

**Minutes of 58th Meeting of Region EAME Cableski Council
Held in Marstal , Shloss Dankern, Germany on 5th September, 2006**

Present Marie-Anne Persoons (MAP)
 Nicky Caine (NCC)
 Martin Kocur (MK)
 Mikhail Padaliak (MP)
 Jurgen Pitz (JP)
 Maoz Tal (MT)

Apologies Jean-Yves Parpete – Business Committments
 Joulia Meyer Gromyko - Due to Team Training

MINUTES

The 57th Minutes were duly agreed and signed by MAP and NCC.

MEETING IN BUDAPEST

JP has a problem with Friday and will try and come on Saturday – MAP and Sid having to stay until Tuesday as no flights .MP may have trouble with visa which he needs an invitation from host country

VISAS

Olga Pavlova had not managed to get visa for the Worlds or Tournament event in Greece – big shame.- Olga to send a personal letter to embassy to find out why there was a problem with her passport. Maybe she has the same name as somebody who has a problem with the authorities or maybe due to the recent change of how names are spelt. With the change in language from Russian to Byelorussian, the name on the passport in English can change. For the Cableski Worlds, the Russian skiers got visas from Belgium, as it was easier.

MAP asked MP by to send by email the names of skiers who not being able to enter competitions due to visa problems so that she can take it to the AdminCom

AOB

Examinations
Trick qualifications Junior Girls/Open Ladies
Name/Addresses World Championships
Email addresses – 2007 only by email

AGE CATEGORIES

A skiers meeting was held on the occasion of the EAME Youth and Senior Championships in Austria in the main hotel and was attended by Germany, Great Britain, Israel, and Netherlands. The only small number of participants was due to the fact that some of the other skiers were staying in different hotels. JP gave a presentation to show the different alternatives of age categories and for names for the different age categories. It was discussed that we could not have an Under 21 category as there are not enough Cableski skiers and no sites willing to hold events. The idea to extend the age of Juniors to 19 was initially suggested. There had been another suggestion was to extend the age categories to Under21 and to Under 16. The final alternative was Under19 and Under15, which everyone who attended the meeting agreed on.

The next discussion was the higher speed/higher ramp height.. The final agreement was that Slalom would be 58 kph for all boys and 55kph for all girls. In Jump all skiers Under 15 would use the 1.50m ramp and jump speeds of 48kph for girls and 51kph for boys. Under19 skiers would have a ramp height of 1.50 for Girls with 51kph and a choice of ramp height for Under 19 Boys of 1.50 or 1.65m and speed of 54kph. We need to find out whether there is a problem with age for other sports but it is thought that it should not be.

Slalom speed discussed again!! Still a difference of opinion. The council agrees on the idea to lower the slalom shorting speed for younger skiers and we would like to see more smaller "age categories" competitions. The Cableski Council however only provides the rules for titled events with the top U15 boys participating and shortening in slalom at 58kph. We are happy to advise on smaller events with younger skiers and eventually shortening at slower speeds in slalom, but these would not be titled events.

A request was received to reduce the Senior Ladies slalom speed to 52 kph. . However, we have to have more lady skiers (only one lady has requested the change)before we start making changes.

MAP has received a letter from Poland regarding the problems they will have with funding if the age categories are different from Tournament. The council believes that Cableski should not be stopped making changes to the benefit of Cableski, which however might be different from Tournament as other disciplines are also not compared with Tournament all times. A few countries get funding for Under 21 skiers but most countries do not give any funding for this age group. To be able to introduce a new titled event you need at least 8 countries competing. However some of the other disciplines do not have enough countries competing now but have done previously. Cableski, at the moment is just not big enough for another category but we are happy for countries to hold events. There may be a misunderstanding with the Polish Federation so MAP will talk to them.

The existing Cableski youth categories will both be called Juniors – JunU15 and JunU19, the name of the championships will be The Youth and Senior Championships

COMPETITIONS 2006

EAME Youth and Senior Championships

Congratulations to Adi Schall and his team for organising such a great event and also thanks to the hotel for looking after us all so well. It was noted that it would be better to start the first events after official training as two days are too short. However, it was not possible to finish the preliminaries because of bad weather on first day so the left over preliminary round was pushed into the finals day.

A minor issue was that there was no timing system at start so TO had to look at the screen at operator's station. There should be separate timing system for TO. It was same conditions for everyone but this makes the competition not record capability.

Some confusion was raised as all jump scores were not announced before competition was declared over. There were problems with the radios and the sun.

Grand Prix of Cable

Cancellation of Byelorussia competition – in the bulletin sent out to the competitors it was advised that they did not have to reply until 1st June. But because the organisers had not heard from enough skiers (it had not been made clear that skiers should at least reply that they were thinking of entering) the decision to cancel was taken mid May. If we had known that 8 countries were needed, as per rule from the Ministry we should have been advised so that we could have all tried to send a skier. The Ministry asked MP to advise which countries would be taking part but at the time of the cancellation only Netherlands, Germany and Poland had agreed to send skiers This is the second year that this competition is cancelled, it is believed that it will become more and more difficult to convince 8 countries to come over. People will be waiting even longer to book their tickets in case the competition is cancelled again.

Grand Prix – The original idea was to have 2 competitions together and then a break and then there should have been the next two competitions. The date of the GP competition in Belarus was changed but site was not communicated to the Grand Prix organisers, and then because of cancellation all the sites had to pay more towards the final fee.. Better agreements need to be made beforehand so that all organising federations better understand each other.

MK talked about Grand Prix – There were 3 competitions held, in Kosice and Lublin with the Finals in Havirov. A DVD movie for TV has been made which is 40 minutes long but the commentary is all in Czech. Unfortunately the Finals were held in bad weather but it is still a good DVD. There had been a problem with homologation of one of the 3 competitions as at the time it could not be found that Jacek Zazepa was International Homologator but it now has been confirmed that he is. As Lublin and also Kosice does not have direct drive only Havirov was a standing list event.

Kangaroo Cup

There were not many skiers so it was treated as a training event for Europeans next year. In general it was a nice relaxed competition.

PROMOTION

For the promotional brochure we need good pictures. We asked Harry de Laat if we can use some of the official photos from Worlds and there should be no problem.

JP or Kuno Ritschard to talk to Bruno Rixen to ask for 3000 euros towards cost of brochure. Also Christian von Lerchenfeld to be approached to assist.

The picture competition is on web and we would use the winner on certificates and promotion. Extra promotion needs to be made to get people sending in pictures. We also need to look into a letter to confirm copyright.

We asked for a second quote on brochure and it was higher and did not look as good quality!!. MAP agreed with JYP that we would use first company, as he already knows this company.

MAP showed people copies of IWSF brochure. We need copies of these to hand out.

Video clips – Andreas Pape has not been able to continue to work on this due to a time problem but he is still happy to help. We should look into a possibility to give him some funding for this, if the quality is really good.

WORLDS MATTERS

Bids have been received from Poland for 2007 EAME Juniors and 2008 Worlds. 2007 EAME Juniors/Seniors has already been awarded to Alfsee Rieste and the Worlds bid needs to be sent to JP so MAP will forward the email from Poland to JP. The sanction fee for the Worlds is 15000 Swiss Francs.

We have a new member of World Council - Sherm Schraft, which we hope will start things up in USA and at Orlando. It was advised that the best time to have a competition would be in our Autumn so any possible event needs to be announced soon if we want to have competitors for a 2007 "Open" competition. We can organise a "Team of workers" to help out the organisation if Renee can give us the site. People would be happy to travel if given enough notice. If we want an event in USA to be successful, we need skiers to support it. - 20/30 competitors would be a nice number

It was agreed that we need to try hard to get the Cableski Worlds out of Europe for the Cable discipline to be able to keep its' World status.

If Worlds is to be held in USA it is acknowledged that some Europeans would not be able to travel but we hope that we may pick up skiers from other countries on the other side of the world.

JP is going to Singapore for Executive Board meeting and MAP will also be there so they will try and see site there.

The Skiers meeting at the occasion of the Cableski Worlds will be held after the opening ceremony on Friday. JP to "Chair" it as President of the World Cable Council. The only real official topic is election of skiers' representative – Stuart Marston of Great Britain was elected unanimously.

TRICK POINTS

With the change of points awarded to tricks MK had a query regarding Wake Line 360 and Wake Lane 360 reverse and Wake Line Back Back and Wake Line Back Back reverse – we need to ask JMG For her opinion.

There is also a query regarding the qualification for Juniors Girls in Tricks, which is 2000, but for Open Ladies it is only 1800. It was agreed the scores would be revised for 2007 season at the November meeting when the council would have a chance to look at standings list so that it would be fair.

Also at the height of the Cable needs to be discussed with maybe a tolerance of a minimum/maximum height decided with possible the maximum being 9 meters (safety). The skiers would also like it to be declared whether sites are 4 or 5 corners.

SEMINAR 2007

At the time nothing had been agreed but since Alfsee have advised they would be happy to hold it and possibly the 2008 seminar could be in Great Britain. 16/18 March is the date of Tournament seminar in Helsinki which needs to be avoided as some countries have officials that would wish to attend both seminars, Again it was discussed whether the seminar should it be held every year or every 2 years? Agreed that it is felt it is good to have it every year as get people together and judging panels can be discussed.

COMPETITIONS 2007

No dates set yet for Grand Prix next season but there will be at least 3 stops and the organisers are going to talk to Adi Schall to see if it is possible for an event in Austria. It is hoped that more countries will hold competitions and the best 4 scores then can be counted towards the Final score. At the moment GP is based in Eastern Europe so more skiers from the west are needed to increase the numbers.

EAME Juniors – Alfsee Rieste – check date? 16/18 September

EAME Open - Twistee – 7/9 September

Open National Championships – Poland/Byelorussia

Israel Nationals 26/27 October

Russia wants to organise an International and they will prepare the paperwork for a bid

Tournament Worlds 27 August/2 September in 2007 in Austria, we should try to avoid that date since a lot of Cableski people might want to go there.

SITE SURVEYS

There has been no progress on obtaining further Site Surveys

NEW SITES

There is a new Site in Philippines where they are holding Cable Wakeboard Worlds in 2008.

EXAMINATIONS

Four candidates took their theoretical examinations in Bratislava in Spring during seminar, the practical part was done later during the season. Igor Brezovsky failed his Practical, Alexander Vasko passed both, Jana Kralikova passed both. Elena Kurnert passed Theory and wants to take Practical at Worlds. Juri Rykter took both exams in Asten and passed both. Two Calculators, Sarah Vogt and Christina Pauen took their exams during the Kangaroo Cup Twistee and they both passed.

ADDRESS NEEDED

We need full addresses and email addresses for all champions from the 4 World Championships so that they can be invited to 60th Anniversary Congress.

Austria

Manfred Hintringer (jump champion 1998 – 2000 – 2006)

Alois Krenn (slalom champion 2000)

Britta Llewellyn (jump champion 1998 – 2000)

Belarus

Jouliia Meier-Gromyco (overall champion 1998 – 2000 – 2006)

(tricks champion 2000 – 2006)

(jump champion 2006)

Olga Pavlova (tricks champion 1998 – 2002)

Irina Tourest (overall champion 2002 – slalom 2006 – jump 2002)

Alexei Zhernosek (overall champion 2000 – 2002- tricks 1998 – 2000 – 2002)

Czech Republic

Michal Cerny (overall champion 1998)

Germany

Thomas Bauer (jump champion 2002)
Alexander Graw (slalom champion 2002 – 2006)
Sabine Haberle (Bauer) (slalom champion 1998)
Andreas Pape (overall champion 2006)

Great Britain

Lisa Adams (slalom champion 2000 – 2002)

Israel

Nir Shinuk (slalom champion 1998)

Slovak Republic

Miroslav Hribik (tricks champion 2006)

There are still some missing email addresses for Cable Officials needed. Those of which we do not have an e-mail address, will not receive any information anymore and should ask officials from their club or area for the info. If they have an e-mail address, but do not receive any info, they should pass their correct e-mail address to the EAME office (waterski@waterski.be).

HOMOLOGATION

At Budapest we need to discuss any homologation levels that were downgraded. Each titled event there should be at least one Cable Council member present.

INTENTION TO ENTER FORMS

Sid advises that the Intention to Enter forms should go to the Council and not the Office and any fines will come to Council funds.

Next meeting on Friday 10/11 November at 14.00. MAP thanked everybody and closed the meeting at 5.50pm

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