

Canoe Polo Com 2009 – N° 1
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CANOE POLO COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN BEDFORD, ENGLAND 6 & 7 JUNE 2009

Participants:

- Mr Greg Smale (Chair - GS)
- Mr Andrea Donzelli (AD)
- Mrs Eva Lindmark (EL)
- Mr Joachim Schwarzrock (JS)

- Mr Duncan Cochrane* (DC) Note – Duncan was unable to be present at the meeting as together with GS he was attending the 13th Asian Canoe Polo Championships the following week – any additional input from DC is including at the end of each topic after briefing in Taiwan by GS)

Guests:

- None

Item Description	Responsible:	Deadline:
<p><u>1 & 2 - Introduction/updates from Chair including updates from ICF Board of Directors Meeting in March 2009</u></p> <p>ICF Canoe Polo Committee Chair GS welcomed committee to meeting.</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting in Canada during the 2008 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships were agreed.</p> <p>GS explained to committee that at the last ICF Board of Directors Meeting in March 2009 the disciplines were being 'grouped' as follows :</p>		

- Chairman of Competition Commission (Calm) - Mr Istvan Vaskuti, ICF 1st Vice President would be responsible for Sprint, Marathon & Ocean Kayak, Canoe Polo (CAP) and Dragon Boat.
- Chairman of Competition Commission (White Water) – Mr Richard Fox, ICF 2nd Vice President would be responsible for Slalom, Wildwater and Freestyle.

EL agreed to provide a report to GS for Mr Vaskuti describing the present position of CAP.

EL

GS noted that more and more the ICF were rightly moving towards gender equality of both Athletes and Officials. GS noted that CAP had reasonable gender equality split but not so far as Officials were concerned. EL noted only 25% of female officials. This had also been commented upon by another ICF Board Member.

GS noted the committee should be conscious of this when selecting officials for the next World Championships (provided the quality was maintained) and also when considering the composition of the Jury. AD observed the 2010 Organising Committee had 18 Men and 2 Women.

It was agreed that CAP should expect more observation on its gender equity.

GS informed the committee that in addition to being Chair and as a result ICF Board Member, he along with other BoD Members were now required to perform Jury duties for other disciplines. GS noted this could actually have some benefit to CAP but would require more of his time.

JS also commented on the time commitment given as volunteers in the sport and the associated pressure on personal time.

GS was pleased to note that Congress supported all proposed CAP Rule changes and the group noted the effort made by DC in this area.

3 – World Games 2009

GS noted that even in the difficult financial times all invites had been accepted and the discipline would, as expected by the IWGA, be represented by the 'best teams'.

In order to control costs GS also noted the committee agreement regarding referees and that only 8 referees were invited (6 Men and 2 Women), all Grade 'A' from FRA, GBR x 2, GER x 3, ITA x 1 and NED x 1.

NB: Subsequently the NED Referee withdrew as he was required to Coach and a further FRA referee was invited and accepted.

<p>The BoD had agreed the Composition of the Jury at the March meeting and also the accreditation of Mr. Paul Owen as ICF Media Official to support local persons for both Canoe Polo and Dragon Boat.</p> <p>JS agreed to progress the game schedule and results programme via GTS and to ensure the new ICF logo was included. JS also agreed to continue to resolve with Mr Te-Chih LIU any further items required by KOC.</p> <p>GS noted that athlete Mrs Andrea Fear-Ross had been transferred from GBR to NZL under the ICF eligibility rules.</p> <p>GS noted the ICF budget had not been increased even though the 'games' were in Asia but it would work now the number of referees had been reduced. GS would progress with TD the possibility of T-shirts being supplied.</p> <p>It was noted that GER had withdrawn from hosting the World Games 2013 and that there were two candidates Gauteng, South Africa and Cali, Columbia – the group noted both would cause logistical problems.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>GS</p>	
<p><u>4 – 2009 European Cup Proposal to ECA – test events.</u></p> <p>JS reported the 'European Cup' was proving popular. The first 'test event' had been held in Essen, GER as part of the Deutschland Cup. 14 National Federations had entered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men x 11 • Women x 8 • Under 21 Men x 11 • Under 21 Women x 5 <p>Eligibility would be as per ICF Rules with a minimum of 5 teams in each category required.</p> <p>JS noted there had been discussion amongst Team leaders regarding entry fees for 'B' Teams and teams from outside of Europe who cannot win the cup. The decision had been that all teams would be required to pay the 150 Euro fee.</p> <p>JS noted that for 2010 venues would be Essen, Mechelen and either San Giorgio or Thury Harcourt.</p>		

5 – 2010 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships – Milan, Italy

AD, the Competition Organiser, reported on progress to date. There had already been several meetings of the Organising Committee (OC) and on 6/7/09 there would be a two pitch 'test event' with invited teams. AD stated they would be testing multi-pitch commentary.

AD stated that before 30/6/09 the web site would be launched with information for 2010. He stated Milan Linate Airport was the closed to the venue (1 km) and that the nearest International Airport was Milan Malpensa (50 km) – there would be transportation from the airports.

GS requested to see the proposed logo.

AD stated there were already 20 kayaks purchased for rental and the target was to have 40 available.

AD advised that before the 2010 WC there would be 6 venues available for training throughout the month of August – the website would include a map of these venues.

He stated that on 28/29th August 2010 the Bologna International would be held – 210 km from Milan.

AD stated there was a joint venture with hotels and camping for supporters.

AD also added there would be a bus shuttle to the pitches and that the City of Milan was constructing a large video screen which would be available for use during the WC. He noted game data would be published via the screen.

The committee discussed the results software to be used and agreed this area would be re-visited as time progressed.

AD noted that good quality goal line judges would be used as they would be from the Association of ITA Canoe Polo Referees.

AD/GS/DC to prepare list of officials for approval by ICF BoD.

GS noted the new ICF Medical and Anti-Doping Policy

AD

The Medical and Anti-Doping Committee would randomly select events from WWC, CAP, DRB, CAM, CSA and CFR and ANADO would be charged with conducting in-competition testing. The number of tests would be dependent on the discipline chosen (1-3 events selected each year).

GS to check with DM if CAP selected how notified/time so that Milan OC could prepare facility.

It was agreed that while the financial responsibility of non-Olympic OC had been reduced concern was raised regarding the deterrent of possible testing.

GS remind AD of the agreement made at Congress with ITA President that 10 kayaks/sets of equipment was to be available for use exclusively by U21 Women – this would be matched by ICF who would also provide 10 kayaks and sets equipment for exclusive use in this category.

GS noted that the rule regarding referee accommodation and food had only been introduced after the awarding of the WC to Italy. He noted that ITA had agreed to confirm by end January 2010 if they would be able to support the referees/new rule. AD noted he hoped to be able to answer this before January 2010.

GS reminded the committee of his past BoD report which had proposed the 10 x kayaks and equipment which had been accepted. Ideally all equipment would be from the same manufacturer but they could perhaps split the 10 into 5 + 5. JS stated it was important to ensure the equipment arrived in time for team training.

GS noted that from ICF Technical Director the following countries were interested in the donated equipment after the WC – Malta, Greece and Azerbaijan.

For the 24 referees GS would ask DC to prepare a list. Discussion regarding the Referee Administration Fee took place. GS noted that ideally he thought the fee should almost fixed i.e.: the same for the next 3 WC's – Milan, Madrid and wherever in 2014 – assume the furthest AUS.

An approximate cost was estimated – average of 800 Euros for Milan and Madrid, and 1400 for say AUS in travel costs per referee.

This would average to 367-400 Euros per team if full entry.

JS noted the ECA Fee of 150 Euros. AD noted that for Canada for 2 referees they had spent 4000 Euros.

As previously discussed when proposing the rule it was agreed that it was a far better situation that all teams would be involved in the cost rather than a few paying for all the referees.

GS would speak with ICF HQ regarding money collection/payments.

AD agreed that Visa support to teams such as Iran would be necessary.

GS

AD/NF

DC

GS

GS

<p>GS noted he would prepare a Protest Template that would be placed on ICF website before the World Games for Team Leaders to use.</p> <p>The committee conducted the Provisional Draw – to be posted on ICF website.</p> <p>The committee discussed and agreed who the 8 invited U21 Women’s teams would be for 2010 based on support by federations in 2002 when previously introduced and continental representation.</p>		
<p><u>6 – 2012 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships – Madrid, Spain.</u></p> <p>There was no new information available at the time of the meeting.</p>		
<p><u>7 – 2014 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships – bids required</u></p> <p>GS would ask ICF HQ regarding this. He thought bids would be requested via ICF Paddle Away circulated to all federations.</p>	GS	
<p><u>8 – Rules</u></p> <p>The group agreed that for Referee and Official Examinations the time was nearing to enforce the rules – publish examination dates in due time.</p> <p>GS hoped the next rule revisions would be far less than those introduced in 2009 and that they could concentrate on improving in specific areas.</p> <p>EL was concerned about the phrasing of Overtime.</p> <p>The group noted that in the rules there was no provision of where to apply any ICF stickers.</p>	GS/DC	
<p><u>9 - ICF Licence Programme</u></p> <p>GS noted this was instigated by ICF HQ and CAP was expected to follow but Chairs were allowed to make variation proposals to suit the discipline.</p> <p>It was agreed the programme was causing anxiety among players and manufacturers.</p>		

<p>GS noted they were required to propose an introduction date to ICF HQ. EL noted that some players were still using equipment from 2002. GS noted his understanding that those persons could continue to do so under a 'sticker' system with notional cost and that it was only through the launch of the programme and natural cycle that the licensed equipment would appear.</p> <p>It was agreed that the 'stickers' would be introduced at the 2009 European Championships – all agreed the manner of programme launch was causing problems – part through rumour and part through lack of understanding of the 'why ?' and 'how ?' elements.</p> <p>GS observed the ICF BoD would be sure to discuss the programme again.</p>	CAP	
<p><u>10 – Referees and Officials</u></p> <p>AD stated he would conduct examinations and assessments at the European Championships and that EL/AD had arranged for an examination to take place in Lulea, Sweden on 16th June 2009.</p> <p>GS noted he would be supporting DC at the Asian Championships with examinations and assessments.</p> <p>AD/DC to propose dates for courses.</p> <p>DC was working on an on-line referee training package although electronic examinations risked outside assistance.</p> <p>AD & DC tasked with increasing the number of Women referees – situation at time of meeting – 84 referees only 14 of which were female.</p> <p>GS set target to AD/DC of total of 150 ICF Referees by next Congress.</p> <p>GS to put referee assessment form onto website.</p>	<p>AD/EL</p> <p>GS/DC</p> <p>DC/AD</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DC/AD</p> <p>DC/AD</p> <p>GS</p>	
<p><u>11 – Coaching</u></p> <p>GS raised concern about progress in this area. AD, from known 'quality' coaches, to form group he could call on to conduct courses on behalf of ICF and to progress courses as soon as possible, especially as committee agreed he would be busy in 2010 at Competition Organiser for Milan.</p>	AD	

<p>GS noted the BoD had agreed to support a Coaching Course in Central America and he had provisional agreement from a Spanish Coach to conduct this course.</p>	<p>GS</p>	
<p><u>12 – Any other business</u></p> <p>GS noted Canada had been awarded a tourism award from the World Championships in 2008.</p> <p>GS noted changes in roles for Canoe Polo in Spain – the new Canoe Polo Chair – Jorge Bolea who was the U21 Coach in Canada.</p> <p>It was known that Russian polo players were trying to establish Canoe Polo formally within the Russian Federation.</p> <p>GS had been required to write an article for Planet Canoe 2009.</p> <p>GS agreed to try and progress the appointment of a COPAC CAP Technical Delegate. He noted that while the ICF could advise it was a COPAC decision to make. The group hoped that an America TD would progress the Continental Championship issues that had re-occurred.</p> <p>GS disappointingly noted that even after an announcement in Canada regarding Canoe Polo in the Youth Olympics that there was insufficient space on the programme and CAP was no longer included.</p> <p>GS noted there had been a doping violation in CAP notified to the ICF.</p> <p>The group discussed ICF BoD Member Helen Brownlee proposal for ICF discipline. It was quickly agreed this was a good idea and that there could be various awards if this suggestion progressed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts in promoting Canoe Polo – JK, DB and RA • Contribution to Canoe Polo – AV, DC, GC and many others. • Player of the Year – selected by poll at WC was also a possibility. <p>GS noted GS/DC were competing at the World Masters in Australia. After the laughing stopped GS enquired where the next Masters would be.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion regarding possible sponsorship of CAP.</p> <p>Website – the ICF HQ were looking re-launch the site and disciplines would have access to update 'their area'. EL agreed to take on this responsibility.</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>GS</p> <p>GS</p> <p>EL</p>	

<p>Television coverage. EL advised the Swedish Championship final would be broadcast 'live' in Sweden.</p> <p>GS noted that the ICF were working to include 'Canoeing' in the Commonwealth Games. GS had asked the responsible person who had advised the Olympic disciplines would be included and that Canoe Polo would need 'rounds' to qualify. The committee would re visit this opportunity should negotiations be successful. GS noted he was aware it was not an easy or quick process.</p>		
<p>GS suggested the next meeting to be in Lausanne, Switzerland – dates to be circulated.</p>	<p>GS</p>	

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