



# MINUTES

of the meeting of the  
EUROPE CONFEDERATION WATERSKI COUNCIL  
held  
ONLINE (Zoom)  
on Monday 2nd November 2020

## 1. Attendance and apologies for absence

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Candido <b>Moz</b>	<i>Chairman</i>
Ricardo <b>Botas</b>	
Christophe <b>Duverger</b>	
Hannu <b>Rintanen</b>	
James <b>Timothy</b>	<i>Secretary</i>
Stian <b>Lilleberg</b>	<i>Treasurer</i>
Donal <b>Connolly</b>	
Morten <b>Froulund</b>	
Manon <b>Costard</b>	<i>Athlete Representative</i>
Louis <b>Polome</b>	<i>Africa Confederation President</i>

Apologies for absence:  
Dimos **Alexopoulos**

The meeting commenced at 20:00 CET.

## 2. Approval of the minutes

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The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 meeting were approved.

## 3. Matters Arising

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None

## 4. Finance

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Candido went through the expenditure to date this year. Expenses incurred by members at the Method boat homologation had not yet been paid but would be shortly. The portion of the homologation fee allocated to the WSC had not yet been received.

2021 would need more expenditure because of the increased calendar. The support WSC will receive from Admincom is not yet finalised so it is not yet possible to work out how much will be available for next year.

## 5. World Championships 2021

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These will be held in October 2021 at Sunset Lakes, Florida. IWWF is asking that Confederation Councils find ways of increasing the total number of entrants to 200 (usually it is around 150). This is for budgetary reasons.

Various ideas were discussed.

- A pre-selection competition
- Wild cards given to individual Confederations
- Independent competitors

All options had their own set of problems.

## 6. Pro Tour Events 2021

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In order to accommodate an additional Pro Tour event in July, it was decided to ask the organisers of the E&A Open Championships whether it would be possible to delay the Championships by one week.

Hannu pointed out that very few events were as yet registered in EMS, the only official calendar. WSC will send out a reminder to Waterski Administrators to keep up to date. Hannu asked if there were deadlines for organisers to post events. Candido replied that there were and that there were fines for late posting.

As an aside, Christophe suggested that maybe in the future, we consider holding the E&A Open every other year, interleaved with the Worlds. This might raise its profile in the minds of the skiers.

## 7. Skier of the Year, Skier of the Decade & Skier of the Quarter Century

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Louis reported that Skier of the Quarter Century was going to be quite difficult and that they needed some more time.

## 8. Athlete Commission Report

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- Manon said that the Pro Tour is growing and that there was a need for a Committee that could liaise with event organisers in order to minimise problems associated with mixing Pro Tour and Championship events. Donal pointed out that for this to work, communication should start early in order to avoid the problems of organisers themselves getting in early to obtain the best “slots”. Candido said that there were already events scheduled for 2023. Manon asked the WSC members to consider whether they would be willing and able to chair such a committee.
- Unannounced homologation spot checks at events were briefly discussed. Next year’s budget would have to take into account expenses for the “auditors”.
- Comments made in a survey of (American) “top drivers” published on an internet site based in Australia were discussed. Manon suggested that now Europe was taking active steps to control unfair driving, that there was a case for a World Drivers Commission also. James (and Donal) commented that there now seemed to be a mood in PanAm to be more pro-active in monitoring and enforcing driving standards.
- Manon asked if there was a policy regarding whether a homologator could homologate their home site. Candido replied that although it would not look good if this happened, there was no specific policy or rule governing this. Donal said that for him, this situation did represent a conflict of interest, more so than for judges since so much could be hidden from casual observers.

## 9. Administrative Committee Items

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1. Voting power of member Federations. Due to differing Covid restrictions applied in different countries, it is difficult to use the usual “number of events run” to determine voting rights. Candido suggested that the figures for 2019 should be carried forward to determine voting rights rather than use the numbers from 2020. Admincom will discuss in due course.

## 10. Championship Rules

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There has been a query from Admincom regarding what the rules would be for the running of Championships in 2021. Candido said that there would be no special requirements for the Open and Seniors but the Youth Championships needed some thought since effectively we would be running 2020 and 2021 Championships at the same event.

Candido proposed a timetable in which the U14, U17 and U21 would be run one after the other as if they were separate events. There would probably only be time to run one final with two sets of results (for 2020 & 2021) in each category.

## 11. Any Other Business

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.30 CET.

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**Secretary**  
James Timothy

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**Chairman**  
Candido Moz

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The Minutes are subject to approval at the next Meeting.

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Meeting session: 19:00 – 20.31 CET