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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
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26TH – 29TH OF MAY 2007



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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 26th May 1030-1430hrs:

- Mr. Ulrich Feldhoff (UF) – President ICF

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	Person in charge	Action Reference No
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1. Welcome and opening remarks

GS noted that the minutes of this meeting would be extensive so that the new committee could use this as a reference document in the future.

GS welcomed all members of the committee to the meeting and expressed his delight that all those proposed after his election as Chair at the Congress in Hong Kong had been accepted by the Board of Directors (BoD).

GS noted that with the exception of him it was an entirely new committee (EL had for a short period covered the resignation of past member Ms Carmel Vekins but had not really been given a role). GS stated there had been a need for such a change to regain the focus and momentum of the committee that had for various reasons suffered over the past two years. GS noted the ICF CPC had not met formally since February 2005.

GS noted DC had resigned his position on the ICF Athletes' Committee in order to take his place on the ICF CPC. He also stated his decision not to propose past committee member Mr. Dominique Le Bellour for the group had been difficult however he informed the new committee he had received

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<p>an email from Mr. Le Bellour supporting this decision and similar mails wishing success to the new committee from Ms Carmel Vekins and previous Chairman Frits Jager.</p> <p>GS felt the ‘team’ combined a good mix of competitive, coaching, refereeing and organisational backgrounds and was now in a position to further development the discipline and to support the athletes. He noted that the group whilst generally European based should direct more of their activities outside of Europe if the discipline were to develop globally – this did not mean to the detriment of Europe.</p> <p>GS noted the meeting was in conjunction with the 36th Deutschland Cup to allow referee examinations and assessments to be conducted and to be accessible to Team Leaders, coaches and athletes.</p> <p>GS informed the group of various administration issues that during his time on the committee had repeatedly caused problems (e.g.: referee administration, the international calendar, protests during championships and others). He stated that in addition to proposing rules changes for potential implementation in January 2009 the group should for 2007 focus its activities on ensuring such administration issues were simplified and improved dramatically to allow the committee to focus on the further development of Canoe Polo from 2008-2010.</p> <p>UF kindly visited the new committee on 26th May. He welcomed the new committee to the ICF and congratulated everybody on their appointment. He spent several hours discussing a variety of matters most of which are covered in ‘14 – Future Development of Canoe Polo’. At the conclusion of his visit GS and the committee thanked him for his time.</p>		
<p>2. Approval of the minutes from last meeting in Amsterdam</p>		
<p>As the only remaining member of the previous committee GS agreed the minutes and the new ICF CPC were made aware of the contents.</p>		
<p>3. Approval of agenda and appointment of minute taker</p>		
<p>Item 10 on the draft agenda was changed from ‘Referees’ to ‘Referees and Officials’. Items 15 - Next Meeting & 16 - Miscellaneous were swapped. These were to be reflected in the final minutes.</p> <p>GS to prepare minutes for this first meeting as it would contain a large amount of information.</p>		

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4. Chairman – update to committee on activities since last meeting.		
<p>The qualification system for World Championships 2006 and 2008 was published on the ICF website on 25th July 2005 (The ICF Congress 2002 changed the qualification rules. A confirmation announcement was published on the ICF website on 14th April 2004).</p> <p>The 5 ‘special invites’ to U21 Men’s teams were all accepted and all competed in WCPC Amsterdam 2006.</p> <p>Continental Championships combining qualification for 2006 took place in Europe, Asia, and Oceania. For the first time in 2005 America also held a Continental Championship hosted by Brazil.</p> <p>For Africa only South Africa and Namibia are known to be playing canoe polo they did not hold a championship. Namibia did not submit a formal challenge and South Africa qualified for WCPC 2006.</p> <p>GS noted no Continent had sent the results to the ICF/ICF CPC contrary to ICF Competition Canoe Polo Rules Chapter 2 - 23.1</p> <p><u>Action:</u> <i>Establish/confirm Canoe Polo delegate from each Continental Federation.</i></p> <p><i>Letter to Continental Federations regarding qualification results.</i></p> <p>In November 2005 GS with assistance from DC conducted a Coaching & Referee Courses in Chinese Taipei. Referee examinations and assessments were also conducted. The ICF CPC meeting planned at this time was cancelled by the previous Chairman.</p> <p>GS concluded his coaching of Sweden Men just before WCPC 2006 - both the Swedish Men and Women automatically qualified for Canada 2008 and the coaching has resulted in improved competition within Scandinavia.</p> <p>Puerto Rico asked the ICF for a Canoe Polo coaching course. Past committee member Mr Le-Bellour was asked to progress this course with Mr Victor Ruiz - Board Member. GS noted Mr Ruiz had after Congress 2007 again asked for such a course. (see 13 - Coaching)</p> <p>Past committee member Ms Carmel Vekins had been tasked to come forward with proposals on developing this category. The category was growing at continental level especially in Europe but the expense of sending teams to the World Championships with a 4th team was causing problems. Ms Vekins had not submitted any proposals and GS noted she had resigned from the past committee due to ill health. (See 13 - Coaching).</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>GS</p>	<p>CAP 2007/1</p> <p>CAP 2007/2</p>

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5. Information from ICF Congress in Hong Kong		
<p>Under ICF Statute Article 32.1 the Chair of a standing committee will now not necessarily be a member of the ICF Board of Directors. To sit on the board the discipline will in the previous 4 years, need to have an average of 20 National Federations, from at least 3 different continents participating in World Championships. At the present time this does not affect Canoe Polo.</p> <p>An ICF Competition Commission has now been set up comprising all Chairs of <u>all</u> competitive disciplines and chaired by a member of the ICF Executive Committee. The purpose of the Competition Commission is coordination of competition matters such as rules, officials and examinations, calendar, bidding process, education, safety, and organisation guidelines. The first meeting of this group is scheduled for 11th October 2007 immediately before the next Board Meeting.</p> <p>GS noted the ICF Executive/BoD was looking to have 3 categories of officials in order that ‘the best’ judged the best athletes. GS noted Canoe Polo already have a 3 level system for referees.</p>		
6. ICF CPC member responsibilities		
<p><u>Greg Smale</u></p> <p>To lead and co-ordinate the work of the ICF CPC in accordance with the decisions of Congress and the directives received from the ICF Board of Directors and the ICF Executive Committee.</p> <p><u>Duncan Cochrane</u></p> <p>Refereeing & Technical Rules.</p> <p><u>Andrea Donzelli</u></p> <p>Coaching and to support Duncan with referee in Europe.</p> <p><u>Eva Lindmark</u></p> <p>Development plan for new countries.</p> <p><u>Joachim Schwarzrock</u></p> <p>ECA Technical Delegate – Canoe Polo, World Games 2009 - Information-Communication-Technology Person, ICF CPC World Championship Manual, Competition calendar co-ordinator.</p>		

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<p><u>Action:</u> <i>Letter to federations to introduce committee and their responsibilities – to include pictures.</i></p>	GS	CAP 2007/3
7. Continental Championships 2007 – qualifying rounds for World Championships 2008		
<p><u>Asia</u></p> <p>Venue/country: , SOUTH KOREA Date: 13-16th September 2007</p> <p>GS had been advised by Mr Te-Chih Liu from TPE that the date for the Continental Qualification/Asian Championships had been changed from that published on the ICF Calendar - it is now at the same time as the European Championships.</p> <p><u>Action</u> <i>Investigate the possibility of EL and GS attending the Asian championships instead of the European Championships.</i></p> <p><u>Europe</u></p> <p>Venue – Thury Harcourt, FRANCE Date: 12-16th September 2007</p> <p>JS met with organisers 27/5/07 and all preparations are progressing well. JS, AD and possibly DC will attend the championship. If GS and EL cannot arrange attendance in Asia they will also attend.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> <i>Respond to invite to be Chief Official at European Championships by 5th July 2007</i></p> <p><u>Oceania</u></p> <p>Venue: Adelaide, AUSTRALIA Date: 12-14th April 2007</p> <p>DS stated it was an excellent competition on 3 pitches with all the recognised ICF categories plus U18 Men & Women and Masters for Men over 35 years. Countries in attendance Australia, New Zealand and guests Singapore National Men and Singapore University.</p> <p>Australia won the Men’s and U21 Men’s categories with New Zealand</p>	GS	CAP 2007/4
<p><u>Action:</u> <i>Respond to invite to be Chief Official at European Championships by 5th July 2007</i></p>	GS	CAP 2007/5

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<p>winning the Women's category.</p> <p>In accordance with the qualification system AUS and NZL confirm their places for Canada 2008. The continental place in all 3 categories are not filled and become 'Wild-cards' for 2008.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> <i>Send results to GS</i></p> <p><u>Americas</u></p> <p>GS noted Canada had raised concerns over the venue for this years championship but that it was the decision of the COPACC Federation and not the ICF CPC however 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 and that Canada are hosting the next World Championships.</p> <p><u>Africa</u></p> <p>No continental championship and as a result South Africa having competed in Amsterdam 2006 have the continental place for the next World Championships.</p>	<p>DC</p>	<p>CAP 2007/6</p>
<p>8. World Championships</p>		
<p><u>2006 - Netherlands including Athlete Survey results</u></p> <p>The competition had in general been a success with some very competitive and exciting matches, results out quickly and no protests throughout the entire championships.</p> <p>The electronic registration prior to the event and the 'refereeing team' system had worked well. The mid competition referees meeting had also been well received.</p> <p>The new committee felt some data is recorded manually but not produced to teams for future use/ history – green, yellow and red cards for example.</p> <p>EL had taken the role of Technical Organiser at the very last minute with little guidance – GS noted this should not happen again.</p>		

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<p>There were several issues that will be addressed for Canada 2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scrutineering of equipment had been too random and more time should have been spent ensuring all equipment was checked correctly. • The closing ceremony protocols were not followed – specifically the flag had changed hands at the wrong moment. • Both senior finals went into ‘golden goal’ without a result and then into ‘tie breaker shoot out’. GS stated the rules needed to be re-visited to see if a new way could be developed. These finals had gone on too long and had there been television coverage would have caused problems. • There were drug allegations and the manner of investigation needed addressing and procedures developed. <p><u>Actions:</u> <i>For 2010 develop an electronic version of game score sheet for direct entry of goals, cards using Wi-Fi to reduce manual entry after game.</i></p> <p><i>Write to all NF’s that participated in WC 2006 to clarify that all doping control results were negative - to stop false rumours.</i></p> <p>A summary of the ‘Athletes Survey’ from WCPC – Amsterdam 2006, kindly provided by Ms Belén Sánchez Jiménez was discussed by the committee. In general it was noted that some countries had not responded to the survey. There were several issues raised by the athletes including the lack of financial support by NF, the accommodation costs, the availability of ‘rest areas’ and water. <u>The athletes</u> also raised concern about NF selection and the organisation of the America Continental Championship.</p> <p>GS noted that for Canada 2008 the proposal by the Organisers is to accommodate all athletes together in University accommodation.</p> <p>Should a similar survey be repeated in Canada ICF CPC will encourage a better athlete response.</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>GS</p>	<p>CAP 2007/7</p> <p>CAP 2007/8</p>
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2008 - Canada – Provisional draw, test event and technical inspection, early development of game schedule, consideration of officials

The logo for 2008 is:



Canada had been required by Frits Jager & GS to change their dates to avoid the Olympics – the confirmed dates for WCPC Canada 2008 are 21-27 July 2008.

Canada is hosting a ‘Pre-world Canoe Polo International Tournament’ 20-22nd July 2007 at the venue for the WC 2008 (They want to combine it with the ‘Continental Cup of the Americas’). The proposed accommodation at the University of Alberta will be used. It is within easy walking distance to the venue

Action:

Conduct Technical Inspection July 2007 - discuss with Canada 2008 Organising Committee issues from Netherlands 2006, the Athletes Survey, a results programme, any TV coverage proposed, the possible provision of referee shirts and to remind Mr. Darryl O’Brien that a written report has been requested by GS

The ICF CPC conducted the provisional draw for the WC 2008. Subject to full entry at the World Championships 2008 and participation in Continental Championships 2007 the following teams have qualified and are seeded/grouped below. If there is no full entry each team will move up by the number of places not filled.

The last eight places comprise the five highest placed Continental teams that have not automatically qualified and three wild cards. The placing of these 8 teams has been drawn by the ICF CPC at the meeting of May 2007. If a continent does not fill the allocated place, the place will be given back to the ICF and will become an additional Wild Card.

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Men

	A		B		C		D
1	FRA	2	ITA	3	NED	4	GER
8	POR	7	IRL	6	AUS	5	GBR
9	ESP	10	TPE	11	SUI	12	NZL
16	DEN	15	BRA	14	SWE	13	JPN
17	Oceania	18	Asia	19	America	20	Europe
24	Wildcard 2	23	Africa	22	Wildcard 3	21	Wildcard 1

Others that entered in 2006 – 17th – Iran, 18th – Belgium, 19th – South Africa, 20th – Hungary, 21st – Canada, 22nd – Singapore and 23rd – USA.

Women

	A		B		C		D
1	GER	2	NZL	3	NED	4	FRA
8	JPN	7	ITA	6	AUS	5	GBR
9	ESP	10	DEN	11	CAN	12	IRI
16	SWE	15	BEL	14	HUN	13	IRL
17	Europe	18	Oceania	19	America	20	Africa
24	Wildcard 3	23	Wildcard 1	22	Wildcard 2	21	Asia

Others that entered in 2006 – 17th – USA, 18th – South Africa, 19th – Singapore and 20th – Czech Republic.

U21 Men

	A		B		C		D
1	FRA	2	NED	3	ESP	4	GBR
8	CAN	7	TPE	6	POL	5	GER
9	ITA	10	IRL	11	America	12	Asia
16	Europe	15	Oceania	14	Africa	13	Wildcard 1

Others that entered in 2006 – 11th – Belgium, 12th – Japan, 13th – Denmark, 14th - Portugal and 15th – USA.

From the above it can be seen that 24 nations from 5 continents entered the first round of the World Championships 2008

Actions:

Arrange for WC draw to be published on ICF website.

GS

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<i>Develop existing computer competition/results programme for 2008.</i>	<i>GS/EL</i>	<i>CAP 2007/11</i>
The committee discussed their roles over the next four years as follows:		
WC Canada 2008 - Chief official – GS (JS – reserve), Technical Organiser – EL, Chief referee – DC, Assistant Chief Referee – AD and Chief Scrutineer – JS (AD – reserve). Competition Organiser Mr Darryl O’Brien – Canada.		
World Games 2009 – Chief Official – JS, Technical Organiser – EL, Chief Referee – AD and Chief Scrutineer – DC (Competition Organiser – Mr Te-Chih Liu from Chinese Taipei). GS to concentrate on promotion of Canoe Polo during the WG.		
WC Milan 2010 - Chief official – GS (EL – reserve), Technical Organiser – JS, Chief referee – DC and Chief Scrutineer – EL. Competition Organiser is AD - Italy.		
<u>Action:</u> <i>Propose relevant WC/WG officials as necessary to BoD.</i>	<i>GS</i>	<i>CAP 2007/12</i>
<i>Raise the issue of Jury members for Canada 2008 to BoD as shortly before the Olympics.</i>	<i>GS</i>	<i>CAP 2007/13</i>
GS noted that in the past too much time near a WC had been spent on the game schedule and that he had asked EL to prepare a draft already. This had progressed well.		
<u>Action:</u> <i>Complete work on WC game schedule.</i>	<i>EL</i>	<i>CAP 2007/14</i>
<i>Letter to all federations who have not automatically qualified for 2008 to gauge their interest in a wild card position.</i>	<i>GS</i>	<i>CAP 2007/15</i>
<u>2010 - Italy</u>		
AD gave an update of the 2010 championships and circulated details.		
<u>Actions:</u> <i>Check ICF calendar, liaise with Italian Federation and come forward with proposed competition dates.</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>CAP 2007/16</i>
<i>Investigate kayak hire options.</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>CAP 2007/17</i>
<i>Arrange promotion package for 2010 teams to be given at 2008.</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>CAP 2007/18</i>

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<i>Provide committee with photographs of venue.</i>	<i>AD</i>	<i>CAP 2007/19</i>
<i>Estimate projected costs for 24 World Championship referees – travel & accommodation.</i>	<i>DC</i>	<i>CAP 2007/20</i>
<u>U21 Women’s category</u>		
The present system is now due for review and must be published in time for WC Canada 2008 - the U21 Women category is only suspended by the ICF BoD.		
A lengthy discussion took place regarding this category and future WC’s in general. The main points in brief included:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ever increasing costs. Four teams plus support staff (minimum of 32 players plus kayaks – as an example, and even in the current circumstances that AUS & NZL have never sent an U21 Men’s team). • How to successfully re-introduce the U21 Women category. • The possible splitting of Senior and U21 WC’s. • The reduction in the number of referees attending. There were 53 at the WC 2006 – only 24-28 are really required and of the required standard. • The reduction of teams at the World Championship finals but based around support for each specific category. 		
<u>Actions:</u>		
<i>Make proposal to BoD regarding U21 Women’s category.</i>	<i>GS</i>	<i>CAP 2007/21</i>
<i>Update Qualification System depending on BoD decision.</i>	<i>GS</i>	<i>CAP 2007/22</i>
<u>Future World Championships</u>		
<u>Actions:</u>		
<i>Invite federations via ICF HQ to formally bid for 2012.</i>	<i>GS</i>	<i>CAP 2007/23</i>
<i>Invite ‘expressions of interest’ for 2014.</i>	<i>GS</i>	<i>CAP 2007/24</i>

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9. World Games 2009 – Chinese Taipei		
<p>ICF Technical Director Mr Csaba Szanto is appointed as the International Federation Contact person – all contact with IWGA is to go through Mr Szanto.</p> <p>JS is appointed as World Games 2009 - Information-Communication-Technology Person (ICT).</p> <p>GS advised Mr Te-Chih LIU (TCL) from Chinese Taipei had already been appointed as ICF Technical Delegate for the event. GS advised communications with Mr LIU were very easy. Mr LIU, with assistance from JS & GS, had been required to prepare a detailed list of Canoe Polo requirements to assist the IWGA in the planning and preparation for 2009. GS noted from 2005 the ICF CPC were able to provide a detailed list that was sent to IWGA by AG 20th March 2007.</p> <p>GS informed the committee that the ICF President and Secretary General (AG) had met with IWGA regarding ‘contracts’ in April 2007.</p> <p>GS noted from a draft contract seen before this meeting that the <u>IWGA will require team details/names by 1st January 2009.</u></p> <p>GS highlighted the <u>provisional programme</u> for Canoe Polo (the provisional programme had not included Dragon Boat):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th July 2009 (Wednesday) – Team arrival (GS/JS noted if as 2005 this would be for the arrival of teams from outside the host continent and that he was sure matters would become clear in due course) • 16th July (Thursday) – Team arrival (as above but for teams within host continent – Asia) • 16th July (Thursday) – World Games Opening Ceremony • 17th July (Friday) – Practice at venue • 18th July (Saturday) – Competition • 19th July (Sunday) – Competition • 20th July (Monday) – Dismantle competition • 21st July (Tuesday) – World Games party <p><u>Actions:</u> <i>Check/request ICF Secretary General to enter dates on long term ICF Calendar.</i></p> <p><i>Estimate projected costs for 12 World Games referees – travel only.</i></p> <p>GS/JS noted that if similar to 2005 while teams would be present for</p>		
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	DC	CAP 2007/26

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Electronic updates regarding rule issues and interpretation will in future be circulated direct to all referees.		
The potential reduction of referees for future WC would provide a specific area for possible sponsorship.		
<u>Actions:</u>		
<i>Examine the General Rules and Technical Rules regarding future early identification of referees to ensure the highest standard available for World Championships.</i>	GS	CAP 2007/31
<i>Establish if there is a real possibility to reduce the number of referees required for WC 2008.</i>	GS	CAP 2007/32
<i>Updated Referee list onto ICF website (present format).</i>	GS	CAP 2007/33
<i>Ditto when in new format – check with ICF regarding reference number.</i>	GS/EL	CAP 2007/34
<i>Updated Assessor list onto ICF website (present format).</i>	GS	CAP 2007/35
<i>Ditto when in new format.</i>	GS/EL	CAP 2007/36
<i>Liaise regarding different levels of assessors in the future and make a proposal to the committee.</i>	DC/AD	CAP 2007/37
<i>Updated Officials list onto ICF website (present format).</i>	GS	CAP 2007/38
<i>Ditto when in new format.</i>	GS/EL	CAP 2007/39
<i>Finalise new referee exam.</i>	DC/GS	CAP 2007/40
<i>Update referee assessment form.</i>	DC	CAP 2007/41
<i>Distribute referee cards after new format lists published.</i>	DC	CAP 2007/42
<i>When full data obtained from Ms Vekins and updated, provide electronic updates to all referees regarding rule interpretation.</i>	DC	CAP 2007/43
<i>Develop training/guidance programme for referees.</i>	DC	CAP 2007/44

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11. Canoe Polo Rules		
<p>Preparation Documents for the next BoD meeting are to be ready for the - 12 September 2007</p> <p>The deadline for the NF's regarding Competition Rules and Statutes Motions is 1st January 2008</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding several rule changes – specifically the points system for games and ‘golden goal’/penalties.</p> <p>The committee raised the issue of written ‘English’ within the rules with UF and were concerned that numerous changes may again be put before the BoD. UF advised that if it was changing to correct technical English it was not an issue. He advised to keep these changes separate to the ‘real changes’ so the BoD could consider them properly.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> <i>Prepare draft rule changes and circulate within committee for agreement /amendment. This exercise to be completed end of August 2007.</i></p> <p><i>Confirm with AG date that proposals required to be at ICF HQ.</i></p> <p><i>Pass proposed Technical Rules changes to AG at ICF HQ.</i></p>	<p>DC</p> <p>GS</p> <p>GS</p>	<p>CAP 2007/45</p> <p>CAP 2007/46</p> <p>CAP 2007/47</p>
12. Competition calendar		
<p>The rules state ‘all competitions announced as international shall be held in accordance with the regulations of the ICF. Competitions arranged by national federations or their clubs are considered international if teams of a foreign country are invited to participate’. They continue ‘before the 1st August of each year all national federations shall send, one copy to the ICF Headquarters, and one to the Chair of the Committee concerned, their proposed programme of international competitions for the coming year’ and ‘federations may complete or modify the calendar till 30th September. Beyond this date the calendar shall be considered finalised and published’.</p> <p>From the ICF website and the number of competitions known to already be taking place it is clear the Canoe Polo calendar can be improved.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> <i>Letter to NF's inviting proposed international competitions dates for 2008.</i></p>	<p>GS</p>	<p>CAP 2007/48</p>

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<p><i>Co-ordinate the responses and prepare a calendar on behalf of the committee and communicate to ICF HQ.</i></p> <p><i>Reply to Spain's request for approval of a competition the week after the European Championships and the week before the European Club Championships – to be refused.</i></p>	<p>JS</p> <p>GS</p>	<p>CAP 2007/49</p> <p>CAP 2007/50</p>
<p>13. Coaching</p>		
<p>GS advised South Africa and Puerto Rico had requested Coaching Courses. Denmark had also been offered a course.</p> <p>BoD member Mr. Victor Ruiz had advised GS that he hoped to have Canoe Polo as an exhibition sport for the 2010 Games to be held in Puerto Rico.</p> <p>GS noted Mr Rob Aitken from NED had offered to assist with courses in Eastern Europe and that he spoke Russian. GS advised Mr Aitken will be coaching the Russian National Canoe Polo Team.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> <i>Continue liaison with Kevin Meier - South African Canoe Polo Chairman regarding a Coaching Course.</i></p> <p><i>Further communication with Victor Ruiz regarding a Coaching Course.</i></p> <p><i>Establish if Denmark do require a Coaching Course.</i></p> <p><i>Establish a group of coaches capable of delivering appropriate Coaching Courses on behalf of the committee.</i></p> <p><i>Develop coaching course material that can be used by any of the above 'group' to ensure the correct content is delivered.</i></p>	<p>GS</p> <p>GS</p> <p>EL</p> <p>AD</p> <p>AD/DC</p>	<p>CAP 2007/51</p> <p>CAP 2007/52</p> <p>CAP 2007/53</p> <p>CAP 2007/54</p> <p>CAP 2007/55</p>
<p>14. Future development of Canoe Polo</p>		
<p>Matters relating to the continued development of World Championships and U21 Women category were partially discussed under item 8.</p> <p>AD highlighted the ICF 'book budget'. DC and GS had already been discussing a book published in Australia by Mr Ian Beasley. This was shown to UF and the committee stated it felt this should be the recommended book for Canoe Polo as there was none at present. UF asked GS to write to the Executive regarding this matter to assist developing countries and to use at coaching courses. UF was provided with a copy of the book.</p>		

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UF informed the committee that he had seen lots of changes in focus around the world by federations from just Olympic performance based to more participation based 'health / activity for all'. He added there was now more focus on non Olympic disciplines especially Canoe Polo in order to develop a greater participation base and from this base to identify talent for the Olympic disciplines.

From his travels UF specifically identified opportunities for development of Canoe Polo in Lithuania, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. He talked about more opportunity even in China after the Olympics and talked about countries such as Mexico, Venezuela, other former eastern European states and Africa. UF noted the ICF is spending money in Oceania to develop the region.

The accessibility of funding for development of new countries was raised. UF stated the committee should make a proposal and long term plan as a 'special project'.

UF stated the ICF wants World Championships to be developed further with TV contracts and a greater profile but he felt the WC are too long and presently there is too much variation in the standard of games. The committee raised the issue that many countries still view attendance at the WC as their goal and not just the continental championships. It was partially agreed and the committee were already addressing better programming. The improved publicity of the critical games was highlighted by UF.

The issue of TV coverage for 2008, 2009 and 2010 will be raised with Canada, Chinese Taipei and Italy respectively.

Added to the continued raising of the standard of competition UF highlighted the importance of suitably qualified and experienced officials to ensure good decisions.

GS explained ideas for the funding of referee positions via team fees. UF asked for a plan and costs for presentation to the BoD.

Questions were then asked by GS:

He stated he had written to AG regarding misprints in kayak specifications contrary to BoD decisions. UF agreed the suggestion to resolve the situation by GS.

From the World Games experience and comments made by GS the idea of combining sports - rowing and polo, sprint and polo etc was good and

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should be pursued.		
The committee will make long term plans - 2 years, 5-6 years, and 10-12 years and link the ideas to the WC.		
<u>Actions:</u>		
<i>Letter to UF and Executive regard Canoe Polo book.</i>	GS	CAP 2007/56
<i>Make enquiries with Mr Ian Beasley regarding a special ICF cover and the use of history and results.</i>	DC	CAP 2007/57
<i>Proposal to Executive regarding entry fee for WC to cover costs of referees' attendance.</i>	GS	CAP 2007/58
<i>Future World Championship Development long term plan.</i>	GS/EL	CAP 2007/59
<i>Submit to Executive/BoD a 'Special projects' proposal regarding future development of Canoe Polo.</i>	GS	CAP 2007/60
<i>Prepare a 'new country' development plan to assist both the committee and UF in his travels/negotiations.</i>	EL	CAP 2007/61
<i>Obtain if possible detail of the schools programme from NZL to assist with 'new country' plan and forward to EL.</i>	DC	CAP 2007/62
<i>Ditto FRA and forward to EL.</i>	GS	CAP 2007/63
<i>Ditto GER and forward to EL.</i>	JS	CAP 2007/64
<i>Forward letter written to Mr. Anthony Chan to UF regarding the Asian Games.</i>	GS	CAP 2007/65
<i>Enquire with Competition Organiser any arrangements for television coverage of WC 2008.</i>	EL	CAP 2007/66
<i>Enquire with Technical Delegate regarding television for World Games 2009.</i>	GS	CAP 2007/67
<i>Explore television possibilities for WC 2010.</i>	AD	CAP 2007/68

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15. Miscellaneous		
<p>Albert Woods was re-elected as President at the recent ECA Congress in Cyprus.</p> <p>Anti-Doping - The committee discussed the new WADA rules and expressed disappointment that for Canoe Polo if one person tests positive the team result remains. The team can be targeted and if more than one person is positive the team may then be subject of disqualification or disciplinary action. This rule does not deter 'cheats' and drugs from entering the discipline of Canoe Polo which to date has thankfully been 'drug free'. This matter was discussed with UF and explanation was given regarding legislation and Human Rights.</p> <p>The current situation which appears unlikely to change leaves the discipline of Canoe Polo vulnerable to 'cheats' without team consequences.</p> <p>General - AD conducted a verbal referee exam for a German non-English speaking referee who passed both the exam and practical assessment. He also conducted a practical assessment on a Belgian referee who also passed.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> <i>Finalise World Championship manual by Xmas 2007 for use by bidding nations as reference document (ongoing but not completed for numerous years).</i></p> <p><i>Prepare and submit to ICF HQ list of nations playing Canoe Polo for inclusion on website.</i></p> <p><i>Enquire with AG what has happened to Official Cards for those that passed at WC 2006.</i></p> <p><i>Reply to enquiry by organiser of Ieper International regarding Women entering Men's categories.</i></p> <p><i>Commence work on 'Vision statement' and 'long term plans' for next committee meeting.</i></p> <p>GS thanked JS for the organisation of the meeting venue and accommodation.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>GS</p> <p>GS</p> <p>GS</p> <p>GS/JS/ EL</p>	<p>CAP 2007/69</p> <p>CAP 2007/70</p> <p>CAP 2007/71</p> <p>CAP 2007/72</p> <p>CAP 2007/73</p>
16. Next meeting		
20 & 21 st July 2008 - Edmonton, Canada.		

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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS (Taken from above)

<i>Person in charge</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Action reference no.</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Establish/confirm Canoe Polo delegate from each Continental Federation.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/1</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Letter to Continental Federations regarding qualification results.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/2</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Letter to federations to introduce committee and their responsibilities – to include pictures.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/3</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Investigate the possibility of EL and GS attending the Asian championships instead of the European Championships.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/4</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Respond to invite to be Chief Official at European Championships by 5th July 2007</i>	<i>CAP 2007/5</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Write to all NF's that participated in WC 2006 to clarify that all doping control results were negative - to stop false rumours.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/8</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Arrange for WC draw to be published on ICF website.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/10</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Develop existing computer competition/results programme for 2008.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/11</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Propose relevant WC/WG officials as necessary to BoD.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/12</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Raise the issue of Jury members for Canada 2008 to BoD as shortly before the Olympics.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/13</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Letter to all federations who have not automatically qualified for 2008 to gauge their interest in a wild card position.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/15</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Make proposal to BoD regarding U21 Women's category.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/21</i>	

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<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Update Qualification System depending on BoD decision.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/22</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Invite federations via ICF HQ to formally bid for 2012.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/23</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Invite 'expressions of interest' for 2014.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/24</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Check/request ICF Secretary General to enter dates on long term ICF Calendar.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/25</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Arrange meeting with Mr Liu during WC 2008 to ensure Technical Delegate is fully supported by committee.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/27</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Reply to ICF HQ regarding diagrams and photographs of site.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/28</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Enquire with AG and Frits Jager (2005) regarding specific budget for 2009.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/29</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Obtain all referee and official data from Ms Carmel Vekins as the committee are working with very little information.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/30</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Examine the General Rules and Technical Rules regarding future early identification of referees to ensure the highest standard available for World Championships.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/31</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Establish if there is a real possibility to reduce the number of referees required for WC 2008.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/32</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Updated Referee list onto ICF website (present format).</i>	<i>CAP 2007/33</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Ditto when in new format – check with ICF regarding reference number</i>	<i>CAP 2007/34</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Updated Assessor list onto ICF website (present format)</i>	<i>CAP 2007/35</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Ditto when in new format.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/36</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Updated Officials list onto ICF website (present format).</i>	<i>CAP 2007/38</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Ditto when in new format.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/39</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Finalise new referee exam.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/40</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Confirm with AG date that proposals required to be at ICF HQ.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/46</i>	

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<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Pass proposed Technical Rules changes to AG at ICF HQ.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/47</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Letter to NF's inviting proposed international competitions dates for 2008.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/48</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Reply to Spain's request for approval of a competition the week after the European Championships and the week before the European Club Championships – to be refused.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/50</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Continue liaison with Kevin Meier - South African Canoe Polo Chairman regarding a Coaching Course.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/51</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Further communication with Victor Ruiz regarding a Coaching Course.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/52</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Letter to UF and Executive regard Canoe Polo book.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/56</i>	
<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Proposal to Executive regarding entry fee for WC to cover costs of referees' attendance.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/58</i>	
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<i>Greg Smale</i>	<i>Commence work on 'Vision statement' and 'long term plans' for next committee meeting.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/73</i>	

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<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>Send results to GS</i>	<i>CAP 2007/6</i>	
<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>Estimate projected costs for 24 World Championship referees – travel & accommodation.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/20</i>	
<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>Estimate projected costs for 12 World Games referees – travel only.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/26</i>	
<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>Liaise regarding different levels of assessors in the future and make a proposal to the committee.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/37</i>	
<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>Finalise new referee exam.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/40</i>	
<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>Update referee assessment form.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/41</i>	
<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>Distribute referee cards after new format lists published.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/42</i>	
<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>When full data obtained from Ms Vekins and updated, provide electronic updates to all referees regarding rule interpretation.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/43</i>	
<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>Develop training/guidance programme for referees.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/44</i>	
<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>Prepare draft rule changes and circulate within committee for agreement /amendment. This exercise to be completed end of August 2007.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/45</i>	
<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>Develop coaching course material that can be used by any of the above ‘group’ to ensure the correct content is delivered.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/55</i>	
<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>Make enquiries with Mr Ian Beasley regarding a special ICF cover and the use of history and results.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/57</i>	
<i>Duncan Cochrane</i>	<i>Obtain if possible detail of the schools programme from NZL to assist with ‘new country’ plan and forward to EL.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/62</i>	
<i>Andrea Donzelli</i>	<i>For 2010 develop an electronic version of game score sheet for direct entry of goals, cards using Wi-Fi to reduce manual entry after game.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/7</i>	
<i>Andrea Donzelli</i>	<i>Check ICF calendar, liaise with Italian Federation and come forward with proposed competition dates.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/16</i>	
<i>Andrea Donzelli</i>	<i>Investigate kayak hire options.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/17</i>	

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<i>Andrea Donzelli</i>	<i>Arrange promotion package for 2010 teams to be given at 2008.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/18</i>	
<i>Andrea Donzelli</i>	<i>Provide committee with photographs of venue.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/19</i>	
<i>Andrea Donzelli</i>	<i>Liaise regarding different levels of assessors in the future and make a proposal to the committee.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/37</i>	
<i>Andrea Donzelli</i>	<i>Establish a group of coaches capable of delivering appropriate Coaching Courses on behalf of the committee.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/54</i>	
<i>Andrea Donzelli</i>	<i>Develop coaching course material that can be used by any of the above 'group' to ensure the correct content is delivered.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/55</i>	
<i>Andrea Donzelli</i>	<i>Explore television possibilities for WC 2010.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/68</i>	
<i>Eva Lindmark</i>	<i>Conduct Technical Inspection July 2007 - discuss with Canada 2008 Organising Committee issues from Netherlands 2006, the Athletes Survey, a results programme, any TV coverage proposed, the possible provision of referee shirts and to remind Mr. Darryl O'Brien that a written report has been requested by GS</i>	<i>CAP 2007/9</i>	
<i>Eva Lindmark</i>	<i>Develop existing computer competition/results programme for 2008.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/11</i>	
<i>Eva Lindmark</i>	<i>Complete work on WC game schedule.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/14</i>	
<i>Eva Lindmark</i>	<i>Ditto when in new format – check with ICF regarding reference number</i>	<i>CAP 2007/34</i>	
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<i>Eva Lindmark</i>	<i>Future World Championship Development long term plan.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/59</i>	
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<i>Eva Lindmark</i>	<i>Commence work on 'Vision statement' and 'long term plans' for next committee meeting.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/73</i>	
<i>Joachim Schwarzrock</i>	<i>Co-ordinate the responses and prepare a calendar on behalf of the committee and communicate to ICF HQ.</i>	<i>CAP 2007/49</i>	
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