

WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES



Meeting of the WBC
On 22 May 2022

Items and Actions

1. ATTENDEES

Geoff Blaauw- GB
Brian Price - BP
Claire Mowday - CM
Andy Harris - AH
Mike Molepske - MM
Ludo Vrancx - LV
Rob Groen - RG
Mark Shank - MS
Gustavo Serrano - GS

APOLOGIES

Char Portman
John Cornish
Paul Adams
Svenja Hempelmann
Ben Groen

2. LION AND EMS UPDATE

Lion program to be superseded by the EMS, currently in a transition period. GB also highlighted the importance of entering athletes & officials as it provides a record of the sports history.

LV advised that they used it last year for the Belgian Nationals, skiers not included in the EMS were uploaded by Officials.

GS confirmed they are using it in Mexico for both Barefoot and Waterski.

3. OFFICIALS' EDUCATION UPDATE

MM stated he & Shannon will be creating tutorials for Officials on how to become an official, quizzes, and progression. All officials are completing their maintenance requirements, looking at updating the requirements.

4. IWWF / IOC FUNDING UPDATE

The IOC Funding has granted USD\$4,000, each confederation will need to substantiate the costs as per the requested documents.

5. 2022 MASTERS

MS has begun creating videos for Sponsorship and Recruitment, requested members assist if they have access to any talent. There has been USD\$30,000 raised so far from sponsorship however the more funds, the better the event. IWWF have assisted in the production, Paul Fong put the footage together.

MS advised if members would like to be picked up, they need to land in Austin, Texas.

BP asked how many competitors are expected?

MS advised they are working with 60, however, it could be as many as 80.

Reminder once again to bring your country's flag to San Marcos

6. 2023 OPEN JUNIOR WORLDS / UNDER 23

GB covered off, Mike Molepske has been nominated as the Chief Judge of the 2023 Open Junior Worlds / Under 23, BP raised to endorse, CM seconded.

GB asked once again for nominations of the remaining Lead Official positions.

BP stated that Pete O'Neill is heading the team in Mulwala, there was a meeting, various personnel were selected. The renovations of the Ski Club are concluding. The renovations facilitate improved opportunity for functions such as the presentation dinner will be held.

GB raised the ceremony for IHOF inductees, Andy Harris, Oscar Mann & Lori Powell will also be inducted. Accommodation for teams should be organised ASAP.

7. RULES COMMITTEE UPDATE

Beginning June, the Rules Committee will be addressing a host of issues raised, MS advised to send him rules to be considered as he will post any questions on the forum to be addressed June 1st to September 15th.

8. AWARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

CM has sent out a reminder to all confederation chairs RE: OSA, nomination forms are on the website.

CM has sent a deadline date nominations need to be submitted by if they are to be presented at the Masters or Worlds.

9. FEDERATION DEVELOPMENT

GS mentioned the Pan American Waterski federation have added 4 members.

LV updated that they have lost 2 judges from Sweden as they are no longer supported by their federation financially and it is a significant cost to travel internationally. Judging in Europe itself incurs significant costs. There has been some funding support from the IWWF which has been used to run Officials clinics, the remaining funds will be used to support new judges in travelling to events. Nothing from South Africa at this point.

10. EUROPE UPDATE

LV shared that Intention to enter forms for the European Nationals closed on the 30th May, a few entries have been returned.

11. OCEANIA UPDATE

BP communicated the passing of Max Kirwan, which the Max Kirwan Ski Park in Mulwala was named after. Oceania Championships to be held at the Max Kirwan Ski Park, in November 2022, with Lyn Blaauw appointed as Chief Judge. The Oceania Hall of Fame Inductees will also be celebrated at the event. NZ and Australia are currently in the planning stage for the 2023 season, the respective Federation's will hold their AGM's in the coming months.

BP anticipates there will be approx. 20 Australian Skiers in Texas for the Masters, RG stated he is the only member from NZ attending at this point, he is the only senior skier from his country available.

Australia is still negotiating which state will hold the Nationals in 2023.

RG has advised that there may not be a NZ Junior team for 2024 due to lack of junior athletes.

12. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

BP has curated some role descriptions of the duties and responsibilities of officials. Document to be refined and then distributed to members.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

14. MEETING ADJORNED

NEXT MEETING:

ACTIONS:

- GB to organise EMS training videos for next meeting.
- Each confederation will need to substantiate the costs as per their IOC funding requests.
- BP to finalise role descriptions and then distribute to members