

**Minutes of 54th meeting of Region EAME Cableski Council
Held at Hotel Gmachi , Salzburg, Austria on 18th March, 2005**

Present Marie-Anne Persoons(MAP)
 Nicky Caine (NCC)
 Maoz Tal (MT)
 Peter Mach (PM)
 Joulia Meyer-Gromyko (JMG)

Apologies Jurgen Pauen (JPA)
 Juergen Pitz (JPI)
 Jean-Yves Parpette (JYP)

Minutes

The Minutes of 53rd meeting in Monte Carlo were duly approved unanimously and were signed by MAP and NCC

AOB

Grand Prix/Technical/World Games/Federation Non Olympic Sports/Trick and Jump Records

Seminar

Exams/Homologation/TO/New Trick Points

At the moment 24 attendees including us. The same people who come every year. We need to try and persuade new people to attend and find out why people do not attend. Too expensive/Too far/Boring!!

No news on "Twins" but we believe that the manufacture has started. At the moment, we do not have the promotional video but believe it may be on "web".

Martin Suehs to take trick reading session and then JMG will help MAP with discussion re new trick points. JMG to talk about relationship between skiers and officials on Sunday. Letter from Belorussia to be discussed on Saturday when we will talk about the "future".

Security in Israel will be discussed on Saturday. Decided to keep everybody together for the whole seminar.

It was decided that there would have to be a seminar in 2006 as we had not advised the officials who would need to attend to keep their qualifications valid. Talk to Slovakia to see if possible as we need a venue that holds about 40 people but it needs to be cheap.

Officials

List is on EAME Web page. Add names of people who passed their exams last year. List to be handed out at seminar so details can be corrected.

It was agreed that although it appeared that Faina Shapiro had not attended a seminar in last three years as she had been actively officiating and it was very important of the smooth running of Juniors in Israel her application as Assistant Chief Judge for the competition would be accepted.

A question was raised whether first class tournament judges can be Cable Calculator? This was a rule in the old additional rules and is not correct anymore.

Competitions – EAME Junior/Dauphins/Seniors

Juniors, Dauphins and Seniors in Israel – The first bulletin was sent out 9/1/05.

15 September is the first day of competition with the Opening Ceremony being in the evening after the competition. This will be in City Hall in Tel Aviv or at the hotel with a banquet on site. Everybody will be in the same place together with security on the door of the hotel so nobody without a pass will be able to get in. The hotel is ten minutes from the site. Taxis are very cheap and there will be a shuttle bus from Wednesday until Saturday. There will also be security at the site. It is very important that everybody feels safe. If skiers want to go sight-seeing security will be provided. It is recommended that people travel by taxi not bus. Moaz will be able to recommend good restaurants and pubs.

Lots of activity at the hotel free of charge. Bar and disco at hotel so there will be no need to go into town.

Second bulletin will be sent soon – in about one month and it will include judging panels and amended entry form.

Intention to enter must be in by 1st July, 2005

Transport will be free of charge from airport and takes about 10-15 minutes

Rules for Seniors Championships (as agreed by AdminCom) – No qualification needed for entry at the moment, only one age category five members of team four of one sex.

Starting speed for calculation purposes for the overall will be the same as Open with 43 for women and 46 for Men and Men will shorten at 55.

It was agreed that there would be Team Event also.

Competitions – EAME “Open”

We are awaiting confirmation that the letter of obligations has been signed by Alain Amade in connection with EAME Open in Rouffiac.

Rouffiac held a competition in 2002. They are working hard to make it nice with a well protected lake and small houses can be rented.

MAP to ask JYP to raise bulletin.

Other Competitions

Grand Prix rules (same as ECT) which Hana will discuss further at the seminar.

It will be a co-ordinated three cash prize events – Havirov, Kosice and Lublin. Each site will pay 500 euros to hold events. It is hoped that there will be more competitions next year. Entry fee will be 40 euros for 3 events or 15 euros for individual events.

First 10 skiers will be awarded points Tricks/Slalom/Jump Open Men/Women and Juniors boys/girls. If tied place get same points and then next position skipped.

Cash prizes will be based on Overall points only with Men winning 250/200/100 euros and Women winning 200/150/100 euros with juniors(both boys and girls) winning 100/75/50 euros. The cash will be given out at the prize giving presentation of the last competition. We need to check "taxation" laws within Poland in case there are any implications.

This is for the first year but it may change next season.

Bulletins need to be sent out.

The three organizers need to check monies get to skiers and should not forget to calculate in their budgets the extra 200 euro for International homologation fee.

If anybody wants to hold a Grand Priz event or has any questions they should contact Milo Kralik, Josef Kocur, Michael Mos.

Coaching Seminar In Holland

Joulia is going and will give lecture to the coaches to discuss the difference between Cable and Boat. She will be there Saturday and Sunday when she give her talk. Joulia will submit her costs to Council to refund travel costs

Belorussian Letter

At the moment there had been no feedback to Juergen Pitz's letter. However the letter had caused many problems with many members of the Council who had been very upset by the letter which had been very negative and contained no valid suggestions of how they thought the running of Cableski could be improved.

One more time it was confirmed by the Council that if nobody offered to run a World Championships we knew no way of making anybody host it.

It was noted that although Belorussia felt that the Council should have found a venue for 2004 when they were asked, if nowhere else could be found for 2006, would they be prepared to host Worlds, they declined.

It was hoped that when Belorussian discussed their letter with attendees at Seminar they would put forward suggestions.

Sid and Franz joined meeting. Discussion followed regarding the agreed slalom speed for Dauphin changing in 2005 season.

It appeared that JMG has changed her mind regarding this issue but unfortunately had never informed the Council in her various emails before previous Council meetings so we were unaware of her concerns.

Further discussion regarding lack of Worlds which means many of the Eastern European Countries do not get receive funding.

Discussion why there are less events than 10 years ago and it was agreed that there is competition from Cable Wakeboard. Cable Wakeboard events take less time to organise, there is less stress on Cable, most of the owners are commercial and therefore want to make money and wakeboard competitions only take four hours and the public can use cable when competition is not on.

Agreed that we must ask somebody from Site Owners to give a talk at our Seminars, however there is very little interest from their side.

New Sites

There is a new site opening near to Madrid.

Medals

Marie-Anne checked Medals needed for 2005 season. At Juniors Assistant TO not needed.

Records

Trick records - Joulia asked why if five first class judges say it is a record why does it have to be reviewed again during the winter months. It was agreed that the Skiers Rep can come to review tapes with us. Records can be talked about at Seminar.

Jump Records - request that it be possible to make more than one record in one day The rule has been there all the time when only one record was put forward from each competition. MAP to email JPA,JPI and JYP whether they are happy for multiple record holders with best score out of each round

After lengthy discussion and use of flipchart decided that multiple records could be possible

Other Matters

World Games being held in Germany includes Cable Wakeboard and Maoz had had a meeting with them which he reported to Council.

In Israel they have started a Federation for Non-Olympic Sports - 27 different sports and MT is vice president. There are 10,000 athletes involved and they receive funding for events such as the World Games. There is also funding for seminars, medical support and support for athletes to help with training. There are scholarships for good athletes. The money comes from the Government and goes directly to sportsman, Medical personnel, shops etc The amount of money received is based on medal count.

However it was not that Olympic sports get 6 times more!!

Marie-Anne talked to Joulia to see if there is any way we can help her make the meetings as we are aware it is very expensive for her. She confirms that she will try and make the meetings in future.

The next meeting is Juan Les Pins on 11/12 November, 2005.

Marie-Anne thanked the council for their hard work and closed the meeting at 17.55.

Nicky Caine
Secretary

Marie-Anne Persoons
President

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