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DATE February 22th, 1985

MINUTES

OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL

held in Canberra, Australia, on the 23rd of January 1985, 14.00 hrs.

FIRST SESSION

Those present were:

- Mr. Franz Kirsch
- Mr. Charles Ramsey
- Mr. Adrian Stekelenburg
- Mr. Peter Bickerstaff
- Mr. Brian Carroll
- Mr. Bill Price
- Mr. Harry Robb
- Miss Gill Hill

Chairman of the Council
Secretary

The members present represented Group I with two, Group II with three, and Group III with three representatives. Apologies for absence were received from Marc Hansen. The Chairman reported that the President of Group I has appointed Harry Robb member, and John Cornish as alternate. The Chairman then took under advice the request of Group I to allow Don Mixon to sit in. Don is the President of the US Barefoot Club, and was allowed as observer.

In opening the meeting, he welcomed Mr. Aubrey Sheena, President of Group II of the W.W.S.U. Aubrey Sheena, addressing the Council, welcomed the members on behalf of the W.W.S.U. He wished all success.

The Chairman introduced Mr. John Creamer, representing the organizers, who had some points to discuss.

Item 5.0.3. Procedures:

The Chairman said that members and alternates are entitled take part. Also people specially invited, but there were none this time. Voting: He said that members should hear the discussion and then vote on their own mind, and not according to Federation or Group policy or interests.

Nomination and election of Chairman and Secretary.

The Chairman would now invite nominations for Chairman. A nominee should name his secretary. The vote would be taken at the end of the meeting, which would be run by the present Chairman.

Group III nominated Franz Kirsch who nominated Charles Ramsey as his secretary.

Group I proposed Harry Robb as Chairman, with Marc Hansen as secretary.

Group II nominated Franz Kirsch.

Item 5.0.4. Current World Championships

The Chairman asked how the World Championships were coming along. Adrian Stekelenburg reported no problems. It has been decided to get a better set of protractors for the jump, and these were due to arrive. The Courses were in and ok. There were problems with the boats. One was working; another was coming that night. It was having an engine change. Two more boats were available.

The Chairman reminded members the meeting would only discuss things bearing on this competition. There appeared to be no serious problems. There were transport difficulties. The Chief Judge would make a bus schedule. Gill Hill reported that the University accommodation was unsuitable and too dear. Most teams had checked out.

Item 5.0.5. World records

The idea to present the certificates at the opening ceremony could not be realized as they were only now available.

A new procedure for record approval is vital. It is absolutely impossible to go on like this. Normally every member has to approve a record, so the paperwork must be sent to all. For tricks it was very expensive to copy and send the tape to everyone.

Unfortunately there was no video player available for this meeting.

To present the certificates on hand would be too much at the closing ceremony, so the Chairman suggested to give them to the Group Presidents to present at their own occasion. The Chairman then read out the certificates ready for distribution.

Adrian Stekelenburg asked about a speed record from 1978. The Chairman answered there was no trace at the application.

The Chairman then went on to records not yet approved. The meeting wished to see the papers before approving. There were 20 to approve.

The meeting decided to see the records with problems. The problem records were then detailed. The Chairman reiterated the need to give all details in an application.

The new homologation dossier was good for this purpose.

The meeting wished firstly to decide on an interpretation of rule C1607c, and then see the video, perhaps on the site. Possible Monday.

Adrian Stekelenburg brought up the women's speed record; it was made for sure but there was a query about the documentation. It was made in 1978. This was in Ron Ferguson's time. More research was needed to find justification to proceed with the application. (However a record was only possible after the first world title.)

The Chairman went on to more records. There was one for Gary Neiman of South Africa. Mike Seipel: 4260 points in tricks, approved in the US and Europe. The film confirms the scoresheets.

Lori Powell: starts 620.

For the jump of Mike Seipel the papers were in order, including reading. It is not yet rechecked. The claim is 20,10 m.

The Chairman then distributed the record certificates to the Chairmen of the three Group Councils.

Item 5.0.6. Video in the boat

The Chairman reported the bad experience of video in the boat at Acapulco.

One of the two tapes was never recovered. Two TV companies and an individual signed to give copies but never did. In Canberra one company has sole rights - in the boat.

The company is to give us the tapes immediately if necessary for the judges. This is in the contract with the organizers, but the Chairman wants the agreement of the W.W.S.U.

Item 5.0.7. Rules

The discussion at Acapulco, the vote was only to score the higher scoring trick. The Judges meeting for this week on the 22nd reaffirmed that "hold for recognition" does not bypass the precursor rule. It is a question of interpretation. Bill Price moved that we do not allow precursor tricks in accordance with the briefing meeting of the 22nd. But when then is a precursor not a precursor, e.g. what must intervene. The skier must make a definite end to the trick, i.e. put the foot down.

The voting was 4 for 3 against and 1 abstaining. The motion was carried.

The 720 turn. It was moved that the Council is entitled to approve a new trick and give points without voting on it. There is no question of the trick not being accepted. Carried unanimously.

The points for the 720 as given, i.e. 600 & 680 was then approved unanimously. The question was then raised was procedure correct? The 60 day deadline precluded circulating members and getting a vote.

Item 5.0.8. Calculation of the Jump

The problem was how to homologate programs for the jump. There were problems with classic programs.

Adrain Stekelenburg said there was a computer group, with Rob Smith who was unfortunately not available for this Worlds, so it was in Charles' hands.

Group I would support any program which works. They would like to propose 2 american programs. Edward Finley's can be used on a calculator. Ed Brazil also has a program.

Group I will submit these programs.

ACTION

Charles Ramsey reported a Wang computer (with Winchester !) was available but there was no program for it and no operator. Bob Corson's program is available but was not written for the Wang. Charles Ramsey had his own computer with his Group II program and this would be used in combination with a masterboard (plotboard).

Item 5.0.9. Organizers medallions

There were 3 gold medals to be given to the organizers. The question who was to get then was left for John Creamer.

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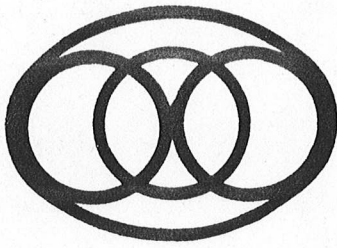
Adrian Stekelenburg brought up the question of fathers judging sons. The Chairman will ask the Chief Judge to try to separate them.

Charles Ramsey proposed a sub group, 1 from each Group, to consolidate and rationalise rules having a bearing on the precursor problem. These were Peter Bickerstaff, Gill Hill and Harry Robb.

There being no further business regarding the World Championships, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.00 hrs.

Franz Kirsch
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Franz Kirsch, Chairman of the World Barefoot Council

DATE:

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Draft of the minutes for approval
to the World Barefoot Council

Approved

MINUTES

of the Meeting of the World Barefoot Council of the W.W.S.U.
held in Canberra on the 28th of January 1985

Present were:

Mr. Franz Kirsch	Chairman
Mr. Charles Ramsey	Secretary
Mr. Peter Bickerstaff	
Mr. Adrian Stekelenburg	
Mr. Brian Carroll	
Mr. Harry Robb	
Mr. Aubrey Sheena	President of Group II
Mrs. Gill Hill	
Mr. Don Mixon	
Mr. Bill Price	

5.1.01. Welcome by the Chairman

The Chairman opened the meeting at 08.05 hrs. and welcomed the members.

He welcomed the President of Group II, Mr. Aubrey Sheena.

He extended a special welcome to to the new members, Gill Hill, Don Mixon, Harry Robb and Peter Bickerstaff. Ken Port remains the alternate for Group II. He can still be of valuable help to us.

ACTION There is no substitute for Group III, who however have candidates and will make the appointment by mid March. The Chairman requested his name and address asap.

All present were members except Don Mixon who is an active substitute.

The Group I members are Bill Price, Harry Robb and Marc Hansen.

The Chairman had difficulty keeping abreast of these changes, and in keeping informed those members who will be at the meeting. Groups should arrange their members 3 months in advance so that they can be copied with correspondance and to make sure that everybody is well informed about the working material.

The Chairman in reviewing the 6 year existence of the Council, said we had achieved good rules and have a good movement. Barefoot waterskiing is respected in the W.W.S.U., to whom he wished to express thanks, through Aubrey Sheena, and ask him to pass on to the President the feeling that affairs were in good hands, especially financially we were on the right track.

There was some feeling not enough info was being passed, or people were bypassed. For the record, the Chairman wished to show why he did not write more: in two years he had sent 200 letters and notices; made 3000 phone pay call units; sent 14 telegrams and made 17000 copies in A4 format. Not all of this was of interest to all and he had avoided sending irrelevant material. He had sent a great many letters to get rules sponsoring but this produced only two cheques for \$180. Charles Ramsey had also been involved in a great deal of correspondence and they had come together in Trier three times a year for crash sessions. He asked that if a member had comment or criticism on a letter, he should reply to the Chairman at once.

Procedure

As a normal rule no observers are allowed in a meeting except higher officers in the W.W.S.U. We are a working group, informed in our work. Observers do not know the background. Their presence disturbs the meeting.

Observers can be invited for a particular subject or matter on which they are qualified to speak.

When it comes to voting, members should vote only on their own opinion and judgement, and not for their Group or Federation.

The present meeting had benefited much from private discussion which had done much to clear the air. It appears now we can do the meeting in one day.

5.1.02. Review of the 4th World Championships

On the whole it was good; it is not easy to pick out items. In general the Championships were very well organized administratively and technically. His job as homologator was very easy. Everything was done on request or was done already. Phil Smythe was very efficient specially with the ropes and handles.

There are some lessons for the future. Good words were heard for the boats. But the foot throttle make accurate speed control very difficult. Also the speedos contributed to rerides. This must be looked to for the future.

Course & ramp. The buoys for the jump were not standard. For the future we should state a type. It should be round to minimise splash displacement by the boat. The ramp was a very good construction, but flotation should be more distributed and better secured. This avoids disturbance of the ramp by the skier.

At this point, Mr. Max Kirwan, The President of Group III, joined the meeting and was welcomed by the Chairman, who then continued that when he phoned John Creamer, he was told everything was there, but when he came, there were two computers but no operator and no operating program. For the future, this must be available. Charles Ramsey who had brought his computer was able to put it to use for the jump, and the Chief Judge ruled it should provide the official calculation. A masterboard (plotboard) was there and was used as backup, but the Chairman felt in future it must be a computer. Bob Corson had made a recommendation for redundancy, two independent computers or a computer and a masterboard, and this is the way we should go for major competitions.

Finally how could we make the competition faster? The turn between passes too long. The average turnaround per skier of 6.2 mins in wake slalom was too long. In Group II no chase boat was used, and the average skier time was 3.2 to 3.8 minutes in wake slalom and tricks. Adrian Stekelenburg said the nationals were planned for 4 mins per skier, 8 mins for a 3-jump. There would be 112 skiers finished in 4 days.

Charles Ramsey reported on the precursor discussion. The question was one of definition by the Council. The Chairman passed again the discussion and voted about the situation of the eight 2nd places in start-methods. He did not consider himself outvoted but was happy to have a majority.

But the main point was that the competition was well organized and run.

Max Kirwan brought up the scheduling of speeches at the official ceremonies and felt it should be defined in the obligations. The Chairman felt we should save only the overalls and team awards for the end; the other awards should be made at the site. He felt the score points should be announced when an award is made as this is of general interest. Max Kirwan regretted the results had been late in arriving and even the compere had to extemporise.

Max Kirwan wanted to know what we could do to reduce reruns; should we increase speed tolerances? The Chairman planned to discuss it, but this was not a normal occurrence. There were so many problems with speed control. (speedos, foot throttle, weed).

Max Kirwan thereupon took his departure, and assured the Council he will report a fabulous competition. Bill Price on the subject of boat speed made a plea for consistency in types, - speedos, throttles.

5.1.06. Affiliated membership of the W.W.S.U.

The Chairman went to item 5.1.06. - the need and ways to make money.

On the question of affiliation, Aubrey Sheena declared himself not clear on the benefits. As of now there were 30 members, and this in answer to some 400 letters. Chairman said there should be a brochure setting out the benefits. Bilo Oliveras had promised that if barefoot gets affiliated members, the money will be available for barefoot use. Georges Blair - Barefoot Promoter - is already affiliated member.

Defraying costs: The Chairman said that record certificates costs much in materials and work. So far he has done this and other work on a personal basis, but it should be regulated. He had been reimbursed for some phone and post expenses, but personal expenses incurred of which he has kept a record amount to \$4000.

One suggestion was an application fee for records. Copying record data to all members is very expensive. A suggestion was SwFr 100 per application. Income of the W.W.S.U. arises solely from sanction fees for the World Championships. Income should come from a broader base. Group affiliation fees should be per member of each Federation.

Aubrey Sheena said the present levy was SwFr 1000 per Group per annum, which is insignificant in terms of running the W.W.S.U. An increase to SwFr 3000 per Group is still not much. Also the Groups themselves have little income. A suggestion was made that the levy should be per country. This recovers distribution costs pro rata. But then there arises the question of voting rights. The next Congress will decide the finances (Toulouse). There are moves for various sections and factions to arrange their own financing, but it is necessary to stay together, and not split off.

Bill Price had the impression that barefoot generates no money so it gets none. Aubrey Sheena said there was SwFr 1000 per Council per year. The Executive Manager will take on production and distribution, but the process takes very long. Adrian Stekelenburg said officials cannot expect to get paid. Group Chairmen should carry Group costs. Bill Price said we were talking about World costs.

Aubrey Sheena said the World Championships is a saleable commodity. A balance should be set that is best for skiers vs the commercial side of the spectacle.

Television and sponsors: On the question of canned vs live shows, live is the most important for the sponsor. Live must reduce inactivity on the water, and must go out on time. For the sponsor it must be a general spectacle - appealing not only to the educated and involved. Bill Price disagreed with the live aspect. The US Nationals was sponsored by several boat and wetsuit manufacturers. Production was geared to favour sponsors. Canning cut out reruns etc. It was edited to 36 minutes, and the sponsors were very pleased. Harry Robb said if we can give TV what they ask, it is the best for sport. The Chairman said much progress had been made after the Acapulco changes to tailor the sport to the spectator.

5.1.03. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held in Acapulco in 1982

After a short discussion, the minutes of the Acapulco meeting were accepted.

At this point Mr. Aubrey Sheena recognized that the agenda was moving into technical matters, and he asked to be excused further participation. The Chairman thanked him for his presence and the valuable assistance he had afforded.

5.1.04. Annulment of the WBC meeting at Gotenborg

The Chairman said the World Waterski Championships had been removed at short notice to Gotenborg after a period of uncertainty. Unfortunately the Group II Barefoot Waterski Championships had already been shifted to that date and could be no longer changed. He had considered the possibility of a meeting the Thursday night before, and going directly to the Group II

Championships, but was unable to reach Bob Wing or John Morgans (who would go anyway to the Worlds), but learned from Irene that Bob was not coming. None of the Group I people were coming as the date clashed with the US National Championships. Thus a meeting could not have been constructive and no voting would have been possible. He was perhaps remiss in not formally cancelling the meeting in good time.

5.1.05. Official forms and score sheets

ACTION The forms used in various places were discussed and the Chairman undertook to compile composite forms incorporating the desirable features of each. He would distribute them, and in the absence of an answer would assume agreement. A motion to this effect was carried unanimously.

Homologation dossier: Experience shows there to be some information missing from the dossier which was not foreseen, such as jump tables not in a straight line. The information needed for this setup is expressed in documentations from Bob Corson amongst others, and the dossier will be revised to accommodate the required data. However, the homologator of a competition should know that he must give the possibility to reconstruct the whole course with all needed dates.

Adrian Stekelenburg wished to introduce Mr. Ron Fergusson on the subject of records. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ron Fergusson and said his presence was also welcome by virtue of his being a member of a higher body in the W.W.S.U. He would return to records in a moment.

Shorthand: Users of the official shorthand found there was no material advantage in the Group I proposal, and saw no justification in going to yet another shorthand when the present one has only just been mastered. There was general acceptance of the official shorthand except by Group I. It was agreed to maintain the present system.

ACTION Homologation with computers: There existed a computer committee which was not very active and in fact received little support. The Chairman agreed there should be one representative from each Group on the computer committee. Ed Finley was proposed for Group I. Group III will come up with a name in the near future. This committee should report in the near future.

Records: Mr. Ron Fergusson was invited to take the floor. He reported that in the beginning there was not much opportunity or pressure to have more meetings or spend the necessary time on the work to be done. The take over by Franz Kirsch made a fabulous difference to the scale of effort. Prior to this, records were submitted, but not to the committee as it never met. It was discussed with J.J. Finsterwald and referred to the Executive Board of the W.W.S.U. whose opinion was that it did not want to create too many records, and certainly not speed. It was decided the first records to be recognized would be those made at the first World Championships. He was surprised to hear the speed record of Robert Wing had been accepted. As regards the earlier records, the question was whether to accept those of 1977 since the one in 1979 had been accepted.

The Chairman said that the W.W.S.U. as a member of the I.O.C. accepts their rules, which state there can be no world records before the first World Championships in any registered sport.

Regarding the Debbie Williams record, the applicant had been told, and was satisfied, there existed no documents of the application. Of the Rick Percival record, there was no documentation or mention in the minutes, of this application. Charles Ramsey said that from the documentation, the record did not conform to the rules as to timers and judges, and recording barefoot skiing position. The stopwatch times were also not acceptable. Although it could not be ruled out that a record had been made, there was insufficient evidence of it to approve it.

5.1.07. Badges of officials

Badges are available for international first class judges and also for officials as Council Members. The cost of the badge is SwFr 30 and the cost for the barefoot addition SwFr 10. It can be ordered now from the Bureau of the W.W.S.U., Mr. Ivan Cantacuzène, 70 Ave. des Alpes, CH - 1820 Montreux.

5.1.08. Records from the 1985 World Championships

There was no record coming out of the current Championships unless the earlier record of Mike Seipel is disallowed.

5.1.09. Competition computerization

It was agreed that computerization of all phases of competition, such the jump calculation and the results should be pursued. The working group will take care of this.

5.1.10. Next World Championships

The Chairman reported on progress with the Münster bid for 1986. The Greens had entered objections. These had been dealt with and the town council will be meeting on the coming Wednesday. He rated the chances of success at 95%. If nobody else is able to bid for the 86 Worlds, Group I would, through the AWSA, try to get a coordinating committee to investigate several possibilities that presented themselves. The Chairman undertook to phone a goahead if the answer from Germany was no. He would be in USA from March 22th up to April 10th. Harry Robb would be in Europe in May. There was also hard work going on in Canada, but the Federation was not yet involved.

In 1988 there was a possibility of holding the Worlds in Australia in connection with the bicentennial celebrations, for which Government support will be available. There was a possibility also in the USA if the 1986 Worlds is not held there.

5.1.11. World Barefoot Newsletter

ACTION Harry Robb undertook this newsletter. It would appear quarterly. Information was invited from all Groups. There would be a section for official W.W.S.U. news. Harry Robb personally solicited news from the Groups. Australia expected difficulty but would try.

5.1.12. World Standing List

Only performances made under W.W.S.U. rules at homologated competitions would be accepted. Adrian Stekelenburg proposed March 31st as the end of the season. There were some problems with this with the other Groups since the list would not appear until during the northern season.

A motion made by Harry Robb and seconded by Bill Price, that the season ends after the USA nationals, i.e. mid September, was carried unanimously.

ACTION Charles Ramsey confirmed that the World Standing List would be made up from the Group lists, which should be sent in as soon as possible. He would then combine the three lists in one and publish it.

5.1.13. Procedure for approval of world records

The Chairman declared there was no way under the present rules for a record to be approved before the World Barefoot Council meeting. To send all of the documentation to all of the members, and secure their acceptance or refusal was an onerous and costly undertaking. If the record was tricks, it was almost impossible due to the need to transcode the video to another standard (pal vs ntsc) which could be done in only a few places and was prohibitively expensive. The elements of a solution lay in existing procedure. A record must first be approved by the host Group before being forwarded to the W.W.S.U.

If there were an unanimous decision in the host Group, the record could be scrutinised by two members of another Group, and if they too agreed, the record could be considered approved and a certificate issued. This would cut down the delay tremendously in cases where the record was not disputed. This motion was put to the vote and passed unanimously.

The procedure then would be for the 3 WBC members of the host Group to view the record, and approve it unanimously. They would then send it to the "other" Group of whom the two WBC members must view the application and approve it also unanimously. If all this were done, the certificate would be issued immediately. Failing any of these steps, i.e. lack of unanimous approval by either group of members, the application would be referred back for existing rule book treatment. This motion was also carried unanimously.

5.1.14. Rules Book Sponsoring

ACTION Franz Kirsch is currently negotiating with a sponsor for the printing of the rules book.

5.1.15. Unification of Judges' Qualifications

ACTION It was agreed that judges should have the same standards worldwide, for training and examination. The WBC should work towards such a system for approval in 2 years time. This was unanimously approved. There should be one coordinator / rapporteur from each Group. These were decided to be Gill Hill, Peter Bickerstaff and Harry Robb. Gill Hill asked these three should begin by circulating others with the system currently in force in their own Groups.

5.1.16. Naming of Divisions in the W.W.S.U.

The naming of the divisions is ambiguous and inconsistent. All divisions were engaged in tournaments as part of their duties and responsibilities and the inclusion of this word in their names was superfluous and misleading, such as 'Tournament Skiing' or 'Classic Skiing'. Names which clearly distinguished the divisions could be:

Waterskiing - currently tournament or classic,

Barefoot Waterskiing - self explanatory,

Waterski Racing - self explanatory.

Such a nomenclature would make the distinction perfectly clear to outsiders. The motion was carried unanimously and would be recommended to the W.W.S.U.

5.1.17. Effective Date of the New Rules

Once new rules were made it would be illogical to allow records to continue to be made under the old rules. There could therefore be a dead period between the making and introduction of new rules, which was considered undesirable. It was resolved that the new rules will become effective as soon as the minutes of the relevant meeting are sent to Federations. After this date, no records may be made under the old rules. A record claimed before the printed rule book appears must be extensively documented for homologation. The motion was proposed by Peter Bickerstaff and seconded by Bill Price and carried unanimously.

5.1.18. New Rules

The Chairman said we now have good rules and even if they were not changed, they would still be good for the next two years. Major changes were not necessary.

The Chief Judge of the 1985 World Championships, Stew McDonald, was invited by the Chairman to address the meeting on the subject of rules.

He hoped rule changes would cover points that came to light in the World Championships, for example starts, and the use made by judges of video in tricks.

The Chairman wished to go first to three main points which can have further repercussions. These were:

Starts: 1) out completely,

2) some changes or compromise,

3) keep starts and include them in the trick run.

Thus the first point was which way to go on starts.

The second point was the ramp.

The third point was women's jump.

Peter Bickerstaff pointed out that women's jump has a connection with starts.

Bill Price recalled the investigation into medical reasons against women jumping. None had been found.

Brian Carroll said women's jump results should not be included in the overalls for the first two years. A vote was taken to include women's jump and the result was unanimous in favour. For starts, the proposal was to include them in the tricks event as start tricks. A start would be allowed to get to barefoot skiing position the same as now but would score as the starts points, and would be not so strictly judged. Brian Carroll and Adrian Stekelenburg disagreed with starts being eliminated but if outvoted, they would agree to starts in tricks.

Ramp size. The Chairman suggested an amendment to allow a wider ramp.

Don Mixon had tried out a steeper ramp but bigger distances were not evident, so he did not favour the change. But he did feel a wider ramp allows for a safer approach. It allows

more concentration on the jump.

Harry Robb found a wider ramp lends stability - flotation is spread. When teaching women and juniors it allows an easier approach. A small ramp is not conspicuous.

Brian Carroll found ramp buoyancy needs review for stiffening. Adrain Stekelenburg felt the ramp as it is is not yet fully exploited. We should keep it as it is.

Peter Bickerstaff was against making the ramp higher. 6 ft width is worth trying.

Several speakers did not like the idea of encouraging cutting.

Brian Carroll expressed himself in favour of a little widening.

Don Mixon asked whether we should leave the low tolerance as is, or obsolete old ramps.

The Chairman wished to increase the high tolerance to 1.50 meters in width.

Proposed by Brian Carroll that the upper tolerance be raised to 6 ft. Proposed by Charles Ramsey, an amendment to the proposal on the Table, seconded Peter Bickerstaff that the upper tolerance be 1.50 meters. The amendment was carried 7 for, 1 abstaining and 1 against. This being so, there was no need to vote on the motion.

Rule C1405 Number of Jumps. Group III had experienced seemingly arbitrary decisions by Chief Judges to limit jumps to two. They wanted 3 jumps always, or at least at the Worlds. However this would mean making another rule for other competitions.

Proposed Charles Ramsey, seconded Harry Robb that the skier be normally entitled to 3 jumps in each round, but that in exceptional circumstances the Chief Judge and the appointed judges may vote to reduce this entitlement to a minimum of 2 jumps. In such a case the Chief Judge shall make a report on the reason(s) for this deviation. The motion was carried with 8 for 1 abstaining.

Proposed Harry Robb, seconded Peter Bickerstaff that the skier be allowed in the jump event to attain barefoot skiing position with or without the use of a ski. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed to extend the course to accommodate the longer jumps now being made. The standup and rideout buoys would be moved 5 meters further up course. Carried unanimously.

It was also proposed to move the reference point for the so called 2 meter buoy from the edge of the ramp to the centreline, to allow for ramps of varying width. The distance for the inner buoy would be 2.75 meters from the centreline of the ramp. Carried unanimously.

It was also agreed that sighting marks be mandatory on the ramp at the centre of the top edge, and the centre of the front at the waterline respectively, for sighting from the meters, and measuring to the inner buoy.

Maximum speed for womens jumping was discussed, but any other speed than that allowed for men might run afoul of local legislation, and no separate speed was set.

The overall scoring for the jump was discussed and it was decided that the 6 meter deduction, although seeming to penalise neophyte jumpers, nevertheless was necessary to allow top skiers to see a proportionate reward for effort and training.

Rule C1611 e). Gill Hill reported on the work of the group studying the precursor problem. Their recommendation was to combine the foreshortening and precursor rulings in one. C1611e) should be deleted, and a second and third dash sub para be added to C1611f) which would then be renumbered e).

The text to be add is:

-The first trick in a pass must be performed completely in accordance with the C1800 description for that trick. Thereafter, tricks may be foreshortened to fit them into a sequence, i.e. the next trick can proceed from the end of a previous trick without reverting to the starting point of the Descriptions. Rope on Neck, one foot, may proceed directly from the point at which the Rope on Neck, two feet, was held for recognition without replacing the handle behind the neck, and if desired, without regaining and releasing the handle; and Rope in Teeth, one foot without releasing and replacing the handle in the teeth.

-However when tricks are foreshortened, a one foot trick and a rope on foot trick performed in preparation for a rope on foot or rope on foot turn respectively shall not be credited for scoring.

Frequency of WBC Meetings. The Chairman found that the rules were well enough advanced that they could go for 2 years without change. It was therefore only necessary to hold meetings every 2 years. Any necessary changes in the meantime could be dealt with by post.

C1801: The jump off feet tricks were expanded to include wake jumps both into and out of the wake, each scoring 40 points. These tricks to be separately described and numbered C1801W1 and C1801W2.

Points for backwards one foot slalom to be raised from 80 to 100 per crossing to encourage backwards. Carried unanimously.

Points for no-ski start in slalom:

Proposed Charles Ramsey, seconded Adrian Stekelenburg that for a forward pass, no ski be permitted and there would be no start bonus. For the backward pass, a start from a ski would be permitted and the bonus for a no-ski start for the backward pass would be 50 points. Carried unanimously.

C206: Training time: Instead of the present specification of familiarization opportunities in the second sentence, the contestant will be granted a total time of 8 minutes. The Chief Judge's discretion is deleted.

C1503 Wake Slalom. Proposed by Adrian Stekelenburg, seconded Peter Bickerstaff that to C1503 be added "except that if the skier on his first pass fails to score, he shall be free to make the second pass in the backwards or forwards position". Carried unanimously.

A proposal by Harry Robb seconded by Bill Price that one backward and one forward pass be allowed in slalom was defeated 2 for and 7 against. A proposal by Gill Hill seconded Harry Robb that both passes be free was voted 4 for, 4 against and 1 abstaining, the Chairman not exercising his casting vote. A proposal by Franz Kirsch, seconded by Bill Price to leave the last sentence of rule C1503 unchanged was carried with 6 votes for.

ACTION C1608. It was proposed to delete the conditional part of the second sentence and permit the skier always to ask the last trick in time. Carried unanimously.

C1810 - C1830. Concern was expressed on the trend in step and toe turns for the skier to allow himself to fall, and make what amounted to a deep water recovery. The wording in the rule appeared not strong enough to encourage stricter judging. A motion was put that tricks must be made without falling and recovering, and was passed with 7 votes for, 1 against and one abstention. Ways to enforce the maintenance of an erect position were discussed. The "fall" back on the water could be restricted to a "bounce up" or instantaneous inadvertent touch, or completely prohibited, which would have consequences for the existing tumble up rule. No satisfactory solution could be arrived at, and the secretary undertook to go away and ponder on it and come up with some words for member consideration, by post.

Video. Group III proposed extension of the use of videos, to cover all events, and to assist the event judges in arriving at a decision when a clear majority cannot be obtained from the judges sheets.

The rules affected are: C1411; C1510; C1609. The text is appended to these minutes.

The motion was carried, 7 for, 2 against.

The Group III proposal to increase the points for a one foot 360 degree FF surface turn to 440 was carried unanimously.

A proposal to specify the Slalom/Tricks course buoys as follows: time buoys red; entry buoys yellow; turnaround buoy any easily visible colour, was passed unanimously.

There was some discussion on entering the course in the half trick position, but the conclusion was arrived that it should not be permitted. (see 1604).

C1800. It was agreed to delete the 10 seconds period in the tricks description, to bring the rules in line with competition requirements. Federations could reintroduce it in rules for proficiencies.

The numbering is to be revised to conform to different possibilities.

C1407. It was proposed to delete the no reride rule for disallowed jumps as there were instances when the skier was not at fault. The last sentence in the rule is deleted. Carried 7 for, 2 abstaining.

Jump timing tolerance. It was agreed there was no need to change the tolerance. It was not necessary in normal situations. At the current Worlds there were exceptional circumstances.

C1602e). Proposed Harry Robb, seconded Bill Price that the skier be required to submit a list of tricks for each pass. Each competitor shall submit, at least one hour before the start of the round, a list of the tricks he or she proposes to perform in each pass. There shall be no penalty for not keeping in the list. A list in judges shorthand will be accepted. The motion was carried 7 for, 2 abstaining.

Starts in tricks. Starts methods as a separate event is deleted. Starts are now a part of tricks and will be in principle be under the same conditions. No timing will be applied to the start trick, it must merely be held for recognition, and does not have to be done in the wake. These freedoms were passed unanimously. If a start takes the skier into the box, he can still start his pass on the 1st movement, or on the timer buoy.

The first pass may be from the dock or a deep water. The second must be a deep water. A failed start does not prejudice the trick pass if the skier is able to regain barefoot skiing position. Start tricks would be grouped in one instead of forwards and backwards.

Course length will be marked by a turnaround buoy 150 - 250 m from the entrance buoy.

The motion was carried unanimously. Starts as in the current rules will be allowed except that ski starts are deleted. Repeats do not score. Variations of a start as deep-water or flying score only once, (= bonus of the same start). Any start trick with different points in the list will be credited.

Points values revisions:

- one foot beach/deep water; 80 iso 70.
- one foot tumble 100, flyer 110.
- back tumble turn one foot 340, flyer 350.
- delete all feet off bonus completely.

This package was approved unanimously.

ACTION Rules renumbering. The agreed changes shall first be made in the rules, then Harry Robb gets to work on reformatting and sends it to all for approval. Carried with 8 for and 1 abstaining.

Turn tricks must be performed essentially erect. The Secretary will put together some words and circulate for approval.

ACTION Womens jump will not be included in the overall at first. This will be reviewed after 1 or 1/2 year with a view to putting it into the overall for the next Worlds. This will be done by postal ballot with the 60 day period in mind.

These changes of rules shall not in themselves constitute grounds for new records. Records may be broken only when scores made after these rules come into effect exceed existing records made under the old rules.

5.1.19. Election of Chairman and his Secretary

A secret ballot was held, and the ballot count was:

Franz Kirsch 8 ballots,

Harry Robb 1 ballot.

Franz Kirsch was declared elected and congratulated by the Council. He confirmed Charles Ramsey as his secretary.

The item on records was deferred till after dinner.

5.1.21. A.O.B.

The Chairman reported that John Schwanke (US) had regrets about the meeting in Florida. Franz Kirsch did not invited him. He had offered to organize a competition on a commercial basis.

Letters had passed between Franz Kirsch and Don Cameron. The answer had to be that we cannot do anything outside his Federation.

Video. There were no tapes of the World Championships as contracted. Adrian Stekelenburg will move heaven and earth to get them before Charles Ramsey leaves Melbourne.

Medals. Starts medals were ordered, so it was difficult to find out why there were none. Gavin O'Mahoney had expressed disappointment that the medals for the 8 second placed starts medallists will take a long time.

Council representation on the Executive Board

There was as yet no sign that consideration of this had reached an advanced stage. As a general principle it would be the Chairman or the Secretary of each Council who would be represented on the Board. It was the unanimous decision of this meeting that the Council should be represented on the Board, to speak on barefoot affairs; also as it is foreseen in the constitution of the W.W.S.U.

Bill Price detailed an unfortunate occurrence in Acapulco when an Australian contingent left without payment a local hotel bill and Mr. Cadena was arrested and jailed for the debt of about \$200.

Adrian Stekelenburg thought it must have been an oversight and should have been dealt with. He will follow up.

ACTION Gill Hill asked about team medals from the W.W.S.U. Franz Kirsch will check on the situation. The meeting then adjourned at 20.43 for dinner.

The meeting reconvened at 22.00 to consider records including those left over from the first meeting.

- Mike Seipel tricks 4260. The members viewed the video, and came to the conclusion that the F-B step 180 at the end of the pass was out of time, judging by the hooter. The voting was 4 for allowing this trick, which is not a majority. This reduces the score by 190 to 4070. Some other tricks were in doubt, but the meeting accepted the assurance of Franz Kirsch who had viewed the original (NTSC) version frame by frame. However the previous record was 4140 so there was no need to go further.
- The record of Peter Wellham on the 12th February 1983 was allowed under the (then) new rules. Passed.
- Kim Lampard 1730 tricks 25/03/83. This was reduced from the claim by 80 for the precursor trick. Passed.
- Lori Powell 620 Start methods. Passed.
- Kim Lampard slalom 895. The vote was 7 for. Passed.
- Gary Neiman starts 620. The vote was 6 for. Passed.
- Ron Scarpa slalom 1400. Passed subject to the entry of the hand timer's signature. Passed unanimously.

The AmWSA requests to be copied on info sent to members. This is not possible due to cost and workload. also not everything is relevant. It was asked can members forward the info sent by Franz Kirsch to the local Federation.

- Debbie Pugh slalom 720. Passed.
- Debbie Pugh tricks 1780. Already approved.
- Debbie Pugh starts 620. Already approved.
- Peter Wellham slalom 970. Already approved.
- Peter Wellham tricks 2950. Already approved.
- Kim Lampard tricks 1810. Already approved.
- Bronwyn McCaskill slalom 980. Passed with 6 votes for.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 01.30 am.

Secretary
Charles Ramsey

Chairman
Franz Kirsch