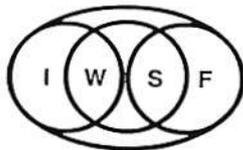


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MINUTES of the 16th Meeting of the IWSF World Barefoot Water Ski Council held in Martigues (FRA) between the 27th and 31st of AUGUST 1997

Present:-

REGION ASIA AUSTRALASIA (AA)

Graeme Dwyer - Region AA Chairman (GD)
Brian Price (BP)
Clive Stephen (CS)

REGION EUROPE, AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST (EAME)

Romain Gilot - Region EAME Chairman (RG)
Charles Ramsey (CR)
Andy Harris (AH) - Secretary IWSF World Barefoot Council
Steffi Herrmann (SH) - Region EAME Substitute member (No vote).

REGION PAN AMERICA (PANAM)

Don Mixon Snr. - Region PANAM Chairman (DM)
Oscar "Foot" Mann (OM)
Richard Gray (REG)

In attendance:-

Aubrey Sheena (AS) - IWSF Executive Board.

With the resignation of Sam Spano the Council had been without a Chairman for approximately 6 weeks. With the endorsement of the Council, AH had been handling matters and now assumed the role of acting Chairman for the start of this meeting.

AH welcomed all to France including AS who was with us for these World Junior Championships representing IWSF President Andres Botero.

1. To record attendance and apologies for absence.

- a) To confirm the voting delegates from the 3 Regions.
With all members present the voting delegates were confirmed by AH as per the list above.

2. Election of Chairman.

OM proposed GD. Seconded by RG. Agreed unanimously. AH formally congratulated GD on his appointment and handed over the Chair to him. GD thanked Council for electing him. He will not let us or the Sport down. GD outlined how he wanted to run things. In particular, he wants to form a small consultative sub-management group comprising one member from each region. AS wished GD good luck and reminded GD of his obligation to the WBC and the IWSF Executive Board where he has a seat although he does not have vote at this time.

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GD invited AS to address the Council. On behalf of the IWSF, AS welcomed the WBC to France. He was pleased to be amongst his friends in Barefoot once again. There was not too much that AS had to say. Suggested that all Regions circulate their Region Council meeting minutes to all WBC members. Region EAME have always encouraged this.

There were several items that were queried with AS as follows:-

AS outlined current procedure for claiming expenses for attending WBC meetings. A new claim form was handed round; all members must return this form direct to AS either by hand this week or later by fax to his office. Payments will not be held back due to late submission of claims but if no claim form is received AS will estimate and pay the nominal amount calculated. Apologies from AS for the very late payments due from the Fergus Falls meetings.

The WBC must submit a budget for any special projects planned by 4 September 1997 in time for Exec. Board meeting in Colombia. Note that the IWSF financial year runs from 1 April through 31 March. Prior to the start of each financial year the Chairman/Secretary should submit a budget for Council admin. expenses.

AS tabled for distribution the latest version of the Letter of Agreement and Obligations for the Hosting of a World Titled Event. AH will send a copy to each Council member with the minutes. BP requested that a copy of the signed obligations and any exceptions to those obligations for each World tournament be available to the WBC. AS suggested that it would be better just to circulate a copy the signed and agreed exceptions to the standard obligations. The Council agreed as did AS who would recommend this to the IWSF EB.

BP asked about the possibility of a substitute for Chairman attending IWSF EB meetings on behalf of the WBC. AS said that this was not covered in the IWSF Statutes but he saw no harm in asking the President of the day if/when the situation ever arose.

A letter from Barefoot water skier Patrick Wehner was tabled by OM who also read out several other documents pertaining to the transfer of this skier from the German Federation to French Federation. The WBC rule book does not refer to IWSF rules of eligibility which are relevant in any transfer procedure. This was where Patrick Wehner had sought details of how to effect his transfer in the correct manner. The information in the rule book is rather ambiguous and problems with the transfer had arisen. The period of non-eligibility was the problem. So far as the WBC were concerned, it appeared from all the tabled documents that this should be 1 year from 28 January 1997 based on the intention to comply with World Rule C402. The DWSV were saying that the skier had not complied with the rules of the IWSF. BP proposed, seconded by OM that the WBC write a letter of support in the application of Patrick Wehner to transfer from the DWSV to FFSN. GD/AH will compose letter and asked for assistance from AS who agreed to help. The letter would be jointly addressed to AS and the President of DWSV with copies to the IWSF, FFSN and RG. 7 for, none against and 2 abstentions.

A further and separate letter was then tabled by OM concerning the general situation in Germany's Barefoot water Ski Divisions. Whilst the Council were sympathetic to the situation, the Chairman ruled that this was not a matter for this Council to deal with. The Council acknowledged that Germany were a major Barefooting nation and sincerely hoped that the German Barefoot Division could sort out its problems quickly in the interests of the Sport and all the German skiers.

With nothing further at this time that directly concerned AS, GD thanked him for his attendance and his input.

3. **To approve the minutes of the 15th meeting held in Fergus Falls.**

Page 6. Ref: C1301. The minutes omitted to mention that it was strongly recommended that for titled events we have 2 advisory buoys at each end of the course.

Page 9 - Last paragraph. The colours for the jump ramp surface had been minuted incorrectly. The words should be that the surface of the jump ramp should be of a light colour above the waterline and a dark colour below.

With the 2 changes as above the minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record. Agreed unanimously. The Chairman then signed the minutes.

4. **To deal with any matters arising from the minutes.**

a) **1997 World Rule Book.**

- i. The format was not as per the agreed decision taken at the last meeting. After the resignation of Selwyn Neiman, CR had decided to leave this idea for a future re-print as it involved a lot of extra work.
- ii. Statutory update of the Standings.
To make the job easier, it was agreed that a common format must be used by the Regions when submitting this data to the WBC Standings List Custodian. CR's recommendation was accepted and he would prepare a template on disk and send it round to the 3 Regions.
- iii. The One judge in the Boat system is now in use in AA and PanAm. It does have its limitations and it seems there are certain situations where it is not acceptable. But it does have its place in our rule book and is there for us to use if we want to.
- iv. Page 8. C405 - Entry Registration. As per the minutes, the entry requirements in Rule C405 should be in our AddRules and should also appear on the various entry forms. It was suggested and agreed that they appear in our AddRules under the heading "Supplementary obligations."
- v. C603 - Chief Judge's Secretary. The new rule book did not use the wording as agreed at the last meeting. C603 last paragraph should say Chief Judge's *secretary* not *assistant*.
- vi. Page 13. Make sure that a request for a future correspondence address is included on the "Intention to Enter" form which Federations return to the organisers of a World titled event. We should also include this in our AddRules.

b) **WBC Additional Rules & Policy Book.**

Agreed to change the name of this document to **WBC Policies, Procedures & Guidelines (a.k.a. The PPG)**.

- i. **Draft document** circulated for comment. A Working group comprising CR, AH, BP and OM had been formed so that CR could consult with them and get the PPG finished ASAP.
- ii. **Level I endorsement.** The proposals as tabled by CR were approved.
- iii. **A common format for WBWC Standings, Top 20/12** This had already been dealt with under item 4. (a) ii. of these minutes.
- iv. **Multi-level trick shorthand.** 2 Systems agreed as the recommended practise and would be listed in the PPG. Ca Cb & Cc is one method. Cr Cb and C| the other. Both options to be listed in the PPG.

- v. **Lion Scoring Computer Software.** The new Windoze system is still undergoing trials. A programmer (Peter Taite) from New Zealand was developing some Barefoot scoring software which would be free to use throughout the World once trials were complete. AH emphasised that the software must be universally acceptable to everyone if it is to be successful. The Council gratefully acknowledged the offer from Peter Taite. CS will liaise and Beta versions will be distributed to Regions for trials.
- vi. **C1305 - Judges Levels System.** Council noted the comments from CR. It was agreed to leave things as they were.
- vii. **C204(d). and C209(b).** This item concerned the start list (skiing) order for the final round. It seems that the rule(s) is/are confusing and there has never been an officially minuted ruling on this matter. It was proposed that the selection criteria in C209(b) is that the start list order is determined by the skier's qualifying score that got him in to the final round. If the skier comes from the semi-final and he has a higher score registered from the elimination round we use that higher score to seed him for the start list order in the final. Agreed by majority of 8 for and 1 against.

c) WBWC Judges Training Tape.

Council were grateful to Philippe Poyet (FRA) who had been asked by AH to provide a demo/taster for the Council to consider. This had been assessed by the newly formed WBC Officials Division (BP, OM & AH) who had passed their comments back to Philippe who would now put the tape together and would send a copy to each Council member in due course. Many thanks once again to Philippe Poyet whose efforts were much appreciated. **Note: The tape is complete and a copy should be with all members soon.**

5. To note any items for A.O.B.

See item 18 for the full list. GD suggested we prioritise the list as there may not be time to deal with them all.

6. Current Championships.

Of immediate concern was the late arrival of the appointed Homologator (Jean-Pierre Adam) who was not due to arrive until Thursday morning! This was unacceptable and RG (as ACJ) had asked Chico Cohen (HOL) to step in and it was now for the Council to endorse this decision. BP proposed that Jean-Pierre Adam be replaced by Chico Cohen for the remainder of the competition. Seconded OM. RG proposed an amendment that we appoint Chico as Assistant Homologator rather than replacement. Seconded DM. Agreed by majority of 8 for & 1 against the amendment. Amendment carried. Chico Cohen was therefore officially appointed as the Assistant Homologator for these World Junior Championships. RG will advise the CJ, Chico and Jean Pierre accordingly.

CR was concerned about the positioning of the meter tables. It could be a problem with long jumps and the meter readers would have to be on top form to avoid any oversize triangles.

GD declared that he would like to clear up an agenda item from CS concerning the clarification and interpretation of Rule C706 (c). There were many answers to this question. The reason it is there is for the Chief Judge to use his/her judgement as to whether he/she is faced with an "exceptional" situation. But the CJ should be careful to make sure they are not in breach of any other rules before they decide in favour of invoking this rule which is there primarily to ensure that our skiers are all treated fairly and honestly. Ultimately, the CJ should always feel free to consult with the Chairman of the Council if they feel unsure of a situation.

C209(b). The earlier decisions (ref: item 4. (b) vii.) would be communicated to the Chief Judge (Margaret Lynn) who now joined the meeting to give the Council her preliminary report on the current championships.

ML reported that boat speed could be a problem. Only 72.5 kph was available. Other problems were that there appeared to be only one official competition rope. There was no 3rd (rear facing/judges) speedo in either boat. The entry included 22 boys and 11 girls coming from 9 countries. Independent skiers were made up of 3 girls and 3 boys.

The Council were concerned about the lack of a 3rd speedo in the tow boats. It appears that the LOC are unable to comply with this requirement which is very disappointing. Once again the Council have to approve for the record that these championships can go ahead without the full compliance of the rules. ML advised that in the meantime, Patrice Jaux (LOC Chairman) is doing his utmost to try and fix the problem.

Note: Subsequently, a third speedo head was obtained and fitted to the rear of the official tow boats facing the judges. This was in time for the start of the competition. In addition, after extensive work by the Assistant Homologator and Patrice Jaux, the performance of the tow boats was greatly improved after routine maintenance on the engine(s) was carried out, after which we were blessed with boats capable of 75-76 kph with full crew and skier in tow. The wake definition was also greatly enhanced.

7. Regional Chairmen's Reports.

a) PanAM Region

DM gave a verbal report. Numbers of skiers are decreasing in the USA, possibly due to age divisions versus open performance (league) tournaments. This years X Games, under the control of Sam Spano were once again a great success. Clearly, money talks! In Canada, there has been some increase in participation which was encouraging.

b) EAME Region

RG followed up on his written report by firstly welcoming everyone to his Region. There have been some changes in the EAME Council with SH now the WBC substitute. Our new League system continues to thrive. BP requested a copy of our rules used for the League. RG circulated a copy of the EAME AddRules to all WBC Council members. We have many officials in the region (75) but few who are prepared to travel. The new 3 round system works fine if a competition is spread over say 3 or 4 days but over a weekend is too much and this had showed in skiers dwindling performances in the finals.. BP asked why only 5 EAME countries were represented at these current World Junior Championships out of a possible 16 Barefoot nations within the Region. RG expressed his equal disappointment in this. Regrettably, many of the Federations within the Region either do not have any Junior skiers or if they do, they do not feel they are of a sufficient standard to send them to a World Championship. In many cases, there was zero funding for the Junior skiers and whilst RG sympathised with that predicament he agreed that this was not the way to promote the future of our Sport.

c) AA Region

GD submitted a written report. Obviously there will be a new Chairman in the AA Barefoot Council following this meetings decision to elevate GD to WBC Chair. Worlds 1998 all on schedule and the contract is due to be signed shortly. The numbers of skiers participating in the Region is still too low. Personal best challenge competitions and boom events are providing different forums for skiers to compete in and seem to be working. BP will circulate copies of rules. NZL have a new President of Barefoot and the situation there is improving.

8. **Report from the 1997 World Games.**

OM reported. 21 Barefoot skiers in attendance. Support from the Finnish Water Ski Federation almost non-existent. Co-operation with all the other International officials got the job done but it was very hard work. In the end it was a good tournament and did our sport proud with some good performances in the questionable conditions. The hospitality and accommodation was very poor and frankly, below the acceptable standard. The Japanese (2001) organising committee were present. We came in on time on everything. Classic ran over time a lot. Water ski was the top sport visited by the spectators along with Roller-skating. We put on a good show for the IOC. AS said that the co-operation and fraternisation between the Tournament and Barefoot skiers was great. IWSF had no control due to lack of people in the FWSF. Good prospects for Barefoot at future games. BP asked if it was a titled event. AS said no; the games are run to Olympic rules which means no teams, no team awards and no overall awards/ranking. The distinct lack of information and subsequent poor support from IWSF was a real problem leading up to the Games. Some competitors and officials only knew anything by looking at the InterNet which was not acceptable.

9. **Promotion of Barefoot Water Skiing.**

a) **Where we are now. Our future goals. How do we achieve them.**

An Under 21's and Veteran World titles were suggested but we need to find out what support it would receive. Suggested that each Region consults with its Federations. Subsequent discussion led to a favoured combining of the Juniors with the Veterans - we could bring the U-21's in later. Regions to get information back to the Chairman by 1 November. GD would advise the WBC of the polls by no later than 1 December. When we ask the questions we need to know if they are prepared to pay to come.

b) **E mail from CR.**

CR says that we need to make the sport more attractive to everyone. GD said our sport is not a spectator sport, rather, it is a TV sport. SH said we must have a good announcer who knows the sport. X Games format is the way to go. AH commented that we have a great product but we don't package it properly. There are 2 facets of promotion - bring in new skiers at one end. Evolve the top end at the other. OM suggested that increasing trick points would be a good way of encouraging more to take part. BP suggested a think-tank was needed. GD said the final round format now gives us an opportunity to build on; we can package that for TV without too many problems. Having live re-play at the site on big screens is also a real bonus but it is expensive.

10. **Level I Judges Exam.**

a) **Approval and Adoption.**

Proposed OM seconded REG. Unanimous.

11. **Calendar items.**

a) **1998 World Championships - Sydney.**

GD distributed Bulletin 1. The bid has not yet been received by IWSF. Some confusion in IWSF statutes concerning who starts the bid process. AS will take the whole matter up with IWSF EB. BP asked about training costs which have not been indicated in Bulletin 1. GD will deal with this item as soon as he returns home.

i. **Officials Panel Nominations to be recommended to IWSF World President.**

After receiving nominations from the 3 Regions the following positions were agreed:-

Chief Judge:	Oscar "Foot" Mann (USA) - PanAm
Homologator:	Brian Price (AUS) - AA
Chief Scorer:	Jean Crossland (GBR) - EAME

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The remaining panel positions were due to be announced soon and each Region was asked to submit its nominations to the Chairman as soon as possible. Region EAME have already submitted theirs; the other 2 Regions were asked to get theirs to GD quickly.

b) **1999 World Junior Championships.**

REG advised that CAN may be bidding but the site is short. We would consider an exception to the course length rules if necessary.

c) **2000 Open World Championships.**

GBR may be interested.

d) **2001 World Junior Championships.**

NZL are considering it. They would like to combine the Juniors with a Veterans Championship as well - we'll see how the poll of Federations works out.

e) **2001 World Games - Japan.**

It was assumed that Region AA would play an active role in ensuring that our interests were looked after.

f) **2002 Open World Championships.**

USA (Fergus Falls) may be interested.

AH emphasised how important it was for those Federations intending to bid to ensure that they get their bids in to the IWSF as soon as they were in a position to do so. A copy of the Letter of Agreement and Obligations for hosting a World Titled Event are attached to these minutes.

12. **Ratification of Records.**

a) **Nadine De Villiers - Slalom.** Paperwork was sent to Sam Spano. AH has copies back home. RG detailed the EAME evaluation. GD asked that the review committee process the tape. Paperwork if necessary can be verified later. As EAME have already given their decision, RG asked that one of the other 2 regions review it. The WBC records review panel was confirmed as REG, BP and RG. **Note: Region AA reviewed the tape and found that 2 crossings were early down in their opinion. Therefore, the tape must now be reviewed by the WBC Scrutiny committee as above.**

b) **National Records set at International Tournaments.**

CS asked that tapes from Worlds be made available as quickly as possible. BP suggested that a recommendation be written into the PPG that at a World titled event every assistance be given to Federations in the processing of any National records that may be broken. This was agreed. ML would be asked to make sure this happens at these championships.

c) **Problem with Brian Fuchs 20.5 record ratification.**

REG referred to the minutes from the WBC meeting held on 21 March 1994 in Sydney (4th session, Page 21, appendix I - Records). This stated that the performance was ratified at 20 points but the record has been published and certificates issued at 20.5. AH to check details with documentation held at EAME HQ. He will endeavour to report back by end of September.

In general, the Council were satisfied that their record handling procedure was working well, however the Chairman was asked to ensure that records broken at World titles (where the full Council was normally present) should be dealt with there and then so that our skiers had an answer quickly as to whether or not their performance was a new record or not.

13. **Establishment of WBWC Officials Division.**

This item was partly in response to the items raised from the CJ's report from Fergus Falls. Clearly, we have to have systems in place so that the standard of our officials can be maintained at the same level as that of our top skiers. After discussion with AH and OM, BP outlined the main objectives of this new sub-division of the WBC as follows:-

- Standardisation of judging/driving/scoring/training.
- Promotion of officials duties.
- Dress code, possibly sponsored.
- Professionalism and respect for officials/skiers attitude.
- Punctuality and performance.
- The conducting of seminars, exams, video tape training sessions.
- Officials participation in events held in other countries.
- Qualifications.
- Common judging sheets.
- Recruitment.
- One Judge in the Boat system.
- Simplified scoring, scoring programs, Trick symbols.
- Improving rapport between skiers and officials.
- Officials newsletter.
- Officials equipment.

This initiative was endorsed by the whole Council with the proviso that we can add items as we want. The vehicle for detailing the work of the Officials Division would be the PPG. The Council officially appointed BP, OM and AH as the members. It was suggested that BP would co-ordinate the group.

a) **WBC Level 1 Exam**

- i. Administration would be handled by each Region.
- ii. Exams will be marked by the Regions. (AH, BP and OM). for the essay section, certain elements were required in the answers which had already been agreed. AH was of the opinion that so long as these elements are detailed in the answers then there was no reason to disallow the candidates answer. This was agreed. If a Region had a marginal pass mark, it was agreed that the paper be sent round to AH, BP and OM who would make the final decision.
- iii. The exam would have a time limit of 2 hours.
- iv. Closed book policy would maintained meaning that there could be no referral to the WBC Rule Book by the candidate during the exam.
- v. The pass mark was set at 85%.
- vi. If a candidate fails he/she can re-take as soon as they like but candidates who re-take will need to attain a pass mark of 90%.
- vii. Aim for a reshuffling of questions and answers using computer program owned by RG/CR.
- viii. Candidates applying to take the exam should be vetted by Regions to assess suitability.

All the above points were agreed unanimously.

14. Video Jump Measurement System.**a) Proposal from Region EAME.**

Continue to use Johnson system, but we approve the use of both the Corson and Boetcher systems as additional methods for measuring jumps. There were still questions over how the homologator could check the system. Suggested that Region AA need to see the system in action at a Barefoot tournament. Proposed CR, seconded CS that we accept both systems for homologation of jump measurement. for any records that are broken, the homologator must ensure and satisfy himself that the measurements are accurate. Agreed unanimously.

REG suggested the use of a bias. AH said that this was not necessary. RG agreed. Proposed DM, seconded BP that we still accept Johnson system for records whilst running side-by-side with video. Agreed unanimously.

15. Colours of Jump Ramp Surface.

The E Mail from Richard Mainwaring was noted. All remains as per the Rule Book with the clarification as per Item 3 (second paragraph) of these minutes.

16. IWSF Executive Board.

GD can't make the next meeting in Columbia. He will send a report to AS who will be happy to table on our behalf. The lack of IWSF administrative support at the W.Games should be mentioned.

17. 1996 World Championships.

BP tabled his full CJ report from Fergus Falls. Unfortunately this was sent to the then Chairman (Sam Spano) who never distributed it to the other members of the Council.

a) Letter from Romain Gilot.

RG maintained that his letter was not meant as a personal attack on anyone. He apologised for any inference of this. RG confirmed that the letter was not from him. He had signed it on behalf of the EAME Council.

b) Response from Brian Price.

No single judge had been singled out. BP was very unhappy that IWSF EB were copied. This was unnecessary. There was never any pressure put on any judge to change his/her sheets. BP had been accused of cheating which was unacceptable and untrue. He regarded this letter as a personal attack and totally unfair. This was not the way to conduct ourselves within the Council and RG should have known better than to send this letter round written as it was.

GD stated that with hindsight, the Chairman of the day should have handled this situation better at the time. He should have called the Council together to give a ruling on the way the CJ was using the video.

Proposed REG, seconded CS that this Council give BP a complete vote of confidence in the execution of his duties as CJ at Fergus Falls. A statement endorsing this motion would also be sent to IWSF President Botero. 7 for, 1 against, 1 abstention.

c) Judge's Assessment Sheets.

Now that BP has got the tapes he intends to do them as soon as possible.

18. Any other Business.

CR and GD had met during the week and it seems that some rules do need a slight adjustment. CR to issue an addendum to include:-

- Start list order for final round.
- The clarification regarding wake to wake tricks reverting to wake will go in the PPG.
- Sample competition stationery and entry forms to go in PPG.
- CR will prepare the supplemental Technical obligations as a separate document for dispatch to Federations hosting World Titled events.
- CR to design a selection of possible different WBC logos which he will send to the Council for approval by fax.

There was a long list of AOB items but due to the late hour only the following were discussed. The remaining items would be carried forward to the next meeting.

a) Rule changes from AA (BP)

Council agreed that there was no need for a ruling on the calling of "In Gear."

Council agreed that the rules for Tow lines were adequate at this time and no amendments were necessary.

It was agreed that the minimum software levels that we work to are Word 6 and Excel 5.

b) Rule change/edits from REG.

Council agreed to allow that up to the maximum of 3 independent skiers who place above the top 'n' team skiers, (as opposed to the top 'n' scores), qualify to ski in the semi-final round. 5 for and 4 against. **This rule change becomes effective after the 1998 Worlds.**

Between now and the next meeting, the Council suggested that as many Federations as possible try a competition using a Skylon. All Regions to report back and then we could make a decision on allowing their use within our rules. It was noted that nearly all tow boats had pylons fitted with the height set at well below the rule book permitted maximum.

Change of 180 degree tumbleturn wording. 5 for, 3 against and 1 abstention. The wording agreed is that the trick shall score if the skier's feet rotate back to a point trailing the skier and at least in line with the rope. **This rule change becomes effective after the 1998 Worlds.**

There was an error in the jump speed table in new rule book. At 70 KPH the tolerance should read 5.03 - 5.26.

REG proposed the deletion of neck and teeth tricks. This was not agreed.

c) The role of the Secretary.

AH confirmed his role as per his discussions with the Chairman. If members wish to communicate with the Council, they must do so themselves but must make sure that a copy of the correspondence is sent to the Chairman and the Secretary. Similarly, if a Council member has been charged with a job of work, it is that member's responsibility to see that any paperwork is circulated to the Council as necessary. AH will gladly assist if he can but this cannot be guaranteed and members must be prepared to handle this themselves.

18. d) **Observations from these Championships.**

- The Safety Director was unsatisfactory. We need strict guidelines for the appointment of this position in future. Again, this can be included in the PPG.
- CJ's report needs to contain reports from the Tournament Director and Chief Scorer.
- It is very difficult running a tournament with so many Council members being on the panel. DM said the 2 can't mix. There could be peer pressure when officials need to be criticised. The Council acknowledged this comment but for many of us, we are only here because we are officials of the Sport.

Due to lack of time the following items were not dealt with and would be picked up at the next meeting:-

- Frequency of meetings and use of InterNet (REG).
- E Mail from Richard George (AH).
- Homologation of this tournament.
- Notification of officials appointments.
- Analysis of the application and effects of C408 (e) (CR).
- IWSF Hall of Fame.
- C904 last paragraph.
- Judges Nationality on information.
- Rules for W.Games (BP).
- Re-rides for starts (AH).

19. **Date of next meeting.**

It was agreed that we need 2 full days at the next World Championships in Australia. One day before and one day after the Championships. Urgent matters only should be dealt with during the Championships so that Council members could have the time to relax and enjoy the Worlds as much as everyone else. It also gave them an opportunity to consult with skiers and others on matters that may be raised at the meetings. It was therefore agreed that the first session of the next meeting would be held on Monday 20 April 1998 (all day beginning at 9 am). The second and final session would be held the following Monday 27 April 1998 (all day beginning at 9 am). All members were asked to make the appropriate arrangements so that we could all be together for the 2 full days of meetings.

With no further business, the Chairman thanked all members for attending the meeting(s) and gave special thanks to the LOC for their hospitality.

Chairman _____

Date _____

These minutes are subject to final approval at the next meeting.

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