

## Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 15 December 2021

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

### Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA, Athlete Committee Representative
- 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN</li><li>- Ian Howard (IH) (GBR), Executive Board liaison</li></ul>	

2	Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pending to circulate the November ones</li> </ul>	
3	2021 IPC General Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GD and the entire PC congratulated DA for her re-election to the IPC Governing Board</li> </ul>	
4	Events Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Still working with Triathlon Australia on Devonport as a possibility for end of February 2022 with the uncertainty of the world-wide situation.</li> <li>- Other events that may come onto the calendar from USA and then World Triathlon to liaise with each continental confederation on Para triathlon Continental Cup possibilities</li> </ul>	
5	IPC Recommendation on VI Refractive Errors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EA went through the feedback from all PC members on the proposal from IPC to apply the new provisions on Refractive Errors. Ongoing discussion with IPC will allow to understand to who this applies, existing athletes or new athletes or both, and impact before Paris 2024 or after.</li> <li>- The PC has concerns of applying different measures or consideration towards existing athletes versus new athletes.</li> <li>- EA confirmed that he would have to go through all the MDFs of existing athletes to identify who falls potentially under these unique conditions. This will require a huge admin task.</li> <li>- DA mentioned that whatever is decided, it needs to really be made clear to all NFs that this is the situation and that some exceptions may be valid only till Paris 2024.</li> </ul>	EA to have the call tomorrow with IPC and get back to the PC in order to make a recommendation to the EB for the upcoming meeting before the 2022 Rules are finalised.

6	Rules Review for TC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There was a lengthy discussion around a specific rule that the Technical Committee discarded as per the feedback from the Athletes' Committee. The PC mentioned that the feedback or consultation process may have been somewhat misleading to the TC and that it would be good to have a broader discussion engaging all athletes in this class to understand the pros and cons.</li> <li>- JG and AS reiterated that if the main concern is safety, then a rule that applies to all would be the best option as opposed to something optional.</li> <li>- GD reminded them that the rule was proposed to allow for not hopping on one leg and also ensure the gliding through transition for above the knee amputees would also not occur. The drop off area would be outside transition, so there were no concerns regarding space. Maybe testing it at some races and getting the full insight for next year's rule review will help make the best-informed decision.</li> </ul>	<p>It was proposed to get a full insight from the majority of athletes in the PTS2 and the use of prosthetics in transition with a drop off area, that still may be tested in 2022 to understand the impact the rule could have</p>
6	CAG Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KM mentioned about the ongoing communication with the senior classifiers to continue the engagement on ongoing topics.</li> <li>- There was a call with the CAG members to set a plan for 2022, a very needed face to face meeting as well as finalising the recertification process for all classifiers.</li> <li>- Potential grant from IPC for up to 30,000€ for classification development in targeted region.</li> <li>- Call with JM to establish a timeline for research plan, search options for continuing the MIC survey project.</li> </ul>	
7	Coaches Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CP provided the update on the most recent Coaches working group matters, some of them already responded by EA at the meeting. New coaches on the working group.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussions on enough starts for races, second race opportunities potentially in Swansea, more races.</li> <li>- Swim exit volunteers for LOC, to be shared in advance, to make it a priority with LOCs to ensure the proper team of swim exit assistants is well trained.</li> <li>- One meeting on the relay took place internally in USAT, next meeting with the working group to take place.</li> </ul>	
8	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Awaiting from IPC on the Paris 2024 options for class up</li> </ul>	
9	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WED JAN 19<sup>th</sup> 2021</li> </ul>	