

WORLD BAREFOOT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES



Meeting of the WBC
On 21st November 2021

Items and Actions

1. ATTENDEES

CHAR PORTMAN – CP
ROBBIE GROEN- RG
LUDO VCRANX – LV
PAUL ADAMS – PA
GEOFF BLAAUW – GB
MARK SHANK – MS
BRIAN PRICE – BP
BEN GROEN – BG
TINA MCCAULEY – TM
GUSTAVO SERRANO – GS
SVENJA HEMPELMANN – SH
CLAIRE MOWDAY – CM
BREM ALLEN – BA
RICHARD GRAY- REG

APOLOGIES

Paul Turner

2. EMS/LIONS PROGRAMME UPDATE

TM stated committee met this week, federations are impressed with support regarding transition. A suggestion was made that there be a forum on the ranking & scoring end, all agree. Designated federation people in Division to field questions. Highlighted need to know who has access to EMS and Lions as the person attending the tournament scoring should be a chief judge, chief scorer or assistant chief scorer entering scores etc to minimise errors.

3. MASTERS 2022

MS Received preliminary bids from 3 hotels, opened a bank account, have a 501C3 established. After 1st January 2022, we will be asking for numbers from the federations. If more than 65 skiers, will need an extra day to compete.

BP stated that the Oceania Committee is submitting the name of Lyn Blaauw, for the role Chief Judge of the 2022 Masters Barefoot Championships.

WHO:

DUE:

Raised- Brian Price
Seconded- Claire Mowday

CARRIED

GB reminded there are many more roles to be filled so ensure nominations are being submitted ASAP.

WHO:
ALL

DUE:
ASAP

4. RULES COMMITTEE UPDATE

MS- First Draft of the Rules has been sent out to the committee and majority have responded, deadline for final draft submission for review by December 1st. Final rules to be posted by first week of January 2022.

5. ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVE

BG has received lot of support for the Under 23's, very enthusiastic. BG had been asked:

In the rules for the under 23's, in regards to skiing one round, does that apply to the Juniors as well?

MS clarified If you are a dual skier, not in the top 10 or 15, you will only ski once. Does not apply to the juniors and the under 23's.

MS to return to his forum and get confirmation

WHO: MS

DUE:
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6. AWARDS COMMITTEE

CM- IHOF, Barefoot has put through 3 candidates to the International Hall of Fame.

The President's Award, Presented by Jose Antonio, to be announced in January 2022, each council has been asked to set up a selection committee to select these candidates, we will also set up a council inclusive of CM, GB, BP, PT & LV. Still considering 5 candidates to be selected for the 2 awards, one male and one female, once selected the council will verify. The criterion for the above award is on the website.

There is also an outstanding Service award, for acknowledgement of the contribution to international development of participation within our sport or the international development of officials, contribution to the international development of rules, policies and procedures, contribution to the international growth in media and marketing, contribution to the development of technologies.

The next presentation of these awards will be at the Masters Tournament. GB instructed that the disciplines are to decide where the recipients are receiving their awards. The President's Award, as well as Athlete of the Year, is to be a permanent annual award.

7. FEDERATION DEVELOPMENT

GS mentioned we had a Pan Am Confederation meeting for Waterski. Pan Am Sports has requested a minimum 22 Federation, currently there is 12. They suggested adding Wakesurf. There is a lot

of assistance in finding Barefooters, simultaneously we are assisting them.

8. SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGIES

RG advised Walkie talkie batteries must be 5 watt. We have invested in a monopod & new video system for ship to shore, small box called Liveu.TV. It costs approx AUD\$3000, can connect any device to box, links to cloud and any other video platforms in HDMI quality. Need reception as it needs to be hooked up to a telecom, takes approximately 4-5GB data per hour to run.

9. COMMITTEE JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

SH discussed with Betsy and Pete how to gain more juniors in our sport, acknowledged the importance of a social connection with events such as Junior Camps. Pete has mentioned that in Australia its quite effective having a mentor for the juniors. GB highlighted that Junior development globally needs to be a huge focus, ensuring we are getting the champions to the top, the retention of under 23's, particularly women.

BP- we need to identify what other divisions, disciplines and sports are doing and what changes we can adopt.

GB mentioned Come and Try Days seem to get some excellent traction with members being able to sample other disciplines, potentially that may assist.

10. EUROPEAN UPDATE

LV stated Europe's season is completed, preparing for the Congress in Monaco next year, Council had an in person meeting in Paris, talked with Barefoot Council from his confederation, they will stand for the election in February. Talks with Italians about 2024 Worlds, aiming to get some Europeans to Italy in 2023 to compete at the worlds. Regarding the Masters, it would be great to have the Bulletin prior, so it can be presented in person to the Congress.

11. OCEANIA UPDATE

BP Reports circulated, new council recently appointed, delegate listed, progressing with the Oceania Championship, November next year. There has been several Come and Try days conducted, still restrictions in place regarding interstate travel. Officials' clinics are still running. Peter Franks has been working on water safety training with CP. Australian federations are pleased to announce Geoff Davis and Brian Price have been inducted into the WAWA Hall of Fame, taking place at the Moomba Masters in March 2022. Next week, there is an Officials clinic at Lake Inspiration. New Zealand will be holding their Nationals in March approx. 24th-28th, TBC. Asia is yet to respond to any communication sent.

12. PAN AM UPDATE

PA ABC has appointed Andrew Martin as President, Terry Larson-Jones as Vice President, Paul Stokes as Secretary and Lauren Ehlers as Treasurer.

GS and MS to organise a ski tour of events to promote more interaction with the sport.

13. WEBSITE COMMITTEE

REG- Updating committees and history, had some great history items such as programs from 1978, 1980's.

SH- raised there is still issues with officials accessing the quizzes, REG concluded that if there is any issues to contact IT, IT will rectify it.

14. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

BP- Duty statements for officials, there will be some edits and updates will be coming over the next year. It is a description of the duties of officials, homologators etc. to reflect on for their development.

15. OPEN JUNIOR WORLDS AND UNDER 23'S

BP- the organising Committee put forward a letter of agreement, it was substantially amended due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, the Mulwala Waterski Park has been hesitant to host since the cancellation of the last ski event. The date & location proposed for the Open Junior Worlds is February 2023 in Mulwala, there's been substantial improvements to the site. Awaiting confirmation of the Letter of Agreement from Paul Fong.

BP raised, if a Junior qualified for the Worlds 2022, would they still be eligible to ski in the 2023 Open Junior worlds?

Established the precedence, 2008 Worlds was held in 2009 and all divisions were carried over, however it was only 3 weeks difference.

MOTION – Juniors eligible for the 2022 Worlds will be eligible for the 2023 Open Junior Worlds.

RAISED- Brian Price
SECONDED- Ben Groen

CARRIED

MS- What if you turn 18 in February 2022, can you ski Juniors or are you allowed to choose to ski Under 23's? Under the rules, they qualify as Under 23's but they have qualified for Juniors.

This will be clarified next meeting as MS will take back to his discipline to find out the answer.

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

17. MEETING ADJORNED

WHO:

MS & GS

DUE:

OVER
COMING
MONTHS

WHO: MS

DUE:

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