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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
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Participants:

José Perurena	Spain	President (Executive Committee Member)
Cecilia Farias	Argentina	Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Thomas Konietzko	Germany	Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Luciano Buonfiglio	Italy	Treasurer (Executive Committee Member)
Simon Toulson	Great Britain	Secretary General (Executive Committee Member)
Shoken Narita	Japan	President of Asian Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Albert Woods	Great Britain	President of European Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Joao Manuel Da Costa Alegre	Sao Tome and Principe	President of African Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Maree Burnett	New Zealand	President of Oceanian Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Victor G. Ruiz	Puerto Rico	President Pan American Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Frank Garner	Canada	Chair Canoe Sprint (Executive Committee Member)
Jean-Michel Prono	France	Chair Canoe Slalom (Executive Committee Member)
Martha Hernandez Sanches	Mexico	Continental Representative America
Maria de Fatima Fernandes Vara	Brazil	Continental Representative America (Absent)
Ahmad Donyamali	Iran	Continental Representative Asia (Absent)
Branko Lovric	Croatia	Continental Representative Europe
Andrej Jelenc	Slovenia	Continental Representative Europe
Jovana Stanojevic	Serbia	Continental Representative Europe
Ola Oluode	Nigeria	Continental Representative Africa
Jonna Go	Philippines	Continental Representative Asia
John Edwards	Canada	Chair Paracanoe Committee
Ruud Heijselaar	Netherlands	Chair Canoe Marathon
Tomislav Crnkovic	Croatia	Chair Wildwater Canoeing
Mario Santos	Portugal	Chair Ocean Racing Committee
Lluis Rabaneda i Caselles	Spain	Chair Canoe Freestyle
Donald McKenzie	Canada	Chair Medical and Anti-Doping
Greg Smale	Great Britain	Chair Canoe Polo

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1. Introduction and welcome by the President (Jose Perurena Lopez)

The president welcomed everyone and thanked the president of CONI for hosting the ICF in Rome. Luca Pancalli the Italian Paralympic Committee President was present and welcomed the ICF Board of Directors to Rome.

2. President report

At his last ICF Board Meeting he commented about the Board election candidates and said he was happy that the future of the ICF would be in good hands, he also thanked Cyril for his good work at the ICF and he congratulated him for his new position in Paris 2024.

3. Treasurer's report

The report for the previous period was provided. With the beginning of the pandemic, ICF reduced the expenditure and foresaw two budgets, one for the situation with Tokyo 2020 and one in case of cancelation of the Games. The profit ICF have made through vontobel bank is quite remarkable and was about 600,000 EUR. At the moment there is more than 21 million Euros saving in ICF account and it's the result of the good work and decisions of the ICF.

The HQ budget will be more or less the same as 2020, for the year 2021.

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The 2021 and 2022 budgets were originally based on previous expenditure plan we had and are likely to remain in budget. However it was highlighted that the additional covid test expenses as well as the CAS cases have had a negative unpredicted impact on the budget. We don't anticipate more CAS cases and hopefully it goes smoothly in 2022.

The additional budget of development from Olympic Solidarity will be an addition to the current development budget, it's at least 60,000 US dollars per year. To have more funds, we need to propose the projects to the Olympic Solidarity throughout the year.

The pressure on ICF to join ITA is strong and joining them will bring additional costs to the ICF, because they are more expensive than the anti-doping provider we currently use.

The budget for 2022 with possibility of adjustments with the new elected president was approved.

4. Update on ICF Headquarter activities

It had been a complicated year for ICF HQ with the covid pandemic, organisation of competitions with all preparation and planning for covid was very time consuming for the HQ as well as the Host organisers.

Covid regulations will be there for 2022 events maybe a bit more relaxed with vaccination policies in force. The ICF needed to be ready to tackle Covid to enable hosting events, the ICF deals with

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the situation in close collaboration with each organizer and local authorities.

The ICF wished Cyril the best in Paris and thanked him for his remarkable job at the ICF. Luciano was thanked for organising the hybrid congress , which was a difficult and complex work. It was expensive to put in place the voting system with secure backups, translation system and streaming and simultaneous voting. The ICF might face difficulties with having everything to come to gather and go smoothly. The internet was highlighted as the weak point, if it goes down, the ICF should pause the congress and wait until the issue is resolved.

The first draft of qualification system for Paris 2024 would be put together this December it would be good that the Board could approve it in January and the first draft be sent to the IOC in February 2022.

The Secretary General and staff were thanked for organising very good events and giving the athletes the opportunity to compete after a season (2020) with few events. There are lots of positivity even with covid and we should keep positive and keep up the good job.

5. Congress Logistics and procedures

There are 108 NFs eligible for voting. The congress commission accepted to postpone the membership fee payment and also the

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registration and we could move from 60 to 108 NFs to reach quorum.

In the future, the ICF Board needs to discuss the quorum as with the total number of existing NFs it will be difficult to reach it at future Congresses.

Some countries missed the deadline and couldn't get money to the ICF, eg. Djibouti, Venezuela and Kenya who were willing to pay but the money didn't come through before the deadline.

6. Canoe Slalom and Extreme Slalom Rule changes

The Board in March approved that the Canoe Slalom committee prepare the Extreme Slalom Rules for the next season as it was accepted as an Olympic event. The ICF Board approved the rule changes for Extreme Slalom.

7. Vote on Saudi Arabia Canoe Federation as ICF member

The ICF Board was in favor to add Saudi Arabia as its member
There would now be a vote at the ICF congress for full membership of Saudi Arabia.

8. Miscellaneous

Haiti had submitted all documents except the approval of NOC. The NOC would not like to give them permission unless they have activities within the country, at this stage they are not accepted as a member.

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The ICF Board agreed to take the proposal of having 2 athletes for paracanoe athletes one Man and one Woman on the athlete commission, this would be voted on at the Congress for approval. It was mentioned that at least one of the non-Olympic athlete candidates had not nominated themselves and were unaware of their nomination. The process of elections for these candidates was not clear and that the Statutes should be followed.

9. Next meeting

Immediately after the Congress in Rome, 7th November 2021

The BoD meeting was then closed by the ICF President