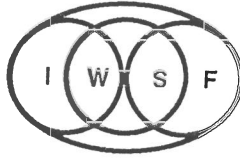


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MINUTES

of the 13th Meeting of the World Barefoot Council held in Sydney on the 14th to the 21st of March 1994

1st session Panthers Motel, Penrith March 14th 1994

Present were:

Gillian Hill	Region EAME	Chairman
Brian Carroll	Region AA	
Brian Price	Region AA	
Selwyn Neiman	Region EAME	
Charles Ramsey	Region EAME	Secretary
Sam Spano	Region PA	
Chuck Alleger	Region PA	
Bob Londrigan	Region PA	
Graeme Dwyer	Region AA, joined the meeting at 0940	
Richard Gray	Region PA Substitute	
Len Berger	Region EAME Substitute	

The Chief Judge of these 9th World Titles, Don Mixon, was invited to attend.

Romain Gilot was invited as observer, since he is expected shortly to become a Region EAME delegate to the WBC and it was desirable to get him up to speed for rapid integration.

Chairman opened the meeting at 0930, and observed that Karyn Scarpa was no longer on the Council and proposed to send her a letter to thank her for her work on the Council and congratulate her on her pending family extension.

Chairman went round the table and listed the current Council members and substitutes. The list is appended.

Don Mixon listed the points he wished to raise.

- The draw
- Officials meeting
- Responsibility for decisions
- Turnaround times.

Brian Price asked for dispensation from familiarisation boat duty for the members who are on the panel. Don Mixon said he had scheduled Drivers and Judges in the boat for familiarisation, leaving out WBC members unless they wished to be scheduled. He plans to use reserve judges.

The site familiarisation schedule.

If there are no delays, and subject to the full entry being known, familiarisation will take 8hrs and 35mins, which means all is completed on Tuesday except for SUI & ITA who ski on Wednesday.

However there was a proposal that the officials and team Captains meetings and briefings be held Tuesday morning, and familiarisation not to start till Tuesday noon and the 1st event to be run at Wednesday noon. From the numbers of entries there will be only 4 men's groups.

It was decided it was preferable to hold the briefings in the hotel.

Gillian Hill updated the Chief Judge on panel changes

- Leonora Berger instead of Romana Franchi
- Rob McGlennon instead of Darryl Ziehl

Graeme Dwyer suggested we use the 2 boat system for jump as in the World Games. It saves time.

The Chief Judge said we do not need time but we do need spectacle, and this provides it. It appeared that most of the Drivers were familiar with the system and it was left to the Chief Judge to get it planned and perfected.

There was a need to ensure meter readers were kept well informed as to which skier was on the water and it was agreed to maintain a running order jump by jump.

Graeme Dwyer said a slight modification would be necessary to cope with some rollers that had been experienced.

Schedule changes.

The Team Managers' meeting would be the next morning but there would be a Team Managers follow-up on Wednesday at noon for items arising from familiarisation.

The Chief Judge would like a same time start every day to avoid uncertainty and mistakes. It was agreed the start would be at 0830 each day.

The Chairman in response to a suggestion that we would not allow an official in the boat if he did not attend the seminar said we had not given proper notice that attendance was to be mandatory, but we will ensure that all officials attend.

The Officials briefing will follow directly after the seminar. The Team Managers' meeting will be held at 0830 on Tuesday. Familiarisation to start at 1100. Team familiarisation schedule to be in the original order. The Chief Judge would publish this order for Tuesday, continuing with the rest Wednesday at 0830. Then the eliminations would be run as on the original information sheet.

Turnaround times are to be set by the Chief Judge in conjunction with Graeme Dwyer. The Council will be informed. 90 seconds was most likely.

The course is laid out slanting across the river to get a long enough straight course, but is still limited. The question arose whether there is enough runout left if a very high speed called. The skier would be warned, and at the end of the available water, the boat will turn and that is the

end of the pass and the skier's own responsibility.

The free style display scheduled for Saturday is to be relocated after the last eliminations group.

TV. It was not yet established whether TV would be present or if it would be live. It was suggested to keep our own camera going when TV is in the boat so as to be sure of a signal for the Judges.

Graeme Dwyer objected to this in slalom because it adds one person to the boat weight and thus alters the wake from what the top skiers are used to.

Gillian Hill asked why not an alongside boat for TV. It had been tried and proven to work well. Graeme Dwyer warned that the course is close to the banks at the ends. This is because the course is skewed, but the TV boat should be run on the open ended side to avoid getting squeezed.

Groups for start lists.

Scores to be used for making up groups are those in the latest Region Standings lists.

Regions may come up with their latest results in the form of a Region standing list and this is what the Rule states. Up to 1300 today Federations may submit their latest lists. Otherwise the World Standings List 1993 will be used.

Group sizes.

There were 48 or 49 men and 13 women. The Chief Judge proposed to make 4 men's groups. After some discussion, Bob Londrigan proposed a formula, that the total be divided by 4 and the remainder (i.e. modulo 4) - 1, 2 or 3 - be spread evenly over groups starting with the A group.

This would be done with all events so that the A group was always the same size. This was decided.

Scoring in the boat. It was decided this should be done for these Championships. Bob Londrigan suggested the nr.1 judge looks over the 3 sheets and gives the score.

After some discussions of the limitations and drawbacks of this system, Gillian Hill proposed we put Scorer qualified persons in boats moored at the turnaround buoys and the boat judges hand them the sheets at the end of each pass. This was agreed.

The Team Managers meeting would be on Tuesday at 0830, and after that, the WBC meets again.

On the following day there will be a 4 hour WBC meeting in the morning.

Breaches of the rules in scoring.

Record applications submitted to Gillian Hill just before she left included four 540s in succession. This is not allowed by rules.

After some discussion it was reluctantly conceded that the rules do indeed not allow a 540 positioning turn. This came as a surprise to many Officers who had read the rule differently, and thought the current Rule Book wording worked to the disadvantage of the skiers, and could not see the reason for it. Others held that the principle that the reverse should be as close as

possible to the basic and to allow no other tricks in between was sound and should be maintained. This was to avoid the confusion that could arise if a faulty 540 positioning turn were split into a 3 and a 1 which under our present rules could score in themselves.

A proposal was made to change the rule to allow the 4 consecutive 540s to score. Proposed by Brian Price, seconded Graeme Dwyer that for these Championships a 180 or 540 positional turn between basic and reverse 540 be allowed. This was in the meantime denied, there being only 3 votes for the motion.

The general feeling was that this could not be given effect for the current Championships since the skiers had had no advance notice of it, and only those under the misapprehension were doing it. Another factor was there were proposals on the table to make drastic alterations to the tricks structure which might undo anything done to facilitate reverses.

It was agreed to defer the matter till the final meeting after the Championships.

Appointed Officials' Seminar.

Brian Price reviewed the forum group's work. The basis was a tricks video film of some 20 skiers put together by Selwyn Neiman. There were numerous examples of a strict observance of the rules being necessary.

The group felt it was not appropriate to be dogmatic about what to credit and what not, but there were clear cases of what should not be paid, the so-called "black" areas, and clear cases where it should, which he termed "white". In between were grey areas where the judge could not be faulted whether he paid it or not. It was the intention to narrow these grey areas to as narrow a band as possible.

Toe turns, 180 tumbleturns, wake flips, step F-B and wake turns were singled out. A proposed criterion on front to back toe turns was that the skier arriving in the backwards position could have held it if he had wanted to. However it was apparent that in many cases on the film there was no possibility of sustaining the position, and these should not be paid.

Tumble turn 180s. These should be all the way round. There was some discussion on how this fact should be judged, but there were cases where the skier clearly turned back before he got to the 180 position and these were in the "black" area.

Wake turns. The skier in using all of the upslope may (in fact must) go through the crest but must leave the water by the top of the crest and be going upwards when he leaves it. He must not go on and jump off the water beyond the crest.

He must land with both feet on the other side of the crest.

Wake flip. In coming down on the far side of the crest, no part of the body may touch the water before it has passed the crest.

Step F-B. Watch that the hand or butt does not touch first. In doubtful cases there is no benefit of the doubt. As in all tricks it is the responsibility of the skier to make clear to the Judge what he is doing.

For future work, good tapes are necessary. Editing is essential to make tapes usable for this kind of work, which involves some professional and production costs.

The Council will write to the Executive Board for financing for such a project. Bob Londrigan proposed we get a commitment from Federations and others to buy quantities of tapes. The plan is to put tapes together on specific tricks.

Gillian Hill will open the seminar and then hand over to the judges group - Brian Price, Selwyn Neiman and Bob Londrigan.

She thanked the three on behalf of the Council for their good work in preparing for the seminar.

It being 1300 and the Council having completed this part of the agenda, the Chairman recessed the meeting till the following day at 1100.

Session 2
1994

Panthers Motel, Penrith

Tuesday 15th March

Present were

Gillian Hill	Chairman
Brian Carroll	Region AA
Brian Price	Region AA
Selwyn Neiman	Region EAME
Charles Ramsey	Secretary
Sam Spano	Region PA
Chuck Alleger	Region PA
Bob Londrigan	Region PA
Graeme Dwyer,	Region AA, joined the meeting at 1040
Clint Ward	Honoured guest
Richard Gray	Region PA Substitute
Len Berger	Region EAME Substitute
Romain Gilot	by invitation

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1015

The Chairman welcome Clint Ward, a member of the Executive Board who has some important information for the Council.

The Chairman reminded members that on Monday we would elect a new chairman, and thought it appropriate at this time to ask who would be standing for election.

Region PA	- no nominations
Region EAME	- Selwyn Neiman
Region AA	- Graeme Dwyer

Schedule:

The Opening Ceremony would be held on Wednesday night, along with the cocktail party. Details are expected later. Formal dress de rigeur. The Thursday civic reception would be by invitation only. The Saturday barbecue is an informal get together. Tickets are \$20. The Organisers provide under the Obligations accommodation and evening meals for the Council, which for this purpose consists of 9 members, i.e. the substitutes are not provided for.

Item 3. Minutes of the 12th meeting held in London.

Proposed Sam Spano, 2nd Selwyn Neiman that the minutes be accepted.
Passed nem con.

The Chairman then proceeded with Item 7. Reports etc.

The IWSF Byelaws and the Eligibility rules were in members possession.

- Additional Agenda Items.
- Add slalom scoring - Item 9.
- History of records - Item 10.3
- Officials appointments Item 11.d
- New Item - Officials directory.

At this meeting we should compile new rules ideas for the Monday session.

There were some record applications in the pipeline but not complete. If not completed in time we cannot consider them.

The Chairman then returned to Item 7.

World Executive Board report.

There are new IWSF Byelaws sent with the agenda. We have to work with them.

The Court of Arbitration in Lausanne will in future handle all disputes.
Federations have 2 years to get this in their rules.

Graeme Dwyer joined the meeting at 1040

Eligibility Rules: Sam Spano observed that there were differing rules on the same subject. The Eligibility Rules are to give the Federation power over its skier.

Regarding advertising on clothing, the IOC sets the maximum size.

Technical Rule C402 must be adapted to conform to the Eligibility Rules, particularly sections 1 & 3.

The Council found it was needed to add in the Region Council Chairman in 3.c. These Rules will need to be complemented with extracts from the Eligibility rules. The Chairman and Secretary will come up with a proposal.

Hall of fame. There are no barefoot names. Proposals must come from the Region.
The Chairman's report should be viewed by the Council before presenting it to Congress, but there was not enough time last time. This will be done in future.
The Barefoot Division would like to see the Hall of Fame Committee have some barefoot representation.

Sam Spano would like to know what benefits barefoot gets from the IWSF. We pay sanctions fees but what do we get back. Gillian Hill said that for example rule books are distributed free of charge. Secretarial expenses are reimbursed etc.

Brian Price thought the printing of the Rule Book was an opportunity to get sponsoring.

Sam Spano thinks there should be some part of the sanction fee back to WBC to dispose of ourselves.

Selwyn Neiman said there was a mechanism for this. For instance in Region EAME, the Region supports our seminar.

Gillian Hill said we are going to ask for support for editing the barefoot video.

On the question of raising our own sponsoring, Clint Ward told the Council about the contract the IWSF has signed for sponsoring and said it conflicted with our own attempts and would preclude them.

Brian Price asked how we are going to pay for Championships if so much goes to the IWSF, but Clint Ward said local sponsoring remains in the hands of the Organiser.

We need promotion, and the IWSF is going the commercial way to raise funds. All Divisions are treated the same when it comes to support.

World Juniors. Sam Spano asked if sanction the fee could be dropped. Gillian Hill said it is certain that if a Federation comes up with a bid with such a proviso, the sanction would be waived.

Sam Spano said the sanction fee was still in place when the AWSA was considering a bid. Also the Obligations came very late. Gillian Hill said she spoke to Andres Botero who was prepared to drop the sanction fee. Gillian Hill said to make a bid and state the conditions under which it will be made. You would surely will get a hearing.

Australia was considered unsuitable for a 1st Juniors Championships. Graeme Dwyer said we should try this weekend to get a commitment from some Federation. AUS and NZL are interested.

Clint Ward passed round copies of the new Obligations for World Titled events. The contract had been signed with Grand Slam Sports. Graeme Dwyer saw this as an important development for our sport. The local sponsoring was a material source of income for tournament expenses and this was fully for the Organiser.

World Championships 1996

Selwyn Neiman reported that maybe ITA was interested. Mario Borsci was keen. USA was interested but was no way near coming up with a bid.

The Chairman announced that the meeting Wednesday would be from 0800 to 1130.

Brian Price asked about the document and comments from an USA individual that the Secretary had circulated. It was agreed that the only papers and comments sent round are to be those emanating from the Council. Other comments are to be routed via the Region representatives.

Rules changes. Principles

Graeme Dwyer said we must reward competitors for skill and finish up with a result everybody can see. He was outspoken about the drastic proposal circulated by the Secretary and found such action quite unnecessary and achieving nothing.

Bob Londrigan thought we should do the least amount of tinkering to get results.

Graeme Dwyer asked in tricks and slalom what on earth is going on.

Bob Londrigan said we must let the spectator know what is going on. So we should take action to improve spectator viewing. Instant scoring was also something to generate interest..

Selwyn Neiman agreed and we must not forget about the spirit of the sport.

Judging-related points to consider were: Mandatory runs; Length of the run.
Brian Price listed what he saw as the issues.

- reward skill
- create a sense of competition
- improve spectator appeal
- instant scoring
- visibility
- length of course.
- variety of tricks.

On the initiative of the Council he drew up a list of basic principles. These are attached.
Len Berger was of the opinion that barefooting is not a spectator sport but an armchair sport. It lends itself to TV but not to direct viewing.

We have to cater to the top skier but also to the body of competitors for the development of the sport.

Tricks not attempted should not be paid. If a multiple turn is attempted, a part of it should never be payable.

It was decided to invite 3 skiers from each region to discuss this matter with the Council.
At 1315 the meeting recessed. It will reconvene on the morrow at 0800.

March Present were:

Gillian Hill	Region EAME	Chairman
Brian Carroll	Region AA	
Brian Price	Region AA	
Selwyn Neiman	Region EAME	
Charles Ramsey	Region EAME	Secretary
Sam Spano	Region PA	
Chuck Alleger	Region PA	
Bob Londrigan	Region PA	
Graeme Dwyer,	Region AA, joined the meeting at 0855	
Clint Ward	Honoured guest	
Richard Gray	Region PA Substitute	
Len Berger	Region EAME Substitute	
Romain Gilot	by invitation	
Ron Scarpa	Skiers' Council, by invitation	

The Chairman opened the meeting shortly after 0800 with the observation that though she would like to wait for Graeme Dwyer, we had to get on, and Ron Scarpa was present so we should go on with tricks.

Ron said the Skiers' Council had not really got far. It was difficult to get skiers interested and prepared to co-operate. But it was a good idea and we must go ahead with it. Ron Scarpa first tried to get a group together. There had been little response from Regions EAME and AA; only Richard Mainwaring had come forward.

He has a fax for keeping touch.

Gillian Hill informed him we had decided on a meeting Friday evening with 3 skiers from each Region. It would be a seminar type meeting. Points for discussion would be prepared and, hopefully, circulated.

Selwyn Neiman, Bob Londrigan and Brian Price were asked to put something together for Friday. We will try to get something to Ron Scarpa in the meantime.

Ron Scarpa said we need to sell the sport. To get more skiers, and more spectators. There were many ideas. The question was - is the Council prepared to implement them? The ideas going around are more radical for the Council than for the skiers. All are hungry for changes that will get us what we want.

Selwyn Neiman asked Ron Scarpa can you give 3 changes.

Ron Scarpa answered:

- instantaneous results
- more standardised form of officiating (judging) - Style not skill. A semi standard form of judging tricks.
- take a look at variety of tricks. There are tricks in the book that skiers cannot even do.

Wake tricks are spectacular but nobody does them because boats are overloaded with 5 or 6 people. This is a load the boat was not designed for - they do not run well - the wakes become distorted, and the wake changes from tournament to tournament. There is a wake turbulence the Skier does not want to be there.

We must lighten the load and get a better wake.

Have just one judge in the boat. Skiers are prepared to live with just one judge in boat. TV cannot get hold of the results 4 hours later or even not till the next day.

Selwyn Neiman asked his opinion on mandatory runs:

Ron Scarpa was for a mandatory 1st pass. It is not a big deal for anyone at a Worlds.

On the question whether to put difficult tricks last in the run, Ron Scarpa expects to score all the tricks in his routine. If he times out on the last trick, he wants to start next pass with it.

Ron Scarpa would like to see instant scoring. And take the judges out of the boat.

If one super judge and 2 OK judges are in the boat, the super judge is getting overruled anyway.

Ron Scarpa was against rules changes unless it improves the sport - selling the sport to the media. Skiers will be happier with more media coverage and more TV.

Ron Scarpa was of the opinion one judge scoring is best way to do it.

But skiers were judged different in different countries. In the USA multiturning is definite and judged rigorously. Standards differ in various countries. Thus it is better to have one judge in the boat.

Gillian Hill has the theory now that Skiers now attempt a high multiturn trick in the knowledge of getting a lesser trick if the higher trick fails. She suggested that if an attempted multiple breaks down into sub multiples, the subs do not pay.

Ron Scarpa approves changes if it gets judges out of the boat.

Selwyn Neiman found the discussion on multiples all leading up to submitte trick runs and instant scoring.

However, if a wake 180 B-F is attempted and is not a wake, it gets nothing. This discourages wakes. It should revert to a normal 180. This could apply also to one foots.

Bob Londrigan advocates changing points values. This is to stylise numbers for easy scoring summing. Ron Scarpa found this OK.

Ron Scarpa said we should make changes for the media and the sport will grow.

Ron Scarpa said instant scoring has been tried and has succeeded. As long ago as 1983 in RSA. It has been tried in the USA with one judge. The integrity of the judge was no problem.

With one judge, family should be kept out of the boat.

Gillian Hill asked about Slalom.

Ron Scarpa reflected that Jump is our only instant judging event - it is exciting. Tricks is exciting - and better still with instant scoring. Slalom is boring. The top 15 or 20 people are very close. The only variable left is speed.

It is skilful but people on the bank cannot see it.

Ron Scarpa considered instant results would help.

Selwyn Neiman asked Ron Scarpa if what he says represents the views of the top 10 or 20 skiers.

Ron Scarpa answered that from the handful of skiers he has spoken to (half dozen from each group), all are interested in seeing the sport grow.

Ron Scarpa said a big tournament is a weekend long barbecue.

There was a general feeling that we need a big injection. We need more than a bandaid. Skiers all over the world are getting closer together. But judging standards still differ.

Rule changes must make it easier and better for all concerned. The media improvements will follow.

Changes will percolate down to the skier but only after the first 1 or 2 tournaments will everybody settle down.

Gillian Hill found it most unfortunate that Graeme Dwyer is not here to hear this. Bob Londrigan proposed to limit numbers, i.e. 4 tumbles, 2 multiples etc.

Wakes and one foots which fail the "variation" criterion get paid as surface or 2 foots. Failed multiples should not score lesser multiples.

A Working group is to put together proposals. They are to come up with proposals based on the Brian Price issues listing.

The World Barefoot Council compilation group would be:-

Region 1 Bob Londrigan

Region 2 Charles Ramsey

Region 3 Brian Price

Anyone can join in but these 3 are responsible for coming up with something.

Bob Londrigan said we would be much better off giving the skier group something to chew on and let them chew holes in it. Do not expect too much initiative from them.

Brian Price made the distinction between mandatory and submitted trick runs.

1996 Worlds.

ITA is interested - in the person of Mario Borsci. Clint Ward and Selwyn Neiman will sit down with him.

NZL thought they would not get the numbers for a Juniors Championships.

RSA has a boat problem which holds them back. Altitude prevents getting speed. The Johannesburg site is at an altitude of 6000 ft. Tests are carrying on.

Brian Price asked if it would be practical to carry out tests elsewhere that was high, e.g. Mexico.

Obligations. The new Obligations for World titled events were available.

All members need copies of the lawyer updates.

Gillian Hill is to get copies of the base documents.

Item 11. d) Officials appointments.

Officials nominations.

Bob Londrigan explained how he deals with it in his own Region.

Brian Price held that Colin Black was nominated for Chief Judge for the current Worlds. Gillian Hill had the proposals from the 3 regions, all of whom nominated Don Mixon.

The final choice is made by the IWSF President.

Brian Price wished to submit a proposal. He thought the World Barefoot Council should have the say. If more than one nomination for Chief Judge is put forward then it should go to a postal ballot.

Clint Ward pointed out that the World Barefoot Council has as its mandate the technical considerations. The IWSF President makes the final choice, and he may have other factors to take into consideration.

Gillian Hill said the Regions make their decisions. If there is more than one nomination, there will be a postal ballot and the President will be advised on the facts in the form of a resume of the contenders.

Gillian Hill was all for setting a timetable for Regions submitting nominations. Regions should submit nominations to the Chairman of the World Barefoot Council no later than 8 months prior to a World Championships. Nominations are to be in the form of a resume.

The Chairman of the World Barefoot Council shall submit the nominations to the IWSF President 7 months before the World Championships. The President shall make the appointments 6 months before the World Championships.

A form was put forward which extracts a great deal of relevant information on the official. This form is attached to these minutes.

Selwyn Neiman said it was time we had a list of internationally qualified personnel, to be used for recognition and for the selection of international officials.

Regions are to submit lists to Charles Ramsey for compilation.

It was agreed that the rules of each Region in relation to qualifying judges should be circulated.

Item 8. Standings List.

It was proposed to make a cut-off based on performance as per the ratings in the Rule Book. Agreed.

The problem of duplication can be solved by skier IDs. A discussion followed on the composition of the ID. Basically IDs would go into a database and the data categories would be in fields.

IDs can incorporate date of birth.

Database fields for Federation, Date of birth, M/F and others for Federation details were specified. A list is attached.

The Standings List would include a listing of the IOC country codes.

Region standings are to be submitted with IDs. The Regions assemble Regional Standings. Results received with no IDs do not go into the Standings.

Obligatory Deadlines.

Closing Date. The Standings comprise results of competitions held from Jan 1st up to and including Dec 31st of the Standings year.

Federation Submission deadline. All results that are to go into the Standings must be sent to the Region by Jan 31st.

Region Submission deadline. Region Standings to be in the hands of the World Barefoot Council compiler by Feb 14th.

Publication deadline. The Consolidated World Standings will be published by the end of February. Charles Ramsey is to fax the 1st pages to each Region for checking before final publication.

If the end of February is less than a fair lead time before a World Championships then the 1st page of each event will go out at an earlier date for Individuals entries selection purposes. This procedure is to be looked at Worlds by Worlds and implemented as needed.

Standard of competitions.

Homologation standards

- Record capability
- Standings List
- the rest.

If the world rules are not used to the letter, the results cannot go into the Standings.

For records, 2 of the 3 judges should be top level.

It transpired that the high trick scores in the 1993 Standings include the 4 consecutive 540s wrongly scored.

Graeme Dwyer reported back from the site that the TV alongside boat was found to be not practical. It is too tight and the water deteriorates too much.

Graeme Dwyer said the 6th man in the boat has been done without adverse effects.

Gillian Hill made a distinction between TV on board for a half hour sports special and a news cast flash. She said the TV can take the boat after the last event with a competition skier, and the film looks like a genuine news flash.

This is for news coverage. It is better than allowing a 6th person in the boat during the event. It is different if it is a dedicated sports program for a half hour special.

Selwyn Neiman said every Region Chairman should go home with a copy of the tape of this Worlds.

At this point the meeting had to be brought to an end to allow the serving officials to get to the site. The meeting was therefore at 1200 recessed till the Monday.

4th Session

Sydney Hilton, Sydney March 21st

Present were

Gillian Hill	Region EAME	Chairman
Brian Carroll	Region AA	
Brian Price	Region AA	
Selwyn Neiman	Region EAME	
Charles Ramsey	Region EAME	Secretary
Sam Spano	Region PA	
Chuck Alleger	Region PA	
Bob Londrigan	Region PA	
Graeme Dwyer,	Region AA	
Richard Gray	Region PA Substitute	
Len Berger	Region EAME Substitute	
Romain Gilot	by invitation	

Sam Spano submitted a list of unapproved records from the US. It is minuted and appended. There is no action to be taken.

Item 9 Rules

9.1. Experience - The heavy fall clause is to be moved to C807 where it will apply to all events, not just jump. It will be a new C807 and the existing 807, 8, 9 and 10 will move up.

The rideout buoy needs to be moved out. With the new style, skiers are sliding considerable distances before standing, and it is undesirable that a skier lose a very long successful jump because he does not regain his feet in time

The course is to be 25 metres before and 75 metres after the ramp. 25 metres before the ramp was thought to be enough with present day practice.

Path instruction: Skiers are asking for too much precision. It was decided the Skier can ask for close, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, and full. Driver error must be more than 1/4 for a re-ride to be considered.

The Chief Judge joined meeting at 0945. He thinks the Homologator should not be part of the organisation. Graeme Dwyer was overloaded.

The Scorers room and the video room were OK but there was a need of a Chief Judge's room. The video personnel were extremely good.

The Seminar was very helpful

He was pleased with the panel

Excessive recourse to video was not necessary at this World Championships.

The Judges were close together on the top skiers but the gap still exists on lower tricks, such as tumbles, neck and teeth.

Brian Price found it evident there was a good feeling among skiers. Don Mixon led the way.

Scoring coming in from the ends of the course added excitement.

The 2 minute turnaround is a killer to the crowd.

The 2 boat jump system gave slightly more than 2 minutes per jump. This was not as good as at the World Games.

We definitely need to get the scores out sooner. We definitely need to get the boat turning around quicker.

The Skiers deserve the best judges.

Chuck Alleger found that the long turnaround being filled in by skier co-commentator was good.

Seipel declared it the best World Championships ever, with good conditions. Good commentaries kept the crown on the bank busy.

Brian Price thought the communications system was not up to World Championships standard.

Gillian Hill congratulated Don for an excellent job. A round of applause followed this accolade.

A rollover toe turn should not be allowed.

We need words to say to the skier you have to hold the back BSP.

In other words the back barefoot skiing position must be clearly held for recognition before proceeding with the next trick.

The skier must demonstrate that he is in the back BSP prior to executing the turn to a front BSP.

When the skier comes to the forward BSP, the supporting foot must be facing forward and in line with the centre of gravity of the skier.

Proposals and responses:

I. Six person team with a maximum of 5 of one sex.

2 Reserves, both to ski as individuals

Increase individuals from the Standings List to 12 men and 12 women

A maximum of 4 non team skiers qualifying for the finals to actually go into the finals

For teams scoring the best 3 to count in each event, men or women.

This motion was carried with 7 for and 2 against.

Giving the reason for not crediting a trick is to be a recommendation not a requirement.

C1608 b) 1. refers.

Limiting the number of certain types of tricks.

- a maximum of 4 tumbleturns.

One foot that does not succeed as one foot may be downgraded to two feet.

A wake trick that does not succeed as wake does not revert to a surface trick.

A break in rotation in a multiple surface turn negates whole trick - there is no downgrading

A failed toehold does not revert to a one foot once the foot touches toe strap.

A failed toe turn does not revert to a toehold.

A failed wake to wake flip may be eligible to score as a wake flip.

A one foot turn that fails does not create a one foot trick.

A one foot start trick can revert to a two foot.

The Skier must nominate the start and if it fails in any way it scores zero, except that a

1 foot may revert to a two foot start if it fails as a one foot.

A proposal to forbid the hands going back on the handle between one foot necks and teeth was not accepted.

A proposal to make a one foot tumble begin in a one foot position was not accepted.
One foot tumbleturns are to stay as they are - mirror image.

One foot tricks. The foot to be raised must be raised clearly above the midway point between the water surface and the knee for recognition.

Bob Londrigan proposed to introduce submitted mandatory trick runs for multiple turns
Submitted mandatory trick lists were proposed for both runs and this proposal was approved by the majority of the Council.

Limiting multiple turns.

The proposal was to limit multiple turns to 4 two foot and 4 one foot in total in both passes.
Carried, with 6 for and 2 against.

It was proposed to limit tumbles to 4. This was agreed unanimously.

A 720 degree Tumbleturn, points value 100 points was proposed, to be included in the limit of 4. On the voting there were for 4 against 2, 2 abstaining. Motion denied.

The proposal to score in the boat was not accepted. Instead, scoring will done at both ends by Scorers stationed there.

If judging at the ends is not possible then the judges in the boat may do the scoring.

There is to be no limitation on wake tricks.

Ties - no change.

When the timer fails and the 15 seconds cannot be established, it is a mandatory re-ride, but the start trick made stands and its score remains. The skier may get to his feet any way he like with a non scoring start for the re-ride, which is only for the pass

There were 6 for the motion. Carried.

There was no support for the proposal to do away with starts. .

Neither was there support for the motion to do away with the box.

The proposal to show the video to the skiers was considered a good idea but not to go into the Rule Book..

Jump calculation. The proposal to follow classic and give the re jump no less than shortest distance to any corner of the triangle and no more than longest was agreed nem con..

On the proposal to have 2 timers in jump, it was decided to leave it to the Chief Judge's discretion.

Jump speed tolerance on a 70 kph call is to be 1.5 kph up and down. On the voting, 6 were for the motion. Carried.

Number of judges.

It was agreed to eliminate the ramp judges. It will be left to the meter readers to judge bumming. 2 will be designated, and a majority will decide.

The boat Judge judges from start-of-course to the ramp. In dubious cases the skier will get the benefit of doubt. We are looking for deliberate bumming which is readily seen, not accidental clipping which causes borderline decisions.

At the 75 metre buoy there will be 1 judge on the bank plus one in the boat, both must agree to disqualify the jump.

At this point the Chairman announced that the election for her successor would take place.

Election: Candidates Graeme Dwyer and Selwyn Neiman

As a result of a secret ballot Selwyn Neiman was elected Chairman by a majority.

Gillian thanked Graeme Dwyer for standing for the Chairmanship and he in turn offered his full support to Selwyn.

He thanked Gillian Hill. She had brought so much to our sport that we are going to miss her. She was a fund of knowledge and expertise which had guided the Council unerringly throughout her tenure of office.

Gill in turn thanked Charles for his work over many years as Secretary, without a doubt he was the hardest worker for the Council and Selwyn was fortunate to have his continued support.

As Charles was leaving shortly, Len Berger will be voting as Region EAME substitute.

The Slalom scoring video presented by Region I showed that a great deal of time was spent outside the wake. There is a significant difference between just out and coming back in.

The proposal was for 4 zones. The first is turning in towards the wake which is worth 0.1 on two feet and 0.2 on one foot.

The proposal also was to alter the zone scores to 0.2, 0.6, 0.8 and 1.0 (one foot).

This was agreed with 7 in favour, with half scores for two feet.

The first movement towards the wake from outside brings the skier into the first zone.

If the Brian Fuchs application is successful it will be re-judged to the new rules, otherwise the existing records will be reviewed.

It was agreed that a bum down in a crossing means no score for that whole crossing and crossings must recommence from outside. Reversals are to be the same. Agreed.

The proposal to reintroduce 6 metre bias in jump overall did not meet with any support.

New Tricks:-

Wake to Wake 180 F-B and B-F

Wake to Wake 360 F-F.

Wake to Wake Flip

These were agreed as new tricks with provisional points agreed as per Region PA proposal, except that the Wake to Wake Flip goes to 900 points.

A Revision of points value will also be made at the next meeting.

Suggestions to lower other points were not accepted.

The 360 Line Step proposal was withdrawn.

A Wake to Wake forwards Hop was agreed at 100 points (one only).

It was agreed that points for a backwards hop be reduced to 120 points - the wake hop stays at 150.

The proposal to round off trick values will be tackled another time.

Proposal to use other qualified waterski judges for the barefoot jump event. There is no doubt a Federation should be able to use otherwise qualified officials at barefoot jump events. Federations must choose world class officials whom they feel can do the job.

There was a long term aim for Record capability rules to allow for one, two or three judges backed up by video. No one saw a problem with allowing a first class judge to be allowed as the only judge but this would have to be as an exception to the record application rules. At this time there were no fixed standards of judges used for REcord Capability or other types of homologation but some progress had been made. The issues of use of one judge only would be explored further at the next meeting. Suggested standards of judges which could be considered:- 1st, 2nd and 3rd for three judges, second and first class for two judges and first class for one judge.

Agreed standards of approving judges to be circulated all round with the Minutes.

For record capability it was agreed that generally up to three rounds can count and in the case of head to head four rounds will be allowed.

Trick shorthand proposals will be circulated by post. Brian Price is preparing one.

A suggestion to remove Flying Tumbelturn starts found no favour.

A suggestion to have a tower as a central point was agreed and also the Chief Judge in contact with the boat with a private radio channel.

Also an area where judges can prepare themselves for the next event with video.

The best possible sequence rule will go from tricks under the new submitted runs rule.

The surface turn rule where it talks about resemblance to deep water start should be removed - if your feet come out then you are doing a deep water start. We want to let them turn upright and then sit as long as they like as long as they do get back on their feet before time. Also remove the reference to momentary, They turn on their feet in an upright posture and then waste as much time as they like.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1815, thanking all for their hard work and contribution.

APPENDIX IV NON APPROVED APPLICATIONS

The following are submitted by Region PA for the record. They are claims that were disapproved or pre-empted.

Jennifer Calleri	29 Jun. 91	2720		F	Tricks	
Mike Seipel	29 Jun. 91	24.1 & 24.0		M	Jump \	19.5 record approved
Ron Scarpa	23 Aug. 91	19.0		M	Slalom \	same tournament
Peter Fleck	25 Aug. 91	19.25		M	Slalom /	from Brian Fuchs
Don Mixon	25 Aug. 91	20.0		M	Slalom	
Ron Scarpa	25 Aug. 91	19.5		M	Slalom	
Jon Kretchman	24 Aug. 91	25.8 M		M	Jump \	set-up problem
Jon Kretchman	25 Aug. 91	26.7 M		M	Jump /	not approved
Jennifer Calleri	24 Aug. 91	15.75		F	Slalom /	16.0 record approved
Jennifer Calleri	28 Jun. 92	3060		F	Tricks \	same tournament
Jennifer Calleri	26 Jul. 92	16.4		F	Slalom	
Brian Fuchs	16 Aug. 92	19.6		M	Slalom	

APPENDIX V WORLDS APPOINTED OFFICIALS PARTICULARS FORM

APPENDIX VI SKIER ID DATA FIELDS

Field	Sort & Source	Digits
Sex	F&M	1
Country	IOC 3 letter code	3
Region		1
ID No	To be supplied by the Federation	9
Date of Birth	date field - day/month/year	8
First Name		12
Last Name		21
Slalom Score	Decimal field	3
Tricks Score	"	5
Jump Score	"	3
Slalom Tournament		5
Tricks Tournament		5
Jump Tournament		5

APPENDIX VII ABBREVIATIONS FOR FEDERATIONS