Mexico , CITY, MEXICO	L3	L3	L3	L3		
Carlson, Sharon	Conover, WI, USA			L2	L3		
cederstrand, tenley	Tacoma, WA, USA						
Chapman, Justin	Echuca, Victoria, Australia			L2	L2		
Clark, Kaitlin	Gardner, Kansas, United States						

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Cross, Leanne	Sarina, QLD, Australia			L2	L2		
Cummings, Dan	Crosby, TX, USA	L1	L4	L1	L2	L1	L1
Cummings, Jan	Crosby, Texas, USA		L3	L1	L2		L1
Daniel, Jay	Kensington, Western Australia, Australia	L4	L4	L2	L3		
Darcy, Steve	Ashmore, Qld, Australia, 4214			L2			
Davis, Geoff	Aubin Grove, WA, Australia	L2	L2	L1	L1		
Delaporte, Barry	Yunderup, Western Australia, Australia	L2		L2			
Derry, Natasha	Toukley, NSW, Australia			L2	L2		
DUPUIS, ISABELLE	Vaires sur Marne, France, USA						
Ebbert, Gregory	Utica, PA, USA	L4					
Ehlers, Blake	Austin, TX, USA	L4		L3			
Ehlers, Landen	Austin, Texas, USA						
Elliott, Roger	CONCORD, NSW, AUSTRALIA			L4			
Failes, Tim	North Ryde, NSW, Australia		L2	L2			
Fasbender, Mike	Helena, MT, USA	L4		L3	L4		
Fatla, Elaine	Hixton, WI, United states			L4	L4		
Finlay, Scott	Murray Bridge, South Australia, Australia			L4	L4		
Finley, Ed	Miami, FL, United States		L3				
Fisher, Kelly	Waikato, North Island, New Zealand						
Flack, Brett	Yandina Creek, QLD, Australia	L2					
Flack, Declan	Yandina Creek, QLD, Australia	L2					
Flaherty, Liz	Appleton, WI, United States of America						
Flint, Gary	Goddard, Kansas, USA	L2					
Formella, Andrea	Smyrna, GA, USA	L4		L2	L2		
Forster, Jim	West Palm Beach, FL, USA	L2		L4			
Franks, Peter	Rosewater, SA, Australia	L2	L1	L1	L2		L1
Friedle, Eric	Waukesha, WI, United States			L4	L4		

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Frost, Mathew	Darwin, NT, Australia	L3					
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Garcia, Edith	Col Del Valle, Mexico City, Mexico	L3	L4	L3	L3		
Gardner, Robb	Rerewhakaaitu, Rotorua, New Zealand						
Gardner, Robyn	Rerewhakaaitu, Rotorua, New Zealand			L2			
Gerstein, Carla	San Diego, CA, Usa			L4	L4		
Gilman, Betsy	Gainesville, GA, USA			L2	L2		
Godfrey, Duane	Georgetown, ONTARIO, Canada I7g3I1	L2	L4	L2	L3		
Gray, Richard	Surrey, BC, Canada	L1	L1	L1	L1	L1	L1
Grech, Amber	Marian, Qld, Australia			L3	L3		
Gregory, Robert	Bergisch Gladbach, NRW, Germany						
Groen, Ben	Otaki, Wellington, New Zealand						
Groen, Georgia	Otaki, Wellington, New Zealand						
Groen, Robbie	Otaki, Otaki, New Zealand						
Groen, Sam	Otaki, Horowhenua, New Zealand	L1					
Hager, Al	Stuart, FL, USA	L4		L4			
Halasz, Gizella	OXENFORD, QLD, AUSTRARALIA			L2	L2		
Harris, Andy	Enfield, LONDON, United Kingdom		L1	L1	L1	L1	L1
Hartman, Michael	San Antonio, Tx, USA	L3		L3	L4		
Heeney, Brian	Helena, MT, USA	L3	L2	L2	L2		
Heeney, Linda	Helena, MT, USA			L2	L2		
Heller, Shannon	Alma Center, WI, USA			L3	L4		
Hemker, Roland	Oakwood, Ohio, USA						
Hempelmann, Svenja	Herford, NRW, Germany						
Henrickson, Dale	Two Rivers, WI, United States	L3			L4		
Holt, Mike	Groveland, Florida, USA	L2	L2	L2	L2		
Holt, Steve	Groveland, FL, USA						
Hutcheon, Bruce	Coolamon, N.S.W, Australia	L1					
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Jordan, Douglas	Renton, Washington, USA	L2	L3				
Josserand, Anne	La Chapelle de Guinchay, SaÃ´ne et Loire, France						
Kadansky, Rob	Winter Haven, Fla, USA						
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Kanawyer, Jerry	Brentwood, California, USA	L3	L3	L2	L2		
Karen, Cornall	NSW, Australia			L2	L3		
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Kelly, Jodie	Porirua, 5381, New Zealand						
Kirkland, Gerry	Little River, SC, USA						
Knaggs, Peter	Perth, Western Australia, Australia	L2	L3				
Knapp, Joseph	Rockford, MN, USA			L1			
Koehler, Bob	Wauconda , Illinois, USA	L3					
Koehler, Kailey	Lake Geneva, WI, United States				L4		
Koehler, Kami	Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, USA				L4		
Kosch, Christof	Hoeflein, Niederoesterreich, USA						
Landon, Claudia	Post Falls, ID, USA			L4	L4		
Landry, Lauren	Port Neches, Texas, USA						
Lariviere, Daniel Jr	Les Cedres, Quebec, Canada						
Lee, Jason	winter haven , florida, usa						
lehner, Adam	abbotsford, BC, canada						
Leuck, Jay	Beavercreek, Oregon, United States	L4					
Lippelgoos, Heather	Vancouver, WA, USA						
Lippelgoos, Jared	Vancouver, WA, USA			L4			
Long, Earl	Maize, Kansas, USA						
Lovato, Joseph	Lake Oswego, OR, USA						
Lower, Paul	Sorrento, Florida, USA 32776						
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Martin, Clifton	Eaton, Ohio, USA				L3		
Martin, Elizabeth	Eaton, OH, United States				L4		
Martin, Matthew	Eaton, Ohio, United States				L4		
Martines, John	Greenfield Twp, PA, USA	L4		L4	L4		
Mason, Adam	Sheboygan Falls, WI, United States	L4		L4	L4		
McCauley, Tina	Shaker Hts, Oh, USA						
McNabb, Lewis	matamata, Waikato, New Zealand	L1					
mcwatters, christopher	winter haven, fl, usa						
mEEKS, Ronald	Leesville, SC, United States	L3		L4			
Miller, Dave	Fairfax, VA, USA	L2		L4	L4		
Molenkamp, Robert	Hoek van Holland, Zuid Holland, Netherlands			L1			
Molepske, Mary	Two Rivers, WI, USA			L4	L4		
Molepske, Michael	Manitowoc, Wisconsin, United States	UL4	L3	L1	L3		
Molepske, Sarah	Manitowoc, Wisconsin, United States				L3		
Mowday, Claire	Whitby, Porirua, New Zealand			L1	L1		
Moynes, Allan	Belleville, ON, Canada			L1	L1		
Moz, Candido	Revine Lago, TV, Italy						
Myers, Judy	Alpine, CA, USA						
Norberg, Peter	Bro, Stockholm, Sweden			L1			
O'Donnell, Kathy	Rotorua, North Island, New Zealand			L1			
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Olsen, Brett	Roy, UT, United States						
Olsen, Easton	Roy, UT, USA						
Oman, Paul	Brooklyn Center, MN, USA	L4		L4	L4		
OZANNE, MIKE	CELISTA, B.C., CANADA			L1			
Patterson, John	Wayzata, MN, USA		L3	L3	L3		
Patterson, Lauren	Wayzata, MN, United States						
Phillips, Kerry	Murray Bridge, South Australia, Australia			L3			
Piskura, Lorraine	New Fairfield, Ct, USA			L2	L4		
Portman, Char	Clearwater, FL, USA				L4		

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Pressendo, Joe	Port St Lucie, Florida, USA	L3	L4	L2	L3		
PRICE, BRIAN	PASCOE VALE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA	L1	L1	L1	L1		
Price, John	OXENFORD, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA		L1	L1	L1		
Rebecca, Comiskey	AUSTRALIA,			L3			
Rinke, Chris	Clearwater, Kansas, USA						
Rinke, Chris	Clearwater, Kansas, USA						
Rollins, Jim	Austin, Texas, USA	L3					
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S?derqvist, Mikael	Gr?nna, Gr?nna, Sweden						
Schoenke, Mike	Salem, WI, USA	L1		L4	L2		
schonhardt, Nick	Rockford, Minnesota, USA						
Schulz, Zebedee	Loxton, South Australia, Australia						
Scippa, Pat	Spicewood, Texas, USA	L1	L4				
Seamans, Joshua	Solon, IA, United States				L4		
Serrano, Gustavo	Mexico, DF, Mexico	L3	L3	L3	L3		
Shank, Mark	Dallas, Texas, USA			L4	L4		
Slade, Kristy	Balcolyn, NSW, Australia			L4			
Smith, Jaden	Houston, Texas, USA				L3		
Soderqvist, Mikael	Grenna, Smaland, Sweden			L1			
Soubliere, Rick	Howell, , MI, USA	L4	L3	L4			
St. Onge, Keith	Winter Haven, FL, USA	L4		L4	L4		
St. Onge, Lauren	Winter Haven, FL, USA 33881		L4	L2	L2		
Stebbeings, Ashleigh	Eton, QLD, Australia	L3		L2	L2		
Stebbeings, Ashley	Eton, Queensland, Australia	L2	L2	L1	L2	L2	L2
Stebbeings, Frances	Eton, Queensland, Australia				L1		
Stevens, Dale	West Palm Beach, FL, USA	L1	L1	L1	L1		
Stokes, Paul	Waunakee, WI, United States	UL3					
Stone, Lee	Spicewood, TX, USA	L3		L2	L4		
Stoppe, Arlene	Ashland, New Hampshire, USA						
Stoppe, Donald	Ashland, NH, USA	L4		L3	L3		
Stouffer, Scott	Oak Creek, Wisconsin, USA	L4		L4	L4		

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Sue, Russo	NSW, Australia			L2	L3		
Sylvester, Peter	Sherman, CT, USA						
Tauras, Jimmy	Austin, Texas, USA			L1	L3		
Ter Wee, Jan	Hasselt, Overijssel, Nederland						
Thomas, William	Maize, Kansas, USA				L4		
THOMPSON, Colleen	WEST PENNANT HILLS , NSW, AUSTRALIA			L3			
Thompson, Scott	Sydney, NSW, Australia						
Thordarson, Thor	New Carlisle, Indiana, USA	L4		L3			
Tocco, Tom	Brighton, Michigan, USA			L3	L3		
True, Melissa	Hastings, MN, USA						
True, Tim	Hastings, MN, USA 55033						
Vigoureux, Alexandra	Champigny sur MArne, Ile de France, FRANCE						
VRANCX, Ludo	Antwerpen, Antwerpen, Belgium			L1			
Wait, Julianne	Wyee Point, NSW, Australia			L3			
Wait, Robbie	Wyee point, NSW, Australia		L2				
Whitcroft, Jerome	Mermaid Waters, QLD, Australia						
Wyatt, Leigh	Mulwala , NSW, Australia			L3			
Youngblood, James	Highland, Michigan, USA	L3					

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Hailing From	Total Officials	Driver	Hom	Judge	Scorer	CC	PE	Unallocated
Australia	48	18	12	33	20	3	4	4
Austria	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Belgium	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Canada	8	2	3	5	4	1	1	3
France	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Germany	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Italy	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Mexico	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0
Netherlands	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
New Zealand	11	2	0	3	1	0	0	6
South Africa	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Sweden	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
United Kingdom	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
United States	107	42	17	55	55	1	2	29
Total	201	67	36	104	85	6	8	60

Moving forward in 2017 each federation or confederation should have a register of officials that an appointed coordinator can use to record the requirements that each official has completed so that they can maintain their levels internationally. The coordinator should also ensure that every official is registered on the WBC website and that the website is updated to reflect those that may have left the officiating role in the sport.

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Let me take this opportunity to thank the following people in assisting me in this role over the past 12 months:

Mike Holt, Oscar Mann, Mike Molepski, Lauren St Onge, Andy Harris, Terry Jones, Brian Price, Claire Willard and Richard Gray.

Geoff Blaauw

Officials Committee



To: World Barefoot Council ("WBC")
From: Michael Molepske, Chairman, American Barefoot Club ("ABC") Officials Committee
CC: Board of Directors, American Barefoot Club
Date: July 8, 2016
Re: ABC Officials Report

The Officials Committee of the ABC has worked diligently over the past year to adopt the WBC Officials' requirements, have all of the ABC officials register on the WBC website, verify the ratings of the ABC officials, monitor the ratings of officials assisting in ABC tournaments and increasing the development and mentoring opportunities for our officials.

For many years, the ABC did not have an active and functioning Officials' Committee. Last summer a new ABC Officials' Committee was formed whose members include Lauren St. Onge, Shannon Heller and myself. We have received additional assistance from Betsy Gilman and the WBC. Over the past year our accomplishments include the following.

- Improving the communication between the Officials' Committees of the ABC and WBC
- Having all 68 active ABC Officials register on the WBC website
- Fully implementing the WBC ratings system
- Verifying the USA Water Ski insurance requirements have been met by our ABC officials
 - o All officials must be USA Water Ski members
 - o All drivers must complete a Motor Vehicle Review every two years
- Verifying the ratings of all of ABC Officials
- Hosting a Judging Clinic by teleconference with over 20 participants including video review (Participants requested that future clinics have less bookwork and more video judging and review.)
- Hosting a Scoring Clinic with 17 participants including scoring of actual Judges' Sheets

Our greatest accomplishment of the past year has been improving the communication between the Officials' Committees of the ABC and the WBC. I would like to thank Richard Gray, Geoff Blaauw and Oscar Mann for their support and assistance.

Qualifying Scores Committee Report

WBC Meeting 2016

The current qualifying rules developed after the 2012 World Championships are now in their second cycle of use for a World Championships. The formula developed along with the qualifying period have proven to work very well and there have been no reports to the contrary. In light of this we see no need to alter the current formula and recommend keeping these current rules in place for future championships.

One suggestion from the committee is to use the same period for seed scores as is used for the qualifying scores. Currently the seeding period is for period of 12 months prior to the cut off for entry to the World Championships. If no score is obtained in this time it can be extended to 24 months. If no score within that period they go into the lowest group.

We are suggesting, since a skier can post a qualifying score prior to that 12 month window that the seed score period be the same as the qualifying score period.

One issue here is that a skier can virtually go a whole year not skiing and still be able to use a score from a 24 month window versus a skiers who has skied and not had the best of years but would still seed higher if he hadn't skied.

Our suggestion is in order to keep uniformity and fairness we need to alter this rule.

"Seed Scores shall be taken from the day after the most recent championships thru 4 weeks prior to the current championships."

Geoff Davis
Qualifying Score Committee Chair

Rankings Committee Report

WBC Meeting 2016

The 2014 & 2015 Rankings list were compiled and reviewed with the same challenges we have experienced in recent years. The issue of using a single Approved Scoring Programme as the sole means for submission of data continued to cause inefficiencies and frustrations with some tournament organizers and confederations. Timing of results has always had problems with some tournament organisers being very good and some slow and requiring the need to be chased up. We can't say that we should refuse results from tournaments which don't send them in on time but then if we enforce we penalise the skier here. They have no control over this process so why should they cop the result of not being counted?

The WBC decision from their December 2015 meeting to create a template (likely Excel) for Confederations to submit their rankings lists when requested will solve many of the issues we are currently experiencing. Yes, there may be challenges and issues in the future, however we believe that the benefits will produce advancements in all scoring programmes as tournament organizers and rankings officers from the three confederations will work with familiar systems.

Currently in use:

PANAM uses the ABC Scoring Programme (Heeney Program) for all US tournaments. Canadian Nationals typically use the ABC program while other Canadian tournaments use simplified "scoring programs" and input data to the ABC Program after the event for the sole purpose of RL & RC data submission to the WBC.

AO uses the ABC Programme for major tournaments and in three states however those who don't forward results in various forms to Geoff (Me) to input the scores into the ABC Programme. NZ I'm not sure but I do believe they send their results direct to Brian. I usually check with Rob in NZL to make sure their events are in.

EA uses the LION Programme almost exclusively and does not use the ABC Programme at all. Results are sent to Paul who enters all of the tournaments into the ABC Programme.

In most cases outside of the US the ABC programme is not used and scores are entered in after the fact.

This brings into play the format of the submission template. The easiest and simplest method would be to use an excel spreadsheet which can be formatted to allow the collection of the data required. Uniformity and timely submissions must be the end goal here. When the WBC decrees then those scores be supplied to the Rankings Custodian.

The committee will work on this template and test it over the next short term.

One other issue is the ownership of the Data. The WBC must always be the owner of this information. It (the WBC) must take responsibility for its use as well as sharing, and ultimately decide where, when and how it is to be collected and disseminated.

Geoff Davis

Rankings Committee Chairperson

WBC Records Review Committee Report 2016

Over the 29 months since our last meeting we have received a few record applications. The 2014 World Championships provided quite a few as well and some new records. I have not listed all of the potential records from the 2014 Worlds as I do not have all of the information. Our process at World Championships is to have official's present review the records and pass on to the WBC the ones they feel will be upheld.

To date we have had 12 record applications come in with 5 being approved,

Jump Record Applications

Ashleigh Stebbeings (AUS) - Women			
March 16, 2014	2014 World Championships – Finals	21.7M	APPROVED 21.7M
Keith St. Onge (USA) – Senior Men			
March 16, 2014	2014 World Championship - Finals	26.6M	APPROVED 26.6M

Trick Record Applications

Keith St. Onge (USA) – Men & Sr. Men			
April 23, 2016	PGA Challenge - Round 1	12,450pts	APPROVED 11,150pts* *Senior Men's
Keith St. Onge (USA) – Men & Sr. Men			
April 23, 2016	PGA Challenge - Round 2	10,650pts	– Round # 1 score approved
David Small (GBR) - Men			
April 23, 2016	PGA Challenge - Round 1	13,300pts	– Downgraded to 9,600pts
Jackson Gerard (USA) - Boys			
April 23, 2016	PGA Challenge - Round 2	8,850pts	– Downgraded to 5,130pts
Keith St. Onge (USA) – Men & Sr. Men			
July 25, 2015	USA Southern Regionals - Round 1	12,750pts	– Downgraded to 8,350pts
David Small (GBR) - Men			
May 9, 2015	PGA Season Opener - Round 2	13,400pts	– Downgraded to 11,000pts
Ashleigh Stebbeings (AUS) - Women			
March 13, 2014	2014 World Championships - Round 2	10,450pts	APPROVED 10,100pts

Slalom Record Applications

Ashleigh Stebbeings (AUS) - Women			
May 21, 2016	Last Chance Qualifier	Round 1	17.8 Downgraded to 14.2

Keith St. Onge (USA) – Men & Sr. Men May 21, 2016 Last Chance Qualifier	Round 1	20.8 pts Downgraded to 17.8 pts
Ashleigh Stebbeings (AUS) - Women October 8, 2014 AO Championships	Round 1	17.2 pts APPROVED 17.2pts

Electronic file submission. Electronic filing and distribution of records has been refined, tested, and is now the standard for all record applications.

Quality of Video. We have experienced some poor quality video on the recent submissions. Camera Angle (sitting on one side of the boat), Zoom (too small an image in the frame) etc. For World Records the video operator should be as close to the center of the boat as possible and elevated so the image is clear of the engine and officials etc. Proper Zoom – as much as possible without losing the skier at anytime.

Wake Characteristics. On a recent application we found the wake to be drastically different from one side to the other. A nice defined crest on the right, but a smooth roll off on the left. We believe the boat could have been loaded for a more uniform wake definition.

Records downgraded for time. We use the embedded timer in Windows Movie Maker to determine start and end of pass. Similar to the trick timer Hilmar used years ago and the system Olaf Bocher had at the 2010 Championships. It is exact. We just pick the frame of video to start in and the frame to stop in. This process has been in place for many years now. We have communicated this to key players in the Record Submission group however we continue to receive record applications where time has not been verified in this manner. The result being many applications are denied simply because of time and much "Time" is wasted by the RRC.

Turn around time. The RRC continues to maintained a very efficient turnaround time. Less than 7 days has been the standard, with some being done in as few as 4 days.

Communication with stakeholders. We maintain communication with the skiers, CJ, Homologator and other stakeholders throughout the process. I have contacted skiers via the phone and had face to face meetings to communicate outcomes and to detail the issues in any of the records.

Homologation Dossier. The homologation dossier serves us very well. A single page with easy to fill in fields. Electronically submitted with the applications.

I am pleased to report that the result some challenging submissions in the past that we are now receiving very well organized, complete and timely applications. RRC feedback to the Tournament Directors and Homologators and visa-versa has been received well and all parties have been eager to learn how to continue to improve the process. It is really great to have people work through these issues with the end goal making it better.

Richard Gray
Chairman, Records Review Committee

History Committee

Report to 2016 WBC Meeting

Our history archives are in place due to the unwavering dedication of Phillip Poyet – France. Phillip creates incredible additions to the history “Data Book” after every World Championships complete with amazing photos of the action and ceremonies. He does this all from home in France and not by attending the championships. Phillip is a true volunteer that gives of himself with requirement in return payment.

Everyone: Athletes, Officials, Supporters & Sponsors benefit from Phillip memorializing their involvement in our great sport.

I once again thank Phillip Poyet for continuing to give us what no other does.

Richard Gray – Chairman History Committee

Geoff Davis

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World Championships Future and Format Report

WBC World Meeting August 2016

With the new current format upon us I look forward to, and embrace the format and I look forward to the review of the 2016 World Championships on completion.

Geoff Blaauw

2016 WBC Rules Committee report

Hopefully the 2016 rulebook will make for an exciting and hard fought championships.

The first issue that has presented itself was 1003a, the rule for rerides due to substantially different conditions. Using the format developed by the LOC it will be impossible to match events to conditions over the week. It is achievable if we only apply this rule to 'daily events' and not to the entire event, i.e. event #1 on Monday may be men's trick group D while men's tricks group A may not ski until Friday. If conditions have changed over the week there will not be time to re-ride the previous mens trick events but if conditions change substantially during a daily event there may be time to offer re-rides..

This past year we welcomed Betsy as an advisor to the rules committee and we are hopeful that this year she will remain with us as a voting member.

Ben Groen has set a new standard for AC member to the committee. Fantastic to work with, always follows through and meets deadlines.. Many thanks to BG for his outstanding help.

The most recent rulebook was released in sections due to the on-going discussions with the LOC regarding items in Section 3. Sections 1 and 2, which contain the rules needed by the tournament officials and skiers were released on time.

Proposed Changes for 2017 Edition,

Declared Tricks / Precursory Tricks

Bla Bla Bla, Hopefully these will find favor with the council and be approved at the meeting in Wisconsin.

Oscar Mann – Chair WBC Rules Committee

Hi All

Re Technology and systems on the WBC

In the last 2 years we have seen a lot of changes and getting to understand what our sport needs to do to move forward in a world that is forever revolving, we no longer live in a world that waits for the mail man to delivery letters and Magazines across the oceans that will keep us in touch with the ski world. We live in a place that wants it now and we have many choices for us to choose from. Barefooting needs to ride this wave of innovation, but that comes at a cost if we are going to do it well.

In the last 12 months I have had to focus most of my time to work as my life with GROENZ will soon be drawing to an end in 2018. After that I will start a new journey and I look forward to what life hands out.

Technology,

Currently the WBCouncil and the IBA have committees, each doing the same thing by some of the same people.

Moving forward I believe that the two should be combined to get the best results. The technology side is very much money focused to be able to achieve the goals we need. This is where the IBA can play a bigger role to find the resources and raise funds to support projects. I believe we cannot keep running this sport on charity and gifting our service for free. It will slow down growth and innovation.

So my suggestion is that we have a Technology link that is on the WBCouncil site linking back to the IBA site which connects to the IBA link. This would be a totally open book to all.

The Innovative tasks for the next 12 months at this stage are,

- Heeneys live Scoring System to be use by more countries for it live updates.
- Design a YouTube video teaching the method of instant scoring and showing how to remove the three scorers with a calculator person.
- Introduction of a 3 boat jump system to reduce down time. Speed up the event of live broad casting and TV sponsor appeal..
- Improve the Ship to shore system at an affordable cost.
- Live board casting using Face book live and design an operating procedure for local budget tournaments.
- Working with a company called Wakeye to design a video packet for hands free videoing, give it that more up market look.
- How to use a blue tooth in the boat using a iPad for judging review of instant scoring replay.
- Get Tournament seeding scores to be live on the website.

This is just some for the project that need to get underway

I look forward to the next 10 years to the organization of this kind being leaders in the future of water sports.

Robbie Groen