

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 27 April 2021

Approved

Duration: via Zoom 22:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA, Executive Board liaison
- Ian Howard (IH) (GBR), Executive Board liaison
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

Absent

*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	Apologies/absence		
2	Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- EA will be circulating the pending minutes and posting once everyone has had time to review	Minutes will be posted under https://www.triathlon.org/about/committees/paratriathlon_committee

3	Meeting date for Quality of Field Factor working group	Meeting with the wub-group planned for May 11 th at 19:00 GMT	
4	Events updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA provided the updates around provisions and exceptional “bubble” measures for Yokohama. Hatsukaichi ASTC CCHs took place with fewer athletes than usual as some ASIAN NFs did not travel. Hatsukaichi was finally a triathlon race and not a duathlon. - Confirmation for the PATCO Continental Champs to take place in Pleasant Prairie in Wisconsin on Sunday June 27th. - Detailed planning for Yokohama continues with exceptional bubble measures. - Awaiting dates for Milan for the WCHs - Working on the logistics for the sequence of events in Europe immediately after Yokohama - Edmonton will not have para triathlon and how congress will happen is still tbd. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on the details for entry into France and all side provisions - Main updates happening through internal MEMO on a weekly basis to ensure NFs and athletes are well informed on any updates around the exceptional measures happening around events.
5	Coaches Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions for Yokohama have been addressed - USAT working to ensure - Junior para triathlon development being discussed within the group and how this can help for the future. Question if World Triathlon has considered adding para triathlon at the Junior WCHs considering the development required. - Awaiting the publication of final Tokyo 2020 Qualification Criteria, particularly around the timelines. EA clarified that this should happen in the next few days as there had been communication in this regard with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Qualification Criteria updated document to be published within the next few days - Table at the next PC’s meeting the idea for junior para triathlon. - Relay concept to be discussed at next meeting/s.

		<p>the IPC. EB meeting to happen in two days and this document will be discussed. No radical changes from the original timelines expected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DA: development of the junior would require input from technical, but what about U23 in the same manner, but just good thoughts to brainstorm and think of development towards 2028. - IH: worth looking at this, just like at the Commonwealth in 2018 it all started with one sport class, in Birmingham a different class will be showcased. It is important to establish a foothold to set a precedent. So maybe one class can be considered as a start. - EA reminded the group one of the pending items in the current strategic plan which is the relay concept to ensure there is continuity on this topic. - CP: the junior proposal is an addition for consideration as it would help in early development. This is a very first step for discussion to see how it can help. Big approach within the US for instance happening. 	
6	MIC Survey status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extended deadline just to push for some pending surveys to be sent back from some individuals, including IPC. Aim is to get 20 surveys completed. CAG to focus on feedback to lay out answers and start producing a refined second round of consultation. 	Reminder to missing participants
7	Classification – New CAG members, VI Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAG members already proposed, will be going to the EB for approval and PC will be informed - VI Classification opportunities still being planned, many events being cancelled by other IFs or IPC as they were also associated to - 3 Para triathletes classified on April 21st in Belgium through an Equestrian event. Still seeking opportunities for another 5 VI athletes that could be in Switzerland or Poland, and looking at Madrid as an 	Send proposal to EB for approval

		<p>alternative and last plan. Priority is to ensure all athletes with potential for Tokyo do get classified in advance of end of June. Leeds may step in to provide classification although the week after IBSA (International Blind Sports Association) has an opportunity in Warwick UK, which would be ideal for Commonwealth opting athletes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other opportunities happening in other continents, 2 para triathletes will be classified in Brisbane this weekend and one opportunity in Japan that may be of our interest. Other opportunities being offered in the Americas region and one pending to happen in Africa. - World Triathlon pending to discuss opportunities in the fall for new athletes on both PI and VI. - Coaches Group have expressed the need as they do have newcomers in VI for the sport. - Both ATU and PATCO may require (PI) classification so World Triathlon is closely monitoring the entries to facilitate this if required. - LL explained the status for African NFs and the contact he has been maintaining to ensure they enter for the event and send the classification information - EA gave an update on the NFs he is in contact with from PATCO to consider classification. 	
8	IPC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pending notification regarding the Paris Medal Event Programme 	EA to follow up with Jürgen

9	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do we get contacts in the NED or anywhere else for second hand equipment for developing NFs. - IH asked about the progress for the engagement of different members of the sub-groups for para triathlon. EA explained a call for interest needs to be released. Once the Academic researchers are identified, - Working group for the Interval Start System: EA proposed that once the insight is published, see how this should move forward in the future making it non-dependant on a group but maybe through a university but still considering anyone who may be interested in being part of this group. - DA: VISTA will be online this year so we should closely follow up on possibilities there. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MB will follow up on the equipment <p>CAG: 3 members additional to the HoC and DHoC. Names to be confirmed by the EB</p>
10	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planned for TUE 1st June 2021 at 19:00 GMT 	