

**Minutes of 87th meeting of Region E&A Cable Council Meeting
Held at Grand Hotel, Rey Don Jaime, Castelfdefells, Spain
On Sunday 31st January, 2016**

Present

Marie-Anne Persoons (MAP)
Nicky Caine (NCC)
Elena Kunert (EK)
Joost De Leyer (JDL)
Maoz Tal (MT)
Martin Graw (MG)
Aliksander Isayeu (AI)

Apologies

Michal Mos (MM) Due to ill health and the council wished him a speedy recovery and hoped that they would see him in Bratislava

During the lunch break during the Congress it was agreed the following

MAP – E&A President/Representative on World Council
NCC - Secretary & Treasurer
MT – Representative for World Council
MG – Representative for World Council
EK - Reserve for World Council
JDL- Africa Representative

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were duly agreed and signed by MAP and NCC

As this was the first meeting after an election Congress although none of the members had changed MAP reminded everyone that they were on the Council for the good of the sport and not to represent their respective Federation. What was agreed by the Council should be put forward and not their personal views.

Distribution of work

Homologation - JDL
World Cup/Rules – MG
Exams/Official Panels – EK
Seminar – EK/MM
Videos /Equipment- MM
Calendar - MAP
Bulletins – MT

Rankings List - JDL
Contact with Manu - MAP
Worlds - MAP
Cable Owners Association – MT/EK/JDL
Website -- MT
Skiers Rep - AI

Cable Site Owners

It was agreed that there should be 3 members from Cable Wakeboard and 3 members from Cable 3 event with Patrice Martin “chairing” the group to move the idea of having a Cable Site Owners meeting to discuss the promotion of “Cable”.

There was hoped that there would be Cable Site Owners meeting at the end of the year in Paris to which all sites, already members of their respective Federations, would be invited. The initial contact will be through their Federations.

It was felt that there should be discussion within the “E&A Group” before the meeting was arranged so that it was known what was hoped the meeting with all the Cable Site Owners would achieve and what we are hoping to be able to offer the Cable Sites. It was felt this internal meeting should be midweek and arranged in the winter time

It was noted that Uwe Goldstein had been taken on by IWWF on a contract basis to help promote Cable.

E&A Championships 2015

At the moment the Doping Control report from Alfsee-Rieste is missing, however, it was thought that maybe the German Federation may have it.

Seminar 2016

The original hotel that was to host the seminar is now closed for redecoration but a new hotel has been found that is willing to honour the original prices quoted.

Registration for the seminar is on Tournament and Cable Website. Hannu (Rintanen) and Stian (Lilleberg) will be organising for the Tournament Forms to be sent to EK.

Cable Seminar to start on Saturday morning and finish Sunday lunchtime. This year we are going to have a separate room from Disabled and Tournament. In this room we will focus more on Cableski specific items, however we hope that Cable officials may also join other sessions organized by the other disciplines.

One of the sessions will be about calculation to show how to send the correct files so that WBW (Who beats Who) Rankings list can be updated every week.

The Cable Council Meeting will be on Thursday 31st March Thursday scheduled to start at either 9am 10am in the case that some members will not actually be landing until about 8 in Vienna. All the disciplines attendees will be together on Friday night in the hotel and then maybe on Saturday night everyone will go out to a restaurant. There will be no cost for the Cable Council meeting rooms. We will need a beamer.

It was agreed that our Cable report on Friday afternoon at the seminar when we are together with Tournament will include an update on WBW and ITC (International Tour of Cable) and we can demonstrate how now the trick scores can be ready before the next skier.

The seminar should be for organisers/skiers etc and not only officials.

Bureau

Sid and Alain joined the meeting and congratulated the members on their re-election.

They thought that the “Cable” presentation at the Congress had been very well received and that if it was necessary there could be some funding found to help get the initiative going and contribute to help pay to raise the paperwork etc.

Competitions 2016

All competitions to be held in 2016 are shown on the website

ITC

There proposed stops in 2016 are to be held in Weert/Kosice/Asten/Beckum.

There was a discussion regarding ITC finals and whether it should be held together with World Cup. It was felt that if it was a show then it could not be record capability.

Concern was expressed that it was not sure whether it was realised that the official’s travel expenses for the ITC will be paid. The Council had heard that there was a fee to be paid to Thomas Bauer by the organizers of an ITC stop. Whatever the fee that the site pays to host an ITC stop is, this should be the same for all. Everything needs to be transparent and fair.

After the first full season it would be helpful to review the ITC rules so MAP will ask Thomas Bauer to try and come to our meeting on either Thursday or Friday morning.

Age Categories 2016

A long and in depth discussion was held as to where the Age Categories should be held.

The original bid had been received from Ukraine to host the event in Dnepropetrovsk and a subsequent counter bid had been received from Poland as they had concerns about the political situation within the Ukraine.

The Council is aware that some countries are nervous about travelling to the Ukraine but after consideration it was agreed to give the event to Ukraine but obviously the Council would keep a close eye on the situation. The Council thanked Poland for submitting their offer for an alternative venue.

It was agreed that the date it would be held would be the last week of August and would be from 25/27 August (Finals to be held on Saturday so that everyone could travel home on Sunday)

Worlds 2016

It was very disappointing that it was now sure – that OWC in Orlando had declined to host the Worlds.

The cost is 18,000 euros for the sanction fee plus food/accommodation etc for officials. It is believed that the total budget needed to host the event is in the region of 50,000.00 euros

Kuno will keep trying to find an alternative venue. There has been some discussion that there maybe a possibility that it could be held in El Gouna in Egypt. However, there was some concern that the site has never held a major competition before and also that the water conditions could be bad. The site is near a town with hotels etc and there is a good spectators' area.

It was felt that most people were not worried about travelling to that part of Egypt.

We need to try and have as many countries as possible represented at our Worlds and MAP had talked to a lot of people when she was in Mexico at the Tournament Worlds so she now has contacts from all over the world who may be interested in becoming involved in Cable.

The following people have been identified to contact various countries

Italy – AI

Australia (Dave Skillen) – MAP/NCC

Thailand – JDL

Korea – EK

Mexico – name of contact person to be found out from Nuno (Almeida). It was noted that MT may be going there in November to either Cancun or Mexico City

We have some money in our budget to help us develop the sport in other regions such as Asia etc.

World Cup

We are hoping that the World Cup will go ahead again this year.

WBW

The WBW rankings list has been very well received and the World Executive Board has recommended that Tournament should consider moving to that system.

MG had talked to Manu to see if it would be possible for the skiers to see which scores were counting towards their WBW position and which score was about to expire from their calculation so that they are aware what score they need to achieve to stay where they are on WBW

Agreed with one list for 2016 that should not be moving but in 2017 we aim to have a list which is recalculated each week.

Athlete's Representative

Unfortunately AI is no longer receiving funding for from his federation to attend meetings and we believe that it is important that he comes to at least the Seminar and November meeting (as January is a much shorter meeting it is felt it is not so vital) so we will look into ways of reducing his costs such as "room sharing" etc. The cost of a flight from Belorussia is always expensive as it is not possible to get "cheap flights"

There will be meeting at the Cable World Championships to choose the World Skiers Representative who needs to be voted for by all the skiers attending. We hope this meeting and election will be better than in 2014.

Technical

It is believed that 5 countries may have a query regarding slalom speeds/shortening for Junior Under 15 but we need an official letter putting forward their views so that it can be discussed further. It was agreed to put this point on the website as a discussion point.

Martin will send the rule changes around for the council's opinion, 3 Judges as a real minimum to be named with 2/3 reserves ; or naming 4 Judges immediately. Any extra judges that have applied for that competition will be added only as reserve and it will be up on the organizer to ask for more than 4 judges.

Any Other Business

JDL will circulate to the Council the list of what is needed to run an event.

MAP thanked everyone for coming to Barcelona and looked forward to seeing them all in Bratislava in March/April.