

Technical Committee Minutes

Meeting: 15th February 2021

Approved

Duration: via Zoom 01:10.00

Present

- Jorge Garcia (ESP)
- Lyndell Murray (AUS)
- Ricardo Neves (BRA)
- Kiriyo Suzuki (JAP)
- Bela Varga (HUN)
- Howard Vine (GBR)
- Leslie Buchanan (CAN) Executive Board
- Miles Stewart (AUS) Executive Board
- Thanos Nikopoulos (GRE) – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

Apologies for absence

- Jaime Cadaval (MEX)
- Gergely Markus (HUN)
- Enrique Quesada (ESP)

*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	Opening remarks	- Welcome to all and apologies from JC, GM, EQ	

2	OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC GAMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TN updated everyone on the decision of the Executive Board at their meeting on 4th February. LB confirmed the decision will be delayed until the next meeting of EB on 18th March. Currently too many unknowns to allow a final decision to be made. MS added that with the current situation in the World it was difficult to make the decision considering the effect on athletes. TN Informed us of the Release of the Tokyo Playbook. This will be the basis of the discussion on the calls set up for Thursday to speak to the TO's who have been offered slots at the games. There will be an update on those who have withdrawn from the team. MS flagged that the Playbook raised as many questions as it answered. TN assured all that any additional costs would not fall to the TO's and their NFs and would be the responsibility of Tokyo LOC or World Triathlon. TN confirmed that TO's were covered by the Playbook. A number of questions have been sent to the Tokyo LOC in response to the Playbook and it is expected there will be a Q & A reply by Thursday to include in the call 	
3	RACE RANGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TN Outlined the Race Ranger App and the need to set up a working group. A video of what the Race Ranger app will do and how it can be used. Originally it was planned to introduce in 2020 following a small trial at the Grand Final in Lausanne in 2019. There have been some issues over cashflow, but this has been resolved and there is the need to finalise the software development. 2-3 people form the TC to work with Race Ranger to review rules and operating procedure. MS raised a query about cost per unit and whether some of the things shown in the video were 'wise' in terms of applying penalties. World Triathlon has worked with Race Range to develop this and anticipate that this will be a worldwide application for use by NF's as well as Ironman and other race organisers. 	Bela, Howard, Lyndell and Thanos have been appointed to the working group
4	COVID-19 GUIDELINES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TH outlined the work going on with Sergio form the Medical Committee to produce revised protocols. A breakdown was shown on the excel spread sheet however this will be the minimum and each Country will have their 	

5	TO CERTIFICATION	<p>own requirements which will need to be followed. Swim exit handlers for Paratri will also need to have a test given their proximity to the athletes</p> <p>This is ongoing and in conjunction with the Medical Committee these will be added to the guidelines. This will be for discussion at the next TC meeting in approx. 2 weeks.</p> <p>- TN updated on the course delivery in 2020. There were double the number of online courses in 2020 with very few face to face. Mainly it was e-courses that were attended. The executive Board agreed at the beginning of 2020 to extend the TO certification by 1 year. This year's list is ready to go to NF's but then question is do we want to extend the validation period for the level 1 success attendants by a further year to the end of 2021?. We will consider 2020 to be a frozen year (and effectively excluded). This year, 2021 will also throw up some queries with more TO's being unable to attend the required number of Events. Level 3 invitees could still attend even though they may not fully meet all the requirements but will only be validated as Level 3 when they achieve the requirements after the course. It is anticipated that there will be a Level 3 course for Europe & Africa in 2021. Possibly include the assignments for 2020 even though not actually done. The new system is due to be implemented in 2022 and all agreed that this should NOT be delayed. Next year's TO lists will also have a column showing whether the online revalidation has taken place. Revised lists for 2021 will be completed by end of the week and will be sent to NF's for review (as usual). Any changes to requirements will be kept globally, so as not to end up with different ability at the same TO grade in different Continents. The target would be to ensure no one is disadvantaged due to COVID. There are plenty of TO's in the system to ensure a high quality delivery of Events moving forward. TN updated on the Level 1 course going online firstly in English and shortly afterwards in Spanish. The intention would be to run a part through moodle and a part over a weekend with a large number of participants and also upwards of 10 Facilitators. There is a working group made up of TO's form NF's who are already running online course in their Country.</p>	<p>Period to attend the validation event for level 1 course successful participants has been extended to the end of 2021 for all pending cases.</p> <p>2020 will be managed as "frozen year". The pre seminar requirements for this year will consider the last 4 years prior to 2020 (except in the cases that activities have been done).</p>
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6	NEXT MEETING	- This will be in approx. 2 weeks time - TBC	
7	Approval of minutes	-	