

**Minutes of 59th Meeting of Region EAME being held in Hotel Danubius,
Budapest on 10/11th November, 2006**

Present: Marie-Anne Persoons (MAP)
 Nicky Caine (NCC)
 Maoz Tal (MT)
 Jean Yves Parpette (JYP)
 Martin Kocur (MK)
 Juergen Pitz (JP) - Saturday only

Apologies Joulia Meyer Gromko (JMG)

Absent Mikhail Padilak

Minutes

Small adjustment JYP's name has two TT's. Minutes then duly signed by MAP and NCC

Matters Arising from Minutes

MK gave MAP address of Michael Cerny. MT and NCC have emailed World Champions names and address to MAP. MAP has most of the addresses now and will chase up missing few, Austria, Germany and Belorussia and one from Slovak.

EAME Cable Council will have their 60th meeting at the 60th Anniversary in Rome so we should celebrate!! We will try and contact all old members of the Council to come to Rome.

AOB

Athlete of the Year
Picture competition
Marc-Andre Meier

Competitions 2006

If there are several different competitions on the same date/site or there are too many rounds for one competition on the same day, the competition has to be considered as more than one and a fee accordingly will have to be paid.. Multiple round or categories during the same competition however should not necessarily be considered as different competitions. Each country is entitled to a Nationals free of charge and then for any other event they have to pay a homologation fee.

Including Israel we would have 15 competitions during the season. The Slovak/Czech Nationals were held together on 4/5 August, the dossier still needs to be sent.

Looking back on our season :

Minsk was cancelled as mentioned in our last minutes.

The Worlds went very well and everybody enjoyed it. Thanks to be passed on. The operator was very good with no delays, combination of a good system and good staff meant it all worked well. We should learn from this for other sites.

Conditions in Israel were perfect with 80 skiers with 8 categories in Slalom including Under 12 division as Israel has many kids coming up. On this point MK mentioned that the Czech has not got many new children coming up but Poland has some.

MK has contacted Thomas Bauer to find out if Kiefesfelden interested as they need at least one more place from West Europe.

Grand Prix - MK has not started work on GP for next season and they meet again on 1st December. MK will talk to Adi Schall . MK has already sent to possible candidates to host events in 2007 a copy of 2006 DVD promotional and hopes for positive feedback. If it would be easier for the organizer, there is always possibility of running the competitions during the week.

Extra fines for 2006 season :

Cancellation fee for Minsk is 200 euro.

Late entry fee/fine for Kangaroo Cup 200 euro.

Invoices for these fines will be sent to Federations together with the invoices for the homologation fees.

Competitions 2007

Competitions need to be declared by 15th January, 2007. Registration letters for the 2007 season have been sent out. So far MAP has had none back. We really need these for putting events on the calendar, since these are the only official entries.

Twistee EAME Open 7/9 September

Alfsee – Juniors/Seniors - Original fax from Axel stated 16/18 September but corrected date should read **14/16 September**, since this is the weekend and the competition is planned to be on the weekend.. Youth hostel has been booked.

Israeli Nationals date changed 2/3 November

Future Years Competitions

Maccabiah Games 12//23 July 2009 in Israel in Tel Aviv but they may hold EAME Open as well in Israel in 2009 as there will be good funding from Tel Aviv as it is their anniversary.

Not sure exact date of water-ski events World Games in Taiwan we need to contact Kuno

Age Categories/Minima Scores

Confirmed that age categories are now Junior U15 and Junior U19.

Open Ladies – 6@52, 2200 points, 25m
Open Men – 6@58, 3000 points, 32m

Juniors U15 (Dauphins) Girls - 6@43, 1000 points, 12m
Juniors U15(Dauphins) Boys - 6@46, 1300 points, 16m

Juniors U19 Girls - 6@49, 2000 points, 16m
Junior U19 Men - 6@52, 2300 points, 22m

Seniors still no minima

Twinskates

JYP talked about Twinskates project and advised that Reflex had done a lot of work and have produced a DVD and Video which is aimed at teenagers between 10-17 years old. JYP also informed that there has been good press coverage and that Twinskates nicely compliments Wakeboard. USA is interested but at present they are not buying many. We need to help with promotion and give our maximum support to Reflex on the promotion of the Twinskates. We agreed to encourage demonstrations of Twinskates at our competitions and work with Reflex on the practical possibilities. The need to set up a new category of skier/rider can be evaluated later in a second step.

At present it has to be noted that Slalom is going up but Tricks and Jump are going down. Twinskate competitions at a lower level of competition will be fun.

Demonstrations should be during our championships. In USA they have a Show committee that might be happy to give demonstrations.

JYP is going to draw up a dossier on Twinskates to apply for consideration for scientific prize

They could come to Juniors/Open and Israeli Nationals and give demonstrations and maybe bring some samples of Twinskates so that people can try them out. The cost for the Twinskates is 400 euros with the bag. Bindings are a major contributor to the cost.

MAP to write to Reflex confirming our support and talk about the possibilities to have demonstrations.

Promotion

Alain sent a letter to Ukraine confirming that Rixen rigs are used for competitions. But we have heard nothing back from them.

MAP has sent a letter to Alexandria Egypt to support for his city council but she has not had a reply so far.

The brochure – we have agreed that a brochure should be produced and it must have a five year life span. It should be around about 20 pages with no more than 4 pages of adverts. Inside the front page there will be a welcoming letter from the Region EAME or IWSF President. The brochure will be in English and French and must promote all aspects of

cableski. We have a budget of 12000 euros, advertisements will 2000 euros for one page or 3000 for double page. The brochure will be a quality document so we need to check advertisers are of the same quality. For the pictures, we need to have a sunny environment with nice people – girls and boys!! An American photographer is helping out since it is very important to have good pictures. Something should be ready by end of January 2007. The 3 main cable manufacturers Rixen, Sesitec and Alta have been asked if they wish to participate, Mr Rixen has confirmed he would like one page. We also need to include a diagram showing a good set up of a cableski site, including restaurant with playing area etc. We need an aerial picture to use. Financial breakdown with a draft copy to be sent to council. JYP advises that his work is going up and his leisure time going down!! To be noted in brochure that a cable is cheaper to run than a swimming pool. The brochure needs to cover all aspects of the sport – 3 event, Twinskates, Wakeboard , Air chair etc needs to be covered.

New Sites

Site in Singapore is too short for 3 event competitions. Maybe a different competition format could be used. An experienced German is helping run the site. Possibly only wakeboard will be possible on the site.

New cableski in Cundryeu, France 20km south of Lyon. It is a small lake with a Rixen rig, 300 m long so can be used for 3 event.

JP talked to a gentleman from India at Cable Wakeboard Worlds.

Mr Rixen has sold some rigs to Brazil.

In Belgium, on different locations, they are making progress on getting the permissions, if the sites are ready, they hope they can run competition maybe with Netherlands

World Matters

Thanks again for Harry and his team for saving the Worlds. All said they enjoyed it. JP is working with Scherm to try and organize Worlds in 2008 in USA at Orlando We should have enough officials who are willing to travel and help as long as they are given enough notice beforehand. There are no other bids at the moment. It would be good to try and have a competition in 2007 at the possible location of the 2008 Worlds, maybe around Thanksgiving (Last Thursday in November).

Joulia set 2 records at the Worlds which need to be reviewed by World Council. First Record in Preliminary round and then another in Finals - 9880 (Final) original in Prelim 10290 reduced to 9340 entered for record. (Unfortunately both records were declined)

Skiers Meeting in Asten

Poland has sent a letter regarding concern regarding U21 division not being set up as a Region EAME Championships and they have offered to hold it for the next 4 years! The Council confirmed the final agreement regarding Juniors U15 and Juniors U19 and it will be called Youth & Senior Championships. We will not create an U21 category since our discipline is too small in number for this.

Rules

Overall scores – the skier must have reached the competition area to achieve the zero for an overall score. In case they do not enter the course or have a refusal not accepted, they will not receive any points towards the overall. Also if they fall before the competition area that it will be considered as if they have not started.

Definitions 10.1 – Competition area refers to the diagrams 6, 9 and 11 which are at the back of rule book. Rule 11.3 describes the jump course in diagram 6, Rule 12.3 describes Slalom Course in diagram 9, Rule 13.3 the trick course starts at the entering deflection pulley and the next deflection pulley is the end of the course as in diagram 11.

Trick pass timing – discussion when pass starts as “buoys” are sometimes difficult for the judges to see but as no other suggestion at the moment leave it the way it was. The end should be a loud audible device.

Leave Rule 11.13 in at the moment although not very relevant now.

Confirmed that the rule states that the slalom start speed in the finals is at the speed of the last full pass made by all finalists.

JP will send an email to JMG regarding query trick on WLBB reverse being the same points as the basic.

New World Skiers' Representative is Stuart Marston.

Agreed that there should be a skiers meeting at every “titled” event but a specific time should be set with an agenda and the skiers' representative needs to be voted on every Open competition. EAME Skiers representative to be voted at the Region EAME Open and the World Skiers representative at the Worlds Open.

There had been problems with start lists in Austria due to people having to share skis, changing their ramp height and deciding that they would not trick . Heidi Pauen had had problems as she had to change the start list several times. Agreed that at Registration (say 1pm the day before the competition) everything should be announced and that this should be put into a rule regarding registration.

Seminar 2007

Proposal from Marcus at Alfsee but only proposed 2 dates in February which was thought to be too early in season and too close to Congress. Unfortunately the Youth hostel he had looked into, only has these dates available.

20/22 April, 2007 is too late, we agreed that it needs to be before Easter. 16/18 March is Tournament Seminar in Helsinki so it cannot be on that date.

Maybe in France in Toulouse? But this would be a long distance for most of the people that typically come to the seminar. The dates agreed should be either 1st April or 25th March. Also JP will be looking into Heidelberg. If no seminar not held then maybe in Israel for Council meeting. (the seminar has been confirmed to be in Heidelberg on 24/25 March 2007).

NCC to look into holding Seminar in UK in 2008.

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We should try to find specific topics we need to talk about at seminars.
We will ask Bruno and Christian to come again to speak in 2008. If Seminar to be held in Toulouse then we can ask Patrice Martin to speak. We need to invite skiers to start attending our Seminars.

Officials List

List discussed to find out which officials had worked over the year.

Homologation

As mentioned already, we do not yet have the dossier for Czech/Slovak Nationals.
Israel has now sent homologation dossiers.
Lublin was not a Rankings List event because there is no direct drive.
Belorussia was downgraded to normal as the Calculator was not International official for tricks.
Kosice in standings list now (as of 8th November, 2006)

JP will write to Jacek Zasepa mentioning that the rules need to be more closely adhered to as competitions had to be downgraded because of errors.

Budget

JP has been paid his web-mail expenses. Officials received 100 euros for Juniors. There is a special Budget for the brochure going into this year's account.
There will be 3000 euros for next season again.

e Surveys/Safety

Different cables have different heights, this does influence the performances for slalom and also for jumping. After a long discussion whether we should regulate the height of a cable we decided not to rule it. We may lose some cables if we insist on height restrictions and we have no way to easlity do anything about it anyway.
A Recommendation in brochure might be a good idea? Typical height of 8m is sort of recommended.

Code of Practice/Child Protection

BWS have spent much time so if there is anything helpful in it then happy to share but rules over Europe are all different. The brochure with the code made by BWS was shown to the Council members. Maybe it can be mentioned in brochure, with a web link.

Athlete of Year

Joulia - 2 individual event Golds and overall Gold in Worlds
Andreas Pape - World Overall Champion

Both will be put forward as EAME and World nominations. MAP will make a more detailed note about both of them.

Presidents Report

Report as written accepted to be published as the annual report for the Congress in January 2007.

Picture Competition

Only 1 photo was submitted. It seems that people do not read everything from the websites. To still be able to make a selection, Juergen will choose 2 pictures from each discipline taken this summer and then post it for votes.

AOB

Marc Andre Meir – due to injury is not entitled to ski next year as an individual at Open. Since Marc Andre is a Ranking List skier and needs to get his selection for participation at the Region EAME Open Championships by his placement on the previous year RL, with the current rules he would not be entitled to the 2007 Region EAME Open. In 2006 he was injured and thus could not ski or participate to any competition and thus is not on the 2006 Ranking List.

The proposal from the Council is to use the last 2 year Ranking List (i.e. in 2007, 2005/6 results can be used), as minima for entry for the next years Championships.

Alain Amade, Harry & Sid joined the meeting

An invoice has been sent to France for the fee for cancelling the Region EAME in 2005 and then they should work on giving us a competition before 2008. The French invoice has been paid but they have not made a proposal yet. For information, French President has resigned and at the moment they have an interim person – Pierre Guillot

MP never came back regarding visa problems which is a shame as it needs to be discussed at AdminCom and Congress. No Belorussia skier could make GP final because of the visas not issued. EU have tried to stop wrong use of visas and because of this visas are more difficult to get.

It is believed by the Belorussians that some of the visas may be a problem because of the change of spelling of names on the passports (Russian spelling >< Belorussian spelling).

We confirmed to Alain and Sid that we run our own website which may cost more next season because we have more domain names. Maintenance is done by JP. Alain said he may try and get all the Webmasters together to see if costs could be saved.

No Christmas presents will be given by Region EAME this year but all committee members will get a tie for men and a scarf for ladies. In 2007 all disciplines will give their judges at the Region EAME Open Championships a tie/scarf.

The Bureau informed us that in the future the councils will be made responsible for the entries of the skiers/federations at the Region EAME titled events. As a result, the late entry fees will come to council in future. EAME also expect a member of the Council to attend all the major events in the future.

Voting powers 27 votes in all for Congress (extra vote for Russia)

Advised we can accrue any balance in our budget up to a limit of 6000 euros. Also, if we have a special project we can apply for additional funding (e.g. the brochure).

Meeting on Sunday half a day, only in morning.

Marie-Anne thanked the members of the council and closed the meeting at 17.10