

Multisport Committee Minutes – public

Meeting: 16 September 2021

Approved 18 November 2021

Duration: via Zoom 01:01.00

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Present

- Ahmed Allouch (AM), TUN
- Alicia Garcia (AG), ESP
- Brian Hinton (BH), AUS - Chair
- Tim Yount (TY), USA
- Diane Henderson (DH) TTO
- Melody Tan (MT), MAS
- Bernard Saint-Jean (BSJ), Executive Board
- Antonio Alvarez (ANA), Executive Board
- Stefane Mauris (SM), SUI – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Nicky Dick (ND), GBR. Age Group Commission chair

Absent

*For ease of minute taking only first names or initials of the members will be referred to in the minutes. You can see full names above.

Item	Discussion Items	Discussion	Actions
1	Welcome and introduction	The Chair of the Committee welcomed members to the meeting.	
2	Apologies/absence	- Jianqui Qin (JQ), CHN	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tim Yount (TY) – USA BH presented apologies, but Tim was able to join part of the meeting 	
3	Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 19 August 2021 - public version approved - 19 August 2021 - internal version approved. 	
4	Discussion around the plan in the Multisport Congress Report	<p>Strategic Plan Draft working document (Summary PowerPoint Version) discussion</p> <p>Strategic plan version we have is consistent with the format we need to use for the congress; Changes on slides 4, 5, 11.</p> <p>All changes suggested by the members included except the 2021 data.</p> <p>Slide 12 regarding Winter Triathlon to be reworked.</p> <p>Team relay options at Multisport World Championships – Ideas triggered from Tokyo 2020 Games</p> <p>The ideas discussed around this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Big NF's teams with good support can build in with existing athletes on these teams; small NFs with no team and no support not as likely to be able to do this. In response to this, consideration is to create a kind of continental teams-with the athletes coming from small NFs so they have the opportunity to field teams. <p>Some points to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elite and U23 (struggled in duathlon to have a consistent team relay). Suggestion to adopt the 2+2 relay format. Idea is to discuss with the coaches committee how we can get a team relay product which can fit into the Multisport World Champs, as it is important for some athletes to get funding (adding a new medal possibility); odds of this tie in will better support that need. - Age group team relay - need to find a time slot to add the relay into the programme 	<p>BH/BJS will work together on this to send new proposal to the committee.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inclusion of the Team relay into the 2024 bids, so specifications need to be ready for the timeframe before sending them out. - Possibility to try to do a team relay test event. - Some differences exist between the continents, for example in some countries athletes are interested in mixed relay and in others the team relay is more a format where one athlete can run, and another can do bike. - To think about the format -Mixed? Male and female team relays? - Strong point from the mixed format - to give the opportunity for small NFs with not enough male and female athletes to have both teams participate. - Also, possibility to have teams by areas - Caribbean, continental for example - We are in a very early stage, but should still strive to work to provide a solid recommendation soon. 	
5	World triathlon Multisport World Championships and other multisport events update	<p>2021 Almere Multisport World Championships LD and Aquabike.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Athletes happy, very clean and fair event. A bit challenging to put all in one place due the covid situation, venue limited, only athletes and one coach per NF allowed into various restricted areas. Some issues with timing and branding but a good event was delivered overall. - Some issues with the screening process for Age groups, but all was resolved before race day. - Feedback from USA team (86 athletes) very positive. Everything around COVID was fine. Great job from SM managing everyone. - Good feedback from the organization and they are ready to do this again at some stage. - Exploring possibilities for next year for these championships held in 2 different countries, one after the other. Still nothing sure but optimistic we will receive word soon on location and date <p>2021 Cross and Aquathlon World Championships Extremadura</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress is going well; event has been tested in the past; not a lot of technical difficulties; consider it work in progress. <p>World Triathlon/Powerman Long Distance Duathlon World Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quite a low field of play, less than 200 athletes, Switzerland announced covid certificate as a requirement in the last days, so more stress for athletes and crews, but preparations for event from technical point of view are running fine. <p>Winter Triathlon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interests in hosting the world championships and world cup events have been received. <p>Multisport World Championships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following cancellation of the 2022 edition in Townsville, discussions are taking place to find a substitute LOC. Interest in the 2024 edition has been communicated by previous host LOC. 	
6	Race Competition Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution regarding video and online resources The concept is supported - need to check with the NF's around resources rfor this. In the future maybe to try to give more visibility to video and online content, and perhaps to look for some funds for this purpose. • Update from AG Commission consideration of Race Competition Rule changes Regarding wetsuit and long/short sleeves issues. Discussion ensued about long/short sleeves issues; recommendation is to include all possibilities in the NF's catalogue and then it is athletes' responsibility to decide. Discussion on wetsuit allowance for +60 or +70 year olds The approach it is to not make the situation complicated but to make it clear, avoiding discretion from LOC. We need to work with medical committee to establish upper limit and and other possibilities that should be built in to support needs in this area. 	<p>To prepare a recommendation to be shared and discussed by the committee</p> <p>To be checked with medical committee, to have enough information to present a recommendation</p>
7	Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting on Thursday, 14 October 2021 @ 22:30 CET 	

