

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 16 December 2020

Approved

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

Present

- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Grant Darby (GD), CAN
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA, Executive Board
- Antonio Arimany (AA), ESP, Secretary General
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

Absent

- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA

*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	- DA, AA and EA welcomed the newly elected members and congratulated them for their appointment. EA explained the basic housekeeping matters	
2	Apologies/absence	- BC had already communicated to EA her absence as she would be travelling at the time of the meeting.	

3	Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No minutes pending to be approved from the previous Para triathlon Committee 	<p>It was reminded that minutes should be circulated by EA as soon as possible after each meeting and a summary should be published within the following month.</p>
4	Presentation of the new members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA requested a round of presentations from DA, JG and the newly elected members 	<p>EA reminded the group to speak slowly in English for some of the PC members to be able to follow the meeting and discussions swiftly. If needed, EA will translate for LL to French.</p>
5	Welcome and intro speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AA chaired the meeting at this point in time and gave a short intro speech to the members about the importance of this committee and the role they will play for the sport on the lead up to Tokyo in 2021 and Paris 2024, the most critical aspects around para triathlon, events, classification and that Debbie would be the EB liaison* for this committee. <p><i>(*) Please note that during the Christmas period, it was approved for Ian Howard (GBR) to be the second EB liaison for the Para triathlon Committee and will be included in subsequent communication.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meetings will normally take place via zoom or similar and once a month. During congress or World Championships would probably be a good opportunity for a face to face meeting. - A Confidentiality Agreement will be sent to the PC members according to GDPR regulations
6	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AA explained the roles of the Chair and Vice Chair and opened the floor for members who were interested in fulfilling these positions. - EA clarified that BC had been contacted in order for her to let the PC know if she was putting herself forward to any of the Chair or Vice Chair. - GD proceeded to chair the meeting once the vote was casted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GD put himself forward to be Chair and NM as Vice Chair and the rest of the members agreed unanimously. - EA will be in charge of the minutes as staff liaison. Calls will also be recorded to facilitate producing the minutes.

7	Classification/ HoC and DHoC appointments and Working Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA Classification survey on Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC) ready to go out once the NFs have nominated candidates with classification knowledge to take the survey - The importance to keep the working groups alive and active, the Classification Advisory Group (CAG), Para triathlon Coaches working group was stressed. - AA and EA clarified how the process will take place for the HoC and DHoC as it is specified in the rules and provided the figures of potential candidates for these positions - AA recommended to have one or two PC members liaise with the Para Coaches working group. CP and MB offered themselves to coordinate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed to have CP liaise with that group and check with Carolyn Murray (CAN) – previous PC member if she would continue in that group.
7	Most important items to present to the new members by Sport Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tokyo 2020: ongoing planning, close follow up with IOC, IPC and LOC. Thanos Nikopoulos (TN) leading that communication. - Paris 2024 Medal Event proposal to the IPC: ongoing communication regarding the viability of female PTS3 medal event. - IPC Grant programme: World Triathlon to present two projects around Coaches Certification and the Classification Courses update. - AA clarified that there will be additional budget for these projects coming from World Triathlon - The importance of creating a Research Group was highlighted in para triathlon and how we may profit from research resources through APSO. The CAG has been managing all research related aspects which goes way beyond their capacity as volunteers - Classification Opportunities prior to Tokyo: ongoing discussions with IPC to see all contingency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up with EB on existing proposal (6+6) and ongoing communication with the IPC about the proposal and its alternatives if needed. IPC Governing Board to meet end of January - EA to finalise IPC applications by December 30th and send to IPC. Outcome expected end of January - NF Meeting to be planned via zoom webinar some time in February - EA to share with the PC the PTVI working group plan - MB put himself forward to liaise with the Intellectual Impairment Working Group once the time comes for that. The rest of the

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in IPC Women in Para sport survey: has now been updated with World Triathlon Figures - Final paper of the Interval Start System being worked on after additional feedback from Hugh Daniel (AUS) who is in charge of this. - EA working with Sport and Development Departments to develop the content for the webinar regarding “Organisation of National Championships”, a tool that will be very useful for developing NFs - Critical to have the NF meeting. The Para coaches working group also feels it is imperative to have this opportunity to meet and discuss important items. - PTVI Working Group Plan that was developed between JG and EA since meeting with IBSA last March in Sydney after Devonport - MB asked about the resolution passed at congress and if it will go through the PC. AA clarified that yes, a working group will be put together as per the motion approved at congress. Both MB and NM have experience on the national level and dealing with Intellectual Impairment. 	<p>members agreed for him to liaise on this matter.</p>
8	End of Meeting remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LL requested to have the audio file in order to be able to follow the meeting and specific discussions if needed and follow up with the meetings. - AA reminded the committee that although he will normally not attend the meetings, he will be available whenever notified in advance. - The importance of respecting confidentiality by the PC members with many of the topics discussed at the committee meetings was reminded and stressed. 	

9	Next Meeting	- Planned for TUE 19 th January 2021 at 21:00 CET	
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