

International Water Ski and Wakeboard Federation World Barefoot Council

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Minutes

Telephonic Meeting of the **World Barefoot Council** held on 17th September
2017.

Attendees: Geoff Blaauw, Paul Turner, Richard Gray, Richard Kaufman, Gustavo Serrano, Brem Allen, Rob Groen, Ben Groen, Claire Mowday, Brian Price, Svenja Hempelmann, Betsy Gilman (excused herself shortly after the meeting began).

No apologies received.

2018 WORLDS: Ashley Stebbbeings to decide on Lead Officials. Mike Molepske to send out videos to all Lead Officials monthly, as a training program. Rolling smoothly at the moment. The site seems to be fantastic from all reports.

UPDATE PROVIDED BY AL MOYNES (LOC CHAIR)

- caterer and bands are booked for the banquet
- caterer booked for opening ceremonies
- onsite entertainment and activities being arranged
- we had hoped bulletin would be out by now, but ran into issues ... Will have it out shortly
- one Sanger boat has been sold with the 2018 deal ... That gives us one new boat for worlds, still 2 more available with that deal
- in process of arranging for use of webcast equipment from 2016 worlds
- site prep/planning by Dwight and group is ongoing
- continue to add sponsors to the list
- Ontario provincial government sport hosting grant assistance has been approved!

If you have any questions feel free to contact me and I will do my best to

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answer them.

IWWF CONGRESS: New IWWF President – Jose Antonio Perez Priego (MEX). The 2021 Senior World Proposal was approved by the IWWF with huge number of compliments. IWWF approved that the WBC can sanction their tournaments however they like, providing that the sanction fees are equal to the sanction fees in place for the combined Senior, Open, Junior Worlds.

In 2021 IWWF to have a 75th Anniversary Event, possibly in Florida. There is a good chance that Cable will be included in the 2024 Olympics. IWWF working on a program for all disciplines which will provide a live profile for all skiers in the world and will include a rankings list. Moving forward the rankings list would be relative to the tournaments the skiers are skiing in, as well as who they are skiing against. Only selected tournaments would be determined to be a rankings list tournament.

The IWWF is recommending that drivers are breath tested before the start of the tournament, this is going to be considered for the 2020 World Championships.

A letter sent to Ron Scarpa congratulating him on his induction to the Hall of Fame.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Was held in Italy with 40 skiers in total.

US NATIONALS: Was held in Florida and had about 65 Skiers.

2020 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Had expected 3 potential bids coming in. Only Sydney, Australia submitted a bid.

Unanimous agreement to approve the bid from Sydney, Australia.

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COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Record Review: Received a few applications from recent competitions. None were approved. One application is currently under review. The committee is still receiving applications that could use a little more diligence from on-site reviews.

Rules: A few new people on the committee, working as hard as they can to get those rules up and running before the release of the new rule book.

Administration: The PPG document has been finished and once complete will be agreed on by the WBC. Thankful for the work Brian Price and the committee has done.

Awards: A request has been sent to all confederations for nominate for Athlete of the Year Awards. Nominations are to be submitted by the end of October. Working to get citations for previous awards to update the website. Outstanding Service Awards which will be presented at the 2018 Worlds need to be submitted by the end of 31st March 2018.

Technology: Figured out what technology to use for ship to shore and used it at the 2017 US Nationals. It produced live streaming in HD with outstanding quality. The cost of the item currently is \$10,000 USD. New Zealand is currently in negotiations to buy one. Svenja advised that she had also been successfully working with a system at a German competition and would forward the details to Rob Groen.

FORUM: Everyone should be visiting the forum every few days and being aware of the content.

SENIOR WORLDS FORMATTING COMMITTEE: Mike Molepske is heading up this committee and seems to have it under control.

OPEN & JUNIOR WORLDS FORMATTING COMMITTEE: Looking for nominations to head up the committee to put a proposal together for the

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running of the 2022 Open and Junior World Championships. This committee will need to present their proposal at the WBC meeting at the 2018 Championships.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Scoring System: In future, any scoring program will need to work with the new IWWF rankings list program. Leon program is working on integrating their program with the IWWF program. If this cannot be done then the IWWF will pay for a new scoring program to be created. The plan is for the Leon Program to be used at the 2018 World Championships.

Athlete's Commission Update: Senior World's change has created the most discussion.

Major Events Listing on Website: Please send to Richard Gray in the format requested so that Richard can ensure the calendar is updated.

MEETING CLOSED