

# WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES



**Zoom Meeting of the WBC**

**On 27/28 August 2022**

**6:00 AM AEST, 3:00 PM CDT, 9:00 BST**

### Items and Actions

#### 1. ATTENDEES

Geoff Blaauw (GB)  
Brian Price (BP)  
Claire Mowday (CM)  
Richard Gray (REG)  
Andy Harris (AH)  
Ludo Vrancx (LV)  
Rob Groen (RG)  
Svenja Hempelmann (SH)  
Mark Shank (MS)  
John Cornish (JC)  
Pete O'Neill (PO)  
Peter Roberts (PR)

#### APOLOGIES

Mike Molepske  
Paul Turner

#### 1. IWWF MASTERS UPDATE

##### Numbers and Divisions

MS addressed the meeting as the IWWF MASTERS Chair. He confirmed the numbers for the Championships. MS advised that the final number would be near 86 competitors. AH asked, is there a final list of competitors, so he could create the start list? MS confirmed the list would be provided by Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September.

##### Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Both MS and REG addressed the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. REG confirmed he was responsible for the protocols throughout the events and ceremonies on behalf of the LOC.

They confirmed the Opening ceremony will commence immediately after the last competitor on Monday afternoon. Dignitary speeches will occur as usual.

A rolling visual screen will show all the competitors and officials and their names. All competitors and officials will be seated and then asked to stand when their team is called.  
The LOC is asking all parties to leave the site and return to their host hotel immediately after the conclusion of the competition on the other days.

### **Awards**

At the Closing ceremony, MS and REG confirmed the presentation of awards would occur in the following ways:

Dignitary speeches will occur as usual.

Each of the eight divisions' overall winners will be called up and presented to the divisions their medals. REG will ask the winner a few quick questions, and the recipients will remain out front until all the divisions have been called up.

### **Photos**

There will be two official photographers who will share the photos with the Federations. All other attendees will be asked to remain seated. There will be a podium in the room for additional photos to be taken by groups that wish to take advantage of the opportunity later in the evening.

### **Dress code**

The dress will be casual and a team shirt.

**All agreed the above to be acceptable.**

## **2. IWWF Open, Junior & U23 Championships**

MS raised an issue with the rule book that needed to be changed

THIS IS A PROPOSED CHANGE TO RULE 1901 A (2)

*"Under 23 (Women/Men). The competitor shall be at least 17 years of age and not more than 22 years of age at midnight on December 31st of the year preceding the Championships year. Entries shall be accompanied by proof of age. Under 23 skiers need not qualify to compete ~~unless otherwise indicated~~. Under 23 skiers shall **otherwise** be treated under these Rules the same as Independent Skiers."*

**This change was unanimously endorsed.**

### **Officials Accommodations**

PO confirmed the Official accommodation is at the Club Mulwala and each official is asked to share a room with one other official. If a private room is requested, then a cost of \$75.00 AU per night is required.

### **Ceremonies**

All the ceremonies will be held at the Mulwala Water-ski Club. The Opening ceremony will be the Tuesday night, and the Closing ceremony, together with the IHOF ceremony on Sunday night.

## Events

All competition events will take place at the much improved Max Kirwan Waterski Park. The park has superb officials' facilities.

Boat hire and lake hire is available from the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. The Victorian Barefoot Club has two Sangers and an additional two that have been made available for the tournament duration.

## Officials Clinics

GB mentioned that the Official clinics would be held on the Tuesday, and Mike Molepske will be forwarding videos to all officials for training before the tournament's commencement.

### 3. Officials Confirmation

Regarding the nominations for the officials for the IWWF 2023 Open, Junior, U23 Championships; GB read the names out that had been sent with the minutes and asked for the council to endorse all lead officials and officials for their appointment. This was unanimously agreed upon.

#### 2023 IWWF U23, Junior, & Open World Barefoot Championships 12-19th February

Lead Officials-			
Chief Judge	Mike Molepske	USA	<a href="mailto:mike.molepske@hotmail.com">mike.molepske@hotmail.com</a>
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Chief scorer	Jenni Sorreghan	AUS	<a href="mailto:jenni@hilleycare.com">jenni@hilleycare.com</a>
Ass Chief scorer	Mark Shank	USA	<a href="mailto:markshank34@gmail.com">markshank34@gmail.com</a>
Homologator	Oscar Footman	AUS	<a href="mailto:oscarfootmann@hotmail.com">oscarfootmann@hotmail.com</a>
Chief Driver	Bruce Hutcheons	AUS	<a href="mailto:b.hutcheon@coolamon.com.au">b.hutcheon@coolamon.com.au</a>
Chief Video	Anthony Howie	AUS	<a href="mailto:ants.howie15@bigpond.com">ants.howie15@bigpond.com</a>
Tournament Director	Peter Roberts	AUS	<a href="mailto:liz1978@bigpond.com">liz1978@bigpond.com</a>
Safety Director	Chuck Bender	USA	<a href="mailto:barefootcharlieh@aol.com">barefootcharlieh@aol.com</a>

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Judge	Andy Harris	UK	<a href="mailto:andy@matelot.uk">andy@matelot.uk</a>
Judge	Ludo Vrancx	BEL	<a href="mailto:go2foot@icloud.com">go2foot@icloud.com</a>
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	Richard Gray – Driver	CAN	<a href="mailto:G1footer@gmail.com">G1footer@gmail.com</a>
	Doug Jordan - Driver	USA	<a href="mailto:douglassjordan@comcast.net">douglassjordan@comcast.net</a>
Reserve Driver	Andrew Birch	AUS	<a href="mailto:andrew@absoluteenterprises.com.au">andrew@absoluteenterprises.com.au</a>
Scorer	Brian Price	AUS	<a href="mailto:b.j.price@bigpond.com">b.j.price@bigpond.com</a>

### 4. General Business

GB requested that the WBC Website only posts minutes for physical meetings, and each of the WBC representatives and JC receive minutes for them to choose how they archive them. This is to be discussed at our next meeting.

REG asked that all information requests from individuals firstly go to their Federation representative and not to other members of the council. This was unanimously endorsed.

AH raised the fact that the current rising costs of travel are placing jeopardy on the future of our officials' development, and without action to assist officials attending world Championships, the development of international officials will be seriously affected. It was agreed that we would note the matter and prepare the matter for serious discussion at our next meeting.

BP brought to GB's attention that Mike Molepske's name needed to be added to the Council's website and Paul Adams removed.

## **5. MEETING ADJORNED**

6:45 AM AEST, 3:45 PM CDT, 9:45 BST

### **ACTIONS:**

**MS to send AH final list of competitors by 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**Mike Molepske's name to be added to the Council's website and Paul Adams removed.**