



International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation

**MINUTES OF THE ADMINCOM Meeting of 03-04 June 2016
HELD AT THE ROMANTIC HOTEL IN KRK, CROATIA**

PRESENT

Depy Papadimitriou	Elected member - Acting President
Sid Adriaensen	Secretary General
Dominique Lakens Douwes	Treasurer
Andy Harris	Elected member and Barefoot – in the chair
Patrice Martin	Elected member
Marie-Anne Persoons	Cableski
Dany De Bakker	Disabled
Mike Waterman	Racing
Candido Moz	Tournament
Varna Laco	Wakeboard Cable
Louis Polome	Africa Confederation
Gillian Hill	Invited as IWWF Secretary General and for minutes taking

APOLOGIES

Peter Frei	Elected member
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ABSENT

Florian Butty	Wakeboard Boat
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Everyone had been shocked at the sudden resignation of the President Alain Amade. However, all understood that family must come first and so had no choice but to accept his decision.

Under the circumstances it was agreed to use the notes from the Bureau meeting held two weeks previously as the Agenda for this meeting. After which all other items on the original agenda, not already covered would be discussed.

1. APPROVAL OF THE ADMINCOM MEETING MINUTES OF 29-30/01/2016

These Minutes were approved.

2. BUREAU ITEMS.

The resignation of Alain Amade.

Bureau decisions:

- The Vice President Depy Papadimitriou had been asked if she could take over the role with immediate effect. This was later confirmed in a call to Depy.
- Andy Harris would be asked to chair the upcoming meeting of the Admincom in Krk in June to allow Depy and Sid to concentrate more on the items to be discussed.
- The Councils would be asked to handle all the financial and organisation issues at their various E&A Championships. A list will be made.

- If other Admincom members were available to represent E&A at some Championships that would be ideal. If not, this would be handed to the Council Chairmen.

The Admincom approved all of these decisions taken two weeks before.

During this meeting it would be agreed how to run E&A up to the 2017 Congress when an election for a new President would be held.

Alain had stated his intention to stand next year for the role of World President.

In the past, Alain took care of all conflicts – Depy will take this on board.

For any potential new Federations – their requests would be handled case by case.

For the October IWWF Executive Board meeting – Depy would try to be there.

3. REPORT & ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

Composition of Admincom, Councils & committees.

These had all been updated and published.

The E&A Letterhead has been changed to show Depy as Acting President.

It was agreed NOT to change the President name on all the many documents on file. However, Alain's name would be removed.

Representation of E&A at Titled events 2016

The Admincom agreed with the Bureau suggestion that each Council must take care of all matters at their own Championship events. Sid would still prepare the list showing who was responsible for what at each Championship.

4. REPORT & ITEMS FROM THE TREASURER.

Subscriptions and Outstanding Invoices

Subscriptions if not paid in time (2 months) then a reminder goes out immediately with the threat of non competition if not paid immediately.

There will follow a list of countries NOT allowed to compete in due course.

A repayment of the loans accrued by the Spanish Federation had been agreed over a two year period. In the meantime they keep up with the current bills.

With the new Associate Membership about to come into being, it was proposed that Lithuania and Sudan be changed to Associate Members. Admincom agrees to waive any past arrears and start over.

Mediterranean Games Association reminders will also go out. E&A invoices these on behalf of the Med Games Committee.

Bank charges for payments made on behalf of Councils will be charged to that council.

The Admincom congratulated Dominique on her handling of the old debts, which were now reduced to nearly nothing.

The Council budgets.

Dominique would ensure all councils received a complete summary of their income and expenditure at regular intervals.

The Belgian Federation had protested that invoices need to arrive in the current year. They had received an invoice after the financial year end which they could not now pay. Varna would deal with this with Simone.

Situation with the IWWF.

Everything was up to date with the IWWF and there were no outstanding issues.

The 2016 E&A subscription fees ; list of federations in each economic Group.

Sid had received a proposal via the Irish Federation to use a different method of working out the subscription for each country, still based on the GDP of each, but on a pro rata basis for the actual GDP for each country. Unfortunately this was not a workable idea as the subscription fees would change a lot each year, and furthermore this put an incredible burden on the higher rated countries. The Admincom agreed to stay with our current system.

Wakeboard Boat

It was unfortunate that Florian was not present at this meeting as there were some issues to discuss. The MasterCraft contract is still valid for the E&A Championships to 2019 and they have paid the invoice sent to them.

Recently a new deal has been struck with a new company in Ireland, Heyday Inboards, for a Cash Prize tour, worth 35.000 USD a year. This contract needs to be signed by the President or Secretary General or Treasurer and an invoice issued.

A request had been received from Florian to give cash to him in advance in order to pay for two items for the council. The Bureau agreed that invoices or pro forma invoices must be provided before any money can be sent. This Bureau decision was agreed by the Admincom.

It was agreed that Depy would make contact with Florian regarding this and other issues raised during this meeting.

Cable Wakeboard Council

Apparently the Cable Wakeboard Council had been asked to provide IWWF or E&A tax numbers concerning the World Championships in Mexico. These tax numbers are not applicable to either IWWF or E&A – but it was agreed to provide the Company registration numbers for each.

5. REPORT & ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTLY ELECTED ADMINCOM MEMBERS.

Depy Papadimitriou

Depy had provided a written report. The Greek Federation was now back to full recognition by the Ministry of Sport. This should positively affect their financial position, at least to cover the salaries of the staff, which they had to cover themselves last year. The Federation was actively searching for sponsors for their tournaments and to cover the operating expenses of the Federation. In total they would hold three international events during the season. The most important thing is their athletic recognition which has been achieved by increasing the number of clubs.

The Admincom members were very grateful that Depy had agreed to take on the Acting Presidency of E&A and would do all they can to help her.

Andy Harris

Andy has been working on the 4 Year Plan to update it in view of current activities:

The following items had been added or changed as follows:

- B. Oversee and ensure the smooth transition from being E & A into two separate confederations i.e. the EC and the AC, whilst at all times guaranteeing and maintaining the close ties, bonds and relationships between the two [new] Europe and Africa confederations, both now and in the future.

- D. Titled events with no **sanction** fees or medal costs for organisers.

- G. Establish a senior leadership succession plan for the sport **and the Bureau in particular**, ensuring that there are 'safe hands' available when required to guarantee a secure future for the confederation. – **add Councils**.

- H. Continue to update our systems and methods of working so that we operate a fit-for-purpose financial regime with robust controls in place that serve the needs and requirements of our Councils and Administration.

The Admincom asked Andy to add in the aim to have our corporate governance honest and transparent. Andy would do this.

Peter Frei

Event Management System –written report from Peter.

As you may remember, at the last Admincom meeting and the congress I reported the delays of the delivery for the EMS system. Emmanuel Lion proposed the following new schedule:

September 30, 2016: delivery of bundles 1 & 2, start of testing

December 31, 2016: delivery of bundle 3, start of final tests and corrections

March 31, 2017: system ready for production of season 2017

At the January Admincom meeting we concluded that I should try to have some earlier deliveries in order that we can do at least some minor real tests during the season 2016. In addition the congress asked to negotiate a penalty if Emmanuel cannot deliver in time.

Here the outcome of my discussions with Emmanuel:

Unfortunately, Emmanuel is not able to guarantee earlier deliveries. He will try the best to comply with the above deadlines. Regarding the penalty he has stated that the price for the project is on the low level and that he is doing some considerable investments. He cannot offer a penalty (reduction of his revenue) but would rather stop the project.

After discussions with Alain and Sid we have decided to go on with the above-mentioned deadlines and not to ask a penalty. As mentioned earlier we are not really in a professional environment and have to live with the situation.

I have asked Emmanuel Lion to deliver me regularly functions for testing whenever a reasonable bundle is available on a provisional basis for my personal testing without involving the project team who will only be involved for testing after delivery of bundle 1 & 2 by September 30, 2016.

I will also try to have some personal meetings with Emmanuel in the next months.

Several of the Admincom members believe that we should decide now what to do on 1st October if he has not delivered by that time. It was decided to take a vote of the Admincom members on this subject: 6 members were in favour of cancelling our order at that time if Emmanuel Lion fails to deliver. 1 member was against and 2 abstained. It was therefore agreed that Peter would be asked write to Emmanuel Lion and advise him that if we still have nothing by midnight on September 30th 2016 we will be cancelling this project.

It was noted that our other contracts with Lion are continuing and we are paying as already agreed.

Patrice Martin

Patrice said we have talked a lot about membership, nationality, licences and so on. When he took over the FFSN they were minus 400k, but now this was seriously better!

Then he spoke about succession and how thin on the ground we seem to be. For succession planning the Alain situation has been a shock, but we do have some people about who we need to bring on board as soon as possible.

We have to talk about the future of E&A honestly and soon. Patrice announced he would not be standing for E&A President in 2017 as he wants to fulfil his ideas for the French Federation. We have to choose a good candidate for E&A President and for World President.

The Worlds in Paris are there to be pushing our sport forward for the Olympic decision on 2024 which Paris is candidate for. To be part of the Olympics is his main goal and we need to find some way to push this forward.

French licence

It seemed there is nothing we can do about this. Patrice is dealing with this case by case – Federation by Federation. He has to do this.

The French Federation and the Monaco Federation

It seems that the Admincom should not be involved in this dispute as there have been some legal actions taken. Patrice said that following the Congress Monaco asked to organise their Nationals in Roquebrune. Patrice replied that there were still open items from the year before, concerning the compensation to FFSNW for the loss of the site.

Subsequently Monaco wrote to Kuno and offered to host the 2017 Worlds at Roquebrune. The IWWF President has refused this offer, because Paris was ready to sign. Patrice has written further to Monaco in the hope that this problem can be resolved once and for all.

6. REPORT & ITEMS FROM EACH COUNCIL.

Barefoot

Andy reported on a busy season ahead, with five International events on the calendar in Europe, plus the Worlds in August in the USA. The Worlds would be run working with the IBA which is a pro skier organisation. The European Championships are in Sweden with really excellent organisation by the Federation.

A Coaching seminar would be held in Finland one week before. Past issues with the Dutch Federation are now resolved. Still a low number of participants but some new faces coming on board.

Cableski

Marie-Anne reported that the promised World Cup in Shanghai will not now take place as there are difficulties with the Chinese federation not in favour.

Marie-Anne said Cableski are really struggling with their World Championships with no offer to host at present. If no suitable venue could be found they might hold a European Championship instead. Egypt had been a possibility, but was no longer because the Federation were not included in the original discussions with the local club. This was another case of arrangements being made by Uwe outside of the National Federation, which immediately causes problems.

It was agreed a letter must go from E&A to the IWWF President to make him aware of our concerns about National Federations being consulted from the start. Louis agreed to write this letter. Uwe must be instructed to work with National Federations.

The Euro cable tour is still running but with less money.

Disabled

Dany reported on a good officials seminar. An active calendar of events was prepared, mostly running with able bodied tournament and cable wakeboard. So the council now has to consider more than just slalom. Disabled riders will take part in the world Cable Wakeboard champs in Mexico. The new Audio slalom system is being used all over the place. The Council needed to get a contract signed with the manufacturers, and this may be a case for the scientific prize in the future. Louis said South Africa are also noticing the participation of disabled into cable wakeboard.

Racing

Mike Waterman had submitted a written report:

Since the Congress last January, the Racing Council has been busy with the usual pre-season routines, and finalising the rule amendments agreed in Castelldefels.

This is for Racing a European Championship year, with the Titles originally scheduled for Austria in August. Most unusually I have to report some significant problems, between the Event organisers and their own Federation who ultimately declined to sign the LOA, rendering the Titles a non-starter.

This caused a great deal of distress on all sides, not least to the large number of competitors who had already made costly travel arrangements and committed to accommodation and the like. The event organiser was distraught.

We held a successful Officials seminar at the Viersel club in Belgium in March, with thanks to the Club and the Belgian Federation for their support for this meeting.

This gave the Austrian event organisers the opportunity for a crisis meeting with the Council at Viersel.

Vera Vanden Bossche, Thea Klarenbeek, Julius Leysen and I, happily received the Austrian delegation headed by Georg Forstel and spent some useful hours carefully going through the event programme and budget/finances in detail.

It was clear that a great deal of ground work had been done by the incredibly enthusiastic and committed Georg Forstel and his team, and large sums of necessary money had already been pledged. It was very much a serious work in progress.

The only solution however seemed to be an undertaking by them to their Federation which would absolve said Austrian Federation from any financial commitment. Georg readily agreed to provide such an indemnity.

I wrote to the Austrian Federation stating that he would do so, and they agreed to sign on condition, that the appropriate insurances were in place and that the indemnity provided was to the satisfaction of their legal team.

This was ultimately achieved, the LOA duly signed, and I was able to announce the Championships being back on.

Our only hope now is that a healthy number of our competitors enter the event.

Our Europe Cup series is also depleted this year, as Austria could not host a round in view of their commitment to the week-long Championships.

We then also realised that there was a significant change at the Eguzon Chantome club in France, with our council member, Richard Hernaez, no longer Club President, and seemingly not involved in the organisation of the intended Europe Cup event there.

Despite the exchange/provision of all relevant data between the Council and the Club/French federation, a clear-cut decision as to running the event was not received within a reasonable time scale so the event has been cancelled by the Council for this year.

We therefore have just two rounds of the Cup this year on consecutive weekends in Belgium. We should hopefully be back to normal next year, with at least four rounds.

We love Eguzon as a resort and Race venue, and I have pledged my support to Patrice Martin, French President and Admin Com elected member, and with the Club to work hard with them to ensure that Eguzon remains on the calendar for the future. I have said that I am happy to make a pre season visit to assist if called upon. We cannot afford to lose our good venues, and/or the enthusiasm of their members.

As previously reported we did have, last year, an innovative International Open Race on the River Great Ouse, at Kings Lynn, Norfolk, GB- called The Hanseatic Ski Race. This comprised two days of sprint racing, enjoyed by skiers old and new, with some teams coming from Belgium adding spice to the action. The event will run again this year on the weekend of July 9th and 10th and we expect a bumper entry. Thanks and congratulations to Tom Lumley and his team from Hunstanton Club for this excellent initiative. It will hopefully over time become an annual Classic International Water Ski Race.

Last year European Water Ski Racing embarked on a new initiative with the Launch of our own E & A Region Racing Hall of Fame and four more stars will be inducted this summer, three World Champions and a very senior International Judge/Administrator.

We are making a special feature of all these European Water Ski Racing "Greats" in a Hall of Fame section in our E & A Racing Website, so watch this space.

It was once again an Election Congress in January when all of our current Council members were delighted to be re-elected and now have the opportunity to continue their work for this sport.

A technical issue has arisen in relation to certain types of skier helmets, with a ban imposed in Australia, and a working party is carrying out further research down-under. We await the outcome with interest.

The 2016 National race series in each of Benelux, Austria, Spain (Canary Islands) and GB are now in full flow as I pen these notes.

Thanks as always to all officials, and helpers, who do so much, and to all the members of the E & A Racing Council who are there to help build and sustain the sport which we all love.

One Council member, Julius Leysen most sadly suffered a recent heart attack and has had to take things a little easier of course. Julius, take it easy and we wish you a steady return to perfect health!

Special thanks go to our Secretary General, Vera Van Den Bossche for her excellent paperwork which helps us function smoothly as a Council.

Tournament

Candido Moz reported on a full calendar of events – including the World Over 35 Championships in Sesena, Spain.

The Council is still struggling to find enough officials to run all these events. Judges have to work hard and revised to remain at the top level.

The E&A prepared trick training videos are being asked for from all over the world. The Admincom agreed there was no issue to sell these on.

The World Championships have now been set for 2017 from 3rd – 10th September in Paris

The Europea Championships 2017 would be held from 30th Aug – 2nd Sept in Austria. These two events are too close and it is a great shame that this was not realised earlier. It would make problems for athletes and officials.

The byelaw rule re entry fees needs to be stated more clearly. We would come to this later in the meeting.

Wakeboard Boat

It was thought that Florian would attend this meeting. The Admincom members were disappointed there was no representation from this council, especially as there were many issues to discuss.

Wakeboard Boat Council - African representation as agreed in January.

At the Congress in January Karim Soliman had been nominated by the Egyptian Federation to the Wakeboard Boat Council. Before the Congress meetings had been held to promote Karim as the African representative (co-opted) to the Council, and on this understanding he stood down from the election. Subsequently there had been correspondence from Florian Butty as Chair of the Council to state that at this time Karim was not invited to the Council meetings and should concentrate on developing wakeboard in Africa.

The Bureau members believe that Florian's mails are not in accordance with what was agreed in January, and are against the spirit of co-operation that we need to see at this time.

The Admincom members were in complete accord that it has to be made clear that we want to see an African representative added to ALL councils as an additional person during the changeover period of Africa splitting from Europe. These persons to be chosen by the African Confederation.

The Admincom supported this concept fully, except no-one is worried about voice or vote, - they become a member of the council. In the case there would be no voting right for a Council from any African country then the rep would have voice but no vote.

Any reps appointed to the Councils from Africa will receive the usual meeting allowance.

Wakeboard Cable

Varna Laco was pleased to say that all was going well in this council.

Candido pointed out that the new rules for the seated division are not clear enough. Varna agreed to look at this with Candido during the meeting.

7. IWWF MATTERS.

Report from the IWWF representatives.

Many of the items concerning the IWWF are already discussed under other items in this agenda.

Gill reported that Paul Fong had hit the ground running as our new Executive Director. He was already picking up on many items that IWWF had put on the back burner because of lack of time. She firmly believed this was a good appointment from which IWWF would benefit.

Louis reported on the Inclusion programme in South Africa which is working well – and is very important to that Federation. The Nigeria cable development has stalled for the time being, but there were other positive approaches from new countries. Louis would be making a trip with Jean-Michel Cau later in the year to make better contact – face to face.

IWWF EB restructuring

Agreement was reached by the working group in Mexico. We now need EB approval for it. Then EB approval of the Statute and Byelaw changes that will be needed. It was felt this might be almost impossible to achieve by a postal ballot of the Federations as this required a 75% reaction and vote in favour. It might have to wait to the World Congress 2017.

World University Commission

IWWF had asked for two persons from E&A to be involved with the Commission.

It was agreed that Ulf Langrock and Ilaria Buzzotta be asked if they would be prepared to get involved. Sid will write to both.

Ranking Multisport Games

With the proliferation of Multi sport games, the IWWF EB had suggested that each Confederation ranks these Games in the order which is the most important to them.

The Bureau had already started this work, which was considered by the Admincom members with the following list agreed:

1. World Games (next edition 2017)
2. Mediterranean Games (next edition 2017)
3. Youth Olympic Games (next edition 2018) - if we can get in
4. European Games (next edition 2019) – if we can become a part
5. World Beach Games (new for 2017) - if we can get in
6. Mediterranean Beach Games – felt not to be so important for us.

It was noted that the Youth Olympic Games was moved up to 3rd place above the European Games.

Confederation Media Manager

This was another action item from the IWWF EB meeting.

We await the job description which Des and Varna were asked to prepare.

Understood this is a huge job – and we are definitely not keeping up with all the social media that could be generated.

Every event should have a media manager as part of the organisation. Varna thinks the council should appoint media people at their major events. Every event should have a proper press release in English. The person has to be on site to do the job properly. As ever this was a case of finding a willing volunteer, not already doing another job.

8. TITLED EVENTS CALENDAR

Sid handed out the calendar.

All the titled events for 2016 had the LAO signed. Sid would acquire all the signed copies from Alain. The Racing Europe Cup final in Eguzon had been cancelled. The Cup would now be run over only two stops with the final being in Geel, Belgium.

Cable Wakeboard has an extra set of LAO's for which they are making their own arrangements.

Some feeling that the Council chairmen should also sign the obligations or at least be involved in the negotiations and discussions of titled events. The Admicom agreed that in future the Council chairmen be consulted and involved from the start of negotiations with any potential hosts for E&A Championships.

As already stated Dominique will send round a list of countries allowed to compete at titled events in good time before the Championship season.

9. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR:

Bureau

...-.../... Bureau meeting somewhere in between June and November

IWWF EB Meeting

21-22/10/16 Friday-Saturday Florida, USA

Financial meeting (+ President + Brit ?)

.../10/16 At Sven's

November meetings

11-15/11/16 Fri-Tuesday Belfast, IRL

= Practical information See Linda Johnston

= Saturday 12/11 a.m.

= 12-13/11

= 14-15/11

Bureau meeting

Council meetings (no wakeboard cable)

Admincom

Financial meetings

.../12/16 At Sven's (+ Brit ?)

.../12/16 At Sven's Financial meeting (+ Franz)

2017 Congress weekend – to be confirmed

26-29/01/17 Thu-Sunday Lausanne, SUI See Florian
= Friday a.m. Bureau meeting
= Friday 15.00 h Admincom
= Saturday 09.00 h E&A Congress
= Saturday after Congress Admincom
= Sunday 08.00 h Annual Med Confed meeting
= Sunday 09.00 h Councils (TOU also Friday a.m. – other Councils ?)

Admincom - June 2017

To be discussed and could be dependent on the new President. Depy offered to have the meeting in Schinoussa with the first weekend of June being the best date.

November 2017 Meetings

There was interest from Budapest HUN and Minsk BLR.
Sasha Isaeyev would organise in Minsk, however, the visa situation may complicate things.
To be discussed further and actively seek the easier venue.

Congress 2018

It was hoped that the Monaco Federation could present another offer, and that we change the date to the first weekend of February, which would be much more convenient for the production of all the Congress papers. The Admincom agreed the Congress should move one week to be the first weekend of February each year. So for 2018 it will be 3rd February.

10. ADMINCOM / E&A BUREAU

Statutes changes

Sid has prepared the European Confederation Statutes which will only change when we are ready.
Agreed to change article 6 to English only.
Article 14d – ‘active’ needs changing to full or associate members.
Article 17 - Voting ballot – ¼ of the voting power
Sid would prepare these changes ready to confirm at the November meeting.

Re-structuring / split of Europe and Africa

A Conference call was held with Louis Polome during the Bureau meeting where the draft prepared by Sid for the eventual split between Europe and Africa was discussed. The revised document had been circulated to the Admincom.

The Admincom reviewed the document as Louis further explained how this would eventually end. But it was important that the separation is taken slowly to allow Africa time to evolve as a sole function. Louis thanked Sid for all his work on the preparation of these documents.

The proposed financial dowry from E&A is much appreciated, but Louis would prefer that Europe retains the fund and that Africa draws down as needed. This was agreed by the Admincom.

Bye-Law changes

The Bureau had suggested to remove the Scientific prize from European level. This was NOT AGREED by the Admincom. The prize would remain in our Byelaws.

The following changes were agreed by the Admincom:

Change Bye-Law 4.5.1.1 – Item 7

The Bureau had proposed to take out the requirement for a 1000 € deposit. There is a fine payable if they drop out anyway. Any council who wishes to charge a deposit may do so if the Bureau agrees.

The new wording would be:

1. **If required by the council a cash deposit may be required subject to agreement by the Bureau.**

Change Bye-Law 4.5.1.6. Team or individual athletes not showing up

The entry fees of team or individual athletes failing to show up **after an entry form has been submitted by their Federation** shall still be payable in full, unless a valid written excuse is received by 12 noon of the day before the start of the competition."

Change Bye-Law 4.5.1.7

The Bureau had proposed to take out the following words:

~~The award of titles and recommended medals shall be as follows:~~

~~1 competitor: No title, no medal~~

~~2 competitors: Gold medal only~~

~~3 competitors: Gold and Silver medals only~~

~~4 or more competitors: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals~~

~~If only 2 or 3 competitors, title available subject to divisional Council.~~

~~These rules may be changed on the recommendation of a Divisional Council and the approval of the Administrative Committee.~~

~~For the Overall medals the number of medals presented cannot exceed the lowest number of medals presented for an individual event in that competition. Thus the Overall title shall only be awarded if the title has been awarded in all events.~~

And to substitute in its place:

If only a few competitors are present in any event the Council may decide the number of medals to be awarded. In which case this must be contained in their Additional Rules.

The final paragraph concerning team medals would remain as is.

Change Bye-Law 3.6 second para

Each Divisional Council will be composed of a minimum of three members and a maximum of seven, not including an optional athlete representative, **plus an optional representative nominated by the African Confederation.**

In a non election year the Councils may apply to the Congress for more members, but only for the next election period.

Bye-Law 4.11.3

The Public Liability insurance mentioned in this Bye-law is mandatory.

The Admincom agreed that we should have our own Public Liability policy in place. Gill will speak with the IWWF broker and ask for a quote for Europe & Africa.

Bye-Law 8,

This temporary dispensation needs to remain in place. Although in fact it has been far from temporary!!!

Associate Membership Information

The revised copy from Kuno had been received. This is now in good order. This membership group is already mentioned in Article 8 of our Statutes and does not need altering. The Rules for Associate Members will be circulated with these Minutes and can also be found on the E&A website.

However, the Byelaws item **2.1.7 Rights of Associate Members** will need to be updated to reflect the new IWWF rules for associate members. The existing text is no longer suitable – and reads ~~Athletes of Associate members have no rights to participate in international competitions or titled events. On written request of the Federation the Bureau may for one year only accept the entry of one male and one female skier to such an event.~~

Suggested new text:

The rights of Associate Members are determined and published by the IWWF and shall apply to the E&A Confederation.

List of Obligations

Requirement for results to be posted on line – not printed.

Change the word press to media throughout.

Add Gill's email to doping results management.

Internet Access – live results – live streaming from events

The use of a parable had been suggested, but it is felt we cannot afford this (custody, transport, ..).

The REQUIREMENT for good internet access at Championship sites must be in the LAO from 2017 onwards.

Discussion as to what to do if the organiser fails to provide what they should. The Admincom agreed the E&A rep or the Council rep should take necessary action and then charge the organiser with the cost.

Anti-Doping Testing and Education

The LAO need to be amended to include Gill's email for questions and all testing results.

Guidelines update

Sid would check what, if anything, needed alteration.

Drug testing education.

The Merck Serono deal. Nothing happening at the moment.

Paul Fong is in the process of preparing an education plan.

11. MEDALS, TROPHIES, AOY PRESENTS, PLAQUES

For 2016 the medals will come from the old source via Franz Kuhn.

It was further agreed that for 2017 we would continue for one more year ONLY with this design. Franz Kuhn to be notified of this situation in order not to have any remaining stock at the end of 2017

This would give time for the Admincom to research into a new provider for 2018 onwards.

Dominique to review what the existing ones cost versus the new quotes she would obtain and would keep the Admincom advised.

The 2015 Athlete of the Year (AOY) trophies for each division are all prepared and will be handed out at the relevant Championships.

The 2015 E&A Athlete of the Year presents have been purchased by Dominique and will be awarded at the relevant Championships.

The idea of presenting plaques to organisers (instead of framed pennants) had been initiated by Alain. Dominique has samples and it was agreed to go ahead for this year. The ongoing situation would be reviewed again during the winter.

12. COMMON TOPICS FOR ALL COUNCILS.

- Each council to decide whether they want to work with an intention to enter form.
If so, to prepare the proper forms, dedicated to each specific Titled Event.
To be put on the E&A website and the federations to be informed through the competition bulletin.
- Each council prepares the entry forms, dedicated to each specific Titled Event.
To be put on the E&A website, the federations to be informed through the competition bulletin.
- Reminder that we prefer a written report of each Council for our autumn meeting.
This report will be used for the Congress, unless otherwise advised by the Council President.
- Harmonisation of age categories definitions.
Using “under” as a basis, but cannot harmonise with other divisions, except Wakeboard Boat and Cable Wakeboard could be the same, but neither feels it appropriate to change their existing categories. It would take research which they have no funding for.

13. E&A – ATHLETES OF THE YEAR.

Distribution of the 2015 awards is all organised.

14. DEVELOPMENT.

New Federations and/or prospective Federations

Louis has identified five possible new Africa countries who should be able to come in under the new Associate Member category.

We must follow through with developing countries and get somebody to them. Case by case.

Romania

There was a good chance to have a new Federation in Romania.

Andrea would be asked to send an application form to them, plus all E&A information. For the wakeboard instructor request we need to put him on to someone. Development should be handled at IWWF level with Paul and Jean-Michel Cau.

Multisport Games.

Jean-Michel Cau was dealing with Tarragona for the next Med Games. We should receive his latest report quite soon.

The Mediterranean Confederation.

A training camp in Greece has been arranged to help the developing countries this season.
No other information was available.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

Ethics Code

Kuno is in the process of preparing an Ethics code for IWWF which we will automatically adhere to. This will come forward at the EB meeting in October.

Cableski Parks and the Federations

Marie-Anne had been asked to clarify where this project was going. Her summary is as follows:-

What was agreed at the meeting in January was that Patrice would look at a date for a meeting with the cable owners in Paris.

We would start by inviting the cable owners who are already a member of a federation and would hope the positive message would bring other cable owners to become members later.

In the Cableski council we agreed that three members would work with three members from Cable-Wakeboard. The three Cable council members volunteering to work on this were Elena, Maoz and Joost. The three people for Cable-Wake board need to be named.

Further at our **Cable Council** meeting in Bratislava we did discuss this again and our ideas were to work out something like:

- Set up a commission in the IWWF – starting with E&A only, to be extended later to world level.
- The commission should consist of:
 - o President – Secretary – Treasurer
 - o 2 people representing Cable 3-event
 - o 2 people representing Cable-Wakeboard
 - o 2 people as Cable owners
 - o 2 athletes
- What to do was:
 - o Set up a set of rules of how the commission is run and organized
 - o Set up a sharepoint site or an internet site or a link to the IWWF site with access for members only (password access)
 - o Provide on that site, maximum information such as:
 - Safety rules for operators
 - Incident investigations reports and learnings
 - General purchases of equipment
 - Insurance advise
 - Guidelines on maintenance of Cable installations
 - Environmental items
 - Help / ideas on how to organizing competitions / events on the cable
 - How to promote the sport on the cable
- The idea would be that this group would have two meetings a year + a more general meeting with the cable owners

Patrice said he had the idea to organize this meeting during the Paris Boat Show – on the 8th December .

The Boat Show organisers would love to host the meeting as they have a two tower cable in the show with a competition at the weekend. So it would be ideal – and also all the cable park builders could use this to advertise themselves at a preferential rate. First idea is to get them all together and then to float the idea of a committee or commission – invited by Paris Boat Show and IWWF.

Varna said the IWWF could buy space to promote cable parks, and then let the builders use it.

Cable Park Industry Group – rather than just owners. Maybe a shared stand with FFSNW – and perhaps utilize the IWWF Executive Director Paul Fong if he could find the time.

The Cable Working group to have a meeting with Patrice – 3 from Ski and 3 from Wakeboard to make all the necessary arrangements for the industry meeting. ACTION!

There was much to do and little time, so it was most important this was followed up speedily by all parties.

Poland appeal.

We don't think we should be involved in this – it is a Polish problem and we are not allowed to interfere. Reply stating they should not leave this problem alone – they should meet and attempt to resolve their differences, using arbitration if necessary. Varna updated that there will be a meeting between the Federation, the rebels and the Ministry for Sports. Remind them to let us know what happened.

Wake Surfing

Paul Fong is actively seeking information and competitions, etc.....He will visit a championship and speak with the organisers re some kind of alliance with IWWF. There is a lot of concern over the huge wake thrown up by the boat.

E&A Commissions and Committees

The development committee is abolished – the Councils have to deal with the discipline / learning side needs of Federations. The president deals with the political side. Some Admincom members believe this is a really important issue for our sport, but as we have a Coaching and Development Committee at World level, perhaps we can use them. At the moment it seems the Committee works on demand. Perhaps if we need something in Europe they can help us.

The appeals committee is needed only in an emergency. It is an internal committee.

We may in the future need a legal / judicial committee. This would need to be discussed eventually.

The medical commission is really only one man, Lorenzo Benassa. But at World level there is a committee, but very little contact.

The environment commission – the Admincom believe there is no need for an E&A Commission and that any enquiries be directed to Leon Larsen at World level. Agreed.

Stolen medals from years ago

E&A had received a request from Italy to provide duplicates of old medals stolen from an Italian skier. The Bureau believes these medals are from long ago, when even the name of IWWF was different as well as E&A. It was suggested the skier finds a local jeweller to reproduce something. We cannot give out our current medals in replacement for those won years ago. AGREED by Admincom.

It was noted that Guy Le Prince (past President of the French Federation) has been awarded the Chevalier of the Order of Merit. The Admincom extended their congratulations on this prestigious award.

There being no further business, the members thanked Varna for her excellent organisation here in Krk and closed the meeting.