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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
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AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Approval of the minutes from last meeting in Essen.
3. Approval of agenda and appointment of minute taker
4. Chairman – update to committee on activities since last meeting.
5. Review of Actions from last meeting – Appendix A
6. Canoe Polo Rules
7. World Championships 2008
8. Referees
9. Competition calendar 2009 and long term
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16. World Championship Manual for Canoe Polo
17. U21 Women 2010
18. World Championships Milan, Italy 2010
19. World Championships Madrid, Spain 2012

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20. Vision Statement for Canoe Polo
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Participants:

- Mr. Greg Smale (GS) - Chair
- Mr. Duncan Cochrane (DC) - Member
- Mr. Andrea Donzelli (AD) - Member
- Mrs. Eva Lindmark (EL) – Member
- Mr. Joachim Schwarzrock (JS) – Member

Visitor:

- Mr Ti Chi Liu for World Games Report 2009

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	Person/s responsible	Action Reference No
1. Welcome and opening remarks		
GS welcomed everyone to Canada- initial impressions of WC organisation are quite good with only a few minor issues to resolve.		
2.Approval of the minutes from last meeting in Essen.		
<p>Error</p> <p>GS wrote to ECA 13th May 2007 regarding the development of a European Cup for National Teams type competition for Canoe Polo. While this was discussed at the last meeting it was missed in the minutes.</p> <p>This has now been progressed by ECA Canoe Polo Technical Delegate JS and it is anticipated that this competition will be ‘tested’ in 2009 and formally commence in 2010 season.</p>		

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2. Approval of agenda and appointment of minute taker		
Agenda Approved. DC to take minutes		
3. Chairman – update to committee on activities since last meeting.		
<p>GS & EL - unable to go to Asian Champs due to date change so we went to Europeans- very successful.</p> <p>Board meeting in Guatemala- all proposals accepted re books, U21 ladies and boats proposal, referee proposal for 2010</p> <p>Sec General changed- Simon Toulson appointed- from IOC background. Very open minded and supportive of all disciplines and keen to develop all of canoeing inc polo.</p> <p>Large degree of staff turnover has made communication difficult but this has been resolved and is improving</p> <p>Albert Woods and GS went to Madrid for Tech Inspection of 2012 - Same venue as 2005 European Champs.</p> <p>Sports Commission meeting- in Lausanne rule changes – website changing dramatically changing service provider and format. Future pages will allow us to login and change polo specific areas. Want stories - to provide to press, and videos to get more traffic to site.</p> <p>BoD we were presented with a registration/ accreditation program - too focused on sprint, long term database with pictures of all athletes. Told to re-do for compatibility for all disciplines.</p> <p>Boat licensing system getting closer to implementation. Timeframe unknown - Canoe Sprint and Slalom first.</p> <p>Thanks to DC for efforts on rules, referees draws etc</p> <p>Board Meeting in Spain- Spain bid for 2012 WC approved and possibly to host 2011 EC as well. After meeting GS met main organiser (Jose Juan De Leon – Competition Organiser) of 2012 re referee accommodation and U21 Ladies boats - very receptive to both ideas but subject to Federation agreement.</p> <p>Referees course and assessment in Essen and informal meetings re World Games and WC.</p> <p>Referee Update Course very well received.</p> <p>Books delivered to Canada and look excellent</p>		
4. Review of Actions from last meeting – Appendix A		
See appendix A		

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5. Canoe Polo Rules		
<p>All of technical rules proposals were accepted at BOD meeting in Madrid April 12th 2008 and have been published on website and will come into effect January 1st 2009. See Appendix B.</p> <p>General rule proposals also all accepted at BOD meeting in Madrid but require ratification at Congress in Rome in November. See Appendix C.</p>	GS	1 / 2008
	DC	2/2008
6. World Championships 2008		
<p>World Championships will commence in 4 days time and final preparations are proceeding well. It appears the venue will be well prepared 'just in time'. As suspected a small but dedicated group of people have put in an enormous amount of time into the championships but are overwhelmed by the workload. There have been problems getting enough volunteers but with careful planning the minimum requirements have just been met. The accommodation appears satisfactory and no complaints have been received so far.</p> <p>There have been a few issues regarding hire kayaks and this needs to be addressed and better organised for the future as it will only get harder to transport large numbers of kayaks.</p> <p>Water treatment has occurred as planned and preliminary field sets ups look good - in particular the referee walkways.</p> <p>The site plan and pitch numbers has varied slightly due to field setups so pitch numbers have had to change.</p> <p>Sun a protection and team area in the athletes' area are excellent. Boat storage yet to be seen.</p> <p>No ball release system will be used but this no major issue</p> <p>Almost all countries provided qualified referees who have been divided into 4 groups of 8 to trial plans for 2010. In line with current Women in Sport policies referees will be appointed to games purely based on ability rather than age or sex.</p> <p>Once again there have been problems for both the committee and the organisers due to late withdrawal of teams after entries closed. This is</p>		

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<p>particularly disappointing considering the amount of effort put into the wildcards systems and the opportunity this system provided the countries from the American Continent in particular. Canada and the USA are competing in all 3 categories and Brazil in the Men. Argentina automatically qualified in the Men and U21 Men and the women by wildcard- sadly this opportunity has been missed as all teams have withdrawn.</p> <p>Iran has had problems with visas and as a result their Men and U21 men cannot attend. Their Women are still attending.</p> <p>The preparation of the opening and closing ceremony appears excellent and according to ICF protocol</p>		
<p>7. Referees</p>		
<p>Referee update done - 1 copy to all teams and 1 copy to all referee's ICF Referee Database done- hopefully will be able to have this stored and accessible on web and live update after login Training course progressing well and will be updated to reflect new rules Training and assessment to occur at all continental champs in 2009 to assess and select referee's for Milan 2010 Referee's in Edmonton to be shortlisted for World Games 2009. New Shirts delivered by Andrea and distributed to referee's present in Canada. Andrea to hold remaining stock (Duncan also has some) New Accreditation cards ready to print off direct from Database - DC to arrange. Referee update to go out highlighting rule changes prior to January 1st 2009- DC to arrange.</p>	<p>DC</p>	
<p>8. Competition calendar 2009 and long term</p>		
<p>JS presented updated schedule of competitions dates and long term calendar</p> <p>Proposed idea of younger age group categories at international events.</p>		
<p>9. Officials</p>		
<p>Te Chih attended meeting with world games update and presented report with site plan Te Chih is getting asked questions about Dragon Boat as well as polo because the technical delegate for Dragon boats is not replying to questions. Bulletin 1 is out, Bulletin 2 is due out GS asked actual cost of accommodation and food- TC advised the final accommodation has not been finalised but he expects it to be cheaper than Duisburg 2005. GS has heard a figure of \$85 TC will try to confirm this. The schedule is finalised- early starts due to daylight limits- first game</p>		

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<p>starts 7am last game starts 6pm Opening ceremony - TC to ask what style of opening ceremony will it be and will there be tickets for all athletes/ officials Scrutineering 15th – each team 1 hour time slot. Training on both 15th and 16th- all day can be mixed with Dragon boating. Each team can have 2 training times each day – total 4 sessions Field - goals will be fixed in place with concrete- will be finished in place in October TC to supply pictures once complete. Nets - second curtain to be in place to take speed off ball. No hole in bottom of net to ensure ball stays in net. Some tension (no sagging) Spectator seating - TC asks for 1500 seats. KOC saying 300. This will be raised by letter again Scoreboards - electronic- time, team names, cards. Automatic ball release system Budget-tabled and discussed Jury- Asian BOD- who will attend Senior Competition Official- Asian Rep- CHANG Li Ching TC and DC to assess TPE referees for suitability to replace Mr Yu TC to advise Chief Table Official and positions We think ICF will send ICF Media person- GS to check. TC to try to find assistant for ICF media official Commentator- TC to find clear English speaker TC to arrange volunteers uniform/ tshirts and advise cost TC suggests flying into TPE and using high speed train Taoyuan- Zuoying Teams travel by own expense to city of WG- cost about \$300 Probably better or cheaper to fly direct into Kaohsiung- KOC-will transport kayaks from airport and sort out customs clearance</p>		
<p>10. Coaching</p>		
<p>AD preparing a list of coaching volunteers and offering coaching services. Coaching courses to be held post 2010 with ICF boats and books. ICFCPC to offer Coaching and Referee course prior or post Asian Championships in Taipei</p>		

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11. Continental Championships 2007		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa <p>At present there are not enough countries competing in Canoe Polo in Africa for a Continental Championship to take place.</p> <p>South Africa has indicated they will send a Men's team to WC Canada 2008 and a Women's development team to Europe during the summer instead of Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia (South Korea) <p>At the time of writing I have not been advised regarding the number and composition of entries.</p> <p>EL and GS hoped to attend these championships and support the ACC however by the time letter/offer had been replied too we were committed to the European Championships.</p> <p>It is strongly hoped that a representative from the committee can attend the Asian Championships in 2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oceania (Australia) <p>DC informed the committee this was an excellent competition held on 3 pitches with all the recognised ICF categories, plus U18 Men & Women and Masters for Men over 35 years. Australia, New Zealand and guests from Singapore National Men and Singapore University competed. Australia won the Men's and U21 Men's categories with New Zealand winning the Women's category.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europe (France) <p>The European Championships is increasing more and more in size. For 2007 there are 14 Men, 10 Women, 13 U21 Men and 5 U21 Women's teams entered.</p> <p>Thanks to some financial discount, both Lithuania and Russia entered for the first time.</p>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • America (Paraguay) <p>This event was 12-14th October. There appear to be ‘conflicting opinions’ between North and South America and there have clearly been issues with both the venue and allocation of this years competition.</p> <p>As highlighted above this was an issue raised after the 2005 competition had taken place during the athletes’ survey at the WC 2006.</p> <p>There is concern that the development within America should not have a negative effect on the long term supporters of Canoe Polo – these being Brazil, Canada and the USA.</p> <p>The committee wish to support COPAC and hope to have much improved lines of communication as soon as possible.</p> <p>The allocation of any championship for 2009 should perhaps be notified far earlier than this year.</p>		
<p>12. Continental Championships 2009</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMERICA <p style="color: red;">America has yet to fix Championships for 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASIA <p>The Asian Canoe-Polo Championships will be held in Hualien, Taiwan between 13th and 16th September 2009. Two of the ICF Canoe Polo Committee are planning to attend these championships to conduct coaching and referee courses and to generally enquire how to support Asia more in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUROPE <p>The European Canoe Polo Championships will be held in Essen, Germany between 19th and 23rd August 2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCEANIA <p>The Oceania Canoe Polo Championships will be held at Penrith, Sydney, Australia between the 3rd and 5th October 2009</p>	<p>GS</p>	

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<p>This is the weekend before the World Masters Games at the same venue. Teams for the Masters will be allowed to enter as guests.</p> <p>Referee and coaching course in conjunction with Asian Championships in Hualien Taiwan- (now in may 2009) TC to try to find funding to cover costs of getting 2-3 people to Taiwan to run course.</p>		
<p>13. World Games 2009 – Chinese Taipei</p>		
<p>Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei will host the World Games in July 2009.</p> <p>From results at the World Championships 2008, 12 teams (6 Men and 6 Women) from 9 different National Federations and 3 different continents will be invited.</p> <p>At the time of minutes entry not closed. It is important for the continued development of canoeing in general and in particular Canoe Polo that the highest level of competition is achieved, and accordingly the ‘best’ teams do participate.</p>		
<p>14. World Championship Manual for Canoe Polo</p>		
<p>Update from board meeting</p>		

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15. Next meeting		
GS proposed a meeting in London prior to World Games.		