



Minutes / Canoe Polo Committee meeting  
 Hong Kong and Macau  
 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2002

Present:	Frits JAGER	Chairman	(NED)
	Jon BISSET	Member	(AUS)
	Dominique LE BELLOUR	Member	(FRA)
	Hiroshi ISHII	Member	(JAP)
	Carmel VEKINS	Member	(IRL)

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## **1. Opening**

The meeting was opened with the good news that all members are present. The athletes committee Mr. Duncan Cochrane visited the meeting to inform on points of view of the athletes.

## **2. Announcements**

The 1st Asia Cup Canoe Polo Championships and the 1st International Referee Course, conducted by Tom Colton and Carmel, where a real success. We agreed that a review will be published on the ICF Web-site and in Canoeing Express.

## **3. Fixing Agenda**

The proposed agenda was amended with point 9a: World Masters Games.

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

### **4.1 Essen, 1-4 June 2001**

The minutes were finalized without changes. Carmel was thanked for her work towards the minutes. Action list:

- Jon and Frits: Set up a date to visit Japan in preparation of the World Canoe Polo Championships 2002;
- Frits: set up a meeting at the World Championships 2002 in Germany with the NF chairman canoe polo;
- Dominique: To organise a coaching course in Malaysia, 16 February 2003 for 3 days, topics will be Tactics and Strategy in canoe polo.

## **5. Discussion with ICF Athletes Committee representative**

Frits introduced Duncan and queried on the subjects each of the committees both have the responsibilities for the athletes. The CPC specially for the canoe polo sport. The athletes committee is still struggling with the way it has to go. The internal communication including the communication with the rest of the Board of Directors is not functioning. The meeting discussed about the possibilities for the athletes committee and agreed that we will combine forces.

New format for World Championships.

Duncan stated that the proposed new format gives less teams to enter the second and third round. The combination with the U-21 categories must not limit the number of senior teams. Teams want to play at least more than 6 games a team. Split senior and U-21 and let the U-21 be part of a championship in Europe.

Rule Change.

Surprisingly there was a lot of questioning why the corner signal was deleted. Many referees want to bring it back again.

On the problem of stalling time at a game, and maybe disadvantage other teams, there are proposals to come to a result on all games from the second round on. This is to be implemented on World and therefore automatically Continental Championships.

Athletes find it also a disadvantage if teams do not show up at championships. A proposal is launched so that teams pay a bond to enter the Worlds.

Hull colour needs to be clarified, there is now a possibility of having more colours if there are clear hulls.

World Championships.

The CPC introduced a draw out of the hat to come into the intermediate round. Reason for this is that teams can not calculate which teams they will play at the next round. The Athletes committee believes that the draw out of the hat for the intermediate round is not the correct solution.

Referees at World Championships should be given an allowance to bring in the best possible.

## 6. World Championships

### 6.1 Future format

During the last period, the CPC exchanged information on how the members see the future of the World Championships. In this discussion also the ideas of canoe polo players and the athletes committee were taken in consideration.

The CPC recognized that there is a need to come to a new format so that teams can perform their best at World Championships. Also the organisation of the Worlds is a main point to be taken.

At the meeting a proposal to split the World Championships for seniors and U-21 categories came forward. This was not accepted. The CPC majority believes that the U-21 categories will not continue due to finding problems at the federations. On a term of 10 year this problem will, to our opinion not be solved.

For that long term we decided to keep the 4 categories together and, for the length of the championships, go outdoor. Venues with more than 2 playing areas will be no problem. In that way more venues will be available for organisers of the World Championships.

The length of the championships is a maximum of 7 days. The ICF board wants to decrease this number and prefers a 4 days event. With a maximum of 20 senior teams and 8 under-21 teams and 4 playing areas this 4 days is in reach.

To maximize a new idea has been worked out. Regional first round, which can be held at the continental championships. Intermediate and final rounds at one venue one year later with the maximum of teams.

**CP02/01 FJ compiles a set of new rules to organise the World Championships in the new format. Bring the rule proposals to the board of directors.**

*(Worked out in the letter of 16 February 2002 regarding the World Canoe Polo Championships:FFJ)*

### 6.2 Acting referees

With the sport growing and becoming more professional, the standard of referees must be guaranteed. To have the best referees at the championships the National Federations participating must help the organisation. The format the CPC has in mind will be used from 2004 on.

The structure will be:

- Federations must provide non playing ICF qualified referees of A and B level. The referee has not necessary to be from the providing national federation, but need the permission of the national federation the referee concerned;
- Federations participating with 1 team must provide 1 referee;
- Federations participating with 2 or more teams must provide 2 referees;
- Teams participating for the first time are exempted from providing referees;
- All ICF qualified referees of A and B level who are not brought forward by their federation may additionally be nominated by their national federation.

**CP02/02 CPC Make new rules for teams, so that a team have to enter together with one or two non playing referees.**

### 6.3 2002 Essen / GERMANY

The ICF will invite the chairman or their nominees of the national federations to have a meeting during the World Championships. Asking for agenda items previously. Try to organise on the second day in the evening and last for two hours followed up by a function.

Referees examination one day before the competition start. Officials examinations on the Thursday during the competition.

Competition system; has been done last meeting. We will officiate by sending a letter. The system will be extended with 8 to 15 teams and 26 to 32 teams.

The seeding was decided and must go in the up-dated manual (Out of the 99-02 meeting: "The committee decided the number of groups for 10 till 30 teams per league. The number of seeded teams will be 2 times the number of groups. The remaining federations will be drawn, taking in consideration the number of teams of the same continent at a group. At every individual World Championship, after the closing of the entering, the seeding and draw will be based on the teams participating.")  
in stead of having a draw for the second round we will put this in the schedule in the following way:

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4 groups, 8 seeded. Top 2 go over into two groups. X and Y: group X is A1; D1; B2; C2 and group Y is B1; C1; A2; D2.

8 groups, 16 seeded. Top 2 go over into 4 groups. W, X, Y, Z: group W is A1; H1; D2 and E2; group X is B1; G1; C2 and F2; group Y is C1; F1; B2 and G2; group Z is D1; E1; A2 and H2; 2nd intermediate round top 2 go over into two groups. M and N: group M is W1; Z1; X2; Y2 and group N is X1; Y1; W2 and Z2.

If groups will be filled by different numbers; i.e. 3 and 4; the numbers 3 will be drawn out of the rest of the teams; than blanks will be put in and the draw will continue with the fours. The result will be that not automatically one of the groups is filled with 4 and others with 3 teams.

**Seeding for the 2002 World Canoe Polo Championships in Essen**

Number	Senior Men	Senior Women	U-21 Men	U-21 Women
1	GBR	GER	FRA	GER
2	NED	GBR	GER	FRA
3	GER	FRA	NED	
4	ITA	JPN	GBR	
5	AUS	AUS		
6	FRA	IRL		
7	RSA	NZL		
8	ESP	CAN		
9	BRA	RSA		
10	SWI	BRA		
11	TPE			
12	BEL			
13	JPN			
14	HKG			
15	USA			
16	CAN			

We expect to have 23 Senior Men, 15 Senior Women, 10 U-21 Men, 6 U-21 Women.

Because the 2nd pool is not of the correct width it is probably 22 meters, with the sideline in on 50 centimetres, we expect 21 meter playing area. That will do. We decided all ready to let the U-21 and lower level senior teams to compete at that pool.

Due to late withdraw of teams at previous championships, Frits will discuss with the ICF board if a bond could be asked. This will come to the ICF if teams don't show up. The money could be used to provide referees.

Start an inventory to find out how many incidents on athletes happen. The team leaders will be asked to fill in the information. Carmel made a draft and will set it out together with an inviting letter.

**CP02/03 FJ Invitation to national federations and on the internet. Ask the co-operation from the German organisation two put in the program.**

**CP02/04 FJ To sent Competition System to the organisers.**

**CP02/05 JB To inform the results of the American Championships for the seeding.**

**CP02/06 FJ To ask the German organisers for copies of the information to be sent, before it is send. A copy of the entry forms.**

**CP02/07 FJ Invite the fed's to nominate the senior officials. Invite the fed's to nominate Refs.**

#### **6.4 2004 Miyoshi/JAPAN**

JB and FJ need to go in 2002 or 2003.

#### **6.5 2006 Amsterdam/THE NETHERLANDS**

The ICF wants to be Updated in this year on the venue's to use.

Due to the progress the sport makes, the CPC want to use ICF qualified referees only. Then there will be no need to endorse people to be referee for the tournament. There will come also an end to the practical examinations for referees.

#### **6.6 2008**

The board will decide early 2003 on the nominations. Both Canada and Poland propose to organise the World Championships.

## **7. World Championships Manual**

The Manual needs to be up-dated. Parts of the material that must come in are all ready in the minutes of earlier meetings. Due to the decision of going outdoors, there is need for a section on preparation and description of the needed venue(s). Furthermore, the manual can be updated with the schedule game system and seeding system.

**CP02/08 JB To make a proposal for the up-dated manual.**

## **8. Continental Championships**

### **8.1 Europe**

The next European Championships 2003, will be from 12 till 17 August in Kilcock, Ireland. The Championships of 2005 will be organized in Nurcia, Spain.

Carmel is appointed technical delegate of the ECA.

### **8.2 Asia**

The Asia Cup will take place in 2004 in Malaysia.

## **9. World Games**

The ICF has become a member of the World Games association. At the games of 2005 canoe polo is on the program. 6 men teams and 6 women teams will enter the competition.

The committee discussed about the place of the games towards the World Championships. We come to the decision that World Games is 2<sup>nd</sup> after the World Championships.

On the discussion how to seed the 6 teams per category, we come forward with three models. These are discussed, but no decision was made at this time.

Possible models we came up with:

- Numbers 1 to 3 from World Championships, the hosting federation if it is in the top 12, the 2 best from 2 other continents. If all continents are represented, go back to result WC.
- Numbers 1 to 3 from World Championships, then from different continents, then back to result WC.
- First 6 of previous World Championships.

We will inform at the WG association how other federations seed.

## **10. World Master Games**

The coming games are organised in Australia. The age groups have been altered so they are equal for all sports. They will be 30 and up; 40 and up; etc.

Till now 25.000 athletes for all sport disciplines have been counted. On canoe polo players from USA/AUS/NZL/GBR/MAL/GER/SWI/BRA/CAN/HKG have showed interest to participate.

## **11. International Referees**

The course held in Hong Kong proved to be successful and therefore worthwhile. Out of 16 candidates, of several federations, 4 passed and are ICF qualified.

The CPC thanked Tom Colton and Carmel Vekins for their fine work.

Tom suggested to renew the practical part of the course and make this more interesting for all candidates together.

At this moment in time 51 persons are ICF qualified referees. The CPC will make a proposal to grade the referees in A/B/C level. Invitations for referees need to go through the national federation involved.

**CP 02/09 CV will make a proposal on grading referees.**

## **12. International Officials**

The number of officials is rising. At this venue 14 candidates participated the examination and 10 past. To up-date the examinations, the CPC members are asked to come forward with new questions and or items to question about.

**CP02/10 CPC Send new examination questions and/or items to CV.**

## **13. Referee advisory panel**

The panel has 5 members, Duncan Cochrane, Tom Colton, Paul Hammond, Ralf Budde. John Stevens resigned. Carmel is the convenor of the RAP. She will advice the CPC a new member of the RAP.

## **14. International Coaching Course**

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of 2003 in Malaysia Dominique will assist in organising a coaching course. This will be a three days event on tactics and strategy.

## **15. Canoe Polo Website**

The site need a quick up-date. All members are invited to sent Jon good information to put on the web.

## **16. Canoe Polo Rules**

The canoe polo rules need some changes. Typing errors need to be corrected and some parts of the obstructions will be reworded to make them easier to understand.

The CPC and RAP work on a proposal. This needs to be in before the 1<sup>st</sup> of March so they can be changed by the board and come into action on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2003.

**CP 02/11 FJ To prepare the rule change for the board.**

## **17. Next Meeting**

### **17.1 September 2002**

The coming meeting will be held during the World Championships in Essen, Germany.

A following meeting is to be held 14, 15 and 16 March 2003 in Madrid, Spain at the ICF Headquarters.

## **18. Closing**

After this long meeting in Hong Kong and Macau the members where thanked for attending and be wished a pleasant journey home.

Obdam, June 17th 2002

Frits Jager

## **19. ACTIONLIST**

### **19.1 All members**

- CP02/10 Send new examination questions and/or items to CV.

### **19.2 Frits Jager**

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- Establish the coaching course in Malaysia, to be held in 2003.

### **19.5 Carmel Vekins**

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