

Minutes of 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Region EAME Cableski Council  
Held in Hotel Vinarsky Dom, Pezinok, Slovakia on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2006

Present            Marie-Anne Persoons (MAP)  
                      Nicky Caine (NCC)  
                      Martin Kocur (MK)  
                      Jurgen Pitz (JP)  
                      Maoz Tal (MT)  
                      Mikhail Padliak (MP)  
                      Jean Yves Parpette (Apologies for late arrival)

Apologies        Joulia Meyer Gromyko (JMG) – Work Commitments

**Minutes**

NCC apologies for the fact that the minutes posted on web had several spelling/grammar mistakes but original sent via email to MAP for amending had not been correctly attached and NCC was out of England so they had to be retyped. It was agreed that NCC would ask Brit to post correct version on the web. It was agreed that MAP and NCC would sign correct version as soon as printed.

**Matters arising from Minutes**

JP confirmed that he still had not sent out letters and badges to new officials but he had not forgotten!!.

Ukraine is getting a cable installed and Alain Amade has sent 3 letters confirming that homologated events have been held on Rixen cables as they want to be able to organise competitions. MAP will send copy letters to JP to pass on to Kuno. However, they still have not paid their subscription fee.

In Kiev they are planning to have a large cable for 3 event and a smaller one for wakeboard MP will try and contact them.

We are still not sure where the November meeting is to be held, places mentioned have been Dubrovink/Split/Budapest. MP confirmed he might have a problem with attending this meeting on 10/11 November scheduled to start at 2pm on Friday afternoon and the whole day Saturday.

## **Matters for AOB**

Annual picture competition  
Procedure of Skier of The year  
New Sites  
Worlds 2010  
Maccabiah Games

## **Visas**

The issue of visas to come to EEC is becoming very strict and MAP has a presentation on her computer and she will also give a talk at the Seminar so everyone is aware of the problems. Organisers need to confirm skiers invited as early as possible but must never offer any financial assistance.

Belorussia have problems as that they need so many visas that they need a new passport every year!!

## **Seminar 2006**

MK apologies for not telling MAP who would attend Seminar but communications had been bad. However it was known that nobody was coming from Holland but some should be coming from Germany/Austria/Great Britain/Slovakia/Czech Republic/Russia/Belorussia/Belgium/France/Israel

MAP talked to JYP regarding Direct Drive session which Bruno Rixen would hold on Saturday at 2pm where he would talk about direct drive system on new cables and how to change the system on old sites. He would also talk about promotion/talking to government/environmental issues etc

On Sunday Christian von Lerchenfeld of Se-si -tec would also talk regarding his views on Cable Manufacturing/the way forward for the sport. Should not be a problem if they are both here.

It was noted that Zenek Kolman says he can make a direct drive system which could be installed for every cable and keep the speed constant but it is not the same as the real Direct Drive system with a frequency control on the main motor. MK will ask Zenek to put in writing the details of his offer.

Agreed that we would keep everybody together at Seminar. Seminar would start with introduction by MAP at 9am and then Peter Mach will advise of the organiser's schedule. Then Sid Adriaensen will talk about Visas/Promotion/Website. This would be followed by trick sessions by JP/MAP and they have some trick runs from Thomas Ludwig to be shown. Topics to be discussed are Pre-turns/After Turns and when you start the time. After coffee break the second trick session showing runs for analysis

MK would give a talk regarding Grand Prix as it is very important that everybody understands the series. He would give a small presentation telling the history behind the events, advising of this year's events and any rule changes,

confirming that it is very similar to ECT and hoping to persuade other countries to hold stops. MK would also talk regarding the skiers view of how competitions should be run.

Then Maoz would finish Saturday seminar with a video from Junior/Dauphins/Senior event held in Israel last year and then he would give his Technical Officer presentation.

On Sunday after Se-si-tec session it would be possible for people to take their theory exams but practical exams would need to be taken at either Asten or Netherlands. It was felt that the video tricks were not of higher enough quality for exams be taken using them as it has caused problems in previous years.

While exams being taken there would be a discussion with the group to find feedback on subjects such as

Declared trick runs  
Ages for Juniors/Dauphins  
Names for Junior/Dauphins –Shortboard or Tricks?

Seminar would end with attendees views regarding this year's seminar and any ideas to improve the format for future years and also requesting any offers to hold the seminar in 2007

During the seminar the Judges Panels would be displayed and it would enable anybody to offer to fill any gaps in officials panel there may be.

### **Worlds 2006**

There is confusion with the Worlds bulletin posted on the Web as it is believed that there is now a more updated version. Also price of rooms in Avifauna where most of the teams will stay is not clear There have been no "intention to enter" forms received yet as the deadline is not until July.

It has been confirmed that the Chief Judge will be Scherm Scraft from USA and he will go to Juniors with JP. JP will also try and talk to another USA official - Ruth Johnson.

There have been comments that unofficial training is very expensive

NCC talked to Colin Ellison in Australia who advised that there would be no funding for an Australian Team but he would be happy to officially enter them if any skier is found. South Africa will try and send a team. Canada will try and send somebody but the week after it is the US Open. (and EAME Open Tournament). Therefore the Cable Worlds is in between important competitions as two weeks before it is the Night Jump and then World University Championships. Belgium is trying very hard to enter a team.

MAP has written an email to Chris Howard and did not manage to talk to Chris Owen as he was not at Tournament Seminar.

JP and MAP will go to the site. However MAP is going to USA and then Admin Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2006

### **EAME Juniors**

There is also trouble with unofficial training teams have booked directly with the site. No mention in Bulletin. In future should be in bulletin but they do not have to offer it Should be fair to all!! Price should be advised.

### **Grand Prix**

Everything is running fine with competition date confirmed. There will be a new venue in Minsk and the rules are to be slightly changed. Also whether Juniors/Dauphins have cash prize depends on numbers competing. Lublin does not mention Dauphins If not enough skiers maybe Juniors and Dauphins will ski as one category together. Every organiser puts in money. The total cash this way is 2000 euros, not a lot but better than nothing. They are still looking for sponsors

### **Other competitions**

Germany has requested that the Kangaroo Cup in Twistesee on 26/27 August, 2006 be put on calendar. However, receipt of competition was not received until 31<sup>st</sup> March so there is going to be a 200 euro fine. Competition is only Open category. Some judges have already been named as they had already asked them. Jump to be RC with slalom and tricks to be Standings List. They need a Chief Judge and they are going to contact Dutch judges regarding this.

### **Technical**

Nothing major is being changed with no content change just clearer definitions.

Request that the forerunner should be good skier but difficult to try and find one. A discussion started whether the forerunner should be on 18m or shortening? As a recommendation the skier should try as much as possible to follow the competitor's pass even if it is on a longer rope He must not fall as the purpose of a forerunner is to give the same water conditions for everyone.

MP thinks we need to look at Tricks only one pass in Preliminary Round and 2 passes in Finals because it is boring. Also 2 jumps in Preliminary Round and 3 in Finals but committee concerned on safety aspect with only two jumps. The competitions need to be speeded up and since there are only a few skiers in Finals more jumps and two passes can be accepted. The Council agrees that competitions have to be made more attractive, but before ruling number of passes or jumps, this should be well thought over.

Discussion regarding rule 13.2 is a skier disqualified from the whole round or just the pass? In jump the skier only loses one jump not all three however in slalom

the skier has finished ski-ing. It was agreed that the skier loses their right to that pass

Rule 11.2 Deemed means taken which is a positive zero however lose the right means a negative zero

Rule 4.3 to be considered you have to have scored even it is a positive zero

Where can records be set? Should it be announced beforehand in the bulletin of the event rule 18.1.3 in additional rules and 16.3 of World Rules

TO maybe replaced by Judges? National TO or a 2<sup>nd</sup> Judge. Discussion followed where it was not sure if judges would have the full knowledge of TO responsibilities.

Video on the pylons? Try out in Minsk? It is possible and how much would it cost?. Before we make any rules we need to see if it is indeed better. It may be difficult so MP will talk to Olaf Boetcher

JP writes World Rules but anybody can experiment with new rules if they wish.

Video for Tricks – Israeli video not good – sometimes too close and then not close enough. People operating video need to know what is needed. Picture needs to be constant (size)

For 2007 age category changes will be discussed on Sunday afternoon and also the change of names to be discussed. MAP to display computer screen for discussion. The names “Kidz” did not seem to appeal.

The discussion on the Dauphins age changes then maybe speed changes also but this was undecided Need feedback from Seminar

### **World Matters**

Maccabiah in 2009 will be held 15/29 July Last time water ski-ing participated was 1997 Dates for waterski competitions to be fixed We need four countries to register as Maccabiah (Have Jewish skiers) 5000 athletes in all will take place at the Games. This is the third most important sporting event after Olympics and World University. We can start now to try and find some Jewish skiers which should not be a problem so we can put it on the calendar Possibly to be held in Eilat as it should be better security wise.

Israel, Great Britain USA Holland and Australia all have Jewish skiers

Next year Baltic Games in Germany so we will propose that we put Cable into the schedule.

Worlds 2010 - 2/5 September Thursday/Saturday (first weekend) and the site they will recommend is Eilat to avoid any political situation but Tel Aviv is also possible and at the Congress next year there will be a presentation. It can be mentioned at World Executive Board meeting in Singapore in October 2006 with

the site not named however the World Council will need to check site whichever one it is.

We will try and have a competition there beforehand. By 2008 the Israelis should be able to confirm everything. We hope that in 2008 the Worlds will be in USA? at Renee's place.

Sid then joined meeting.

Sid advised regarding November meeting that they had talked about Budapest but same price as Juan Les Pins. There had also been a bid from Split but difficult to get there although hotels are cheap. Decision will be made at AdminCom in May.

Website – The one run by Philippe Turchet is still under construction so will be terminated. Many of disciplines have their own sites. EAME.BE will be kept for Admin with no fancy stuff.

For Titled events we need a dedicated person for each major event such as EAME or Worlds. Somebody who will post everything as soon as it is published even on Sunday evening as Journalists are asking for results. Both Worlds and Juniors already have websites

Next Congress on 27 January 2007 will be held in Rome and we will be changing the hotel to cheaper hotel. There will be Council meetings on Sunday 28th.

In July 1946 IWSF/EAME started with Switzerland, Belgium and France and there will have a celebration at Congress. There will be a Formal Dinner with dancing. We want to invite all former World Champions from EAME therefore we need a list so that JP can distribute for help with addresses. Postal Address are preferred as we want to send them nice invitations. All World Champs in Cable are from EAME!!

Hard copies of expenditure need to be sent to Harry. If possible it is preferred if accounts schedules are prepared during the year. There will be a meeting between Harry and the book-keeper before the AdminCom meeting in May..

Sid to talk at the seminar to confirm that if the EAME Office do not have a photo then no official card will be issued. Sid wanted to know if we are thinking of holding seminar with Tournament again. Some felt that it probably was not a very good idea as it was too big a group and people would not be able to attend everything they wished to. However, MP advised that as many of the rules are the same we should be able to integrate. Disabled do it together every 3 years. Maybe should try it again but not next year if the Tournament Council decides to have their seminar in Sweden as too expensive.

When is Region EAME thinking of producing a new CD? At the moment only tournament on there as the Cable pictures are not good enough

If we have a project we can apply for more funding in respect of promotional video

## **Skiers Meetings**

The meeting held in Lublin was very good with positive feedback however we did not have a room to hold it which caused problems so next time we need to organise it better. Also notes to be taken in future.

There will be meeting at both Juniors and Worlds and it will be published on web. We need to have a Worlds Skiers Representative election and people need to put forward their candidates.

Skiers Meeting was held at Juniors. One of the topics was the start speeds. Also feedback from Seniors at the same time regarding their age categories which will depend on how many Seniors enter to see if we need separate age categories In future the date of birth has to be entered on computer programme

We do not have a special procedure for Skier Representative which may need looking at.

## **Athlete of the Year**

Each Council puts forward their names to the AdminCom and then it is voted on in December. Each member of the AdminCom needs to decide their three choices with the best receiving 3 points, then 2 points and 1 point. Should there be a draw after all points added up the first place goes to one who has the most 3 points Cable skiers in the past have done very well

Athlete of Year for IWSF needs to go in by November. Normally they will be same person as EAME but does not need to be.

## **Promotion**

We will send Carol Lowe promotional CD for Hall of Fame. JP to send first World Champs Poster.

We have had problems to get pictures. Marie-Anne will to translate back to English any promotional notes . Also we need information from the rig manufacturers. JP will ask for another video from Heidi/Juergen Pauen.

JP wants to start a picture competition for the best picture with a small prize with maybe an official document. The prize will be your photo will be used for promotional activity. All photos will need to have the copyright so we can use them. Picture of the year will on record certificates for that year and the photographer will also get a certificate confirming that their photograph was used..

Before November 3 all photos have to be sent in to the EAME Cable Council so that they can be voted for at our November meeting, where we will choose the best (between 10/15) for pre-selection and these will be posted on Cableski.org webpage and then everybody can vote on it until 31<sup>st</sup> December. Publicity for this photo competition will be done via the website.

Cable promotional brochures are to be distributed at Competitions. Worlds' contract states that the IWSF Logo must be used and is also on cableksi.org webpage.

We need a good marketing approach we need to give the professionals the right information

JYP has produced an estimate of costs and we need recommendations so that we can move forward. We need to purchase Visuals – not many of them but we need normal pictures not only competitions – ladies/families maybe the Dutch have a photographer for Worlds.JYP to ask them for another quote simpler if we tell what we want and then they can give us another idea

Shorter version for an introduction and a longer version for more information.

Information should be for the whole of Cable and advise who to contact, what dimensions etc is needed. Comments need to be passed on to Alain Amade.

### **Seminar 2007**

We need to discuss it during the summer so that more details can be agreed upon during the November meeting.

We have at the moment no offers to host this seminar.

Alfsee has good facilities but is not easy to reach.

### **Competitions 2007**

We are looking for more Grand Prix competitions in other countries, ie Israel, Netherlands, Great Britain, Austria

### **Site Surveys**

Lazo Nemes is here so we can ask him what he has and then NCC to liaise with Varna

Marie-Anne thanked everybody at 6.35pm and confirmed that the next meeting will be at Worlds on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September –( we need to ask Joost regarding arranging a room). The following meeting will start at 2pm on 10<sup>th</sup> November and continue whole day 11<sup>th</sup>