

## Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 14 September 2021

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

### Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
- Ian Howard (IH) (GBR), Executive Board liaison
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA, Executive Board liaison
- 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	- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN	
2	Approval of minutes	- Minutes from the last 3 meetings were circulated for approval. Moved by NM and seconded by CP. - Minutes from the meeting that was not held on 18 <sup>th</sup> AUG will be presented as the written report that was provided by EA.	EA to upload once approved with the majority of the PC's approval

3	Tokyo 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PGs Update: EA provided a brief update highlighting the positive aspects para triathlon had during the Games, overall atmosphere, live TV worked fairly well, but from OBS there could have been a much better planning done in advance to better understand the race formats. Athlete experience was great in general. We had internal challenges to overcome, Thanos was on top of many small details that required attention. From the OC perspective, the LOC team was superb and at the highest standard.</li> <li>- DA provided an update from IPC perspective from comments she heard during the Games. All positive and highlighting the excellent work done by the TDs team, Gergely Markus and EA.</li> <li>- DA mentioned the IPC members that came for an insight tour prior to competition to better understand better our sport</li> <li>- DA also mentioned how special it was when some athletes from GBR team came to the TOs lounge to appreciate the work done by the team.</li> <li>- EA also updated the PC on the 2 female athletes we unfortunately lost a few days before the Games but although the benchmark of 20 NPCs was not met, at least the gender equity was met.</li> </ul>	<p>DA recommendation to plan an even more detailed plan to better educate the audience, spectators and public in general so they can understand our sport more in detail.</p>
4	Events Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concerns about the WCHs being assigned to Abu Dhabi and the budget constraints it may pose on some teams, but planning is on the go.</li> <li>- European CHs in Valencia, PWC events to take place in Turkey and Portugal with classification opportunities to be offered.</li> <li>- AUS athletes and others that will suffer for loss of points, World Triathlon to consider this for invites next season.</li> </ul>	<p>EA to lock the classification logistics for the coming events.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2022 events will be announced whenever possible, as due to the world situation, it is very difficult to have all confirmations on a given date, due to travel and governmental restrictions constantly changing.</li> <li>- Sport Department to release the Continental Cup provisions so confederations can decide if they can be launched for 2022.</li> <li>- Concern from coaches about budget for the WCHs in less than two months, and the fact this will provide WCH points but not all athletes may have the chance to compete. NM mentioned that if the points were not for WCHs, we'd probably lose the athletes that are considering participation.</li> <li>- It was mentioned how didn't have the WCHs in 2020 and missing out in 2021 would also be a disaster, so there is no perfect solution in this case.</li> <li>- EA reminded the group how originally, Milan was meant to be the WCHs after Toyko, of course the location has changed, but the event was planned to occur in the fall no matter what.</li> <li>- JG mentioned how in general, all athletes want the WCHs, but of course, for athletes from AUS and some other countries, it will present a hurdle in the coming months as they will not be able to achieve points in the next few months and drop in the ranking lists. These athletes will struggle for a year probably.</li> <li>- It was discussed how invitations will need to be used to mitigate the consequences in these cases.</li> <li>- DA expressed her concerns on ensuring there are enough opportunities offered in the coming cycle for athletes to compete at enough events. EA just clarified how the substitution rule and the new tier of Continental Cups should also contribute to easing the past challenges.</li> </ul>	
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5	Rule Changes review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For Competition Rules still another meeting to check and endorse. The entire PC voted on all items in favour to endorse those proposals to the TC.</li> <li>- Classification changes moved by CP and seconded by NM.</li> <li>- EA clarified the existing proposals, where they originated from and made sure to capture some of the feedback that had been received.</li> <li>- GD requested to have a column in the working doc that clearly states what proposals are endorsed or not for the TC to have that insight.</li> <li>- Classification proposals are more around wording and edits required from the IPC Classification Audit.</li> <li>- It was clarified that the classifier's certification will be a separate document that will still be passed separately through the TC and EB for approval. Classification changes moved by CP and seconded by NM.</li> <li>- Brief check on where the groups are with the rules review and setting of dates for the next meetings.</li> </ul>	EA to submit the working doc to the TC staff liaison
6	Classification Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Still no relevant updates for Paris 2024. EA working with DA on her candidacy for IPC Governing Board</li> <li>- CAG finalised the feedback for the IPC Classification Code Review, this is the 1<sup>st</sup> round and once collected and compiled, it will be circulated for a second round of consultation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ongoing work and more to be discussed in Tokyo.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting with Tea Cistic, IPC Classification Manager in Tokyo. Many matters discussed around the Classification Audit outcomes, short term plans and approach from IPC on the interval start system which is still pending. Important to keep this relation steady and active.</li> <li>- Alhandra to potentially host PI Classification and maybe a seminar if materials are ready.</li> <li>- Abu Dhabi to potentially host VI and classification but logistics are proving extremely difficult to manage and achieve</li> <li>- Valencia as a possibility to classify 2-3 straight forward cases for PI</li> <li>- CAG members approved, adding to the HoC and DHoC</li> </ul>	
7	MIC Survey and VISTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MIC survey next steps are pending from CAG, qualitative analysis process needs discussion and time to see how it should be done.</li> <li>- It is proving to be challenging to manage these aspects with ongoing events and other aspects like IPC GA, Classification logistics and so forth.</li> </ul>	
8	IPC Updates and GA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paris 2024: still awaiting news from the IPC. We have been assured that we do not need to worry on the outcome. We will need to ensure the outcome suits all potential classes to offer opportunities to be in Paris 2024. There is</li> <li>- For LA 2028 is 9 medal events an objective? PC to devise this as an action item maybe for the strategic plan.</li> <li>- DA nominated by World Triathlon for Member at Large for the IPC General Assembly. DA and EA processed all required documentation after the competition days in Tokyo.</li> </ul>	

9	Intellectual Impairment Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BC chosen to be on this working group and MB can attend on demand.</li> <li>- First meeting to be held in October</li> </ul>	Follow with Gergely on all groups
10	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carolyn Murray stepping down as chair of the Coaches Working Group. Proposal to have CP chair the group from now on till after Paris 2024. Moved by GD and seconded by BC.</li> <li>- Ongoing process to engage the academic researchers for the Research Group</li> <li>- Reports for Congress to be prepared in the next few days and presentation a few days later</li> <li>- IH asked if all the Para triathlon sub-groups are fully populated. The group for Intellectual Impairment is pending but it would be good to have these set as soon as possible.</li> </ul>	<p>GD and EA to work on the Congress report.</p> <p>EA to prepare short report on para groups with all appointed names once ready.</p>
11	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- THU 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm GMT Rules Working Group</li> <li>- PC Planned for MON 20<sup>th</sup> SEPT 2021 at 19:00 GMT</li> <li>- PC Planned for WED 13<sup>th</sup> OCT 2021 at 19:00 GMT</li> </ul>	