



Minutes / Canoe Polo Committee meeting  
Madrid, Spain  
26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 2003

Present:	Frits JAGER	Chairman	(NED)
	Dominique LE BELLOUR	Member	(FRA)
	Greg SMALE	Member	(GBR)
	Carmel VEKINS	Member	(IRL)
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## **1. Opening**

The meeting was opened with a special word of thanks to the ICF Headquarters who were so kind to arrange the meeting facilities.

Jon Bisset was excused, for him there was alas no time to come to the meeting.

## **2. Announcements**

During the 3 days before this meeting the Board of Directors meeting was conducted. For Canoe Polo the new venue for the World Championships 2008 was awarded to Canada from 18 till 24 August. A brief report from Frits was handed to the members of the committee.

## **3. Fixing Agenda**

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#### **4. Minutes of the last meeting**

##### **4.1 Malaysia 5-9 February 2003**

The minutes were finalized without ANY changes:

Out of the minutes and action-list:

- Jon and Frits did not start working on the Website yet.

#### **5. World Championships**

##### **5.1 2004 Miyoshi JAPAN 21-25 July**

After the last visit, a survey was sent out in May to the organisers. There has been no feedback on that one. The committee decides that Frits will send a letter to the organisers to query on the current situation. We anticipate to a referee problem. The federations entering the Worlds need to be informed that they must bring referees, and that a competition can only be successful if the referees are top-quality. On the other hand we will inform the Japanese organisers our concern and ask them to consider inviting referees and arrange well trained Japanese referees to be available.

**CP 03/14 CV: Prepare a letter for the federations, to be sent in the beginning of January 2005.**

**CP 03/15 FJ: Consult the organisers of the 2004 Worlds on organising and refereeing items.**

##### **5.2 2006 Amsterdam NETHERLANDS**

The proposed date by the organisers are Thursday 17 till Sunday 20 August. The venue will be in Amsterdam on the Regatta course "Bosbaan". Dominique is appointed technical delegate for 2006.

##### **5.3 2008**

The board at their meeting granted Edmonton / Canada the 2008 Worlds. The proposed dates are Thursday 20 till Sunday 24 August. The bid included 4 outdoors and 1 indoor venue. Greg is appointed technical delegate for 2008. Greg and Frits will in time visit Canada to do a survey.

##### **5.4 Qualification system Under-21**

The format Greg suggested is approved by the committee. Now this needs to go into rules.

**CP 03/16 GS: Prepare a rule proposal for the Under-21 teams to enter the Worlds.**

##### **5.5 Qualification system Senior**

The committee is not quite sure on the outcome of all the previous discussions. The matter is more complicated than anticipated. As we see it now, in short the system for seniors will be as follows:

For the Worlds 2006:

1. The top 16 of the Worlds 2004 qualify.
2. From each continent 1 qualifies at the regional championships 2005 or by challenge or by entering (lack of other more than one challenger).
3. The rest of the 3 federations are given through Wild Cards by the ICF.

The loose ends occur when teams out of the top 16 will not enter the 2006. Who will be the replacing teams? How is that decided? Is a team still placed if they do not enter the regional championships? When do the federations have to accept the invitation for the following round? If we run out of teams from a continent, which continent steps in?

**CP 03/17 GS: Prepare a paper indicating all the angles on the various problems on the qualifying system for seniors and present solutions for a perfect scheme.**

**CP 03/04 ALL: Define rules for challenging**

## **5.6 Communication to inform members**

After Greg distributes his paper the committee will enter a telephone conference. To decide on the final result. This will be communicated with ICF, continental federations and federations.

**CP 03/18 GS: Letter regarding the systems for the Worlds to be distributed before 1-1-2004.**

## **6. World Championships Manual**

Jon Bisset was working on the renewed version. The meeting asks Jon to distribute the new manual before 1-12-2003 as agreed on in decision **CP 03/01**.

**CP 03/01 JB: renews the manual on World Canoe Polo Championships before 1-4-2003. Distribute it to ICF President, HQ, CPC, organizers 2004 and 2006 World Canoe Polo Championships.**

## **7. Continental Championships**

### **7.1 2003 Europe, Kilcock IRELAND**

Carmel gave an up date on the championships. A report, sent to the ECA board will go to the CPC members. The competition was visited by a Japanese Women team. The competition is to be considered a good competition. In the Men, 15 teams participated, In the Women 11 teams, U-21 Men 9 teams.

Men: 1<sup>st</sup> Netherlands; 2<sup>nd</sup> Germany; 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Britain.

Women: 1<sup>st</sup> Germany; 2<sup>nd</sup> France; 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Britain.

Men U-21: 1<sup>st</sup> Germany; 2<sup>nd</sup> Netherlands; 3<sup>rd</sup> Spain.

### **7.2 2003 Oceania, Brisbane AUSTRALIA**

Results where on the Internet.

### **7.3 2003 Asia Cup or championships**

The Championships will be held 14-17 November 2003.

### **7.4 2003 America, -**

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### **7.5 2005 Europe, Murcia SPAIN**

The ECA board allocated the European Championships to Spain. The technical inspection still needs to take place. At this moment Spain asked if it is possible to move to Palma de Mallorca. This venue also needs to be inspected.

### **7.6 2005 Asia**

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### **7.7 2003 Europe, Club Championships**

The Club championships where held in Ieper, Belgium. In the Men, 17 teams participated, In the Women 7 teams. The ranking is on the Web-site.

Men: 1<sup>st</sup> DKV, Netherlands; 2<sup>nd</sup> WWKC, Ireland; 3<sup>rd</sup> Meridian Great Britain.

Women: 1<sup>st</sup> Saint Omer, France; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keistad, Netherlands; 3<sup>rd</sup> Friends of Allonby Xclusive, Great Britain.

The 2004 European Club Championships will be held in Liverpool September 18/19.

## **8. World Games**

### **8.1 2005 Duisburg GERMANY**

The calendar of the organisation does not reflect the earlier information. We need to clarify the date. Next to that, looking forward we need to get information on the possibilities for practicing. Also to find out how to participate in Opening and Closing ceremonies, what the charges will be for accommodation and food, what if (for the first time) the IWGA has a profit; would this be divided amongst the participating federations?

Frits will get in to contact with Joachim Schwarzrock and with the IWGA.

## **9. Referees**

### **9.1 Survey**

Carmel, again did a wonderful job towards the referees. We can not stipulate enough that we must be sure that we keep the referees in and active! About 25% from the referees responded on the survey, set out by Carmel, in writing indicated the following highlights:

- Obstruction, especially around the goal;
  - Advantage;
  - Lack of copies of the Rulebooks;
  - More referee seminars and or symposium;
  - Better information to athletes about the outcome of meetings with team leaders and referees;
- Carmel will summarize on these topics and make a paper to be distributed.

### **9.2 Grading system**

At this moment 65 persons are ICF qualified referees, out of them, 7 are female. The by Carmel proposed format is amended on the whereabouts of the base for the grading. The Committee graded the referees. After comments of Jon Bisset the grading will be finalized.

### **9.3 Referee Advisory Panel**

The ICF CPC decided to renew, on the yearly base the committee. Proposed members are Curly Barker, Caroline Cochrane, Catherine Macey, Ti Chih Liu, Thierry Noel Du Buisson. Carmel stays responsible for the panel.

## **10. Coaches**

### **10.1 Course in Malaysia**

At the course in Malaysia 39 persons out of 7 different countries attended. Since in Malaysia the original organisers are not in their function anymore, the contact between the CPC and the Malaysian is lost. Information came that India invited some of the participants from the course to help them to develop that part of Asia.

### **10.2 Course in Sweden**

In Sweden 15 persons from 5 different countries attended the course. Out of the course the participants decided to chair their individual skills. Out of the participants the wishes for a summary in writing would be welcomed.

### **10.3 Future courses**

We recognize that Australia should be involved in future organisations. In our opinion the areas to develop further are identified. Based on the World Championships to come the ideal following order would be: 2003/2004 Chinese Taipei; Japan. 2005 Africa; Iran. Before 2008 Canada; USA.

We recognize that there should be a proven support from the federations involved and the participants need to come from different countries.

## **11. Canoe Polo Website**

### **11.1 Regular up-dates**

At the meeting in Madrid a proposal for the new web-site was presented by the personal of the ICF Headquarters. At the end of November 2003 this web-site will be active.

We earlier agreed with HQ that the moment it goes in the air we will change over. That means that the canoe-polo.com website can be closed after we published.

## **12. Canoe Polo Rules**

### **12.1 Proposals for 2005**

Indicating some items in the rules, we decided to prepare a worked out proposal towards the next meeting. Carmel minute the proposal for the chapters and will distribute that part. Greg is responsible for the Appendix Scrutineering.

**CP 03/19 CV: Proposal rule changes chapter 1 to 4**

**CP 03/20 GS: Proposal rule changes Appendix Scrutineering**

## **13. Next Meeting**

We propose to organise the next meeting in Miyoshi on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2004.

The meeting after that will be in Duisburg in the last weekend of November 2004.

## **14. Any other business**

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## **15. Closing**

The meeting was closed after two successful days of exchanging information. The input from the office and the introduction to the employees for the committee was very good.

The members where thanked for their participation and be wished a pleasant journey home.

Madrid, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

Frits Jager

## **16. ACTIONLIST**

### **16.1 All members**

- CP 03/04 ALL: Define rules for challenging.

### **16.2 Frits Jager**

- CP 03/15 FJ: Consult the organisers of the 2004 Worlds on organising and refereeing items.
- CP 03/02 JB/FJ: To prepare a manual for the committee related to procedures towards the competition at the World Canoe Polo Championships
- CP 03/07 FJ: Prepare a letter to invite teams to come to the World Games 2005
- CP 03/09 FJ: To know the rules for sponsoring and advertisement at the World Games 2005.

### **16.3 Jon Bisset**

- CP 03/01 JB: renew the manual on World Canoe Polo Championships before 1-12-2003. Distribute it to ICF President, HQ, CPC, organizers 2004 and 2006 World Canoe Polo Championships.
- CP 03/02 JB/FJ: To prepare a manual for the committee related to procedures towards the competition at the World Canoe Polo Championships
- CP 03/10 JB/GS: Find or prepare a platform for the information and make a format for organizers how to give the information for the platform.

### **16.4 Greg Smale**

- CP 03/16 GS: Prepare a rule proposal for the Under-21 teams to enter the Worlds.
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