



Minutes / Canoe Polo Committee meeting
Amsterdam and Duisburg
10th till 13th of February, 2005

Present:	Frits JAGER	Chairman	(NED)
	Jon BISSET	Member	(AUS)
	Dominique LE BELLOUR	Member	(FRA)
	Greg SMALE	Member	(GBR)
	Carmel VEKINS	Member	(IRL)

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5. World Games progress report (xls)

1. Opening

The meeting was opened with the good news that all members are present.

2. Announcements

The World Games in Duisburg visit will be on Saturday where we meet the organisers and the IWGA president.

The World Championships 2006 visit in Amsterdam will be on the Friday in the morning, in the evening the organisers will do a presentation on their progress.

Greg will start coaching for a national team, he is indicating there is a double function as member of the ICF CPC and coach. The CPC sees no problem in this so called double function.

3. Fixing Agenda

The proposed agenda was agreed.

4. Minutes of the last meetings

The minutes are approved, Jon is thanked for his work as secretary.

5. World Championships

5.1 2004

In the evaluation it seems that 4 playing areas in 4 days is too short. Preferable 5 days especially to have time for incidents. Late entries are a concern for the organisation. For future this won't be the case due to the fact that teams will be invited after qualification. Goals had no similarity over the pitches and warm-up area. On the warm-up the goals need to be adjustable. Local circumstances interfered like the sun and high temperature, lack of (cold) water nearby and too much personal working on the Championships.

Especially in Japan we found not enough independent (not being team member) referees. This issue has been raised earlier. At the World Games we invite referees. Is this the way forward for the Worlds as well?

It was noted that some nations were not complying with rule Chapter 4 2.6 and 2.7, being to supply one or two non-playing ICF qualified referees. It was agreed that the Committee needs to find an appropriate sanction for teams that don't comply and would discuss this at the next meeting.

This rule must be upheld by the ICF. It means that we do not allow teams to compete unless a referee is actually present.

In the **invitation for 2006** we will phrase: "We need referees at the World Championships from different federations. We urge you to work with us to provide ICF qualified referees, preferable from your own country. If you are not able to provide an ICF qualified referee, you are welcome to propose a referee with details of their experience. The ICF will consider this nomination and may accept or refuse. If your federation does not provide a referee, or details on the proposed referee, and your proposed referee is turned down, your team will not be allowed to compete at the World Championships."

5.2 2006

For Amsterdam the field equipment including warm-up areas must be similar and correct. Electric scoreboard and correct fog horn. Ball release system must be used. Personnel must be trained for the job to do. The accreditation must be done with a good software system (IDnow). The computer program to be used for the competition is available. The organisers need to integrate the registration in person of goals scored and informing the high scores per team and person. This is also valid for the sanctions (yellow and red).

ICF will inform the organisers the names of teams to invite and the schedule for the championships. This includes schedules of accreditation, scrutineering, training (Chief scrutineer) and competition (Technical organiser).

The invitation will go to 24 Men, 24 Women and 16 U21 Men teams. The committee in their meeting:

1. Defined the rules for qualification (Qualification system for the 2006 Canoe Polo World Championships.doc)
2. Did the placing and draw (ICF 2006 Qualification Men.doc; Women.doc; U21 Men.doc)
3. Greg will sent a letter to Europe and 4 nations for the Under21 Men
4. Greg will identify the continental championships 2005 and invite continental federations to sent the result to Greg
5. After a fortnight Jon will sent out the rules, the draw and a news item for the ICF Website. After placing he will also inform at Canoepolo.com.

The program for a full competition indicates 266 games. Played on 4 pitches on the first and second day there is need of 13 hours playing time. The third day 10 hours and the final day 8 hours on 3 playing areas.

5.3 2006

For Edmonton, Greg will inform the Canadian Federation and the organisers the classing of the proposed dates with the Olympic Games. The ICF would like to be informed the new dates before February 15th 2005.

We will also ask the organisers to inform how they propose to use the indoor swimming pool during the championships.

6. *World Championships Manual*

Jon presented the new draft version of the manual. We agreed to get a copy each, work on the various items and email before the 1st of October 2005 back to Jon. At the next meeting Jon will present the final version of the 2006 manual.

7. *Canoe Polo Rules*

Proposal on equipment by Greg Smale. The appendix scrutineering is adjusted to simplify. It is recognized by the committee that Greg has done a tremendous job in working his way through the appendix.

Jon Bisset proposed rule changes on 2 reasons. First to delete rules and make the rules easier accessible and secondly to redo some wording.

According to the statutes, article 21.3: The Board of Directors may amend the Bye-Laws of the Statutes and the Technical Competition Rules every two years during their first meeting in the year of the Congress. The new rules will be valid from 1 January 2007.

8. *European Paddle Pass*

Dominique gave a presentation to the committee. We are charmed to the development of canoe polo levels. The ICF BOD will be asked to agree that the ICF participates in the EPP on canoe polo. The ICF will get in to contact with the EPP developers to make it possible for the ICF to conduct courses in which the EPP is shown and used. Also to award the EPP to those who, based on the course, qualify to the EPP various standard.

9. *Continental Championships*

2005 Africa

No competition; for 2006 the results 2004 counts. In 2004 no African team took part. The CPC decides that South-Africa is regarded to be the African champion. If other federations want to take part in 2006, they have to challenge South-Africa.

Jon will write a letter on this issue to the African Continental Confederation, Tim Cornish.

2005 America

In this moment in time it is not known if and where competition takes place.

Greg will sent a letter to the American Continental Association, Charles Yatman.

2005 Asia

In this moment in time it is not known if and where competition takes place.
Greg will sent a letter to the Asian Continental Confederation, Wu Wen-Ta.

2005 Europe, Madrid SPAIN

The Championships will take place on 6-11 September in Madrid, Parque Deportivo, Puerta de Hierro.
Greg will sent a letter to the European Canoe Association, Albert Woods.

2005 Oceania

The Championships will take place on 1-3 October Christchurch, New Zealand. The Championships will be held during an open competition.
Greg will sent a letter to the representative for Oceania, Helen Brownlee.

10. Referees

A total of 64 referees have an ICF qualification. In the A category 14, B 17 and C 34. At the meeting we came to the conclusion that the examination procedure will be reviewed by Carmel. She will issue the new rules. The referee courses for 2005 are planned to be in Sweden, Iran and Taiwan.

11. Officials

The list comprises to 41 persons, 21 of them coming from Asia. At the meeting we came to the conclusion that all the officials need official cards. That means that we want the goal-line judges, the time- and scorekeepers to be ICF officials. The examination will be reviewed by Carmel. She will issue the new rules.

12. Assessors

Referee Assessors has be reviewed and a new list with 19 is established.
For 2005 Carmel will publish a list on the website indicating at which competitions the assessors will be.

13. Coaches

Greg wrote Taiwan to inquire the needs of a coaching course. We propose to make a combination with a committee meeting and a referees course. Course from 14-17 November and meeting on 18 till 20 November (flying back on 20 from the afternoon). Greg will try to establish this event.

At the congress Puerto Rico asked the ICF to support a coaching course on canoe polo to develop the federation. Frits answered that the ICF will get into contact to query their needs and made clear that with the limited means it is necessary to combine this with other federations. Dominique will get into contact with Victor Ruiz. If a course will be established it will be held in 2006.

14. Canoe Polo Website

Regular up-dates for www.canoeicf.com
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News	Competitions	Rules	Structure	History
Photo gallery	Calendar 2005	Canoe polo rules (per chapter)	Committee	Results (2004,2003,2002 etc.)
Video gallery	Calendar 2006-2010	Worlds Qualification system	Referees	Statistics
	World Games 2005	Worlds Manual	Officials	
	World Championships 2006		Coaching	

15. Development U21 Women

At the meeting it was recognized that we should support the continental associations and encourage all the international competitions and championships the participation of this category. Carmel will come forward with proposals on supporting the U21 category. With the ICF president there has been a long discussion on development. It should be taken in consideration that with exception of the European and countries as USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, canoeing is not in the history of nations. That gives another dimension to development of canoeing. The fact that the ICF has recently grown from about 80 to 140 countries proves that there will be now historical blue print available for the new federations.

16. Various.

Anti-doping rules for team sports in the WADA rules are not easy to use for the World Championships in canoe polo. If a test is positive, a second test must be done in the competition. While we only test at the last day, such a second test can not be done. That means that even when we test positive, the outcome of the competition will not be affected.

17. Next Meetings

18-20 November 2005 in Taiwan.
May 2006 in Essen, Germany.

18. Closing

The meeting was closed on the Sunday at 16:30.

Kind regards,
Frits.