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INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION (ICF)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
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**MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
6 May 2020 – Online Meeting**

Participants:

José Perurena	Spain	President (Executive Committee Member)
Cecilia Farias	Argentina	Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Tony Estanguet	France	Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Thomas Konietzko	Germany	Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Luciano Buonfiglio	Italy	Treasurer (Executive Committee Member)
Simon Toulson	Great Britain	Secretary General (Executive Committee Member)
Joao Manuel Da Costa Alegre	Sao Tome and Principe	President of African Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Shoken Narita	Japan	President of Asian Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Albert Woods	Great Britain	President of European Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Joao Tomasini Schwertner	Brazil	President Pan American Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Maree Burnett	New Zealand	President of Oceanian Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Frank Garner	Canada	Chair Canoe Sprint (Executive Committee Member)
Jean-Michel Prono	France	Chair Canoe Slalom (Executive Committee Member)
Tim Lodge	Great Britain	Chair Athlete Committee
Martha Hernandez Sanches	Mexico	Continental Representative America
Victor G. Ruiz	Puerto Rico	Continental Representative America
Ahmad Donyamali	Iran	Continental Representative Asia
Branko Lovric	Croatia	Continental Representative Europe
Andrej Jelenc	Slovenia	Continental Representative Europe
Jovana Stanojevic	Serbia	Continental Representative Europe
Ola Oluode	Nigeria	Continental Representative Africa
Danielle Woodward	Australia	Continental Representative Oceania
John Edwards	Canada	Chair Paracanoe Committee
Ruud Heijselaar	Netherlands	Chair Canoe Marathon
Tomislav Crnkovic	Croatia	Chair Wildwater Canoeing
Mario Santos	Portugal	Chair Ocean Racing Committee
Greg Smale	Great Britain	Chair Canoe Polo
Lluis Rabaneda i Caselles	Spain	Chair Canoe Freestyle
Donald McKenzie	Canada	Chair Medical and Anti-Doping

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1. Introduction

This ICF Board of Directors meeting was held online due to the world pandemic “Coronavirus COVID-19” enabling the ICF to manage the exceptional situation.

2. ICF Athletes committee survey

- The ICF Athletes committee Chairman presented the summary of the outcome of the survey concerning the impact of the pandemic situation and our canoeing athletes.
- More than 1000 athletes answered the survey.
- The key outcomes:
 - Most athletes are impacted by the situation (87%)
 - More than 50% would like to compete in a 2020 ICF Competition if the health and sanitary conditions are good.

3. 2020 ICF calendar

- Review of the calendar with the current status of each ICF competitions.
- All ICF competitions schedule from 1st June 2020 to the end of August 2020 are postponed or cancelled.
- The ICF Headquarters and all concerned Technical Committees will continue to review monthly each competition with the Host National Federations and the Host Organising Committee.
- This review must include:
 - Survey to all concerned National Federations by the scheduled competitions
 - Host Organising Committee capacity to implement health and sanitary measures recommended by The World Health Authorities or requested by local public health authorities
 - Minimum worldwide accessibility capacity
- The ICF Headquarters will review the ICF insurance policy and this pandemic situation. (Insurance company has responded saying this is a problem for all insurances and something the industry was trying to get direction – but currently Coronavirus had no impact on liability insurance for hosting events)
- For competition schedule or postpone for September the final decision would be considered end May or mid June.

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- For competition schedule or postpone in October, the final decision must be done by 30th June 2020.

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4. 2020 ICF CONTINGENCY BUDGET

- The ICF Secretary General presented two scenarios for 2020
 - Version without ICF events: 1'487'000.00€ spent from April to December 2020
 - Version with ICF events: 2'248'000.00€ spent from April to December 2020
 - Depending of the pandemic evolution, we will operate between these two amounts.
- Both presented versions included:
 - Global reduction of the ICF activities
 - Financial support of the Swiss Federal government for the part-time employment of all ICF staff members from April to October 2020.
- A question was raised by the COPAC President concerning the importance to keep the continental activities budget despite the pandemic situation to allow continuity.
- After several comments, the ICF BoD accept to keep the original continental activities budget in both scenarios based on projects to be presented to the ICF Development commission by each continent.

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5. 2021 ICF Calendar

- Review of the calendar with the current status of each ICF competitions.
 - This proposed calendar takes in account:
 - New dates for Olympic and Paralympic Games
 - All continental Olympic qualifier competitions already agreed with Continental Association.
 - Updated dates for all ICF competitions to fit new calendar constraints.

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- Each Technical Committee must continuously follow-up to provide information at the next ICF Board of Directors meeting.
- All rescheduling or postponement must be done in accordance with the ICF rules and bidding process.

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6. 2021-2022 Possible scenario budgets

- Due to the pandemic situation and the uncertainty of the situation the ICF needed to anticipate a potential cancellation of the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in TOKYO.
- The ICF Secretary General and the ICF Treasurer presented two possible financial scenarios:
 - “With TOKYO 2021 Games” scenario:
 - This scenario has no impact due to our current ICF assets which is forecasted to be at a minimum of 9'568'641.00€ as of 1st January 2021.
 - We will need to remain cautious until the final confirmation of TOKYO 2021.
 - The IOC payment after Tokyo was based be the same as in 2016: 15'000'000€.
 - “Without TOKYO 2021 Games” scenario:
 - this scenario may certainly result with no IOC payment in 2021.
 - It may oblige the ICF to strongly reduce the level of its financial liabilities from 2021 to 2024.
 - The current ICF assets would allow ICF to finish in 2024 with 1'749'641.00€.
 - This scenario would strongly impact the ICF Headquarters activities (expenses and staffing costs)
- The ICF Board of Director approved the framework of both scenarios.
- The ICF Secretary General will provide more detailed versions of the budgets in the coming weeks and months as situation evolves.

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7. 2020 ICF CONGRESS – 5 & 6 December 2020 (Manila, PHI)

- The XXXVIII ICF Ordinary Congress is planned to be held on 4 - 6 December 2020 in Manila (Philippines).
- Due to the pandemic situation and the postponement of the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2021, the situation needs to be monitored.
- The ICF President and the ICF Secretary General presented a note reviewing the two possible options prepared with ASOIF Governance Support and Monitoring Unit:
 - Hold the Congress as scheduled in December 2020
 - Postpone the Congress until the year of the Olympic Games in 2021
- After discussion:
 - The ICF Headquarters will continuously review the situation with the Host Organising Federation.
 - All National Federation will be consult on this topic
 - The ICF Board of Directors will make a decision based on all information at the end of June 2020.

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8. ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking – frozen period

- Upon recommendation of the ICF Secretary General and the ICF Canoe Slalom Chairman, the ICF Board of Directors agreed to freeze the ICF Canoe Slalom Ranking from 15 February 2020 until 31 December 2020 to ensure fair access for all athletes to the ranking.
- All potential ICF competitions organised from now to the end of 2020 will not allow athletes to earn ICF ranking points.
- Knowing that the ICF Canoe Slalom ranking is part of the Olympic Qualification system in case of cancellation of a Continental Olympic Qualifier competition, the fairness and the accuracy of the ranking is key and the Board approval would enable this.

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9. ICF competition rules for the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games and all Olympic Qualifier Competitions.

The ICF Secretary General informed the ICF Board of Directors that following an IOC request, the 2020 ICF competition rules had to remain in force for the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games and all Olympic Qualifier Competitions in 2021.

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10. Safeguarding policy

- Cecilia FARIAS presented the final ICF Safeguarding policy for publication.

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11. Letter from Spanish Canoe Federation (Junior and U23 age group)

- The ICF Secretary General presented letters received from the Spanish Canoe Federation and Swiss Canoe Federation concerning the issue of allowing Junior and Under 23 athletes to compete for another year in the same age group due to the pandemic situation and cancellation of ICF Junior and U23 competitions.
- After discussion, the ICF Board of Directors confirmed that we need to keep the ICF rules as they are written to avoid any potential protest during the competition.

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12. Next ICF Board of Directors meeting

The next meeting was provisionally scheduled to be held online on Saturday 27 June subject to any major changes to the global situation.