



Draft Minutes IWWF World Barefoot Council 27th / 28th April 2024 Meeting

The meeting started at 6:00 AM AEST.

- **Apologies –**
Paul Turner, and Svenja Hempleman
- **Present**
Andy Harris, Ludo Vrancx, Betsy Gilman, Richard Grey, Mike Molepske, Mark Shank, John Cornish, Brian Price, Rob Groen, Claire Mowday, Lyn Blaauw, Geoff Blaauw, Will Leigh
- **The Council ratified all actions taken since our last meeting.**
- **The council confirmed the minutes of our last meeting.**
- **2024 World update – John Cornish LOC Chair**

John assured the council that preparations were progressing smoothly, with only a few judges' arrival/departure dates still outstanding.

The venue would provide an Olympic Village atmosphere.

Activities are scheduled each evening.

The use of facilities in the village, people can buy a week pass to get in there and use the rest of the amenities of the facilities if they are not staying in the village

The onsite cabins are now booked out unless other groups cancel their bookings

- **Lyn Blaauw, Chief Judge**

Lyn confirmed the Judges' clinic will be held on Saturday the 5th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Lyn confirmed the judges will receive videos, and time will be spent in educating all on scoring the sheets in a way that makes the scoring process easier

- **Betsy Gilman Junior Development**

Betsy confirmed that she had forwarded a request to the IWWF requesting funding for Junior development, and she is awaiting an answer.

Besty confirmed activities were taking place in all the confederations

- **John Cornish History**

Nothing further to report at the moment

- **Geoff Blaauw Records**

Geoff reported that more needs to be done to improve the video quality at RC tournaments. The quality of video being recorded at RC tournaments is below the standard expected.

- **Mike Molepske Officials Committee**

New score sheets have been uploaded to the Lion / EMS programme.
Thank you to Lyn Blaauw for work undertaken in Oceania

- **2025 IWWF World Masters Championships**

Ludo Vranx confirmed a location in Europe to host the 2025 Masters. After discussions with the Mayor of the City of Chartres, France, and the president of the European Waterski Federation, they are prepared to support the event's hosting. The site has previously hosted 2 European Championships. Chartres is approximately a two-hour drive from Paris, and Andy confirmed that you could easily catch a train from London to Chartres. The city is reserved by the UNESCO. Chartres offers lots to see and do from a tourism perspective. In the coming weeks, they will review the LAO and confirm the hosting. The proposed date for the Championship will be late August or early September 2025.

Ludo went on to confirm the discussion he has had with Svenja Hempleman regarding the potential hosting of the Open, U23, and Junior IWWF World Championships in Germany in 2026. These discussions are in the early stages only.

- **Mark Shank Rules Committee**

Mark confirmed the Slalom trial is over, and the Rules Committee recommended the return to the previous Slalom rule set prior to the trial. Mark confirmed that more work was needed to be done to address the challenges in judging issues. Mark confirmed the new dates for the introduction of the rule book and also the changes to the speed adjudicator rule. The council confirmed their acceptance of the changes.

- **William Leigh Athletes report**

William confirmed there were mixed feelings regarding the Slalom rule. The majority voted against the change.

- **Claire Mowday Awards Committee**

Claire confirmed nothing further to add to her report. The council congratulated Brian Price on his appointment as an Honorary Member of the WBC (Please note the vote was conducted at the February 2024 Meeting and was not included in the February minutes. The vote was unanimously in favour of his appointment).

- Rob Groen Systems and Technology

Rob confirmed he is working on potential improvements in the judging of slalom using potential software and video, and he will keep us up to date.

The use of the Video Tape measure programme is proving to be a huge improvement

- Richard Gray Website

Richard did confirm he had reported the problem with the news page and he will again follow it up.

The Canadian Nationals date has been corrected.

It was commented that all the Council members are responsible for sending information to Richard about major tournaments so they can be posted.

- Confederation reports

- EA, Ludo - An official seminar was conducted in the Netherlands, and the European Championships will also be held in the Netherlands.
- Oceania, Brian Price Tabled a report in addition to that report
Australian Nationals were successful and had 94 competitors
Australia has crowned a new Open Mens Champion, Fletcher Ball
Australia recognised four U23 skiers to be recognised officially for the upcoming worlds
Brian expressed concerns regarding Junior development in NZ
- PANAM, Betsy Gilman - Getting ready for the 2024 Worlds lots of work going on. Betsy tabled a report

- General Business

- Richard Gray requested for consideration an extension of the slalom trial for skiers to meet the qualifying scores for the World Championships. The request was declined.
- Betsy requested Brian Price, IHOF photos, etc. Geoff agreed to Dropbox information to Betsy.

The meeting closed at 6:55 AM AEST

