

Multisport Committee Minutes – public

Meeting: 21 April 2022

Approved

Duration: via Zoom 1.04.22

Present

- Ahmed Allouch (AM), TUN
- Alicia Garcia (AG), ESP
- Brian Hinton (BH), AUS - Chair
- Bernard Saint- Jean (BSJ) WT Board representative
- Stefane Mauris (SM), SUI – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Tim Yount (TY), USA
- Nicky Dick (ND) GBR Age group commission representative
- Amanda Duke Boulet (AD) USA – guest speaker
- Antonio Alvarez (AA) WT Board representative

Absent

- Diane Henderson (DH)
- Jianqiu Qin (JQ)
- Melody Tan (MS)

*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.

Discussion Items	Discussion	Who
1. Welcome and introduction	BH thanked SM, TY and AG for the work to produce, review and organize the minutes.	
2. Apologies/absence	DH presented her apologies to BH	
3. Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last minutes, 24 March–internal version approved - Last minutes, 24 March–public version approved 	

<p>4. Discussion around the plan in the Multisport Congress Report</p>	<p>1. Team Relay – Example of Paratri mixed relay with different categories – as tested in Florida in March</p> <p>BH and TY introduced Amanda Duke Boulet, Director of Paratriathlon at USA Triathlon, to the call with the committee. Amanda is a strong leader within the area of sport development in the USA and has become a true global leader on all things paratriathlon. The reason for her being part of the meeting was to provide some insights regarding the Mixed Relay for Paratriathlon as part of the Continental Championships in Florida in March.</p> <p><i>He joined to talk about the introduction of the paratriathlon mixed relay and working with different classifications.</i></p> <p>2. Plans for Ibiza</p> <p>SM presented the current proposed schedule, which will start with the Duathlon AG sprint, followed by elite, U23 and junior, Duathlon AG standard, para and mixed relay, cross duathlon, cross triathlon, aquathlon, LD triathlon and Aquabike.</p> <p>AG says she asked the LOC regarding the possibility to add mixed relay events and the answer was all things were possible but taking into consideration the schedule is tight, it was not probable this would happen.</p> <p>BH noted we need to work to try to find a spot on the calendar which would work and not compromise other events. One big step is to find a time slot where athletes have finished their main events and can stay around to compete in a mixed relay. We need to work with the sport department to push for adoption of the principles of the paratriathlon concept shared in the meeting.</p> <p>In the past championships, we have seen the cancellation of the mixed relay events due to poor attendance. With the addition of cross duathlon and aquathlon, we have an expanded pool of athletes to consider for this so there should be more focus on working to see that enough teams can be formed to compete.</p> <p>3. Meeting of AG Commission in Montreal</p> <p>AA will be there as will TY. ND noted it might be worth it to meet if time allows.</p> <p>4. Plans for Congress in Abu Dhabi</p> <p>BH, AG, TY, AA, AM, BSJ will be in attendance.</p>	
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<p>5. World Triathlon Multisport World</p>	<p>- Progress on MS World Championships 2022 Targu Mures and Samorin</p>	

<p>Championships and other Multisport events update</p>	<p>About Samorin, a site visit was done last week; venue is excellent and there are positive feelings about all aspects of the event. Relations with PTO are also going well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Triathlon Powerman Long Distance Duathlon Championships in Zofingen is on schedule and remains work in progress. - World Beach Games 2023 - Confirmed in Indonesia, not officially aware yet of the exact location - Birmingham, Alabama (US) World Games (duathlon). There is a bit of concern for the moment as things are going very slowly. Still not a lot of information about the course. Trying to communicate with the decision makers there. The event is 90 days out so they need to move quickly on details around the race. - Ibiza Multisport World Championships 2023. Everything is fine. They sent a schedule and agreed dates will be announced on the 4th of May as part of the organization’s committee meeting. - Progress on MS World Championships 2024; waiting for the dates, but we prefer to announce it after Ibiza as it would be odd to announce 2024 before 2023. - World Triathlon Powerman Middle Distance Duathlon Championships in Viborg. Taking place in two weeks – at the beginning of May; numbers are a bit low. Around 200 age groups athletes and 50 elite will compete. LOC was expecting larger numbers. They have also an open event, which will add incremental participation. - TY expressed his concerns about the low figures and impact on the future of the race as a stand-alone event. Is it sustainable? Will the numbers preclude others from being interested in hosting the event? <p>ND agrees and feels there might need to be the possibility to combine this event with another regional event, for example world champs combined with the European champs. SM says this could be a possibility for age groupers but will not be ideal for the elites.</p> <p>BH noted we need to take in consideration the impact of the pandemic on the figures around attendance of Multisport World Championships. We should anticipate that 2024 the figures will mirror what we saw in 2019; we must remain optimistic we can reach them in 2023.</p>	
<p>6. Next meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting on Thursday 19 May 2022 @ 22:30 C.E.T.</p>	