

The Chairman reiterated the difficulty of allocating time due to members having tasks at the Worlds site. The times scheduled were in fact the only times available. Peter Pearl said it was a universal problem. The only way was to run the meeting on the day or days after the competition, if travel costs were to be cut by combining. Bob Wing said that was done after the Worlds in San Francisco. It was ridiculous that the American representatives had to go away after the competition.

John Morgans found that at the stage we are in now, we do not have to have meetings every 12 months. Every 2 years would be sufficient. The Chairman however had some things on hand that could not be handled by letter (and could not wait till the next Worlds). He would try in future to hold one meeting immediately before the Barefoot Worlds - on just the subject - and a general meeting after the competition. Peter Pearl referred to discussion the previous evening at the Worlds meeting, on translation problems, and said it had consequences for barefoot. The costs of the French translation were substantial, and could not be borne out of Commission funds. He suggested they be charged to those who wanted the translation. John Morgans confirmed there were no funds for it, and Peter Pearl felt we must get into one language as soon as possible.

Point 4 The Chairman welcomed Charles Ramsey and congratulated him on the Redwood City work.

Point 5 John Morgans moved that the minutes of the Redwood City meeting be accepted.

There arose a question over the voting.

Peter Pearl saw 2 Groups present and felt the Commission could go on. The Chairman quoted the W.T.C. that votes should be of the 3 Groups and not of individuals, i.e. the vote should be by Groups. Peter Pearl was of the opinion the Commission should vote the same way.

The Chairman reported complaints from Federations that no observers were allowed at meetings, and was asked if it was top secret. But he himself had been refused by Bob Corson to sit in on the T.C. and felt this precedent should be followed and no observers allowed at the W.B.C. meetings.

The meeting then proceeded with the approval of the minutes. John Morgans was satisfied that most points had been clarified by correspondence.

The minutes of the 2nd meeting of the W.B.C. were thereupon approved. At 0915, Mr J.J. Finsterwald, President of the W.W.S.U., entered and was welcomed by the Chairman, who congratulated him on his re-election as President. This was good for barefooting. J.J. expressed his pleasure to be present, but had soon to go back to the site. His concern at this point was how to manage in view of the new constitution. In 2 months time we will have a Council. Who will the members be? He assumed there would be an election in the January Congress. He suggested Franz Kirsch keep the present members until Congress decided on a change. John Morgans said Group 3 would elect temporary members till their April Congress. The Chairman learned from J.J. that Bill Price was around, and the Secretary called him in his room, where he did not appear to know of the meeting. The Chairman asked J.J. how the Chairman would be elected if according to the new constitution there would after 2 months be

MINUTES
of the 3rd MEETING of the WORLD BAREFOOT COMMISSION of the W.W.S.U.

held at the Post House Hotel, London on the 5th & 6th September 1981

1st session on the 5th September

Those present were:

- Mr Franz Kirsch
- Mr John Morgans
- Mr Bob Wing
- Mr Bill Price
- Mr Charles Ramsey
- Chairman of the Commission
- Group 3
- Group 3
- Group 1 (attended later)
- Minutes Secretary

The Chairman, Mr Franz Kirsch, opened the meeting at 0855 and welcomed the members. Owing to holdups, the World Championships was being continued on the Saturday morning instead of afternoon, which prevented Ken Port from attending the meeting. He asked and received approval of the meeting for Charles Ramsey to take the minutes, since the Secretary Miss Gillian Hill was engaged with the Championships.

Mr Peter Pearl joined the meeting at 0900 John Morgans told of a cable from John Gillette to Gill Hill apologising for being unable to attend, due to financial reasons. (cable appended). The Chairman took note of this. He reported he had had no reply from John Cornish. John Morgans regretted the absence of members, particularly of Group 1, and said they cannot expect their views to be taken into account if they are not present to put them forward. Bob Wing wondered if there was not a better way to have a meeting, and questioned if it was best to have it coincide with a Worlds Tournament. It has proved difficult to schedule time during the competition. The Chairman said it was the same at the Barefoot Worlds Championships - all have other jobs which clash with the meeting. Bob Wing found it necessary to give a fixed date. He could combine a meeting with some touring, but it must be definite.

proposals for new members. J.J. undertook to give advice on this point.

Peter Pearl said the elections are for 2 years, so the elected Chairman would stay in office for 2 years.

The Chairman understood he would remain for 2 months, and then there would be a vote, but there was no meeting scheduled.

J.J. asked that the votes be sent to him, also for members not present.

John Morgans saw 2 votes being taken, one now and one in two months time.

Peter Pearl thought it best that postal votes be invited.

J.J. said that for the next 2 months we should follow the old constitution. He would propose to Frans Stevens, President of Group 2, to keep the representation as is till January.

The Chairman summed up the procedure arrived at:

First, the Groups should nominate members for the Council.

Second, the Council would decide candidates for Chairman.

Third, postal votes for Chairman would be sent to J.J.

In answer to John Morgans, he expressed himself willing to stand, always provided he was nominated by Group 2.

Continuing with the agenda, the Chairman affirmed there would be no rules changes, i.e. new rules, but confirmed to Bob Wing there would be amendments.

John Morgans referred to rules C104 and C105 as relevant.

Bill Price joined the meeting at 0935.

The effect of the new constitution viz á viz the Barefoot Council was repeated for his benefit.

Bill Price would try to have people selected who would go to the meetings, but the problem was money.

Peter Pearl pointed out there were two people present from the most distant Group, which was a mark of their interest.

J.J. then moved on to the records procedure.

The Chairman admitted it was bad. The number of people who had to agree had led to excessive delays. Copies of original documents were poor and sometimes unreproducible. The procedure required considerable numbers of copies to be made.

Bob Wing had paid 100 dollars for photostats and 40 dollars postage on the last lot. This money was difficult to recover.

John Morgans found the homologation dossier too big.

The Chairman agreed. For instance the size of the buoy was asked. Why?

Peter Pearl recommended streamlining and simplifying the records application.

John Morgans asked about record certificates, to which the Chairman replied it had been done for Peter Lindenber. Some of those prior to this were on their way.

Bob Wing wondered why Peter Lindenber, and asked what about those at the 2nd worlds.

John Morgans proposed that all approved records dating back to the 1st meeting in 1978 get certificates.

J.J. then asked about speed records, and mentioned the case of the skier in the U.S. who was killed in an attempt.

Bob Wing disclaimed this attempt as the skier was wearing booties.

Peter Pearl felt nevertheless it was bad publicity.

J.J. took his departure at 0950, followed shortly by Peter Pearl.

John Morgans proposed that the Commission should express its thanks to J.J. for getting barefooting established as a separate identity, and recognized by the W.W.S.U. It was good at last to be honest people.

Bill Price, on speed records, said skiers felt it too dangerous without boots. Severe burns not noticed while skiing could put the skier in hospital.

He added his approval to the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Council. He announced Group 1 would hold their meeting on 1 June 82.

Point 6

The Chairman reported on his first experience with the new rules in international competition, in South Africa where there was a high standard of skiing. There were complaints, specially on start methods, which were discussed the evening before the competition. In the competition itself, everybody was satisfied. He had made an error in the beginning by sending out the rules changes without any explanation of why. After he had explained the reasons, everybody was satisfied and agreed. There remained however a problem with the heavy skier in connection with boat speed.

Bob Wing said his T.C. proposed that the 15 seconds in starts be made 20 seconds. He himself felt 15 seconds was O.K.

John Morgans affirmed it was not a problem and declared the changed rule brilliant.

Bill Price was basically happy with the 15 seconds, but in local competition, so as not to discourage younger skiers, it was upped to 25 seconds, with world team members being held to 15 seconds.

The Chairman said it was important skiers should be training to 15 seconds.

Point 7

John Morgans proposed a correction list to the new rules on the basis of the comments in the letter of the Secretary (16-08-81).

Point 8

It was decided to issue a letter on amendments and clarifications to the latest rules.

The Secretary undertook to prepare a draft amendment/correction list for approval before the meeting broke up.

The Chairman proposed that the runoff of a tie be decided on the shortest time, and this was agreed in principle. The Secretary would rephrase the rule accordingly and come up with text for approval before the end of the meeting.

Bob Wing proposed that the timing (C1703) begin at the first movement of the boat, but after discussion agreed that the wording should be the first accelerated movement.

He then proposed that the 15 seconds be extended to 20 on a sliding scale of scoring, whereby 20% of the table score would be forfeited for each second taken over 15, avoiding the abrupt chop at for instance 15.01 seconds, but still forcing skiers to go for the short time.

It was proposed by John Morgans and seconded by Bob Wing that the text in Bob's agenda letter (11-80-81) be added after the 1st paragraph in rule C1703.

For: Groups 1 & 3
Against: Group 2. Carried.

This will be classed as an amendment.

At 1050, J.J. returned and introduced Mr Les Strong, Chairman of the host Federation, the B.W.S.F.

Les Strong welcomed the members of the Commission and wished them success and a profitable meeting.

J.J. reported that the next worlds Championships will probably be held in Acapulco. The Federation had asked a fee from the Organizers but according to the Chairman, this problem had been solved. There remained only a requirement that there be a club or company in the Organization. This could be the Town Sport Council of Acapulco conceivably.

There would be a meeting next day (Sun) at 0830 with the Mexican Federation President, Mr Andres Botero.

The mechanics of starts timing came under discussion. If the times recorded by the 3 judges were all within one second, the decision could be made on a majority vote. If the spread in times was more than one second, their distribution could fall in 3 different 20% slots, and so the middle value should be taken.

Times are to be rounded off to the nearest 1/10th of a second before being used in this way.

2nd Session on the 6th September

Those present were:

- Mr Franz Kirsch
- Mr Bob Wing
- Mr John Morgans
- Mr Bill Price
- Miss Gillian Hill
- Mr Charles Ramsey
- Chairman
- Group 3
- Group 3
- Group 1
- Secretary
- Minutes Secretary

Apologies were received from Mr Ken Port who had to work on the site in view of the changed schedule of the Worlds Championships.

The meeting continued with rules amendments.

Bob Wing proposed increasing the value of one foot crossings. This was referred to the biennial meeting.

A letter from John Gillette on a tumbleturn revision was not clear to the meeting and John was invited to submit in writing a proposed text for the rule.

A cleanup of Rules C16 and C18 to put all the tricks descriptions together was also deferred to the biennial meeting.

John Gillette's proposal for the skier to use his own line for tricks had, according to Bill Price, advantages and little objection.

The Chairman noted it would obviate homologation of the line.

John Morgans had an objection that the skier would be free to use an extremely long line, e.g. to get into smooth water in the wake and thus be able to stay in it when the water was rough outside. This would raise problems on short waters.

The Chairman felt it should be left up to the skier. He would be told it was a short course and have to take his chance or use a shorter line.

John Morgans foresaw people would also ask it for start methods. From the discussion it became apparent it was a major change and was deferred to the next meeting.

Bob Wing said this would give opportunity for research on short waters.

The meeting then went on to consider video for tricks.

Gill Hill said that in classic it was only used when it was not possible to get a majority decision from the scrutineering.

The Chairman addressed the question whether it was a may or a must. It should be in the boat.

Bob Wing felt video should be used for any disagreement between the judges. He was thinking of 3 judges in the boat.

Gill Hill said this would mean video being consulted on nearly every run.

John Morgans asked consideration for having only the video in the boat, with the judges viewing it in a room.

Both the Chairman and Gill Hill foresaw objections from the judges. The Chairman proposed to allow the use of video.

John Morgans proposed that we take over the rule in classic (15.15) and stipulate in the minutes that tricks shall be filmed by video (for Worlds) but in the rule "may be used". This would facilitate the application of the rule to other than Worlds Championships.

The President of the Mexican Federation, Mr Rene Baumas, last year's President of the Group, arrived at 0930 and was welcomed by the Chairman. He asked him to give a report on the situation with regard to the Worlds Championships at Acapulco.

Mr Baumas reported that there had been contact with Mr Biedel last year but the matter had not been resolved. They were now ready to hold a Worlds.

The following amendments were agreed: Rule C1701. Add "and not to be less than 25.70 metres." Rule C1708c) Change to reflect the new timing.

Rule C1708 last. 15 to become 20 Rule C1709. Change to reflect the timing principle. Rule C1706b). Change to 20 seconds and to reflect the start of timing agreed.

On a discussion on the fraction rule in slalom (C1511) Bob Wing proposed that for a skier to receive the fraction score, he must go on after time to complete the pass on one foot in barefoot skiing position. All were agreed.

Group 1 proposed that tricks and slalom passes be made 15 seconds. Bill Price said this was due to the short water available at many sites in the U.S.

The Chairman ruled that this was a major change. It was agreed to discuss it at the next meeting, and whether it should be 15 or 18 seconds.

Rule C1414. The jump distance shall be measured to the nearest 10 cms. Rule C1405. Both are to be judged from the boat.

There was a discussion of the adequacy of the single rideout buoy as a standup criterion. The skier could just stand and be falling as he passed the buoy and still meet the letter of the law. It was also difficult to see from the boat exactly when the skier passed the buoy, leading to differences in judgement.

It was agreed that a short stretch to be skied out was necessary to establish unequivocally that the skier had landed the jump and stood up properly. To this end a 60 metre buoy was introduced as a rideout buoy. The 40 metre buoy will now serve as a standup buoy.

Group 3 judges have been observing the 40 metre buoy from the bank. Groups 1 & 2 have avoided extra judges by observing the 40 metre buoy from the boat with the existing judges.

It was agreed that with 2 buoys 20 metres apart, the observing was less critical and could be done from the boat for both buoys. C1409 thus is to read "The skier must pass the standup buoy 40 metres from the ramp in barefoot skiing position and maintain it to the rideout buoy 60 metres from the ramp, both to be judged from the boat."

Bill Price brought up a point of John Gillette's about a wider ramp since some skiers go over it with spread legs and run the risk of a foot going over the edge. However, the rules allow a 4'6" ramp (137cm) which it was felt was adequate.

On bumping, the Commission considered it undesirable but prohibition unenforceable, because of the judging difficulty.

Bill Price moreover did not want to force the skier into a forward position in rough water.

The Commission then considered the technical aspects of the measurement of jump distance and the resolution of conflicting triangles arising from misreadings. The conclusions in the letter of Charles Ramsey to the Chairman (24-05-81) were discussed, and it was decided to define the height of the triangle as the perpendicular raised on the base formed by the line from the middle table to the apex formed by the other two. (This conforms to the practice adopted by the B.W.S.F. in its barefoot program.)

The Commission, noting the increasing use of computers in barefoot competitions, considered the time ripe to examine computerization to coordinate activities and to set criteria for programs. The Commission therefore set up a subcommittee to study the matter and make recommendations to it regarding equipment and programs. This task was assigned to Charles Ramsey.

The meeting was adjourned at 1240.

The Chairman planned to go with Charles Ramsey in advance to provide technical aid.

Mr Baumas found this was certainly necessary. The Mexican Federation would also send people. He requested a list of needs. John Morgans asked confirmation that there was nothing in the way of the Mexican Federation granting the Worlds Championships in Acapulco, subject to Mr Biedel. There were no other problems. Mr Baumas confirmed that on receiving the necessary information from Mr Biedel, his Federation could give the O.K. the next day. The Chairman announced he would go over and deal with the people on the spot. He had been authorized to do so by J.J. The site would be the lagoon outside town or a new lake to be made between the old and new towns.

Mr Baumas said there were 2 competing clubs on the lagoon but no problems were foreseen. He was not optimistic about the new lake. The Chairman said the administrative details had already been settled by J.J. with Mr Biedel. Referring to finances, John Morgans said the loss on the 2nd Worlds had been made up by funds from the 1st Worlds. It was a case of getting the 2nd Worlds staged or not. He said the list of obligations should be the same as classic.

The meeting answered some of Mr Baumas' questions: There would be at least 2 boats. The ski nautique was too slow and the barefoot nautique would be preferred. Mr Baumas planned to use local boats. Entry permits for boats offered by manufacturers was a serious problem and it was tough to get them in.

The ramp specifications were given. The meter reading system would be the same as in tournament. Ski ropes would preferentially come in as visitors' baggage. It appeared that boats also could come in without difficulty if brought by a tourist. Skiers and officials together would number about 150.

J.J. arrived at 0950 and said that the obligations would be a matter of negotiation. The Chairman would plan to go in December and talk it over. Mr Baumas was thanked for his valuable assistance, and took his departure.

The meeting continued with the rules. The following amendments were agreed: Cl609. There shall be 3 or 5 judges. This is to prepare the way for video. Cl510. The same.

At 1020, Mr Ron Fergusson joined the meeting. The shorthand system for tricks then came up. John Morgans recalled that the Commission at its 2nd meeting decided on a hybrid system with symbols from the two competing systems selected on a weighting basis. It now appears it is one system or the other. The Chairman would like to see a W.B.C. recommended system in the rule book, as proposed here. Minor changes could be made later as necessary.

Ron Fergusson questioned whether a common system was really necessary. People will always invent and use their own systems. The Chairman found it necessary to have a common system, also for speedy and accurate score sheet scrutiny. John Morgans, while accepting the Group 2 system in general, objected to its tumbleturn symbols. The Group 3 symbols for these were superior.

The question was whether the substitution of the Australian symbols for tumbleturns in the Group 2 system would cause confusion with the toehold symbol, but since this always has a subscript, confusion should not arise.

The Chairman proposed that the Group 2 system be advised now, any necessary minor changes be made at the next meeting. Gill Hill seconded. Bill Price put forward an amendment to the proposal, that the Group 2 system with the Group 3 symbols for tumbleturns substituted be the official system. This was agreed by all. A copy of the system with the substituted tumbleturn symbols is appended.

Ron Fergusson clarified his personal position on the Commission. He had done and would do what he could, but due to his commitments his contribution was necessarily limited. The Chairman explained that the system was now one vote per Group, and summarized the discussion for his benefit.

The World Championships would be held on the 1st or 2nd week of December 1982. Ron Fergusson was against the Commission holding its meeting at the Worlds Championships, and advised the meeting to look at another competition.

The Chairman considered it not possible to generalize. Each meeting would have to be scheduled according to the prevailing circumstances. Bill Price expressed a preference for the 1st week in December for the Worlds in view of the imminence of Christmas.

Point 11

John Morgans felt the choice of the Judges and Chief Judge should have the consideration of the Commission. Ron Fergusson made a suggestion that Groups submit names of a Chief Judge and the Judges 6 months prior to the Worlds. The Chairman of the W.B.C. then sends within 14 days the total list to the Chairman of the Barefoot Council of each Group, who within 30 days returns it to the W.B.C. Chairman, with the order of preference for Chief Judge.

Point 12 a)

There were 2 homologation dossier formats in use. The Group 2 dossier was more comprehensive. The Chairman would like to make a requirement that the dossier supply all the data necessary to approve a record. The Secretary had produced a dossier mainly from the Group 2 copy with some of the Group 3 pages. The Chairman and the Secretary would work up a composite dossier incorporating the good features of both, and circulate it to members.

Point 13

The members present submitted their correct current addresses and phone numbers, which are hereby appended.

Other Business

It was agreed that the records submitted in 1978 at the 1st meeting of the W.B.C. and approved, will have certificates issued.

A World Standings list will be compiled at the end of the season by the Chairman on the basis of homologated competitions run according to World rules, i.e. only those performances will be included.

For a competition to be homologated, all competitors must comply with the rules. If for example, one competitor uses a non-homologated line and is not disqualified, the competition cannot be homologated as it is not according to the World rules.

Bob Wing proposed that the autotimer should also indicate (audibly) the start of pass. This affects rules Cl507, Cl605 and Cl706, and the words should read "where an automatic timer/sounder is used, it shall also audibly indicate commencement of pass." Bill Price considered the effect of this if the timer pressed the button late.

Bob Wing said the skier still got his 20 seconds. Nevertheless if the error was repeated, the timer should be replaced (a new finger on the button). There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1212, and thanked all for a good and productive meeting.

An impromptu meeting of the Worlds Barefoot Commission was set up on the morning of the 7th September 1981 in the grounds of the Post House Hotel in London, primarily for computer discussions.

Those present were :

Mr Franz Kirsch Chairman
Mr Bob Wing Group 3
Mr John Morgans Group 3
Mr Bill Price Group 1
Mr Charles Ramsey Minutes Secretary/Computer Subcommittee

Mr Colin Ellison, the Group 3 expert on computers, was invited to attend the meeting, which opened at 0910.
The current status of computer use at barefoot competitions, and progress in applying programs to the provisions of the rules were briefly reviewed.
Use of the forerunner's jump was postulated for measuring the ramp at the moment of impact.
The use of the line from the middle table as the base for the calculation of the height of the triangle was endorsed.
This is the sort of information and advice that could preferably be issued by way of a Policy Document as proposed by Bob Wing.

The choice of alternative (rival) triangles should take into account the relative sizes of the competing triangles and also their lateral distances from the expected jumping line. This is defined as the line through the centre of the ramp to the nominal or average point of landing with respect to the wake. In barefoot jumping, this is a relatively constant distance from the wake centreline, in contrast to tournament, and barefooting can well make good use of the fact. The lateral deviation forms the basis for a criterion of validity. A triangle wide of the jumping line loses credibility.
The Computer Subcommittee task was discussed, and it was seen as a study of computer technology on a broad level, in application to barefoot competitions, and the coordination of current efforts. To this end, data and experience would be solicited by letter, with the request that it be acknowledged by return, and studied and answered at leisure.

The Policy Manual is to be drawn up and supplemented by a Subcommittee formed by Bob Wing.

The Group 1 Barefoot Magazine formed a suitable vehicle for clarifications.

Speed records will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

A printing error is in rule C1412 line 5, "of" should be "is"

The rewording and reordering of the rule book is a task for the future. Harry Robb has made an American language version of the old rule book and rearranged it in logical pattern. The Commission would look at this with a view to a revision of the current rule book.

Bill Price announced that for the 1982 Worlds, a pre-Worlds warmup training possibility would be available in Houston. 100 beds were available for trainees.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting and wished all a safe return home.

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REGARDS

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