

Multisport Committee Minutes – public

Meeting: 19 January 2023

Draft

Duration: via Zoom 00.52.01

Present

- Ahmed Allouch (AM), TUN
- Brian Hinton (BH), AUS – Chair
- Alicia Garcia (AG), ESP
- Melody Tan (MT) MAS
- Qin Jianquiu (QJ), CHI
- Stefane Mauris (SM), SUI – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Bernard Saint Jean (BSJ), FRA, WT Board representative
- Daniel Martin (DM) AUT winter triathlon consultant

*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
- Tim Yount (TY) USA

Discussion Items	Discussion	Who
1. Welcome and introduction	BH thanked the Spanish Federation for the organization of the three major events in 2023, World Triathlon Multisport Championships in Ibiza, Europe Triathlon Championships in Madrid and World Triathlon Grand Final in Pontevedra.	
2. Apologies/absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicky Dick (ND) GBR Age group commission representative 	
3. Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last minutes - November– internal version approved with small changes. • Last minutes - November- public version approved with small changes. 	

<p>4. Discussion around the plan in the World Triathlon Congress report</p>	<p>1. Other Congress matters for follow up by MS Committee</p> <p>Discussion around the functioning of the committee and if we can approach the work we do in a another way.</p> <p>2. Participation in Transgender Working Group</p> <p>MT attended the first meeting replacing BH.</p> <p>First meeting was to introduce all the participants. It was suggested to have representation from all continents. Unfortunately, no members from Oceania at the moment. Europe had 7 representatives. America was represented with 3 participants but nobody from North America. Asia had 3 members including MT. The monthly meetings will go until September 2024. Up to us to recommend experts if we have them. AA will represent the Muslim countries.</p> <p>3. Winter Triathlon Update:</p> <p>BH explains there is an extremely active age group community in USA (with their NF championships in Alaska this week), so we should see a larger number in the World champs from them. Sweden and Denmark held a winter triathlon training camp in December. They will share the details as it might be a good model for other countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Triathlon December Working Group <p>First meeting was in December. The group did a short analysis of the status of winter triathlon and where we need to go. It is important to identify a contact person in each NF and do online workshops with them. The intention is to focus for the next few years on the elite level of winter triathlon and see if we can get something going there. For this is needed for us to know if it is possible to establish a proper elite race format as an elite cup, league world cup or similar. In case this can't work, a stronger consideration might be to target the age group athlete with more focus.</p> <p>There was talk about to gaining inclusion in the 2029 Asian Games.</p> <p>Regarding Norway World Championships, it is a good opportunity to speak with the NF's on their capabilities to host the event and any roadblocks that might keep them from growing the sport further. Also might be good to explore the possibility to have a meeting there with the Birkebeiner team.</p>	<p>Point in the agenda for the next meeting</p>
---	--	---

	<p>4. How to best use the WT short video explanations of our various sport disciplines including Multisport as a means of promotion.</p> <p>Work needs to be done on how to best promote them as a tool for educating people about the various sport disciplines.</p> <p>5. Multisport Legend status</p> <p>In Ibiza, 5 events needed for Multisport status. Following the event, we will seek athlete feedback and perform our own analysis, and consult with the age group commission if it should be changed to 4 events.</p> <p>6. Possible addition of Team Relay</p> <p>Decision to prepare a data-driven proposal first for the MS Committee and then discuss with the Sport Department once that has been done. This project will be a joint effort with the Age Group Commission.</p>	<p>Point in the agenda for the next meeting, how we can alert people in the use</p> <p>BH to go to ND and TY to discuss and then to SM to get a better proposal</p>
<p>5. World Triathlon Multisport World Championships and other Multisport events update</p>	<p>1. 2023 World Triathlon Multisport Championships Ibiza.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everybody is working very hard and everything is going well. They are doing good promotions inside Spain. TRI is also doing promotion in social media and with the team managers. All courses have been validated. Small issues with the cross triathlon and duathlon bike lacked the desired levels of offroad, but it was eventually resolved which included artificial obstacles to make it more interesting for the athletes. <p>2. 2023 World Triathlon Winter Championships Skeikampen, Norway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The conditions look nice. Team managers were asked to send an estimate of members; for the moment 17 athletes from GB, 14 from GER, 14 from USA are attending. Expecting more people from USA after their NF race in Alaska. Waiting for the Norway Federation to submit more names, which should have a huge difference on overall participation. Tri sent to the NF's, material to be used as promotion using social media. In terms of technical aspects, the course has been approved. Slow reactions from the team there. Hoping over the next 2 weeks to see more progress. 	

	<p>3. 2023 Europe Triathlon Winter Championships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only 100 athletes at the start list. Approved by the Technical committee for distances for the +70 be reduced. Agreed to have also Spanish/French championships inside the European champs to try to increase the field of athletes. <p>4. Progress on MS World Championships 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Townsville made a new proposal around the distribution of the events on the same date frame. The results of this proposal need to be studied to assure larger federations send athletes. The dates will be announced very soon. They are planning to do some tests events this year during the Townsville festival. <p>5. 2023 Bali World Beach Games</p> <p>New Team leader has been assigned – MT - which is great.</p>	
<p>6. Next meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting on Thursday, 16 February 2023 22:30- 23:30 CET</p>	