

Multisport Committee Minutes – public

Meeting: 25 November 2022

Approved 19 January 2023

Rotana Hotel, Abu Dhabi and also via Zoom: Duration 01.18.03

Present (presencial or On line)

- Ahmed Allouch (AM), TUN
- Brian Hinton (BH), AUS – Chair
- Tim Yount (TY) USA
- Alicia Garcia (AG), ESP
- Melody Tan (MT) MAS
- Daniel Martin (DM) AUT winter triathlon consultant
- Nicky Dick (ND) GBR Age group commission representative
- Qin Jianquiu (QJ), CHI
- Stefane Mauris (SM), SUI – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Bernard Saint Jean (BSJ), FRA, WT Board representative
- Antonio Alvarez (AA) MEX, WT Board Representative
- Renato Bertrandi (RB) ITA, Europe Triathlon President
- Gergely Markus (GM) HUN, Sport Department Director
- Vlad Stoika (VS) ROM, Romania Federation Triathlon President
- Hans Ernst, USA

*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

Discussion Items	Discussion	Who
1. Welcome and introduction	BH thanked Sport Department and SM specially for their work around Multisport. The events in the last two years were handled under very difficult circumstances, so it was a huge effort from the sport department.	
2. Apologies/absence		
3. Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last minutes - October– internal version approved. - Last minutes - October- public version approved. 	
4. Discussion around the work Multisport Committee is doing	1. Halfway point of Committee appointment. Revision about the work we are doing and reflections to how can we adjust our work to make sure we are an effective advisory Committee to the Sport Department and the Executive Board.	ALL to suggest how we can sort of make sure that the next two years are productive,
5. Winter Triathlon update	<p>1. BH had productive discussions with Europe Triathlon and Italian and Norwegian federation representatives</p> <p>The feedback is we need more NF's, more athletes and stronger presence from the stronger winter Olympic. Federations. We need to activate our subcommittee on this sense.</p> <p>The revenues from the events are not big and this is a weak point. It we have the possibility to be in the Olympics potentially we will have more people interested.</p> <p>With the situation in Russia 2023 will be a difficult year as they were winning 8 years in a row, and we will not have Russian athletes for the moment. In the NF's with winter sports tradition, winter triathlon it seems is not considered not a serious sport, so is good Norway is starting to get interest in the sport.</p>	DM to find date and time

	<p>Checking the Beijing winter Olympics results in the 15 km ski race, 46 NF's had men registered and in the shorter race 42 NF's with female representatives. We need to find the way to approach this pool of athletes.</p> <p>In 2-3 years to decide if there is a real possibility on the elite side to grow and to be in Olympics or just try to develop as an age group sport.</p> <p>We need support from NF's so one proposal is to ask on each NF's to nominate a liaison or a project coordinator winter triathlon.</p> <p>Decided to skip a December MS Committee meeting and instead have our first winter Working Group meeting in December. We will have either Renato or a nominee from Europe Triathlon to join in this meeting.</p>	
<p>6. Mixed Relay opportunities</p>	<p>Good experience in Montreal as age group product, so would be good to explore the options to deliver a product in the Multisport festival.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pros - More fun, new product, more experience for Athletes ○ Contras - the schedule is tight and this can cause pressures on the LOC and Technical officials. More work for NF's. ○ Action - to prepare a data-driven proposal first for the MS Committee and then to discuss with the Sport Department. This project will be a joint effort with the Age Group Commission. 	<p>SM to get the data</p>
<p>7. World Triathlon Multisport World Championships and other Multisport events update</p>	<p>2023 World Triathlon Winter Championships Skeikampen - A site visit is scheduled for mid December. Working on a proposal for the course. Very enthusiastic LOC.</p> <p>2023 World Triathlon Multisport Championships Ibiza - a site visit is done. Some comments were made on the cross events. It will be difficult to reach the level of the course of the cross event in Romania event, but very successful site visit. Progress is going well. Website and all information already released.</p> <p>2023 World Triathlon/Powerman MD/LD Duathlon Championships - Still no dates for Powerman World Champs.</p>	

	<p>2023 Beach Games Bali - discussions are taking place, TD is working on the schedule with IOC, so we expect to confirm early December.</p> <p>2024 World Triathlon Multisport Championships Townsville, still waiting for the dates, but working to ensure there will be no clash with their big events.</p>	
8. Varia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Multisport legend. This title was created after LOC suggestion in Penticton. It was based on five events and the first edition was around 10-12 athletes. Problems for the 5 are the issues with different bikes transportation and health issue for oldest categories. Also difficult in some NF's to qualify in 5 events. AG proposes to try to study the possibility to reduce the distances in some events for age groupers 70-75 -80, up to the Medical committee to decide. 	
9. Next meeting	Next meeting on Thursday, 19 January 2023 22:30- 23:30 CET	