



François RYFFEL
Chairman
Dragon Boat Committee

Minutes of Meeting Dragon Boat Committee

Place: Szeged / HUNGARY

Date: 25 August 2010

Attendees: Mr. François RYFFEL, Mr. Wolfgang BEHN, Ms Colleen BARNES, Dr. LUK Wai-hung, Dr. Howard CHEN

Apologies: Mr. Aki CHEN, Mr. Oleksandr BAKANYCHEV

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Status</i> I=Information, D=Decision, A=Action, T=Task	<i>Who is in charge</i>	<i>Date</i>
<p><u>Welcome and new participants:</u></p> <p>1. François welcomed all present and expressed that Mr. Wolfgang BEHN (Advisor) would be invited for ICFDBC meetings in future. Dr. LUK Wai-hung would replace Ms Colleen BARNES upon her resignation.</p>	I	ALL	
<p><u>Acceptance and/or additional remarks for the minutes of the last meeting:</u></p> <p>2. The agenda was accepted and no additional remarks for the last meeting in Kaohsiung/CHINESE TAIPEI on 15.7.2009.</p>	D	ALL	
<p><u>General News / Information:</u></p> <p>1. ICF World Dragon Boat Championships in Szeged/HUNGARY The venue were inspected and found in very good quality. All boats (19 standard boats & 13 10-paddler boats) were new. Auto start for dragon boating would be first used in this Championship.</p>	I	ALL	

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<p>ITO briefing and Team Manager Meeting would be held on 26.8.2010. Hungarian tried to get 20 nations, but eventually there would be 15 nations attending because some teams had difficulties in getting the Visa or financial supports.</p> <p>2. Review and news of the last period ICF had suspended all relationship with IDBF as there was no common consensus between the federations.</p> <p>3. World Games There would be no dragon boat event in the next World Games at Columbia.</p>	I	ALL	
<p><u>Organizational Issues:</u></p> <p>1. ICF World Championships 2011 in Toronto/CANADA The schedule would be 21-24 July 2011. It was nice to have ICF Dragon Boat Championships to take place at Toronto in which there were many IDBF paddlers. The first organisational meeting would have to be held this year end.</p> <p>2. ICF World Championships 2012 in Pescara/ITALY The Italian had presented their bid during the ICF Board of Directors meeting in Szeged/HUNGARY. The bid was successful and the worlds awarded to the Italian canoe federation.</p>	A	François	Latest start December
<p><u>Structural Issues:</u></p> <p>1. Further strategy of the dragon boat racing within ICF in general Enhance our stakeholders / community to access ICF dragon boating information at ICF website would be a vital need. We also need to establish a platform for active communicate allowing stakeholders to post their latest activities through IT approach.</p> <p>2. Active marketing The administration of ICF website was not enough i.e. difficult to obtain necessary information. It should enable communication in all directions. Francois would bring up the issue to ICF secretariat.</p>	D	ALL	Latest October Congress
<p><u>Technical Issues:</u></p> <p>1. Establishment of the 10 Paddlers Boats in the World</p>			

<p>Inline with the introduction of 10-paddler dragon boat race in competitions, clear specification (measurements & weight) of the 10-paddler boat was needed. Members were required to obtain information from their known manufacturers and sent to Francois for consideration.</p> <p>2. Amendments of the rules (Technical) proposals for the next congress in 2010) The minimum dimensions (length, width & height) and weight of both ICF dragon boats “standard class” and “10-paddler class” would be specified in the rules. Similar to rules for weight, the difference of dimensions between boats utilised in a race may not exceed 3% should also be added.</p> <p>3. Amendments of the rules (General) new proposals for the next congress in 2010) A new event “Open team” with no fixed number of men and women to be established.</p> <p>4. Licensing (referring to the new Guidelines of the ICF) A lot of nations were still making their mass-paddler boats in traditional ways by local boat makers. The new licensing guidelines would bar these nations to promoting or organising ICF dragon boat activities. The situation was required to be reflected to ICF Board Meeting hence licensing related to dragon boating could be waived.</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A</p> <p>A</p> <p>A</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>François</p> <p>François</p> <p>François</p>	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Before October Congress</p> <p>Before October Congress</p> <p>October Congress</p>
<p><u>Various:</u></p> <p>1. ICF Website The new website was not user friendly. It was hoped that the planned ICF contingency management system could have this in checked.</p>	<p>I</p>	<p>ALL</p>	