



**M I N U T E S**  
**OF THE MEETING OF THE EUROPE & AFRICA TOURNAMENT COUNCIL**  
**held at the CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, ANTWERP, BELGIUM**  
**on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**1. Attendance and apologies for absence**

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Candido Moz     *Chairman*  
Inessa Potes    *Secretary*  
Dimos Alexopoulos  
Hannu Rintanen  
Stian Lilleberg  
Nigel Talamo  
Ricardo Botas  
Christophe Duverger

**Apologies for absence:**

Donal Connolly – family illness  
Manon Costard – visa problems

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the February meeting**

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The minutes of the meeting held at University College London on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes and items from Other Business**

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**a) Event Management System.**

Dimos gave us an update on the progress of the EMS. He presented some online pages and explained how it will work. There are currently a few problems concerning GDPR but these issues should be

resolved in a month. The technical side of the EMS is ready to run but it needs an IWWF mandate for everyone to use the system. This will be discussed at the next congress.

In the meantime, Hannu has been contracted (confirmation pending) by the IWWF as an administrator. Work will commence on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

There is general concern that Waterski is generating the largest income which is being shared by all other disciplines.

**b) World U21 dates.**

The World U21 Championships dates clash with school schedules in some countries. Italy was the only federation to object to the IWWF. This was raised at the previous meeting in February and the TC encourages other worried federations to formally voice their concern to the IWWF to ensure that this doesn't happen again.

**c) Use of 2018 surplus funds. Webcasts**

With the IWWF worldwide initiative to promote and strengthen our sport, the TC has decided to spend some of our available funds to encourage organisers of **Elite** and **Titled** events to produce high quality webcasts of their events. We cannot fund the complete cost but we can offer a subsidy. In return for TC investment we have asked to organisers to comply with some technical requirements which will help give a uniform graphic standard and a consistent look to all the webcasts.

The TC has identified 4 production companies, all with solid track records, who we feel are competent to produce webcasts of acceptable standards. We have invited 3 of these to apply to the organisers of the 8 events which we would like to support. The organisers are not obliged to use one of our recommended companies but if they do, they will receive their subsidy in June. If they choose another company, they will only receive the subsidy after the event and if the webcast meets our requirements.

**d) Use of 2018 surplus funds. Funding third party checks**

This is not seen as a priority to draw on funds. However the TC reserves the option of sending an independent observer, without warning, to report on any tournament.

**e) *Emeritus* grade**

There is a proposal to institute an *Emeritus* grade to recognise officials who have given outstanding service over many years but who may no longer be active. This will be an honorary gift awarded only by the TC. It cannot be applied for. A shortlist of recipients is being compiled.

**4. Distribution of paperwork**

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- a) **Minutes** of the November and February meetings have been published and distributed.
- b) **The call for interest** to officiate at 2019 E&A Title and RC events has been sent to all officials and published on the E&A website.

## 5. Finance

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- a) **The review of travel grants** for officials was made in London during the February meeting. Officials appointed to the World U21 Championships in Edmonton will each receive €300. Officials appointed to the Open Worlds in Putrajaya will each receive €400. This grant extends to the two WTC members who are not on the officials panel.

## 6. Calendar

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- a) Please download the updated calendar from: <http://iwwfeatc.com/2019-calendar>

### b) Intention to Enter and Entry forms

All forms for all E&A Championships along with all deadlines have been published on the E&A site. <http://iwwfeatc.com/Calendar/championships>

### Penalty dates:

EVENT	COUNTRY PLACE & DATE	INTENTION TO ENTER PENALTY AFTER:	OFFICIAL TRAINING SCHEDULE	TRAINING PAYMENT: LOSING SCHEDULED TRAINING AFTER:	ENTRY FORM PENALTY AFTER:
<b>E&amp;A Open</b>	<b>Spain, Seseña</b> 18/07-21/07	18/05	03/06	18/06	03/07
<b>E&amp;A 35+</b>	<b>Greece, Ioannina</b> 22/07-28/07	25/05	10/06	25/06	10/07
<b>E&amp;A U21</b>	<b>Ukraine, Dnipro</b> 02/08-04/08	02/06	18/06	02/07	18/07
<b>E&amp;A Youth</b>	<b>France, Roquebrune sur Argens</b> 27/08-31/08	27/06	13/07	27/07	12/08

*If the official entry forms are not received prior to the 24 hours before the start of the first event, the Federation's skier's places in the draw shall be determined by the Chief Judge without reference to their qualifying scores.*

*There is no limit on official reserves per team.*

### c) Dates for 2019 meetings

DATES	EVENT	COUNTRY	TOWN
01-02/06	Admincom Meeting	GRE	Shinoussa
13-14/08	Executive Board	MAS	Putrajaya
15/08	IWWF Congress	MAS	Putrajaya
19/08	WTC meeting	MAS	Putrajaya
9-10/11	Tournament Council meeting	BLR	Minsk
10-12/11	Admincom meeting	BLR	Minsk

## 7. Officials

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### a) 2019 Lists of Officials

The updated list of officials is now published on the TC site: <http://iwwfeatc.com/list-of-officials>

### b) Major event panels

#### E&A Officials appointed for the U21 World Championships Edmonton, Canada. 05-07 July 2019

U21 World Championships. Canada		
Chief Judge	KUNERT, Elena	SVK
Ass. Scorer	COITOU Annie	FRA
Judge	ADRIAENSEN Kate	BEL
Judge	GATTONE Barbara	ITA
Judge	KELLY Gavin	GBR
Driver	CAMPBELL Ian	GBR

#### E&A Officials appointed for the Open World Championships Putrajaya, Malaysia. 12-18 August 2019

<b>Open World Championships. Malaysia</b>		
Chief Judge	MOZ Candido	ITA
Homologator	KOLMAN Zdeneck	CZE
Ass. Scorer	SOURTY Virginie	FRA
Ass. Scorer	RINTANEN Hannu	FIN
Judge	PERSOONS Marie-Anne	BEL
Judge	BERAZOUSKAYA Aliaksandra	BLR
Judge	BALAIS Aristotelis	GRE
Driver	GANDOLA Davide	ITA

### **c) E&A Title and Elite Event Panels 2019**

There are still several panel vacancies to be filled for E&A titled and Elite events. A form inviting officials to apply for these vacancies was posted at the seminar. An appeal is also active at the E&A TC website.

The Turps Trophy has been downgraded to Ranking List so the TC will not appoint the panel.

### **d) ANOC World Beach Games, San Diego, USA.**

The following E&A officials have been appointed:

Judge	SOURTY Virginie	BEL
Judge	MOZ Candido	ITA

### **e) Seminar 2019 final arrangements**

The TC has received a list of topics raised from delegates. Problems encountered and ways they were/should be solved. Hannu and Dimos compiled the list of topics. We discussed them all and prioritised which ones to present at the seminar.

### **f) Exams**

All exams except for practical exams, (homologation & driving) could be taken at the seminar or at the November meeting in Minsk. In addition exams (including Homologation practical) can be taken at any E&A Championships.

The TC is waiting for the Driver Commission to recommend the process for driver practical examinations.

### **g) National seminars**

Some Federations host officials seminars and by arrangement with the TC, some exams may be taken. This is dependent on a TC Member being present to invigilate. In all cases, the TC needs to know the name of who is presenting and the topics being presented.

## 8. Skiers

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### a) Athletes Commission report and items:

Manon did not attend the TC meeting so was not able to present a report. The proposals she is investigating are the proposal to miss slalom gates and reaction to the new ramp figures.

### b) Double wake tricks

The TC received a request from Italy to allow double wake tricks for kids. The TC will consider this proposal over the summer.

## 9. Rules

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### a) Additional Rules finalisation

The TC checked the new E&A Additional rules which this year were minor.

### b) World Rules finalisation

World rule changes were a little more complex. Major changes are the institution of Junior records and the amendment to ramp dimensions and tolerances.

### c) World TC issues

Three video conferences have been held in recent months. The major decision which will affect many is the decision to change the ratios for ramp setting and also allowing ramps to be longer. All existing ramps will stay in tolerance but the amendment allows extra length to be used.

Topics to be brought forward to the next meeting in Malaysia include the future of our co-chairmen. If Bob decides to retire there is an issue concerning the waterski archive which he currently controls.

World L1 exams will also be discussed. The importance of equivalence in officials' competence is now recognised and unified exams will help to address this.

## 10. Visit of the Admincom

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a) Sid visited the TC meeting and presented the new *IWWF Europe* flags and regalia.

### b) Request for further financial support to publicise Elite and Titled events.

We told Sid of our plans to offer financial incentives to organisers of Title and Elite events to help them create high quality webcasts. (See 3c above.) We asked if Admincom would consider granting further funds to help with this initiative.

## 11. Correspondence

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### **a) Increase in notification**

A letter was received from Steve Sopp (GBR) requesting for an increase in the notification period when changes are made, from 60 to 120 days. His concern was that teams are often selected well in advance of 60 days and changing parameters can affect team selection. The TC generally supports this motion and this will be discussed at world level in Malaysia.

### **b) Letters from officials with expired qualifications**

Letters had been received from one L2 judge and one L2 judge's mother asking that their qualifications be extended. Each case was considered separately and letters were written in reply

### **c) Russian competition**

The TC received an appeal for help from the Moscow Federation who are intending to host a jump and slalom tournament toward the end of June. As this is not a Record Capability event, it is up to the organiser to choose the panel. A call for interest will be posted on the E&A website. In the meantime the TC has asked for details of the exact help needed.

### **d) Seminar 2020**

Great Britain has submitted an offer to host the 2020 seminar at a location near Heathrow Airport, near London. The TC asked Gavin Kelly to make a short presentation during the seminar. Which he did. The offer appears acceptable and the TC is in favour of backing this proposal.

## 12. Other Business

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The TC recognises that the Drivers Commission has made very slow progress since inception. In order to encourage them to make some decisions, the TC has set some targets:

**a) Practical Drivers exams.** L2 & L1. Where can these be taken and what will be the process? We ask that the Drivers commission return within one month with answers.

**b) Qualifications.** How do drivers maintain their qualifications? We ask for answers within the month.

**c) Selection Criteria** for title events. Again 1 month.

**d) Jump path proposals.** We ask that the Drivers Commission work with Athletes to establish what jump paths are acceptable. What should the tolerances be? Should the jump course be modified? We ask that they come up with proposals to be presented at the Congress and WTC meeting in Putrajaya.

## **Next meeting**

The November meeting will take place in Minsk, Belarus on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

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### **Inessa Potes**

IWWF E&A Tournament Council Secretary  
(prepared by Nigel Talamo)

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### **Candido Moz**

IWWF E&A Tournament Council Chairman

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The Minutes are subject to approval at the next Meeting.

Federations please note: The Minutes are sent to all International Officials. Please pass on any relevant information to your National Officials.

Meeting sessions:

Thursday 08:30 to 19:00

Friday Seminar prep. 08:30 to 12:00