

Multisport Committee Minutes – public

Meeting: 25 August 2022

Approved 22 September 2022

Duration: via Zoom 01.09.09

Present

- Ahmed Allouch (AM), TUN
- Alicia Garcia (AG), ESP
- Brian Hinton (BH), AUS – Chair
- Tim Yount (TY) USA
- Melody Tan (MT) MAS
- Qin Jianquiu (QJ), CHI
- Stefane Mauris (SM), SUI – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Daniel Martin (DM) AUT winter triathlon consultant
- Antonio Alvarez (AA) WT Board representative
- Nicky Dick (ND) GBR Age group commission representative

*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.

Absent

- Diane Henderson (DH) TTO
- Bernard Saint Jean (BSJ), FRA, WT Board representative

Discussion Items	Discussion	Who
1. Welcome and introduction		
2. Apologies/absence	Diane Henderson (DH) presented apologies to BH	

<p>3. Approval of Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last minutes, 21 July–internal version approved, with small changes - Last minutes, 21 July -public version approved 	
<p>4. Discussion around the plan in the Multisport Congress Report</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. April External minutes revision- the modifications presented were approved. 2. Winter Triathlon Update: We need to create winter triathlon strategies as we continue our push for it to be part of a future Winter Olympic Games. That should start with a focus on elites followed by age group participation. The Winter triathlon working group will meet very soon working towards that goal. Discussion ensued around the possibility to have the world champs every two years. Changes made in the elite races and the inclusion of winter duathlon can make the sport more TV friendly. 3. Many members of the Committee will be in attendance in Abu Dhabi. 4. An update on the videos of the various sport disciplines including multisport will see follow up soon. 5. BH is working on the Multisport 6-month report 6. BH reminded the Committee that we need to produce the congress report in two different versions - power point and a written overview. The six-month report will support that document's creation. 	
<p>5. World Triathlon Multisport World Championships and other Multisport events update</p>	<p>Report on MS World Championships 2022 Samorin - Very positive feedback from some key federation attendees around the event Aquabike issue around the finish was the biggest area of conversation (see varia). There were some comments from athletes regarding the distances too - being reduced to middle distance but receiving a long distance medal. Fortunately, the conditions made the course a much more difficult race on event day, so it the feel of a longer distance event</p> <p>World Triathlon Powerman Long Distance Duathlon championships in Zofingen Now around 33 elite and 111 age groups. It was a 30% smaller field than in 2021</p> <p>World Beach Games 2023 Bali Indonesia Site visit end of September, Melody will be in charge.</p>	

	<p>Ibiza Multisport World Championships 2023 The TD team has been appointed. It will be Monica from Spain, Lyne from Norway, Thanos, Stefane and Hugh.</p> <p>Other preparation is moving along with the event inside of eight months away.</p>	
6. Varia	<p>1. Request from Spanish Federation around the distance for the elite duathlon world championships</p> <p>Spain is proposing to conduct the elite race for duathlon championships over the sprint distance rather than standard distance. Part of the push is to continue to make the sport TV friendly. The committee is in favor of this change.</p> <p>2. Discussion around the finish for Aquabike ensued</p> <p>The rule was changed this past November, but many athletes were not aware of it. More focus then should be placed on athlete communication around it.</p> <p>Some athletes can't run due to injuries, so are not happy to run even if it is a short distance after the bike.</p> <p>Creating a finish gantry is an extra cost and takes space which doesn't make it an overly viable solution.</p> <p>The fairest way might be to stop the clock in T2 and then find a way for them to cross the finish gantry while not interfering with others in the race. The key is finding solutions that can be applied to all venues.</p>	
7. Next meeting	Next meeting on Thursday, 22 September 2022 @ 22:30 CEST	