

<b>Canoe Polo Committee 2011 – 1</b>
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# CANOE POLO COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
 HELD IN LULEÅ, SWEDEN  
 12<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011

***Participants:***

Greg Smale, GS  
 Joachim Schwarzrock, JS  
 Susana Garcia-Heras, SG  
 Eva Lindmark, EL

***Not participating/apologies received:***

Duncan Cochrane, DC

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
<p><b>ICF CAP Committee Chair Welcome</b></p> <p>GS welcomed everyone to this meeting and gave Susana Garcia-Heras a special welcome for her first meeting.</p> <p>GS also thanked EL for preparing the meeting.</p>		
<p><b>General Situation</b></p> <p>Due to personal issues for GS stated due to personal circumstances he may not be so available for a period of time. JS, DC, EL and SG agreed to take more individual responsibility and be more available for the questions from federations and canoe polo participants.</p>		

<p><b>Roles and responsibilities within the Committee</b></p> <p>The roles and responsibilities were discussed and the list was updated.</p> <p>See  <a href="http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/Aboutoursport/Canoe-Polo/More-on-Canoe-Polo/Canoe-Polo-Committee.html">http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/Aboutoursport/Canoe-Polo/More-on-Canoe-Polo/Canoe-Polo-Committee.html</a></p> <p>EL need to update it immediately including pictures of all the members.</p>	<p>EL 2011/1</p>	
<p><b>Evaluation 2010 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships – Milan, Italy</b></p> <p><u>Referee administration fee and implementation</u></p> <p>Good referee level and the introduction of referee administration fee went well.</p> <p>Positive feedback from referees.</p> <p>Referee cost ok but some countries were late with the payment.</p> <p>The use of referee 'groups' worked well but group felt they need to stay together on the same pitch until a natural break (half day or one day).</p> <p>The referee schedule needs to work better together with the playing schedule.</p> <p>24 referees works 'just' but they have a lot to do – possibly to ask 8 referees who want to come by 'self funding' to increase number to 32.</p> <p><u>Organization</u></p> <p>We stayed at the same hotel.</p> <p>Good playing area</p> <p>Mr Pino Scarpellino, Idroscalo Club and Competition Organiser made things easier for committee to work successfully.</p> <p><u>Help from HQ</u></p> <p>Opening and closing ceremonies help from HQ very good</p> <p>Equipment missing in transportation. Improved handling when HQ got involved.</p> <p><u>Relationships</u></p> <p>Television worked well – great experience!</p> <p>The Conti sponsorship worked well at the championship.</p> <p>A lot of views via the internet.</p> <p>The professional photographers provided good pictures of canoe polo.</p> <p><u>Entries</u></p> <p>The cost – it should be very clear what is included and what's not included.</p> <p>Entry and accreditation should be the same every championship.</p> <p>Initial acceptance of entry invite is now mid January to avoid</p>		

<p>Christmas and New Year periods.  Not full entry in some categories – to be evaluated.</p> <p><u>Competition</u></p> <p>Standard of competition in group stage has increased especially in the men’s groups.</p> <p>Busy timetable and start on Wednesday was ok especially with the involvement later in tournament of RAI television.</p> <p>Finalisation of the schedule depended on the organization - even within committee we can improve.</p> <p>There were professional timekeepers and the new schedule and results went published quickly and efficiently.</p> <p>Early publication of pre-tournaments is very important.</p> <p><u>Others</u></p> <p>Catering ok.</p> <p>Camping area was noisy and expensive.</p> <p>The men’s trophy was broken!</p> <p><u>Recognition of personal needs</u></p> <p>Remember to encourage each other even when it is a hard time and tiredness involved.</p> <p>One ‘half day’ break for everyone in the committee during a championship could be good.</p> <p>Really good atmosphere especially around opening ceremony.</p> <p>The new boats and other equipments from Galasport were not used during the competition. The promotion of the equipment and specification of it needs to be clearer and more visible.</p> <p>Try to be clear about where the players’ party is.</p> <p><b>Milan was the best WC so far and the step forward both regarding competition level and the promotion and television.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/CanoeKayakTV#p/u/23/-1DdPyEMs5Q">http://www.youtube.com/user/CanoeKayakTV#p/u/23/-1DdPyEMs5Q</a></p>	<p>EL 2011/2</p>	
<p><b>2012 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships</b></p> <p>The technical visit for 2012 in Madrid took place in December 07 where ICF Board Members Greg Smale and Albert Woods (ECA President) visited together.</p> <p>The purpose was to consider the awarding of the EC 2011 and the WC 2012. This visit included the previous president and the president of the regional Madrid canoe federation. From the inspection and commitments made during the visit both championships were awarded.</p> <p>It was obvious that the development of the venue was needed to be able to have four pitches and warm-up pitches. The planning at that time was to construct the dam in the river behind the site buildings and create an area of water for the fourth pitch and warm-up. Since that the development plans has not progressed and the ICF CPC became concerned that the necessary works never happened.</p> <p>On the 22nd of October 2010 the Spanish president wrote to ICF HQ</p>		

stating the adaptive work to the venue would be start at the beginning of 2012 – also proposed were three alternative venues - the lakes of Retiro’s Park, Juan Carlos I Park and Casa de Campo.

This resulted in a visit to Madrid by GS, JS and SG in May 2011 where meeting took place with the Spanish President, General Secretary and venue manager took place. There were still verbal commitments by the venue manager that they were planning to do the works necessary, but there were no actual plans available or definite dates for the work. The group visited an alternative area within the park and also a city centre venue. The city centre venue would have been a spectacular venue. It was agreed in order to progress things that Spain would consider the work required and other venue possibilities and reply to the ICF by latest 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 - the aim being that by the EC 2011 information/direction could be provided regarding 2012.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011 Spain formally returned the championship to the ICF.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of July the president of the Polish Canoe Federation wrote to the ICF to confirm their willingness to host the 2012 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships on the same dates as original planned = 5th – 9th September 2012 inclusive, at the Malta Regatta Course in Poznan.

A formal contract is being progressed after which a meeting will be arranged with Polish Federation to agree/amend anything necessary. GS and ICF CPC to consider wildcards depending on support from the organization.

The ICF CPC is very grateful for Polish Canoe federation and fully support the offer !

The provisional groups can be found on the ICF webpage :

<http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/Aboutoursport/Canoe-Polo.html>

For easy reference, and for ICF CPC wildcard discussion, the following results from Milan 2010 were :

Men

17. Portugal, 18. Brasil 19. South Africa 20. Chinese Taipei 21. Russia  
22 USA

Women

13. Chinese Taipei 14. Hungary 15. Singapore 16 Denmark 17 USA  
18 Russia

U21 Men

11 Belgium 12. Ireland 13. Japan 14. Switzerland 15. Chinese Taipei  
16. Canada

U21 women

4. Poland 5. Spain 6. Netherlands 7. Italy 8. Canada

Poland as hosts will receive a place in each category but in the Men and U21 Men they have already automatically qualified through their results in 2010 and therefore will keep their ranking places.

- GS to ensure ICF HQ progress draft contract based on the terms agreed with France for 2014.

GS 2011/1

GS 2011/2

<p>- GS to write to Poland to clarify areas that ICF CPC will do (invites, contact list and wildcards) and when a visit to the venue will take place.</p> <p>- GS to arrange a formal press release by ICF HQ, ideally before the start of the EC 2011.</p> <p>EL and DC to make a first draft of the referee list and also to calculate the cost.</p>	<p>GS 2011/3</p> <p>GS 2011/4</p> <p>EL 2011/3 &amp; DC 2011/1</p>	
<p><b>2014 ICF Canoe Polo World Championship</b></p> <p>A presentation of a bid by France to host the championship was made at the ICF board meeting in Paris 2011 after a technical visit by GS and Sylvie Michaud from ICF HQ. The decision by the board of directors was to award the championship to Thury Harcourt, France (the venue of the EC 2007).</p> <p>The bid and plans by France are very good and include substantially increased spectators area and grandstands, broadcasting and finance/persons to support development. The bid is according to the ICF rules.</p> <p>ICF HQ are progressing the contract at this moment. There is an ongoing issue with the exact dates for the competition. There are issues surrounding the dates for Canoe Polo, Marathon and Slalom. The summary of the problem is that the US Open golf is the same date as slalom and there are obvious considerations regarding broadcasting.</p> <p>There is a recommendation from GS to the organizing committee to have a "Volunteer register" section at the website.</p> <p>The website is already exists and contain for example bid details. <a href="http://www.thuryharcourtcanoe2014.com/">http://www.thuryharcourtcanoe2014.com/</a></p>		
<p><b>WG 2013</b></p> <p>The World Games will be in Cali, Colombia in July.</p> <p>This will be the third consecutive time canoe polo has been in the World Games and from ICF HQ this means canoe polo will after Cali become one of the core sports i.e. fixed into the program.</p> <p>Canoe polo for 2013 will be joined by Marathon and not as earlier Dragon Boat. The technical delegate has been appointed by ICF and is JS with Joao Tomasini Schwertner, Third Vice President of the ICF as the ICF executive representative.</p> <p>The venue for canoe polo is two outdoors swimming pools. It is 15 minutes walk between the two pools. This is not "perfect" but does take away most of the infrastructure concerns Canoe Polo would have had if it been on a lake.</p> <p>Pool 1 is a large 50 metre swimming pool with diving pool, large video screen and an existing grand stand capacity of 7200.</p> <p>Pool 2 is narrower but again 50 metres long and also has a warm-up pool.</p> <p>JS has already attended the first Technical Organizers meeting in Cali in August 2010. The next meeting is in October 2012.</p>		

<p>Several matters have occurred and are now being resolved.</p> <p>The ICF board has paid for two complete pitches including lines and goals. GUSSER from Germany are in the process of arranging the transportation to Cali in time for this year Americas continental championship in December 2011.</p> <p>Concerns raised by COPAC have been resolved in that the ICF have paid for 12 complete sets of equipment. These are in the process of being manufactured by DB Xclusive, England for supply as soon as possible.</p> <p>The ICF board approved 3000 Euro in 2011 and again in 2012 for support to Colombia. GS is aware that Spain has kindly offered to support Colombia with support in coaching late 2011 (once equipment arrives).</p> <p>JS will again travel to Cali in December 2011 to support the organisers and in particular help to train table officials.</p> <p>It should be remembered that timing and shot-clocks will be supplied by the organisers, previously Swiss Timing.</p> <p>There was a bid from the ICF to increase the team numbers in both categories from 6 to 8 but this was rejected. Accordingly for clarification there will be 6 in each category and Columbia are entitled to one of these places in each category.</p> <p>The WC 2012 will be the qualification and the top 5 in Men and Women will be invited. Colombia as hosts will be invited as the sixth team in each category. JS will need to follow up on the Colombian team.</p> <p>JS on visit in December 2011 to establish how to best use the 3000 Euro for development in 2012 and if required a coach needs to be identified.</p> <p>EL, DC and JS to make a provisional palying schedule. The provisional plan is the Men will play in pool 1 and Women in pool 2 so there are no discussions about unfair schedule, goal difference etc. As soon as the program allows, the Women will move to pool 1. The best time at the moment seems to be at semi-final stage.</p> <p>GS to propose to the board a budget for Canoe Polo at the March/April 2012 meeting in Rio.</p> <p>A list of referees for Cali needs to be ready immediately after WC 2012 in Poland. EL and DC to make a first draft of the referee list prior to WC 2012. The list to be considered/approved by the board in October 2012.</p> <p>From technical meeting JS confirms that all players, officials and referees of canoe polo will be at the same hotel = Obelisco.</p> <p>JS to confirm the canoe transportation to Columbia, then to the venue and back again.</p> <p>JS to make sure the scrutineering 'special rules' will be included in news letters and/or bulletins and that SG get a copy of those rules since she will be the Chief Scrutineer at the WG 2013.</p> <p>JS to progress the local staffing of scrutineering and gauges.</p>	<p>JS 2011/1</p> <p>EL 2011/4, DC 2011/2 &amp; JS 2011/2</p> <p>GS 2011/5</p> <p>EL 2011/5 &amp; DC 2011/3</p> <p>JS 2011/3</p> <p>JS 2011/4</p> <p>JS 2011/5</p>	
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<p><b>WC 2016</b></p> <p>The bidding process and forms are available on the internet.  <a href="http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/Canoe-Events/Hosting-an-ICF-Event.html">http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/Canoe-Events/Hosting-an-ICF-Event.html</a></p>		
<p><b>New event</b></p> <p>GS presented an idea about some form of "ICF World Masters Open or Cup" in canoe polo.</p> <p>GS suggested this could be in the year between World Championships and due to the age category would not impact on existing continental events and would allow players to remain active and strengthen the depth of Canoe Polo.</p> <p>GS stated the exact title of this event needs to be developed. GS noted that from discussions with Simon Toulson we should be careful of calling it a championship as this may require qualification which is not the intention of the idea.</p> <p>Aspects of this proposal were discussed including for example that it should be easy to enter, no cost for federations, categories, no shot clock or other things that make the play or the organisation more difficult, the benefits to tourism and others. The organisers should only be able to address the players to tourist information and list with accommodations.</p> <p>ICF CPC discussed in brief team structures, referee, possible venue/s, the possibilities on rental boats and start date.</p> <p>GS noted that the ICF structure is based around National Federations.</p> <p>Players within a team should be members of the same federation. The only NF involvement should be a letter of support for the entry and confirmation the players are members of the federation.</p> <p>How to develop the idea?</p> <p>GS noted the next ICF Rule Change is 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 and so any proposals must be in front of ICF Board in Spring 2012 if the plan was to start in 2013.</p> <p>ICF CPC must investigate support for this proposal.</p> <p>EL and SG volunteered to progress this idea and circulate to committee.</p> <p>EL to draft a bullet point 'advert' to be placed on ICF website Canoe Polo news area and canoe polo.com.</p> <p>SG to abstract the existing Masters rules from other disciplines – all rules on ICF website.</p> <p>EL to co-ordinate progression of this idea – any proposal to the ICF Board must be submitted 1 month prior to the meeting. GS asked by end of 2011 papers agreed between EL and SG be circulated within committee.</p>	<p>EL 2011/6</p> <p>SG 2011/1</p> <p>EL 2011/7</p>	

<p><b>New thoughts</b></p> <p>GS opened up a 'brainstorming' session. He introduced the idea of getting 2 point for a goal scored from the own half and the thoughts of getting bonus points if score more than 10 goals in one game.</p> <p>The ICF CPC discussed various ideas to keep 'moving forward' with the development of canoe polo.</p> <p>The committee did not feel any radical changes/revisions were needed at the present time.</p>		
<p><b>Rules</b></p> <p>The shot clock has been a bigger success than expected and there will be continued evaluation. It was agreed that 60 seconds is the correct time for all categories.</p> <p>DC to make sure the clarification of the use of shot clock will come into the appendix.</p> <p>DC to examine rules from, for example handball, for the restart after goal. There should be a possibility to restart even if the other team is not back on own half.</p> <p>The referees training course is on the website but due to technical problems still not finalized. The material is ready to be on the site but ICF HQ web-responsibility person has changed and the development has not continued.</p> <p><a href="http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/Aboutoursport/Canoe-Polo/More-on-Canoe-Polo/Canoe-Polo-Course.html">http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/Aboutoursport/Canoe-Polo/More-on-Canoe-Polo/Canoe-Polo-Course.html</a></p> <p>EL and DC to contact new member of staff to make sure its all available. This should be solved before the European Championship 2011.</p>	<p>DC 2011/4</p> <p>DC 2011/5</p> <p>EL 2011/8 &amp; DC 2011/6</p>	
<p><b>Continental Championships 2011</b></p> <p>European Championship, Madrid, Spain, 20110907 – 20110911</p> <p>There are 14 federations represented (but 1 team less). That is better than expected considering the current economic crisis, and expenses for the Championship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 Men's team (15 in 2009)</li> <li>• 11 Women's team (9 in 2009)</li> <li>• 12 U21 Men's team (12 in 2009)</li> <li>• 5 U21 Women's team (7 in 2009)</li> </ul> <p>There will be three pitches and all three of them will have the shot-clock.</p> <p>Before the championship EL will conduct the written examination for the referee. Time and place yet to be decided. Information to all countries will go out. SG will include that in the bulletin.</p> <p>The Asian Championship was postponed from earlier and will now be in Iran, .... The number of participants is unknown at the moment. GS is invited but has unfortunately to decline. One referee course is requested. DC to request Asian referee Level A to conduct referee assessment. It is unknown if shot clock will be used.</p> <p>Oceanian Championship, New Zealand in December 2011. There will</p>	<p>EL 2011/9</p>	



**Camping**

The cost for camping during ICF events and closeness to the venue has generated complaints. Looking forward to Poland 2012 and France 2014 and the situation looks better for teams as well as supporters

**ICF Licensing program**

A draft contract has been circulated to DC and feedback has been given to HQ. The licensing in canoe polo in general appears to be a serious problem. The benefit to the manufactures verses costs is a problem. For other disciplines it may be a possibility to be able to be ICF partners. The majority of canoe polo manufactures does not see the benefit at the moment or have the money to join the program. GS will continue to raise the question with HQ. The future eventually introduction of a Masters event will hopefully increase the sale of canoe polo equipment.

GS 2011/10

**Signatures:** *Greg Smale – Chair ICF Canoe Polo Committee*