

**Minutes of 49th meeting of Region EAME Cableski Council  
Held at Le Meridien Hotel , Juan-les-Pins, France on 7th/8th November 2003**

Present:                      Marie-Anne Persoons                      President  
   Nicky Caine                      Secretary  
   Maoz Tal  
   Juergen Pitz  
   Juergen Pauen  
   Jean-Yves Parpette

Apologies                      Peter Mach- due to illness  
   Joulia Meyer Gromyko – due to family commitments

Marie-Anne had emailed Peter to find out if he was intending to re-stand in Potsdam but she had not received any response.

Joulia is a very good EAME skier's representative and it is hoped that she will be able to attend meeting at Potsdam but it is known that as her husband is a policeman it is not always easy to find somebody to look after her children.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of 48<sup>th</sup> meeting, on which there were no remarks, were duly signed by Marie-Anne and Nicky. It was noted that the minutes on web were of 47<sup>th</sup> meeting – this has now been rectified.

### **Congress 2004**

The Congress in Potsdam in January, 2004 will be an "election" one and all the present members of Council will re-stand.- presuming that Peter has confirmed his willingness to stand. Peter has subsequently confirmed that he will stand.

On Friday afternoon there will be the AdminCom meeting and EAME Cable Council will have a meeting on Sunday morning between 9 – 1 although the Council will have to announce after the elections on Saturday who will be their President, Secretary, Representative to AdminCom and Treasurer.

### **Seminar 2003**

Thanks to Dutch Federation for a very well run organisation and everybody was really impressed with the results

## **Seminar 2004**

Cable Seminar will be held in Antwerp on 20th/21st March, 2004 which is at the same time and location as Tournament and Disabled – some of the “workshops” can cover all disciplines and then individual sessions for unique aspects of the disciplines.

EAME Cable Council meeting will be held on Friday 19th March starting at 9am for the whole day. Tournament will also meet that day for half the day and will begin their seminar in the afternoon with Cable participants arriving for start on Saturday morning at 9am

The Tournament and Cable Council will go out for a joint dinner on Thursday night.

And it is intended that evening meals on Friday and Saturday will be all seminar participants together.

The sessions are scheduled to be either an hour or an hour and a half and try to be as flexible as possible. Sessions together will be Tricks writing, Video Jump and Tricks.

Theoretical exams, if needed, will be scheduled not to clash with sessions that people will find helpful or interesting and practical exams should be taken at competitions during the season. Nicky will oversee any exam periods.

Maoz will run Technical Officer session and he will make a film showing speed control and the duties of the Technical Officer.

Jurgen Pauen will do a Power Point Presentation on homologation. Juergen Pitz and Marie-Anne will discuss the difference in the rules between Tournament and Cable. If possible each “workshop” to be run twice over the weekend so that everybody gets a chance to attend what interests them.

Sunday morning Tournament and Cable to host separate sessions until noon and before closing Jean-Yves will host session where people can put forward any ideas they have for the future of the sport.

## **Seminar 2005**

No decision has been made yet regarding the location but it is noted that Austria is quite interested and depending on political situation also Israel.

## **Officials**

It was agreed that the list of participants of officials at seminars would be looked at after Antwerp in 2004 to see if anybody should be taken off the list.

During the season, the following people passed their exams- Riitta Wood, Gill Hill and Maureen Wright as First Class Judges, Martin Suess as Calculator, Jacek Zasepa as Homologator and Joost de Leyer and Peter Mach as Technical Officer.

Unfortunately Jan Marcinkowski and Michael Mos both took 2nd Class Exams but failed.

Bernward Stamm took his International Homologator exam and his Theoretical was fine but the practical exam including setting up a Jump system could not be taken as short of time but agreed to add to list.

Ab Woeling to be taken off Technical Officer.

Axel Torbecke and Maria Tuin now 2nd Class

Add Oliver Constance to 2nd Class and Matjey Heski as Calculator.

A list of the officials is needed for 2004 so that official cards can be issued.

## **Standings List**

Thanks to Juergen and Heidi Pauen for all their hard work collating the information and posting both EAME and World Standings Lists. It is working very well.

It was noted that it was getting very hard to achieve "Rankings List" capability competitions so reducing obligations needs to be looked at.

Also there are a few duplications due to mis-spelling of names. Heidi to be asked to contact the Federations to request dates of birth as this would help resolve these problems

## **Competition Monies**

Each country is entitled to run one competition per year "free" (Usually their Nationals) and then there is a charge of 200 euros payable to EAME for any further International competitions and also 100 euros payable to EAME for additional National competitions.

Extra charges have to be paid if any additional or changes are made to the Calendar as set out in Byelaws.

Marie-Anne to ask AdminCom permission that "Open" Nationals be treated just as the countries Nationals as the fact that countries are allowing other skiers to enter is for the benefit of the sport.

The competition in Jablines had to be cancelled as the club were not affiliated to French Federation.

Marie-Anne will submit list of invoicing on behalf of Cable Council in respect of additional competitions and fines to Rob Tuin.

There is a proposal that there will be 50 euros fee from IWSF for competitions to be entered on Worlds Standings List. However, EAME will handle this but will not ask for any extra.

## **EAME "Open" 2003**

Firstly thanks to Elzbieta and Polish Federation for their organisation and hard work.

Conditions unfortunately were not good, however this was not an excuse for the unsportsmanlike behaviour that took place which many people on site had witnessed.

It was agreed that all protests should be made through the Team Captain and not by the skier themselves and that if the jury are aware of any bad behaviour they should take action at the time.

Unfortunately, nothing was done at the time so it was felt that it had been left too long for any disciplinary action to be taken but in future it was agreed that we needed to be stricter and if there was any unacceptable behaviour suspected that a report from the Chief Judge should be requested.

Mr Kusy, the Homologator at the event, had attached a letter to his homologation dossier, of complaint regarding the handling of the competition which Marie-Anne would respond to.

There was also a letter received from Czech Federation regarding the competition and the weather conditions that they believed was not favourable to the skiers. Marie-Anne would also answer this letter.

There had also been a query regarding the trick events and the judges sheets. It was agreed that officials should be advised that even if they are International in two positions that they should only be involved in the capacity that they had been selected for.

It was agreed that Martin Suess as Chief Judge had done a good job in very difficult conditions.

### **EAME Juniors 2003**

They were lucky with the weather, organisers and judges in Schloss Dankern so it was a very smooth competition which was demonstrated by good results particularly in the Juniors.

There was a good number of competitors from 10 different countries.

Concern was passed on regarding the fact that was a shortage of water at Schloss Dankern and it was agreed that this was a decision that should be made by the Safety Director of the competition.

Council would work with ICA (International Cableways Association) on this subject.

Thanks to be passed to everybody connected with the competition.

Juergen Pitz to check web as final results are not believed to be appearing at present.

# At this stage Franz and Sid joined the meeting.

### **Future of the Sport**

It appears that many people want to take part on "Cable" but they are just not interested in competing.

Cable Council asked to give thought to trying to find a completely new format for competitions on Cable. However, not to replace traditional competitions but in addition.

New ideas would be supported and any competitions to attract more participation would be encouraged. It was believed that trying to have 2 events held on different sites maybe more attractive for the skiers to enter also possibly the time per skier should be reduced and the public more involved..

Thoughts of redesigning Trick ski believed to be too expensive

It was noted that in Alphen aan den Rijn had many skiers entered and it had been really appreciated that Juniors and Dauphins were included.

### **Competition in Israel**

There were 1000 spectators at the competition held in Israel.

70% of the competitors took part in the slalom event, there were competitors in junior and senior divisions. Less and less people are competing in the Trick event and only 40 started in 3 event and 30 starters in Wakeboard with 17 – 20 in Jump and Slalom.

There was training in the morning then site was open to public during the day and there was a limit to 4 rounds.

### **New Sites**

There is a new site in Latvia and Juergen Pitz has offered any help and he is hoping that they may come to Potsdam. It is hoped that they may be interested in holding International events.

In 2005 there is due to be a new site built in Eilat, Israel.

Also new sites in Norway, Italy, Spain, Minsk and Moscow.

Nicky to contact Gery Russell to find out if he has any more sites that he is going to install.

## **Competitions 2004**

2004 is a "Worlds" year but although the sanction fee has been reduced to 15,000 Swiss Francs at the moment there was no bid for the competition as sites talked to in USA, Germany and Holland were unable to host the event.

Junior and Dauphins at the present also no bids but there was a possibility of talking to Kosice which Marie-Anne would contact Peter Mach regarding.

The "blocked" weekend for Cable Nationals in 2004 is 17/18 July.

Rouffiac in France are talking about having their Nationals as an "Open" event.

31st July, 2004 there will be Jump/Slalom event at Langenfeld, Germany.

At the moment there are not further competitions requested by German Federation and their next meeting is not until March.

29/30 October - Open Competition in Israel.

## **Records**

There were three new jump World Records in 2003.

Joechen Luers' record is 59.0m(reduced by 10 centimetres from original submission) and in Ladies the new co-holders are Joulia Meyer Gromyko and Claudia Stefan with jumps of 44.7m

Bologna to be asked to raise "World" certificates and separate EAME certificates also need to be raised.

## **Technical**

Discussion on "spectra" ropes that will not stretch but would not help in Cable as they are just for show.

Discussion whether speed for Dauphin Boys should be increased to 58kph as it would be easier for them when they become Juniors. This will be different than Tournament rules where it is believed that the "water behind the boat is too hard". Joulia and Joost have advised that they think this would be beneficial for the skiers. It was agreed that the rule would be changed and implemented in 2005

Trick Scores to be looked at regarding qualification for EAME Juniors . It was agreed that if a Junior has 2 scores in Junior qualification levels the third event can be at Dauphin qualification level. The entry conditions for country with "unqualified" skiers stays.

There had been little response to the new Trick points recommendations but will try and bring in by 2005.

Decided not to change the "exit " gate rule. Middle buoys will not be needed for Normal or Standings List events.

Strict rules exist for Record Capability events and more flexible on Rankings List.

In Ranking List there can be duplication of positions in Slalom and Jump but not in Tricks

Sites were reminded that as of 2004 Direct Drive was mandatory for both World Record and Rankings List events.

### **Athlete of the Year**

It was agreed by the Council that this year nobody “stood out” so would not be proposing anybody as it was felt we should only nominate when there have been a very outstanding performance

### **Voting Powers**

The voting powers for 2004 Congress were discussed and agreed and Marie-Anne will take information to AdminCom

### **Budget**

All Council reminded that all “genuine” expenses should be claimed and it was agreed that Juergen Pitz should claim the cost of rental of “web page” in the sum of 13 euros per month.

All other monies left in budget from 2003 would be carried forward as an accrual for 2004

### **World Matters**

Juergen Pitz had received an e-mail from Colin Ellison and it was agreed that more activity was needed in the near future from the other regions to give Cable a “real” World Championships.

Juergen Pitz is designing a logo for the Cableski.Org web page and he will keep in touch with I.C.A.

### **Drug Testing**

New guidelines would be coming in from January, 2004 and all substances that were performance enhancing and, addictive or harmful to the body would be banned.

### **President’s Report**

The report submitted by Marie-Anne for submission to AdminCom and Congress was approved.

### **World Games**

It was believed that the disciplines involved in World Games in Germany in 2005 would be Tournament, Barefoot, Wakeboard and Cable Wakeboard.

Israel was glad to note that “Waterski” had been included in World Games Federation for Non-Olympic sports as it would mean they would receive funding for this event. It was thought that about 1000 athletes from all over the world would attend.

Marie-Anne thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 18.10.

Marie-Anne Persoons  
President

Nicky Caine  
Secretary