



INTERNATIONAL WATERSKI & WAKEBOARD FEDERATION

Minutes of the IWWF Executive Board Meeting held on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November 2015 at the Hotel Montecarlo, Chapala, Mexico

1. Opening of the meeting

Kuno welcomed everyone to the 2015 EB meeting. This was echoed by Jose Antonio Perez Priego on behalf of the Mexican Federation.

Kuno started the meeting by saying he would definitely retire in 2 years' time at the 2017 Congress.

PRESENT

RITSCHARD Kuno	President
MILLER Gillian	Secretary General
HOWARTH Christopher	Treasurer + Sec Gen Asia
POLOME Louis	IWWF Vice President Africa
FREI Peter	IWWF Vice President Europe
DONALD Ed	IWWF Vice President Oceania
GREW James	IWWF Vice President PanAm + Council Chairman Disabled
FONG Paul	Confederation President Asia
AMADE Alain	Confederation President Europe
MORRIS Russell	Confederation President Oceania
PERSON Peter	Confederation President PanAm
ADRIAENSEN Sidney	Confederation Sec Gen Europe
THURGAR Jan	Confederation Sec Gen Oceania
PEREZ PRIEGO Jose Antonio	Confederation Sec Gen PanAm
GRAY Richard	Council Chair Barefoot
PERSOONS Marie-Anne	Council Chair Cableski
LACO Varna	Council Chair Cable Wakeboard
SCHULTZ Dusty	Council Chair Racing
CORSON Robert	Council Chair Tournament
ECA Nuno	Council Chair Wakeboard Boat
MARSTON Stuart	Athletes Commission
CAU Jean Michel	Committee Coaching and Development
LARSON Leon	Committee Environment
BURKE-KENNEDY Des	Committees Hall of Fame and Media
ARMSTRONG Jeffry	Committee Women and Sport

Invited to attend the EB meeting as an observer was David Skillen from Australia.

2. Apologies for absence

LIN Thomas	IWWF Vice President Asia
BAUSER Jerome	Confederation President Africa
SCHMIDT Martin	Confederation Sec Gen Africa
ANDRIOPOULOU Ageliki	Athletes Commission Chair
PAPADIMITRIOU Depy	International Relations
SMITH Jeff	Committee Anti-Doping + Hearing Panel
LUITING Gerry	Committee Show Ski
GOLDSTEIN Uwe	Committee Cable Development
CHASE Phil	Committee University

3. Appointment of meeting Chairman

Jim Grew was proposed by the President as Chairman of the meeting. This was approved without dissent. The committee members were informed of the various business and social activities that would happen during the week of these World Championships.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Louis moved to adopt the agenda as published. This was seconded and approved without dissent.

5. Approval of the EB minutes, 2014, Janesville, USA.

Chris moved to approve the Minutes of the EB Meeting held in 2014. This was seconded and approved without dissent.

6. Action items arising from the 2014 EB minutes

These are all noted under the relevant points.

7. Approval of Bureau decisions

No decisions needed approval. Items for information would be covered during this meeting.

8. EB decisions by postal ballot

Postal Ballot #4 – IWWF Anti-Doping Rules

The completely revised (required by WADA) IWWF Anti-Doping Rules were approved.

Postal Ballot #5 – 2015 World U21 Championships

The 2015 World Under 21 Championships were awarded to Spain.

Postal Ballot #6 – Athletes of the Year 2014

Ashleigh STEBBEINGS (AUS) Barefoot and Alexander VASKO (SVK) Cableski were voted IWWF Athletes of the Year.

2015 – there are 25 voting members of the EB in this year

Postal Ballot #8 – IWWF Rules of Eligibility

The revised (and clarified) Rules of Eligibility for Athletes were approved by the EB with 19 votes in favour and 6 abstentions.

Postal Ballot #9 – 2017 World Racing Championships

The 2017 World Racing Championships were awarded to the USA.

Postal Ballot #10– 2016 World Barefoot Championships

The 2016 World Barefoot Championships were awarded to the USA.

Postal Ballot #11 – 2016 World Cable Wakeboard Championships

The 2016 World Cable Wakeboard Championships were awarded to Mexico.

Postal Ballot #12 – 2015 World Tournament Championships – change of venue

Following the inability of the Italian Federation to host the 2015 World Championships according to the LAO, the EB voted to change the venue to Mexico with a change of date to November 2015.

Postal Ballot #13 – Changes to the Definition of Eligible Athletes – Bye-laws 11.2, 13.1 and 13.1.2.

The proposals for changes to these Bye-laws were approved by the EB with 17 votes in favour and 8 abstentions.

Postal Ballot #14 – Further Changes to Bye-laws 11.2

The proposals for changes to these Bye-laws were approved by the EB with 16 votes in favour, 1 against and 8 abstentions

The EB members ratified these postal ballot decisions without dissent.

9. Report from the IWWF President

The written report from the President had been circulated. Kuno wished to clarify that the sports added to the Olympic Games are for 2 editions of the Games only. The sports added by a host country are for that edition of the Games only.

10. Report from the IWWF Secretary General

Gill had nothing to add to her report.

11. Incorporation & Registration of Directors

Gill confirmed that all information at Companies House in England is up to date.

12. Insurance

12.1. Directors & Officers (in place)

12.2. Officials Travel (in place)

The wording for this policy is shown at the end of these Minutes. It was also agreed to circulate to all officials via their National Federations. **ACTION 1 - Gill**

12.3. Public Liability (in place)

12.4. Skiers insurances

It was AGREED that once IWWF's paid officer was in place, this would be something for him or her to research. – **ACTION 2 - ExDir**

13. Changes to the Articles

There were no changes to the Articles proposed at this time.

13.1. Working group to prepare suggestions for EB structure revisions

Russell said the members of the working group would meet this week to finalise their proposals for changes to the number of members on the Executive Board. Once agreement is reached, the proposals for change would be sent to the EB for comment and eventual vote. **ACTION 3 - Working Group**

14. Changes to the Bye-laws

The proposed changes to the Bye-Laws had been agreed by postal ballot and would be put to the Congress.

15. Council Procedures

No changes had been made at this time. However, Gill would review these in the light of the proposed Bye-Law changes and circulate them again. It is important that all Councils conform to these procedures.

ACTION 4 - Gill

16. Eligibility Rules

The proposed changes to the Bye-Laws had been agreed by postal ballot and would be put to the Congress. One small change was needed in Article 2.1 c) - the President and Secretary General of his Confederation, and this change would be explained at the Congress.

These Rules of Eligibility govern athlete nationality eligibility and apply to all divisions of the sport. Each sports division has rules for qualification that should not be confused with eligibility.

It was proposed that all Councils review the wording in their rule books and change them to reference this document. Richard moved that this proposal be accepted. It was duly seconded and approved unanimously. **ACTION 5 - all Councils**

In relation to Article 1.2 c), the application of sanctions against athletes for participation in non-sanctioned events is a matter for the athletes' national federation.

17. Olympic matters

17.1. Update from Kuno on current situation with IOC

The IOC has just discussed the next round of new sport considerations. The programme commission will shortlist some sports again that will make presentations and the process will start all over.

Kuno does believe that IWWF has a chance to get in through the host city process – perhaps more so than via the IOC shortlisting process. Just being shortlisted gave our sport excellent exposure and more publicity.

EB members expressed a number of different points:

- Importance of participation in the Multi-Sport Games – the water ski seats at the PanAm Games in Toronto were sold out.
- IWWF has an increase in exposure of our sport via the World Cup and World Games.

- Numbers – IWWF is way too small at the moment and needs to be creative in obtaining new members.
- Cable membership is most important and IWWF has to find ways of bringing the cable parks into the IWWF. IWWF needs their membership and to be able to use their participation numbers.
- IWWF has to accept that even if IWWF gets into one or two Olympic Games, water skiing in any form will never be a core sport or have a share of IOC finances.
- Kuno again clarified that the sports that have been added to the Olympic Games are for 2 editions of the Games only. The sports added by a host country are for that edition of the Games only.

17.2. Youth Olympic Summer Games

Kuno advised that the 2017 edition in Buenos Aires will have only Olympic disciplines, but there was a chance for IWWF to be part of the Games with Cable Wakeboard as a demonstration sport, a possible springboard towards more IOC recognition.

For all Multi Sport games, there is one issue to be aware of: It is the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) who send the athletes and NOT the National Federations. The more Games held, the less money the NOCs will have to send athletes. Jean-Michel said this was exactly the problem. The NOCs know nothing about towed water sports and probably do not care.

It was suggested that each Confederation rank their Multi Sport Games in terms of importance and concentrate on those that offer the most exposure and are viewed as most “valuable” by the NOCs.

ACTION 6 - Confederations

Juan-Antonio said the PA region has many Multi Sport games, all of which require the participation of athletes from at least 5 countries. For the Central American Games, a minimum of 7 countries is required. At this time, the NOCs were supporting waterski and wakeboard athletes.

Russell said that a further problem existed in Oceania where Australia and New Zealand are banned from the Multi Sport games as their size does not give the other, smaller, countries a chance.

Jim summed up that it was clear that each Confederation must come to its own decision.

Kuno said the key to success is to be SEEN and KNOWN in the Confederation and Federation Olympic Committees, i.e. exposure.

17.3. International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

Kuno said the IOC promotes this special day on 6th April each year. Kuno wishes to remind the Confederations and National Federations that they can run events under this banner.

The first step is to register one’s event on the IOC page and then submit photos and results. This is great promotion for all towed water sports. The Mexican Federation did register its event in 2015, and was pleased that it had done so. Information on the 2016 registration will be sent to all Federations when the registration opens. **ACTION 7 - ExDir**

17.4. IOC Guidelines for Recognized Federations – IOC Questionnaire

These guidelines will come out shortly and be circulated. **ACTION 8 - Kuno and Gill**

17.5. Questionnaire to Federations

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With the amount of information we need to gather, IWWF will probably send out 2 or 3 separate questionnaires to Federations. **ACTION 9 - ExDir and Gill**

18. Reports of Confederation Presidents

All confederations submitted written reports, and the comments below are for further information.

18.1. Africa

Progress and growth are really slow, and Louis finds it very frustrating. He intends to physically visit the new countries, give the Federations a structure to work to, meet with the National Sports Councils and try to have an approved set-up in each country. But progress is slow.

In South Africa, the Learn-to-Ride development programme is subsidised by the lottery, and is the one positive move forward.

Alain asked that Mauritius be REMOVED from ALL IWWF mailing lists until such time as its subscriptions are paid. This was AGREED.

Jean-Michel said the problem is that many new countries do not really want to join. However, with the Multi Sport games, they will now probably become more interested.

18.2. Asia

The participation in Multi Sport games means that it is essential for the Federations to make and increase their contacts with their National Olympic Committees.

18.3. Europe

Alain said that the whole of Europe is facing a difficult time, with terrorist attacks and a huge influx of refugees.

He would like to propose to IWWF a World Association of Cable Owners on which the European Confederation is working at the moment for E&A.

This is a great chance for IWWF to get in first with the idea that the Association will be run by the Cable Park owners, not by IWWF. E&A will be discussing this at the January 2016 Congress and will report back in due course. **ACTION 10 - E&A Confederations**

18.4. Oceania

Development is slow, but Papua New Guinea and American Samoa are both interested in cable tows.

Russell went with Kuno to the Oceania Olympic meeting and was pleased to be there and take part.

Also, for the Multi Sport games, there is actually a chance for AUS and NZL to take part but with youth teams only.

The 2016 AO Championship will truly be A FESTIVAL OF WATERSKIING. Never before has a host country undertaken the challenge of hosting all 5 divisions: barefoot, tournament, racing, wakeboarding and show skiing.

Kuno was pleased that Russell has made such quick progress in becoming a part of the Confederation Olympic Committee.

The first Asian & Oceanian Cable Wakeboard Championships were held last week in Kaohsiung, Taiwan which has a wonderful new facility at the legacy site of the 2009 World Games.

18.5. Pan Am

Peter added that a successful World Wakeboard Champs took place two weeks ago in Mexico.

Nuno raised the issue of the non-inclusion of women in the PanAm Games Wakeboard competition.

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Peter is well aware of this problem and is working on it.

Jeffry added that now that IWWF knows wakeboard is definitely included in the next edition, it gives PA time to work on these issues. **ACTION 11 - PanAm Confederation**

18.6. Confederation Tasks - Statutes and Byelaws

PanAm and Oceania need to ensure this is done. Gill immediately sent the information to both. **ACTION 12 - PA and O Confederations**

18.7. Confederation information for IWWF office

All confederation information was submitted and is up to date.

18.8. Confederation Cable Wakeboard Championships

A&O has held its first Cable Wakeboard Championships. E&A has run these Championships for many years already. PanAm has yet to run one.

Varna asked that it be noted that not all of the Confederations were yet ready to run their own championships and preferred to stay within the 3 Confederation arrangement for the time being.

19. Reports of World Divisional Councils

All councils, except Wakeboard Boat, had submitted written reports, and the comments below are for further information.

19.1. Barefoot

Nothing to add.

19.2. CableSki

Nothing to add.

Jim congratulated the cableski division on its ability to make change happen and happen quickly.

19.3. Disabled

Nothing to add.

19.4. Racing

Nothing to add to the report. However, Dusty said that, if it could be organised, would the EB be interested to meet at a World Racing Championships? The members confirmed they would enjoy that.

19.5. Tournament

Bob reported that the TC proposed to add 30 US\$ to the entry fees of a World Championship to cover the cost of the officials' travel. Racing and Wakeboard already cover this at their World Championships. Kuno believes this is up to the Council Chairs to decide and then this would be added to the entry fee agreed with the organiser. AGREED.

The TC also requested that the IWWF considers spreading the load of hosting the Congress and EB meetings amongst the other divisions. All recognise that this is a huge burden on the World Tournament organiser.

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Alain said that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a Federation that can and is willing to organise the Tournament Open worlds with the huge obligation of hosting IWWF meetings and Congress. He believes the IWWF should just budget the necessary amount to cover all these costs and save the organiser money. It was agreed that IWWF needs to verify exactly what the costs are in the even and odd years for holding these meetings. This research would be done. **ACTION 13 - ExDir and Gill**

Issues to take note of:

1. Congress must be held every two years. These are currently fixed in the odd years.
2. Scheduling of timing of Congress during the competition.
3. National Federation presidents must come to the Congress, but they also like to watch the competition.
4. The majority of Federations takes part in Tournament and/or Wakeboard Boat or Cable World Championships.
5. Would enough attend the Congress if it were held during one of the smaller division's events?

19.5.1. Item from Europe – Tournament – competition or leisure sport?

Alain, on behalf of the European and African Confederations, had written an open letter expressing concern about the problems within the Tournament division. These included issues with homologation, the sanctioning of World Records, and the reliance of the Rankings List on performance. It also covered the extensive environmental footprint of the sport, the high cost of the equipment and the public profile that was seen as rich and elitist. The cost of hosting tournaments according to the tournament rules is becoming increasingly impossible.

Alain believes the EB should use its “power” to devise an overall philosophy or approach and provide direction to the Councils with the understanding that the Councils would adopt this philosophy and modify their approach accordingly. If our sport does not change and adapt, it will remain as is while probably growing increasingly smaller. Currently, in its competitive form, it is without a doubt elitist.

The first suggestion to the TC is to have a placement based ranking list that places little weight on actual performances.

Members of the EB added some comments, including the following:

- Towed water sports’ environmental footprint should be kept as low as possible.
- Towed water sports’ image needs to move away from rich and elitist.
- Ranking lists need to show a large number of competitions and competitors.
- Ranking lists should include competitions from National Championship level.
- IWWF’s water sports needs affordable and accessible participation.
- All council need to keep in mind that they need to bring back the fun of competition, rather than focusing on performance hunting.

Bob Corson said that the TC was willing to trial the first suggestion, but it needs to have a timeframe. It was proposed, seconded and AGREED that the TC should work on this for one year in readiness to report back at the next EB meeting. **ACTION 14 - TC**

19.6. Wakeboard Boat

The report from Nuno Eca was circulated prior to this meeting and would be included in the Minutes binder.

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Wakeboard had a great World Championships, but it was lucky as the lake was only finished days before. In the light of this, the Council would be adding some stipulations to the LAO.

Kuno was delighted that the Council had raised a cash prize for the World Championships, but asked them to make sure that the cash prize is distributed equally to men and women.

19.6.1. Wake surf

Nuno suggested that, once the new IWWF Official Boat deal is finalised, IWWF should try to bring together the existing organisers and include wake surfing under the IWWF umbrella.

There is already a World Wake Surfing Organisation, and IWWF should work with them if possible. Paul said that the initial talks with the WWSA suggested they are interested in what they believe the IWWF can do for them. It is important to provide a family activity easy to learn and master while addressing some of Alain's concerns. It was accepted that this would take time.

Kuno said that IWWF should listen to what the industry is saying.

Ed reminded everyone that IWWF also needs to consider whether the huge wake will be an environmental problem that could be a negative for the future of towed water sports.. Leon said that he is willing to work on a best practices document.

Gill said that IWWF also needs to know how its National Federations would react to this approach.

Jim asked Nuno to keep in touch about this. **ACTION 15 - Nuno**

19.7. Cable Wakeboard

Nothing to add to the report, except a correction the Asian and Asian & Oceanian Championships were held in Taiwan in October at Lotus Wake Park, the legacy site of the 2009 World Games.

19.8. Annual reporting by each Council

This item was deferred for further consideration. **ACTION 16 - Gill**

19.9. Council Medal tables on IWWF.com

This was a reminder item for all Councils to record their World Championship information on the IWWF website. **ACTION 17 - all Councils**

20. Congress Reports Package

20.1. Athletes Commission

No report had been received. The athletes would elect their new Tournament representatives this coming weekend and later the AC would vote to select their new EB representative.

20.2. World University Commission

The report had been circulated. There would be a presentation on the World University Championships on Thursday at the Congress.

21. Reports of Committees

All committees had submitted written reports, and the comments below are for further information.

21.1. Anti-Doping – including Anti-Doping Hearing Panel

Gill added that athlete education was the most important item now. The "Real Winner" educational tool should be circulated to all Federations. **ACTION 18 - ExDir and Gill**

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21.2. Appeals Committee

The committee is comprised of Jeff Smith, Datuk Lee, Jim McClintock, Aubrey Sheena and Silvia Terracciano. The EB members approved the composition of this committee.

21.3. Cable Development

Nothing to add.

21.4. Coaching and Development

Jean-Michel Cau added some points to his report:

IWWF gives priority to Multi Sports games, but IWWF needs to be careful that its own calendar has no clashes with these dates as the Federations favour titled events over Multi Sports games participation. Multi-Sport games are growing in number. The positive is that, by participating in these games, IWWF can gain publicity and status.

The negative is that there are calendar clashes, and the NOCs of some countries are not providing the funding to send more than a few or even any athletes. The attitude of many NOCs is ambiguous. IWWF representatives need to visit and help countries important for IWWF relative to Multi-Sport games participation and develop a strong lobbying process on their NOCs.

In terms of the Commission, Jean-Michel found it difficult to get members from each Confederation.

ACTION 19 – Jean-Michel

21.5. Environment and Safety

21.5.1. Safety Manual

The revised copy submitted by Leon was approved by the EB without dissent.

21.5.2. Green Sport Alliance

Leon had submitted a request for financial support. Chris would handle this tomorrow under Finance.

Jan asked if Leon had information about Wake Surfing environmental reports.

Leon replied that the USA Coast Guard has declared that there is no danger of the rider falling into the propeller or danger from emissions.

Nuno wished to discuss the issue of bigger boats, bigger wakes, bigger engines and higher prices. He has talked with riders and believes that to try to limit boat and engine size could result in the loss of participants. Leon said that he is in discussion with the Coast Guard on this very subject.

These issues are also discussed within the Water Sports Industry Association.

Leon is willing to help anyone who needs it.

Clearly, the future is in the use of electric boats; but of course, especially now, cost is an issue, and it will take years to design a boat that can perform as needed and for a reasonable price.

21.6. Hall of Fame

Des had nothing to add to his written report.

Discussion took place on the number of inductees. With 7 sports divisions, plus officials and pioneers, it seems that IWWF should increase the maximum number of inductees.

Dusty proposed the HOF number be raised to 7. This was seconded and discussion ensued, after which a vote was taken with all in favour except for 2 directors.

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IWWF currently gives a grant of US\$500 to each inductee to help with his or her travel. Des proposed to increase the reimbursement to US\$750 each. This was seconded and AGREED unanimously.

2016 is the 70th anniversary

2021 is the 75th anniversary.

At the 50th Anniversary in 1996, a special Golden Anniversary Induction was held to catch up on those people, especially pioneers, who had not been inducted in the first 4 HOF inductions due to number limitations.

Richard suggested that IWWF does something similar at an upcoming anniversary. This suggestion found mixed support, and no decision was made. It was left to the HOF committee to discuss. **ACTION 20 - HOF Committee**

Richard then raised the venue issue. He does not feel that the HOF always has to be held at the World Tournament Championships. Others also felt it could be held elsewhere. At present, the HOF awards are held in the odd years. This was left to the HOF committee to discuss. **ACTION 21 - HOF Committee**

Jim proposed that Des be re-elected as HOF Chairman. This was AGREED with no dissent.

21.7. Marketing & Media

The resources required to publicize significant events at major IWWF international events are now beyond the capability of one or two volunteers. As a first step, Des proposed that IWWF appoint a Confederation Media Manager for each confederation as well as a Media Manager as part of the team of Officials at all major international calendar events whose major task would be to provide text and photos within 24 hrs of each Final.

Idea 1 is a Media Manager in each Confederation: This proposal was AGREED. Each Confederation needs to find someone to do the job and notify Des by February 1st. **ACTION 22 - Confederations**

Idea 2 is a Media Manager to be appointed at all IWWF Championship events. This proposal was also AGREED. This person should be part of the local organisation. Des and Varna would prepare a policy document that sets out exactly what he or she MUST do in relation to live streaming, results reporting, social media, etc. **ACTION 23 - Des and Varna**

Des stressed we MUST promote our events.

Ed expressed thanks to Des for all the work he does for IWWF. His reports are followed by people all around the world.

21.8. Medical

Nothing to add to the written report.

21.9. Show Ski

Nothing to add to the written report except noting a typo in the 2nd to last paragraph where 2106 should be 2016!

21.10. Women & Sport

Jeffry wished to speak about her report that would require the EB make some decisions. She asked that the EB members ensure that Women & Sport committees are formed in the countries of their Confederations. Since the National Federations appoint these committees, Jeffry would prepare a circular to all National Federations to follow up on this point for the ED to then send out. **ACTION 24 – Jeffry and ExDir**

A women only wakeboard competition was held in Taipei in July, and Jeffry would get details to publish on IWWFed.com. **ACTION 25 - Jeffry**

The Asian Confederation has the names of 3 individuals who would be willing to part of the Women & Sport Committee.

The IOC was a big supporter of the 6th IWG World Conference on Women and Sport held in Helsinki in June of 2014. It had as its tagline, “Lead the Change, Be the Change”, which would carry over to mean get involved.

It was important that IWWF continue its commitment both to the Brighton and Helsinki Declarations. Jeffry moved that the EB adopt the new declaration immediately. This was seconded by Gill and AGREED without dissent.

22. World Cup

22.1. Update

Kuno gave a brief report on the current situation. There were several good opportunities for the future; but, at the time of this meeting, nothing is signed for 2016.

22.2. IMG Partnership Agreement

This had been signed for a 2-year period, with the option to stop at the end of 2016. Neither Kuno nor Des is very satisfied with the situation so far. A meeting would be held shortly to sort out plans for 2016. At the moment, Kuno is not prepared to go into a long-term agreement. Des said that IMG thought it could make money from IWWF’s member database. That will not happen. Des said that Kuno and he could not see any real added value from the IMG TV distribution.

23. Missing Job Descriptions

Tournament, Wakeboard Boat, Cable Wakeboard, Anti-Doping, Hall of Fame, Show Ski, HQ needs to have these on file. **ACTION 26 - All missing**

24. Multi-Sport Games

24.1. World Games

The next edition would be in 2017 In Wroclaw, Poland. The Games are now being supported by the IOC, and this change may raise the Games’ value and result in more recognition. The most recent site had good water quality, and only small back wash issues.

Marie-Anne said that the Rixen Company would have provided a cable for this event.

Kuno said that the World Games Association had already decided that there would be no cable events in Poland. He said that this decision could not be changed now.

The 2021 edition will be in Birmingham USA and another attempt will be made to include Cable Wakeboard. Both Varna and Marie-Anne said that Bruno Rixen had told them that IWWF needs to ask the company well in advance for its support for 2021. Kuno said that there is no way to include Cable Ski in addition to Cable Wakeboard because of the number of athletes IWWF is allowed.

24.2. Commonwealth Games

IWWF should remove this from its agenda for the time being. IWWF made a formal application to become one of the Commonwealth Games (CGA) additional sports. The CGA has refused to put IWWF's water sports on the list.

24.3. ANOC World Beach Games

The first World Beach Games will take place in 2017 in San Diego, USA. Wakeboard is confirmed as part of the Games, again with a limited number of athletes. It was hoped that, as this is an IOC sponsored event, the IOC would be in a position to "persuade" the National Olympic Committees to support all sports, including IWWF's.

25. Continental Games

25.1. Asia / Australasia

- 25.1.1. Asian Games - no inclusion in the next edition.
- 25.1.2. East Asian Games – this is youth focused – IWWF doesn't know the programme yet.
- 25.1.3. South East Asian Games – 2017 in Malaysia and 2019 in Philippines.
- 25.1.4. Asian Beach Games – IWWF will not be included in 2016 in Vientam, but hope to be back 2018, venue yet to be confirmed.

25.2. E&A

- 25.2.1. Mediterranean Games – 2017 in Spain with slalom, tricks and wakeboard.
- 25.2.2. Med Beach Games – held in 2015.
- 25.2.3. European Games – 2019 is not allocated yet; IWWF will try to get in.

25.3. Pan Am

- 25.3.1. Pan Am Games – held 2015 with 3 event (men and women) and wakeboard (men only). The next edition is 2019 in Lima and IWWF is confirmed as participating. PanAm would try to have cable included as well as 3 event and wakeboard (for both men and women).
- 25.3.2. Bolivarian Games – 2017 in Colombia.
- 25.3.3. Central American and Caribbean Games – 2018 in Colombia – trying to get in.
- 25.3.4. South American Games – 2018 in Bolivia.
- 25.3.5. South American Beach Games – no information at this time.

26. Membership

26.1. New Federations

Two new associate members in Asia are Kyrgyzstan and Sri Lanka. Nigeria is a new Federation in Africa.

26.2. Suspensions

26.3. Lapsed

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Maldives, Qatar, Mauritius, Chad, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Barbados

26.4. Confederation information for new members.

All Confederations were asked to review the materials they have ready for new Federations.

ACTION 27 – all Confederations

27. Athlete of the Year 2015

27.1. Deadline date for nominations from Councils – 15 December

27.2. Information to be circulated to EB members – 18 December

27.3. Deadline for EB members votes – 10 January

27.4. Official announcement – 15 January

27.5. Information guidelines

28. Calendar

The updates to the IWWF Titled Events and Multi Sport Games were noted. These would be circulated to Federations immediately after the Congress.

It was noted that Chile had asked to move the date for the 2015 World Junior Championships from January 2017 to December 2016. *Secretarial note, this was subsequently moved back to the original 5th to 8th January 2017 dates.*

29. Reports on World events 2015

29.1. Fine Italy

When Italy could not meet the LAO for the 2015 World Championships, the IWWF retained the Performance Guarantee of US\$50,000. As a result, Mexico paid a lesser sanction fee in light of its willingness to take on the Championships at short notice without the IWWF losing substantial income. Article 28 (4) in the LAO does allow IWWF to recover its actual additional costs resulting from the change to Mexico from Italy which included new medals for Mexico, Kuno's travel costs in finding a new organiser, and one airline ticket already booked to Milan for an IWWF official, a total of around US\$8,000.

Chris, in his role as treasurer, proposed that IWWF issue a fine to the Italian Federation for these actual additional costs. This proposal was seconded. Some discussion took place and then a vote was conducted, resulting in 9 members in favour of applying the sanction, 11 against, and 1 abstention.

The motion failed and no fine would be applied.

30. Report of future World events

30.1. Official towboat agreement

IWWF has signed a four year agreement with Ski Nautique for the major Tournament Championships. Since then Kuno had been searching for a wakeboard agreement and also one for the World Cup. IWWF has now received a proposal from Correct Craft that includes all of the above for a 10-year contract. The Bureau has reviewed the contract and made some proposals that now need discussing with Correct Craft. Kuno will keep the EB advised of any progress made and notify the EB of the revised proposal.

Richard asked if Barefoot could be included in this agreement. The answer is regrettably “no”, but that Barefoot has a great opportunity to approach other boat companies.

30.2. World Championship Medals

The medals are currently produced in Switzerland and literally carried to all the Championships around the world. The EB members like the quality of the medals, and it was decided not to move production at this time. However, in the future, IWWF may have to start using a courier service to deliver them to the organisers.

30.3. ACTION 20 – use of word “World” in event titles

Kuno had agreed with Correct Craft that the Big Dawg World Tour may continue to use the word “world” in the title as thanks for its continued support of IWWF.

31. Changes to the Letter of Agreement and Obligations

Sid moved that LAO article 28 TERMINATION paragraph (4) the words “may” be changed to “shall”. This was seconded and AGREED with no dissent.

This article now reads:

- (4) Termination by the Organiser shall result in the forfeiture by the Organiser of the Performance Guarantee. In such case the Executive Board shall impose a fine on the Organiser to recover contractual losses or additional expenditure incurred by the IWWF arising from termination.

Kuno and Des would prepare a further proposal to add items to the LAO concerning TV and live streaming.

ACTION 28 - Kuno and Des

32. Website

Kuno advised that, as part of the new official boat agreement with Correct Craft, CC had offered US\$15,000 to assist with the re-design of the IWWF website. This would upgrade the site and update the sport’s image. Kuno was hopeful that the new site would be up and running within 12 months.

33. Sport Accord / ARISF

Following the election of a new President of Sport Accord last year, there have been many problems within this organisation. As a result there are many changes, but nothing to especially concern us at this time. Fortunately, Sport Accord will continue to handle the IWWF Anti-Doping Out of Competition testing programme.

34. The IWWF Four Year Plan – progress report, amendments, additions

The revised copy prepared by Jim was circulated. This was AGREED with no dissent.

35. Finance

35.1. Treasurers report and accounts per 31st December 2014

Chris explained the details, highlighting the exchange loss due to currency fluctuations and moved these accounts be accepted. The accounts were APPROVED without dissent.

35.2. Management Accountant

Ed had previously proposed a candidate who was subsequently unavailable. No ACTION was needed on this item at this time.

35.3. Accounts year to date and projection 2015

Chris presented the figures he would use for the Congress the following day. The accounts were accepted without dissent.

35.4. Budget 2016 and 2017

Chris presented the budgets excluding the environmental budgets for 2016 and 2017.

He went through the figures so that everyone understood them.

It was suggested that the surplus IWWF funds be placed on interest earning deposit. Chris would look into this. **ACTION 29 - Chris**

Leon asked for a budget to allow IWWF to join the Green Alliance and for him to attend its meeting(s). Kuno felt that the boating industry is looking after IWWF environment concerns in this organisation and that separate membership was unnecessary. Leon's request was not agreed.

Following a request from Leon that he be financially assisted to attend the EB meeting, Dusty moved that the Environment Committee chair receive an annual stipend of US\$500 from the Environment Fund to attend the EB meeting. This was seconded by Varna and discussion ensued.

A vote was taken, with 6 members in favour, 11 against and 2 abstentions.

The motion failed.

The 2016 Budget was APPROVED without dissent.

The 2017 Budget was APPROVED without dissent.

35.5. Confederation funding from IOC & ARISF Development Fund

Chris proposed that the expected income of US\$22,665 be split equally among the 5 Confederations – this proposal was APPROVED. *N.B. the ARISF Development funds had still not been received.*

35.6. IWWF Fundraising

There was nothing new to report.

35.7. Benefits of hosting a World Championships

Russell had circulated a document to the EB which made interesting reading and showed that it was worthwhile to host major events, and how to promote them to local authorities. Once the Bureau had agreed on a final version it will be circulated to all National Federations. **ACTION 30 - Gill**

36. Succession Planning

The positions of President, Secretary General and Treasurer will all be up for re-election in 2017. Kuno would write to all Federations in the middle of 2016 asking for EARLY nominations from Federations. Technically, Federations have until 60 days before the Congress in 2017 to do this; however, the Bureau had already agreed that any candidates nominated would be added to the Bureau email list to keep them advised of current issues. For this reason, it was really important that serious candidates be put forward in 2016. **ACTION 31 - Kuno**

36.1. Executive Officer role

The group appointed by the EB in September 2014 – Kuno, Des, Chris, Jim and Gill – has now received a total of 15 applications from 14 countries.

The EB understood and agreed that the names of the applicants remain confidential to the selection group to ensure no embarrassment is caused to any of them.

The selection group had thoroughly reviewed all applications.

From these, a short list of 3 preferred candidates had been chosen. Again these names will not be disclosed. The selection group would have further discussions and make the final choice by the end of January latest.

The unsuccessful candidates would be notified and thanked for their interest, and in all cases encouraged to continue their much-appreciated voluntary work for the sport.

The intention of the group was to have the position of Executive Director in place by 1st April 2016.

37. Approval of Bureau decision

The Bureau proposed:

“Candidates for President, Secretary General or Treasurer, officially nominated by their Federation, will be added to the Bureau as invited non-voting members, for a maximum of one year before the next Congress election to become familiar with the day to day business of the IWWF.”

This proposal was AGREED by the EB.

38. AOB

38.1. Wakeboard in Cuba

During the World Wakeboard Championships, Nuno met a developer from Cuba, and it seems that a cable park will be installed there next year and a Federation formed. This confirms what we had been told by Uwe at the last meeting.

38.2. Lake Myrtle project – International Hall of Fame

Jim advised that the USA Water Ski Foundation, which owns the current property in Polk City, Florida, has found a new site that will encompass a cable park in a water-sports-suitable lake (Lake Myrtle) as well as the USA and IWWF Hall of Fames, the museum and offices for both the foundation and USA Water Ski, the national governing body. Please see attached presentation.

38.3. IWWF 70th (2016) and 75th (2021) Anniversary

Kuno wished to promote the idea of a 75th Anniversary at Lake Myrtle in Florida (see above) where IWWF might be able to host several individual events and even combine multiple ones in the future.

38.4. WWA

Through intervention by Bill Yeargin the IWWF entered into negotiations with WWA and made an effort to find common ground. Unfortunately our negotiations stalled but the door is always open.

38.5. Archives

Kuno has an office full of IWWF archives which will need to be located somewhere once he is no longer president. Des suggested that IWWF uses a student to convert everything into digital format. However, as Kuno is the only person who can pare down the papers and sort them into some kind of order to scan, he must be the one to initiate this. Bob said he has information about programmes that can index scans.

ACTION 32 - Kuno

Paul asked if the video produced back in 2009 could be updated with some other disciplines.

Kuno agreed to try to do this. **ACTION 33 - Kuno**

39. Date of meetings in 2016

Kuno is working on this and will advise as soon as possible. It was felt that it would be good for the EB to meet in association with a different discipline of the sport if possible.

Jim thanked everyone for their work and assistance during these past two days and moved to close the meeting. This was duly agreed.

Kuno, in turn, thanked Jim for chairing the meeting and the Mexican Federation for providing our meeting facilities.

END OF MINUTES

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IWSF ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Policy #051.343.206.2

This is the wording in the Accident Insurance Policy held by IWWF on behalf of committee members and officials who travel to meetings and events as shown below.

Category A

Insured Activity:

1. The executive board plus seven technical councils and different commissions for a maximum total of 100 persons who meet once a year (approximately 50 persons) or once every two years.
2. Ten World Championships including 15-20 officials per event every two years.
3. Seven to ten World Cup stops annually with 8-10 officials per stop.
4. President, Secretary General and Executive Director

Individuals covered: Review applicable conditions.

Distributions guaranteed:

Death:	500,000 Swiss francs
Disability:	500,000 Swiss francs with a scale pay-out of up to 225% of 500,000
Daily allocation:	not covered
Daily allocation with of hospitalization:	not covered
Treatment expenses:	unlimited for five years over and above all other insurance

Fee: Annual fee: 3,652.00 Swiss francs per year.

Applicable conditions for this category

General Conditions (CGA): collective (all-inclusive) insurance against accidents. Formula 11,002 F, edition 1987, attached.

Specific Conditions (CP):

Insured individuals:

1. All officials, e.g. judges, organizers, drivers, timers and similar individuals selected by commissions and other working groups within the international federation **who do not have any accident insurance.**
2. All officials, e.g. judges, organizers, drivers, timers and similar individuals selected by commissions and other working groups within the international federation **who already have accident insurance.**
3. The President, Secretary General and Executive Director of the international federation during their trips as representatives on behalf of the IWSF.

Specific Conditions:

1. The insurance covers solely accidents that may occur during the event or those official day(s) of meetings and of athletic competition organized by clubs or national federations affiliated with the insurance holder. The insurance also covers accidents that may occur during the trip, whether direct or involving stops along the way, from home to the meeting place or competition site and the return excluding those that take place in/on the house and the property inhabited by the insured.
2. For medical expenses, a deductible of 100 Swiss francs per incident must be paid by the insured.

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