

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 19 January 2022

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 MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- 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">- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN- Ian Howard (IH) (GBR), Executive Board liaison- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative- Allysa Seely (AS), USA, Athlete Committee Representative	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NM (Vice-Chair) chaired the meeting as GD was in transit at an airport although was able to attend the meeting 	
2	Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pending to circulate the November and December ones 	
3	Events Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Devonport discarded for FEB, Pending dates for Abu Dhabi and still seeking additional events in the Americas region and potentially in Europe - Awaiting the formal bid doc for the Continental Para Cups as there is interest in hosting. 	EA to follow up on the release of the bid conditions for CPC.
4	Classification Opportunities 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA said priorities would be on Continental Championships without discarding any additional opportunities. Current plan and nearest opportunities would be for Sarasota both PI and VI and Oceania CCHs for PI. - EA in discussions with IBSA and IPC for out of competition opportunities especially in regions where it is not likely to have World Triathlon Opportunities. There are some 	
5	IPC VI Refractive Errors proposed rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPC released the draft transition rules that include a review of existing/current athletes in the sport, enforcing their need to undergo classification if deemed necessary. - EA communicated to IPC this was never discussed and that only the provision for NEW athletes had been included in our rules, and that it was not meant to deal with current athletes in the system till post Paris. 	EA to follow up with IPC on this matter.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PC discussed about the associated risks and how this could unfold. DA suggested it would be good to crosscheck with other IFs to see what their position is. It will be crucial to do the screening internally in World Triathlon to assess the numbers of existing athletes that could be in this situation before we provide a definite answer. - KM reiterated this provision in the draft transition rules was never discussed before the end of 2021. IPC had suggested to adopt these transition rules as an appendix to the rules if needed. 	
5	IPC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPC recommended to stick with the announced medal events and in the case of the Women's PTS4, allow for PTS3 athletes to class up - 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. 	
6	IPC Grant Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA provided an update on the work being done with FFTRI and BTF for the Coaches Certification to also close the reporting of the grant received for 2021. - EA to work on the 2022 application as World Triathlon was found eligible to apply for up to 30.000€ for a targeted 	
6	CAG Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a follow up call with CAG Members before Christmas to plan further activities and the overall 2022 plan. Potential meeting in early 2022 to identify the priorities for research, timelines, etc. - Classification activities from IPC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Review of the Classification Code (ongoing) o Intended face to face meetings for Heads of Classification o Compliance with the Code – next audit 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VI Refractive Errors (ongoing) 	
7	Coaches Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USAT has had two brainstorming sessions for the mixed relay, two potential sites to test. - Sarasota to have a trial mixed relay, team can be comprised by more than one nation, etc, distances will be course dependant 	
8	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NFs meeting planned for 18th March online - EA gave a count on current NFs considered to be regularly practicing the sport, as the Bid application for LA 2028 will be coming soon our way. It is a working file but provides a good insight of the current status. - MB mentioned the help ETU is able to provide to help developing NFs 	EA to make the document more visual-friendly for the PC's reference
9	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WED FEB 16th 2021 	