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MINUTES

of the 14th Meeting of the World Barefoot Waterski Council
held in Piqua on the 23rd to the 28th of August 1995

Present were:

REGION PAN AM

Bob Londrigan (BL)
Sam Spano (SS)
Chuck Alleger (CA)

REGION EAME

Selwyn Neiman (SN) - Chairman of the World Barefoot Waterski Council.
Romain Gilot (RG)
Charles Ramsey (CR) - Secretary

REGION AUSTRALASIA

Graeme Dwyer (GD)
Brian Price (BP)
Brian Carroll (BC)

BY INVITATION:

Duke Waldrop (AWSA) (Host Federation)
Andy Harris (Minutes Secretary for these meetings only) (AH)
Richard Gray (RGr) (Substitute)

The meeting opened at 09:00 SN handed out new IWSF ties.

SN welcomed all members to the meeting. He introduced AH, present to take the minutes.

He welcomed Duke Waldrop (AWSA). SN asked Duke to say a few words.

Duke officially welcomed and thanked all for being here. The Site and the club were recognised. There was good press coverage - TV and Papers.

Duke announced a bid for next Open Worlds in 1996. It would be mid September at Oakaheele Park, West Palm Beach. The actual formal bid will be submitted to the IWSF next week. Duke highlighted sponsorship concerns. There were clashes with the Atlanta Olympics. He welcomed all again, and gave special thanks to SS and the Piqua Boat and Ski Club for all their work.

SN asked SS (Chief Judge) to update the Council on the schedule for the current Junior Championships. SS handed round Bulletin #3.

He was disappointed that 2 countries pulled out at the last minute (ITA & AUT). The total number of skiers entered will be around 40. We will have plenty of time as numbers are down.

Several members had questions which SS dealt with.

SN requested that all skier's birth dates be verified. Agreed that BP would verify this on behalf of the Council.

SS advised that an additional insurance fee of \$20.00 would be required. Region AA was not happy with this. It should have been in the bulletin.

GD asked that the whole issue of competitors insurance be tidied up by the IWSF.

Many skiers have their own insurance via their Federations. The tight legal ramifications here in the USA mean that skiers' insurance must be water tight.

SN reported that one of the EAME judges had to pull out of the Junior Championships at the last minute. RG is dealing with it. SN advised that both RG and AH are available. Region EAME are to decide who should take the place of the missing judge as no official reserve had been nominated. The Council are happy with this. Stew McDonald (official reserve from PANAM) had been called in to replace one of their judges.

The Chairman then went to the agenda:-

CR quoting from the Rules said that this was an "amendment" meeting at which resolutions had to be passed with a 2/3rds majority of the members, i.e. 6. They would then become effective 60 days after they were sent to the Federations. Only if the Council was unanimous would the decision be effective immediately.

ITEM 2.1 Order of business

Accepted. Item 7.2 may have to be delayed.

ITEM 2.2 Items for AOB.

Points allowance for 2 forward slalom passes (BL)

Policy requirement for World title bids (GD)

Scoring (averaging of 3 sheets) (RG)

Limiting of the number of tricks in a run (RG)

Performance criteria (where set) for records (CR)

Agenda items for rules and Region Chairmen's Reports prior to meeting (BP)

ITEM 2.3. Current Championships.

Already dealt with under Agenda Item 1. by the Chief Judge.

ITEM 3. Minutes of the last meeting.

Proposed GD; seconded SS that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. Matters arising

Page 5 - Judging tapes - BP asked what's happening ?

SN replied not much. EAME have produced a tape, available at no cost. SN had applied for a grant from the Exec Board. No answer yet.

RG will copy the tape to the other 2 regions.

Page 7 - BP asked about eligibility rules. This is still under review by the Exec Board. BC asked about the Hall of Fame committee - nothing has happened - still an active item.

Page 13 - List of approved officials for titled events. Will be dealt with during the course of this week.

Page 18 - BP asked about the showing of the boat video tape to skiers during a competition. He would like to see this happen here at the Junior Worlds. He proposed a suitable modus operandi. No one was against this.

SS was asked if it could be set up.

He was not sure whether this was possible as he has TV and there may be a problem with getting a tape suitable for playback on a regular VCR. He will investigate whether replay will be possible on site.

ITEM 4 - Chairman's Report

ITEM 4.1. & 2. SN tabled his report and then read through it for the Council. He emphasised the salient points. More Council consideration should be given to promotion of our sport - not just rule changes. The technical rules are for all - champion and beginner. Some of our recent rule changes have alienated the beginner/intermediate skier.

CA pointed to the lack of countries participating because of the tight rules, particularly the restrictive ones.

BL said the initial attraction is still there; the problem is that they come in and then disappear quickly as the competition environment appears hostile. We are cycling skiers. It costs a lot of time and money; there should be a better value for money for the skier.

GD said that AUS are establishing Boom competitions to encourage participation.

BC said that the IWSF rule book is for our World Championships.

He questioned the numbers included in the standings list.

SN invited comments on his report:-

BP declared his opposition to one judge competitions. He doesn't know of any other sports that employ this method.

BL mentioned the chairman's reference to the elimination of starts. This is an agenda item and will be discussed later.

SN asked that all members digest what he is saying and come back with further comments.

ITEM 5. Regional Chairmen's Reports.

REGION PAN AMERICAN -

BL tabled his report. He highlighted the salient points he wished to raise. The Region now has declared standings list tournaments, with graded judges. The Region has enjoyed much TV exposure.

There has been an approximately 20% drop in competitors entering tournaments over the past 2 seasons. He had discussed the problem with some skiers.

Problems indicated were: not enough time on the water at an event; complicated rules - too much change. No scores for forward slalom etc. etc. E class competitions have been provided and are showing success. BL feels the WBWC should address the lower level of skier to help promote the sport, participation etc.

REGION AA - GD had nothing to add to his report that wouldn't be picked immediately up on the agenda later.

REGION EAME -RG had no written report tabled - it will follow.

RG explained the Seminar for judges. Attendance was required if officials want to be considered for major events.

A new Euro league was started with varying levels of competition. The League allows skiers of similar ability to compete for prizes, and it works. RG has a 30% increase.

BP asked if entry was open to all.

RG said not this year but for next year for sure.

BL asked that all the competition calendars and information be circulated to all world skiers so that they too could come. BP agreed. RG will action.

RG also explained that flexibility in EAME additional rules gives to each country (16 at present) allowance for special regulations at National level so that all levels of skier can enter the competition environment. Many of these events are not standing list acceptable but do a lot for promotion and growth at the grass roots level.

SN thanked all the Chairmen for their reports.

ITEM 6.

ITEM 6.1. The 1994 rules book

BL felt that some of the rule changes in the 1994 revision were not clear enough. This will be addressed later in the agenda. Trick descriptions were raised.

SN asked whether the Council wished that they be included in the rule book. This was agreed. The text of the descriptions must be agreed here beforehand so that they can be included in the new re-print which is now due.

BL felt that the text should be kept simple and easy to understand for new skiers. BL to liaise with CR on this. He will send CR a diskette with the AWSA rules on this.

SN raised the general point about a world additional rules booklet that would encompass all these items. We will compile Additional Rules for World use. CR is charged with compiling. Note¹

Region AA had provided much information. EAME have their guidelines and additional rules. PAN AM incorporate much in their handbooks for officials

ITEM 6.2. Changes.

AH and CR will be compiling the new rule book and now that GD is on Internet this would be made much easier. BL promises to be on shortly.

The deadline for final draft publication is 6 weeks from now i.e. mid October 1995

ITEM 7. Changes by Event

ITEM 7.1. TRICKS

C1603 - Annul Submitted Trick List

BL said we have had this in for 2 years now. The only advantage is for top level skiers doing multiple multiples! The original idea was to make it easier for the judges. Many problems arose. It was slowing down tournaments. There was confusion for skiers. It made more paperwork.

¹Additional Rules - items for inclusion

a. Judges qualifications.

b. Stricter standards do not invalidate homologation.

BL gave examples.

Questions: what are the advantages? Is it to make it simpler? What is the real point of the STL? BL would like it out or if not to at least identify where the STL works and helps the sport.

CA felt that we have made more problems than we have solved.

SS said we have gone overboard for the lower level skiers. He felt that we should have it at a certain level. Perhaps we should have a certain level of score before we need it. It has helped the scorers but not the skiers.

GD said he agreed. We have created more paperwork and that's all, although perhaps we do need it for world competitions. What we had before where the skier had to submit a list is right and we should keep that part in, but they don't need to stick to it. BP supports the STL but is still not sure whether he wants it mandatory. He believes it does work. Keeping the announcer advised is good and this works and has helped with relating what's happening on the water to the spectators. BC agreed.

RG said EAME has not experienced many problems. The scorers helped the skiers if they had problems and this was welcomed by the skiers. RG wants to keep it in as it stands.

CR feels the STL is not for judges. It is for the announcer and the Scorer. Here it is a plus. CR likes the idea of it being mandatory to submit the list but not necessarily to follow it.

BP restated the original reasons for the STL - promotion and clarity for the public and ease for the scorers i.e. getting a quick accurate result. BL said that so far this is not his experience. The original rules as per the rule book are confusing - some regions are running it differently to others. BP said how the rule is administered by Chief Judges is not the issue.

GD re-iterated that he wants to see a mandatory requirement to submit an STL but only that the skier must follow it for multiple turns.

Summary. Should a skier submit an STL? Should skiers have to stick to it?

Proposal: That the STL be retained as mandatory for submission only. No consensus. Suggestion for this and all rules in the rule book, we now identify which rules are for Worlds only. Agreed. Counter proposal: That the STL be retained as mandatory for submission only at World Titled events.

Counter proposal: Retain rules as we have them for World Championships only.

However it was later decided not to make it a different rule book for the Worlds.

There was much discussion on whether they are for world, regional or national use.

BP asked that we look at the whole subject again.

We need to agree on the basic issues and then deal with the contentious ones. There are a number of points we do agree on. More discussion.

CR suggested that credit for multiple turns can only be awarded provided that the skier has submitted and performed those multiple turns in the order in which those tricks are listed. It was suggested that BP, BL & CR bring a solid proposal to the table before we can proceed further on this.

The whole merits of the STL system came up again. There were thoughts from the 94 Worlds experience.

The non-mandatory list as an aid to the judges and the announcer worked well. It may have been that we brought in too many adjustments to the rules as well as the STL and this has now compounded the problems for the skiers.

SN recapped and said that we now have to make a decision and move on. STL's are either in or out. We cannot have buts and ifs.

A vote was taken: All those in favour of removing the STL rules. Motion carried by majority of 7 to 2.

BP proposed that we have a new rule that it is mandatory for skiers to submit a list of tricks they propose to perform in their trick passes at least 30 minutes before the event starts to the Chief Scorer.

There will be no penalty if a skier does not keep to the list. If a skier fails to submit the list then that skier shall not start in the trick event. This was agreed by consensus.

C1605 Requested speed must be attained by the box There was much discussion. Region AA said that this is already in the rules as they understand it. Boats must do the maximum 72 kph by the timer buoy and this was agreed as the re-worded text.^{Note2}

C1606 - Nominate first trick of the pass

BL said that the idea of this proposal was to remove possible confusion if we subsequently remove the requirement of boxes so that the judges would know when to start the timer.

SN went on to ask whether we should discuss the item of whether we need the boxes as this really affected the decision to discuss this item properly. Agreed to discuss getting rid of the boxes now.

BL felt that this would be good for organisers (no installation of full courses).

BP disagreed saying that in his experience skiers liked the warning of the entrance buoys.

BC asked about the situation where on a long stretch of water skiers could be starting their runs in different positions and possibly different water conditions as well.

BL explained that there would be a shut down buoy which would indicate where the driver would have to shut down.

RG went on to explain the formal proposal from Region EAME in agenda ITEM 8. (Remove the boxes).

BL explained that his idea of a shut down buoy would also facilitate skiers skiing at a slower speed still being able to perform their tricks/crossings in front of the crowd. BL's suggestion would have the skiers start at their first movement anywhere in the course. If the skier starts late he risks running out of water.

BP asked about the safety situation. Surely there should be a shut down buoy to prevent boats running up the bank! BP was happy to remove the requirement for all tournaments except the World Championships.

BL suggested two types of course set-up where the rules would be provided as an either or situation.

SN said that the whole crux of the matter was would the Council accept a world record from a site without the course installed. Two types of courses were agreed as A and B types. Type A courses were as per the current rules. Type B courses would be as per a diagram/wording

The Type A and B course rules and dimensions need some work. In principle two types of course have been agreed. It may be that a common course could be used. The Council were also agreed that warm-up crossings and warm-up tricks were not what we wanted to see. Agreed by all to see this implemented in the rule book.

²This is a function not just of the boat but also of the length of the runup.

The meeting went back to **C1606**

This really relates to whether the course was a Type A or B. It would be included with the proposal for Type B courses.

C1608 - ONE JUDGE IN THE BOAT

RG explained the thinking behind this. Lack of judges is a problem in EAME. The problem is acute on Nationals weekend which is the same for all EAME Federations. Requiring 1 judge in the boat instead of 3 is an obvious saving. The EAME Council have a stringent set of rules which RG explained. We have tried this at several competitions and it works perfectly.

Video is insisted upon for the boat, not for referral afterwards but as an aid for the judge in the boat who gets lost or needs to re-check something. They do that immediately they have a problem not at the end of the group or round.

BL felt that the need to rely on video is a constant problem and he would like to get rid of it all together. One judge competitions rely on video as a back up for the judge and he is not happy about that.

SN said he had experienced the system and he endorsed it. He liked the suggestions from Region PanAm re: standards of judging. He urged all to consider this option and agreed that changes in the rules may be needed but in essence it is a good system.

GD is happy with the idea as a concession for those regions or countries that have a lack of judges.

He was also concerned with the alienation of some judges who are may be not as experienced as others. We would be breeding a super judge. Also he was concerned with the standings lists. He did not like the idea of reviewing the video tapes of competitions.

GD suggested that instead we could review the scores from several one judge competitions.

BL suggested a second judge could ride in the boat (say as the Scorer), and help the judge in the boat. This is also a good way of training up new people.

BP was concerned about intimidation of judges by skiers and also losing judges who were not confident.

The enhanced wake and speeds was acknowledged.

SN wants an endorsement on the principles of the system.

One Judge in the boat was agreed in principle.

BP thinks the concept has a lot of merit.

BL thought that we must clarify the quality of the judge and referred to his proposal on this. He went through his proposal in detail.

Firstly, SN wanted to clarify what different level of judging standards each region had. There was some difference in the terminology but the standards appeared similar.

4 new categories of Barefoot Judge needed to be established and used throughout the world by all 3 regions.

Level 1 = World Championships;

Level 2 = Region/International/Record Capability competitions;

Level 3 = Standings list capability;

Level 4 = Domestic/National record capability.

Qualifications were then discussed. The recommendations as tabled by BL were looked at.

A lot depended on experience.

It was agreed that a minimum of five years judging experience was necessary to attain Level 1 status, although this was not a hard and fast rule. There may be some individuals who may be more than qualified in a shorter space of time.

Both a practical and theoretical examination was needed and would have to be provided by the WBWC.

The judge will have judged in at least 3 National or Regional championships.

For Level 2, 4 years experience would be needed. Judges must have judged at least 2 National or Regional Championships. They must pass a test approved by the WBWC.

The test would be in two sections:

- with the rule book at hand
- with no rule book.

For Level 3, at least 3 years judging experience is needed. They must pass a test approved by the Region.

For Level 4, approval would come from the National Federations and is not the province of the Council to determine their qualifications.

The proposed required judging level requirements at 3-judge competitions were then discussed for each class of homologation.

For Standings List homologation the minimum Council recommendation would be 2 x L3 plus 1 x L4.

For RC homologation the recommendation is 1 x L2, 1 x L3, and 1 x L4. There is a problem in Region EAME where they have many countries and no control over their National Judges and we have to be careful here when applying these new criteria.

For One Judge competitions in the slalom and tricks events, the minimum required standard would be 1 x L2 in the boat for RC competitions.

C1612 - Hands clear of the surface of the water. BP required further clarification of what is required of the skier to credit the toe-back trick. In essence we need to define what is spray and what is water. Spray is also water. The surface of the water is needed in the rule. Add the word "surface" to clarify what we mean by water.

Toe turn description.- the rule book definition. Agreed by all to adjust the toe turn wording "When the skier arrives in the forward position the foot must be on the water pointing forward and in a position underneath him bearing some or all of his weight".....to really tidy this up.

Also add with particular reference to C1612a1. Second sentence add "pause for recognition".....

The meeting adjourned till 09:30 on Thursday 24 August 1995.

SESSION 2.

Continuing **ITEM 7.1. Tricks.**

C1612 f).....Delete the last sentence - Passed

C1612 h4).....Hold for recognition - Passed.

C1612 D) 1.....BSP to be held for recognition - Passed

Table 1 - Eliminate Necks and Teeth - This found no favour with the Council.

C1612 L) 1. ii. Redefinition of the 180 degree tumbleturn. There were mixed feelings about what was required now. There are many differing interpretations and several members gave graphical demonstrations of what they thought were the correct requirements for performing this trick. The wording of the last sentence of the rule needs to be changed and it was decided to refer the final wording to a rules review body. They will come up with a suitable set of words.

360 F-F Linestep. The Council agreed to introduce the 360 F-F Linestep. With this new trick we now need to watch out with the rotation rules, since at present wake turns are not controlled for rotation. Without it there is nothing to distinguish between a 360 attempt and F-B 180 followed by a B-F 180 in the same direction. Agreed that the consecutive rotation rule will apply to step turns. CR will deal with wording and send in the draft.

The rotational rule applies only to sequences of like turns. CR was charged with cleaning up this rule.

ITEM 7.2 - SLALOM

C1505 - Requested speed must be attained by the box. This rule is only applicable to Type A courses. Region AA said that this is already in the rules as they understand it. Proposed: "Boats must attain the minimum of 72 kph by the timer buoy". This was agreed as the re-worded text.

C1506 - Warm up crossings - this was considered an unfair advantage for some skiers and confusing for the jury. Feelings were aired. There was general agreement with the thinking behind this idea.

Skiers must start from a stationary position and no warm up crossings are allowed. If a skier starts before the box and continues crossings, time would start on the second crossing and that crossing would not score.

The final wording would be agreed and brought back to the table.

C1507 - Pay part crossing terminated by loss of handle. The Council consulted and reached a unanimous decision that a slalom crossing terminated by the loss of a handle would score up to the point where the skier lost the handle. The Council also agreed unanimously (9/0) that this rule be made effective immediately and used in the current World Junior Championships.

C1508 - One Judge in the Boat for slalom was already agreed as per tricks.

SLALOM - 2 forwards passes. The one forward/one backward rule is working to a disadvantage in the lower level competitions. Backwards is a hurdle and it is discouraging skiers from competition involvement. The problem was to allow two forwards without disadvantaging the skier who has taken the trouble to learn backwards, or to de-motivate those who were good forward.

It was felt that the aim would be achieved if the forwards only skier were allowed two forwards passes and got something for the second.

25% was thought to be enough encouragement without removing the incentive and reward for making the step to backwards. A good forwards skier should not get more for two one foot forward passes than he could by a one foot forwards plus a modest two foot backwards.

All in favour of allowing 2 forward passes. - Unanimous.

All in favour of allowing a 2nd forwards pass to score something. The proposal was to add 25% of the lower scoring pass to the better scoring pass. The 25% is to be rounded to the nearest 0.1. Agreed.

A backwards pass (in combination with a forward pass) would score full points as at present.

Federations may use stricter rules if they wish, i.e. one pass forwards and one backwards. This can still be homologated as it exceeds the requirement. ^{Note³}. Vote - 7 for to 1 against. Passed with a 2/3rds majority.

³This is something for explanation in Addition Rules

ITEM 7.3 - JUMP.

Before CR gave his report, SN asked the Council to consider removing the jump judge at the ride-out buoy. It was felt that the single boat judge could cover it. Doubt was expressed whether a World record could be accepted. On reflection it would be good to do it but it is not 100% reliable to rely on the one judge in the boat. It was decided to leave as is for now.

CR Report CR said that he could not find an easy solution to the problem of verifying site set-up parameters for jumping. It really needs a theodolite to guarantee true readings. This means additional costs and learning which we should not commit Organisers to without being sure there is no other way.

GD has seen the new Corson video jump measuring system. It's great and it works. Far less human resources are needed. It is far more accurate than the Johnson system but there is a cost consideration.

BL said that to have a smaller set up triangle would ensure the set-up was better. 5 or 10 cm was suggested as the new maximum set-up triangle but no favour was found for this.

BP felt that the problem with the accuracy of jump measurement was with the meter readers not the system.

It was finally agreed that we leave the set-up criteria as it is. We need to add a tolerance for non in-line set-ups and a proposal was put to the members and agreed that for the sum of the interior angles the tolerance will be 179.9 - 180.1 degrees.

SN raised the subject of the increments of 10 cm for world records. It's too small. 20 cm was felt a better increment and would apply to results and records.

It would work with rounding i.e.: - 0.5 and over would be rounded up. Members were asked to think about this for the next meeting. No decision now.

ITEM 7.4 - POINTS VALUE REVIEW

BL explained the reasons for the review and considered the value of the basic 180 turn as a starting point.

The main point was a feeling by the review panel that a trick performed correctly should receive the full points allocation and the same trick performed less well should receive something instead of just zero.

Basically we now needed to start judging tricks for style and the points awarded would reflect how well the trick had been performed. A butt out on a multiple turn would score 50 points less across the board for all 3 variations. The definition of butt means a fall around on to the butt at the end of the turn, i.e. before it could be held for recognition. If the trick has been performed feet to feet and held for recognition then that's fine, the skier has completed the trick and can be awarded full credit with no penalty even if he subsequently butts out immediately after recognition had been observed. The butt out, after the trick has been held for recognition, is not a problem and can be ignored. It will not affect the scoring of the turn. It was felt that if a skier butts out on a wake turn or one foot turn, the trick should score zero. There was no agreement on this. Finally it was agreed that a butted out wake turn carries no deduction and scores full value. Same for a wake to wake.

For steps, (C1612 g)) if the skier butts out before the foot touches, the trick shall not be credited. If the skier butts out after the foot touches the water and before recognition, the trick shall be credited but he will be penalised 50 points.

SS said we have cleaned up these tricks so why are we now taking a what seems like a step backwards. We should be promoting the Feet-Feet types of tricks.

BP agreed and was not happy with the relaxation on the surface 180 B F turn review. A fall around 180 turn to the front is not what we want. He suggested a 50 point reduction for the 180's as well as the rest of the multiples. The Council voted against this idea.

BL continued through the whole list of tricks that came up for review of points, and the proposed point scores are attached to these minutes as discussed by the Council (Note⁴). It was agreed that a flopper toe turn to the front should receive something and 200 points was thought appropriate. In a later review it was agreed that for toe turns, a flopper would get 150. A Toe turn with a stand - up 350, and Feet to feet = 750
F-F Wake 360 2ft - 750 points

F-F Wake to Wake 360 2ft - 1000 points

B-B Wake 360 2 ft - 850 points

The vote on these 3 was unanimous

One foots for these 3 tricks to be deleted.

We shall delete the one foot versions from the tricks table.

Tumbleturns.

Allow the skiers to do eight tumbles again but decrease the points for the 2 foot variation points to 50 points. Agreed.

Delete side-slide - agreed

Rope on foot forwards. Upped to 100 points.

Backwards version upped to 150.

Flips - allow that you can touch with your head but there must be air. Head over heels still required

A limitation of trick line lengths was thought necessary if the wake to wake trick was not to diminish to a hop over a tiny wake.

No consensus was reached but it was agreed to monitor the use of very short lines with a view to maybe having to regulate line length in the future.

Wake to Wake turns - no reverses allowed on any variation of W-W trick.

Symbols - 1_b; C_b; S_b

No retrospective adjustments to current world **trick records**. The next record would follow on from the existing score.

It was agreed that a master list and the accompanying notes would be produced for each member to digest.

A trick tables points list was compiled and finally agreed. See Appendix A.

ITEM 8 - GENERAL

ITEM 8.1. Reserve not to ski

Chairman felt that allowing reserves to ski is a farce. It is unheard of in other sports. The feeling was that we should go back to 8 skier teams if we remove the reserves right to ski. There were strong feelings on this subject.

⁴Appendix A

SN said that with this contentious issue we should perhaps let the subject lie for another 12 months and review during Worlds 1996 in Oakaheele.

All members of the Council were invited to state their views. It was apparent that there was a general feeling that reserves should not ski.

The Council then approved no reserves to ski, and an increase in the C408's to 20 women and 20 men which it was hoped would satisfy the doubters. Carried by majority 7 to 1. . 1 abstention.

C401 last paragraph to be deleted.

C408 a)3. 12 men and 8 women to read 20 men and 20 women.

C408 a)4. To be deleted.

ITEM 8.2. Slalom and Tricks

8.2.1. - One Judge in the boat.

This had been partly dealt with but we have to return to this later. Other decisions may affect this.

8.2.2. - Remove the boxes.

Already dealt with. Type B course diagrams to be approved.

8.2.3. - Numbers in finals.

Open for discussion. 8 men and 6 women suggested by SN. It was checked on what classic do. It's 12 and 12. After much discussion it was agreed that we would have 12 men and 8 women with 4 men and 4 women from the C408's (individuals) also making it too. However, as a result of introducing the third round, it was agreed that 50% of the skiers in the elimination round would go into the next round.

8.2.4. Single Pass

Withdrawn.

8.3. - ACJ - official appointment.

This was a request from Andres Botero. Agreed

8.4. - JUNIOR RULES

8.4.1. - Update Junior Rules.

There will be no junior records. This is an IWSF directive. We have no choice.

Panels for the World Barefoot Juniors.

The composition of the panel shall be:

Chief Judge

Assistant Chief Judge, who will also be the Homologator.

2 Scorers

2 Drivers

6 Judges, 2 from each Region plus a reserve.

The host Region's reserve will be asked to be at the site, but will not be recompensed unless called out.

The Scorers and Drivers shall rotate by Regions in the following way:

of the following 6 - Chief Judge, Homologator, 2 Scorers and 2 Drivers, 2 shall come from each Region.

It shall be a 3 day event.

8 boys and 4 girls are to go into the finals.^{Note 5}

C207 - Edit

Now not applicable. Withdrawn

C208 - Use entry forms for seeding.

GD feels that it is crazy to use a standings list that could be 9 months old to seed entries for a world championships. Each Federation would submit their skiers performances on the official entry form. RG stated that this is what EAME have to do and it works perfectly; they use the latest scores; they are endorsed by the skier's Federation.

BP asked how many Federations had followed the rules under C405.

For C208, CR's wording (^{Note 6}) was agreed and will be used.

C403 - Junior ratings

This will be covered on Monday.

C408 - Add e) as per the proposals. After much debate it was agreed that 4 months before the start of official familiarisation CR will send to the 3 regions a standings list compiled using results taken from competitions dated from the 1st January of the preceding year before the championships begin. Regions may update their scores as and when, but no later than 4 months before the tournament date. List will be published 3 months prior to the tournament.

The top 20 men and women heading the standings will be eligible to enter the next World titles.

C605 - The idea is to allow accurate feedback of scores to the announcer/public. It also validates the situation where judges have to confer for the scorers or for the last trick in time or for re-rides etc. This is to bring the rules up to date with what is now common practice. It makes what we are doing now legal. SS said we should be cautious that judges don't intimidate or influence the less experienced judge. In principle, the Council felt that the wording needed changing to bring us up to date.

⁵It was decided after the meeting that the same rules will apply to open and junior championships. This means the 50% rule is universal, as is the 3 round structure.

⁶Each Federation shall provide to the Organiser an authenticated list of the current best scores of each of its team and individual skiers.

In the end it was agreed to just add the words "or to provide results"

C1101 b) - Change wording to "shall not exceed 6.50 metres"

C1301 - Get rid of the box is already done - The specification of Type A and B courses is the solution.

C1302 c) - Delete the quick release device - leave as it is.

C1304 c) - Include the word "planing" and also add that the speed be held to within +/- 5 kph during the second phase instructions. Agreed.

The meeting reconvened Friday 25 August 1995 at 2030 hrs for:

SESSION #3

Ron Scarpa, Chairman of the Skier's Council was invited to address the meeting. Skiers tended to be self centred and it was difficult to get a representative group together to work on the subject. He invited suggestions on who to approach. There was a feeling that a cross section of skiers is necessary to get a consensus on what they wanted for the sport to move on.

GD said we should make sure we listened to the top skiers as they had much to offer on the way the sport should go.

SN, while he agreed with what was being said, felt it vital to include a cross section of skiers and this was the task of the Skier's Council.

Ron Scarpa was thanked for his input, and he thanked the Council for the opportunity to address them.

Before going on SN wished the Council to review the minutes of the meeting so far which had been printed and distributed. There arose several changes to the text, which were noted by the Secretary, to be included in the final draft.

There was some confusion regarding the start of scoring and timing in slalom and the revised rules. The rules for the type A course seemed to be OK but for the type B course there must be an opportunity for the skier to cross over to the favoured starting side. There he must pause and start from a stationary position.

Tricks points values were further reviewed as a result of the remarks of Ron Scarpa BL, CR and GD will look at it again and bring it to the table Monday morning.

The toe turn points were discussed again. The plain, regular or standard turn would earn 350 points. If it was done feet to feet it would get a bonus of 400 points, making 750 as at present. If it were done badly it would suffer a penalty of 200 points, leaving it at 150. The criterion for the standard turn would be "When the skier arrives in the forward position, the foot must be on the water pointing forward and in a position underneath him bearing some or all of his weight."

Failure to meet this standard would incur the penalty, but in any case the turn must be commenced from the backwards barefoot skiing position to score anything.

In this connection, rules C1612 a)1. will read "A Pass Trick is an activity which occurs between two pauses held for recognition in barefoot skiing position."

RGr proposed a step 360 for discussion in AOB.

All these rule changes have the 60 day rule applied to them before their implementation except the slalom rule concerning falls during a crossing.

In general - a draft of all the proposed rule changes would be produced a.s.a.p. and sent for approval to the Region Chairmen. They have to respond within 7 days of receipt if there are problems. If CR hears nothing within 7 days, then that means it's OK.

ITEM 9 - RULES GENERAL - STRUCTURAL**ITEM 9.1. Rules Supplements**

A draft World Additional Rules book will be compiled by CR, making use of the material in the Region AddRules currently in being. All 3 Regions will submit to CR their respective documents and he will amalgamate and distribute it for approval and rework.

ITEM 9.2. Interpretations

These also will be included with the Additional Rules.

ITEM 9.3. Reprint.

A draft will be sent soon. When approved it will go to the printers, after which there will be no more rule changes.

9.3.1. Sponsor.

SN has approached George Blair, who expressed himself willing to sponsor half the new book.. SN has some other offers too which he is pursuing.

ITEM 10. World Championships 1996.

SN advised that the 50th anniversary of the IWSF takes place on the 7th & 8th of September. This is a protected date. AWSA are putting in a bid for the 1996 Barefoot Worlds, and the date is to be confirmed.

ITEM 10.1. Bids

A bid will be coming in from AWSA next week.

ITEM 10.2. Officials

SN invited possible nominees for the post of Chief Judge.

SS nominated BP whom he considered eminently suited for the job. There were no other nominations.

The members agreed and BP was duly named as the Council's nomination to the World President for appointment. The Council congratulated him and wished him luck.

SN expected an able Chief Judge to be appointed from Region EAME for 1998.

SN then went on to a very pleasant matter, recalling that long service awards had been made to Kirsch, McDonald and Ramsey, and now it was turn of another long serving member to be proposed for this honour. He was referring to Brian Carroll, and the Council heartily endorsed this choice. A gala presentation would be made at the 1996 Worlds.

ITEM 10.3. Junior Worlds 1997.

Bids are invited. It is by no means sure who will have it. Not Australia as we may go there for the open Worlds the year after. Some EAME Federations are considering it.

ITEM 10.4. Open Worlds 1998

Australia will bid for this. The site is Liverpool. They cannot have it in the year 2000 because of the Sydney Olympics.

SN thanked the Aussies for their offer. The final decision is with Congress.

ITEM 11. World Games.

SN has circulated the papers on this to the Council. Hopefully barefoot will be in. SN will update members as INFO comes in.

ITEM 12. Athletes Commission.

This was discussed when Ron Scarpa was with us.

ITEM 13. Records.**ITEM 13.1. Current records**

The Council formally recognised the following records:

Brian Fuchs	Slalom	20.5	19/03/1994
John Kretchman	Jump	27.1 metres	29/07/1994
Richard Mainwaring	Jump	27.5 metres	20/08/1994

ITEM 13.2 World Record Applications

Massimiliano Colosio	Jump	27.7 metres	31/07/1995
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This record was scrutinised by the Council and formally approved.

ITEM 14. Standings Cut-off Date

It was agreed to set a cut-off date of Dec 31st. Region Standings to be submitted to CR by Jan 15th, and the first 20 on the lists sent to the Region Chairmen asap. The complete lists to be ready asap after Jan 31st.

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One member had already left for home. Two more left at 1030 to catch their flight. This left 6 members - a quorum for this meeting.

ITEM 17. Chief Judge's Report on the Juniors

The First Junior Words were a success. Everything had gone very well, and it had done much to make barefoot known. SN thanked SS again for the Junior Worlds - they were great.

Application of Rule C408.

There was some confusion on the part of the Scorers at the Junior Worlds on the number of skiers in the final. The Council felt the wording was clear but if 2 top Scorers misinterpreted it, it was in need of rewording to prevent a recurrence. We must therefore define more clearly the numbers of skiers going into the final i.e. team members and C408 skiers.

ITEM 18. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Worlds in 1996

ITEM 19. AOB.

A number of matters were dealt with that related to items discussed previously. The discussion and findings have therefore been added in the areas where the matter came up under the relevant agenda item.

Rounds Format

SN came forward with a scheme to make the finals more interesting for everybody. He proposed to add a third round, solely to decide the Champion from among the medallists. This would be a short very interesting round for public and TV.

The 3rd round in each event would comprise the medallists in that event and any overall medallist not in the first 3 in the event.

This third round would produce the event Champion. [suggestion - he should be crowned as the round finishes, while excitement is still at fever pitch.]

To balance this and not to extend the competition time he proposed to reduce the entry into the old finals - now the semi-finals - to 6 or 8.

The members in general were very much in favour of the third round, but some members found a reduction of the numbers in the semi-finals unpalatable, and wanted to keep to 12 and 8.

CR suggested we look at the classic system of making the number in the finals a function of the entry in the elimination round. This would also solve the Olympic ideal of making things the same for men as for women. If there were only a few women, only some of them would go into the finals.

The motion put forward was 50% of those who start in the elimination round to go into the finals, rounded up and with cut-offs of 12 maximum and 8 minimum, for men and for women. ^{Note 7}. The individuals to go into the semi-finals would be reduced to 3.

The vote was unanimous for the motion. This is a 2/3rds majority of the Council.

With this construction, the meeting was unanimous in endorsing the 3 round proposal.

The new competition format will now be:

1. Elimination round.

All team members plus all individuals

2. Semi- final Round

The top 50% of those in the elimination round results shall go into the semi-finals, except that:

- if there are more than 22 in the elimination round, 12 shall go into the semi-finals
- if there are 8 to 16 in the elimination round, 8 shall go into the semi-finals
- if there are less than 9 in the elimination round, all shall go into the semi-finals. ^{Note 8}

3. Finals.

The top 3 from the results of the semi-finals (the medallists), men and women, plus any skier in the top 3 of the overalls who is not one of the event medallists, shall go into the finals.

The events results for those in the finals shall be based on the finals results.

Team results shall be calculated from the overall points gained in the elimination and semi-finals rounds. Thus the team results are decided before the finals begin.

It was agreed that the 60 day rule applies to all changes made at this meeting with the exception of the crossing terminated by a fall to score. This came in with the Juniors and is in effect for all competitions as of now. ^{Note 9}

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their hard and productive work. He was gratified to see that the Council had set the sport going in a new direction that will lead it to flourish. He congratulated them on their vision, and their courage and determination in taking these radical steps. The Council had made use of their rule making powers to put the sport on the right track and make it more attractive to public, media and TV, whilst also addressing the Region's, the beginner's and the advanced skier's needs. Moreover this had been achieved without any lessening of its competitive aspect.

⁷This does not affect the situation with ties for 12th (8th) place.

⁸It is more efficient to spell it out this way than to give a formula and leave everybody to do his own mathematics and perhaps come up with a misinterpretation.

⁹Federations have been notified

The discussion had been extensive, frank and unrestrained, and it is to be hoped that we have come out of this meeting with a rule book that will stand the test of time and will serve us for the next 4 years at least.

The Chairman also thanked Andy Harris for the fine job he had done in taking the minutes of the meeting. The discussion had ranged back and forth and had presented a difficult task to compile a coherent account. The minutes he had taken were of a great help also during the meeting between sessions.

He summed up that the task ahead of us in the coming weeks is to get the draft of the rules out and approved, including some subjects that members wanted to think about when they get back home and must be dealt with in a postal ballot, and get all changes incorporated so that we have a rule book ready for the southern hemisphere season. As an interim measure, a summary of the rule changes agreed will be issued to allow Federations to study and prepare for the new rules, and this document will serve to notify the Federations for the purposes of the 60 day rule (C106). In the meantime the official rule book will be professionally printed and distributed. The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

I certify that this is a true record of the meeting

Selwyn Neiman
Chairman

Charles Ramsey
Secretary