

## Para triathlon Committee Minutes

### Meeting: 23 March 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)
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA, 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ian Howard</li><li>- Allysa Seely</li></ul>	

2	Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- February ones already circulated and can be posted</li> </ul>	EA to upload
3	NF Meeting Recap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PC expressed their concerns around the number of attendees and actual number of NFs that make the best of this meeting.</li> <li>- Maybe separate sessions for developing NFs versus the more active ones for next edition? Maybe addressing the continental confederations to disseminate the information and engage NFs?</li> <li>- EA expressed the frustration of how many conversations and email exchange with NFs and NPCs ends up in nothing or hardly any action taken by that NF for various reasons, internal resources, funding, misunderstandings, etc. Maybe Zita Csovelyak in her role of Head of Development can also help in engagement.</li> <li>- CP mentioned how only she attended the meeting from her NF but many athletes expressed interest in seeing the recording after the meeting.</li> <li>- NM believes the meeting topics were more oriented to developed NFs with somewhat complex discussions that can be challenging to new NFs. GD: Hopefully some of the ongoing activities can help these NFs getting on track.</li> <li>- DA suggested also inviting NPCs so they can assist in some cases.</li> <li>- JG: Larger NFs maybe sponsoring and assisting smaller NFs</li> </ul>	<p>World Triathlon to ensure the meeting recording is available.</p> <p>Consider side by side meetings with clear approach to different levels of engagement. Also consider inviting smaller NFs to report on their own development.</p>

4	Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Montreal confirmed for 8<sup>th</sup> of July</li> <li>- Other possibilities in Italy, maybe a Continental Para Cup, also from USA maybe a CPC in September</li> </ul>	
5	IPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Formal confirmation Qualification Criteria</li> <li>- PARIS 2024: Maybe the limitation of transition space we may require having 3 races happening at the same time.</li> <li>- Bid Application for LA2028 → work in progress</li> <li>- Feedback Classification opportunities for VI: trying to set a date for an Out of Competition in Australia, for Commonwealth athletes an OOC opportunity in Madrid mid-June, hopefully with other NF/NPC cooperation (athletes from NIR, RSA).</li> <li>- Explanation to IPC on participating NPCs: discussion on how to grow flags and what has been done till now. GD: How do we manage to reach the benchmark and stay there and not worry every 4 years on meeting the figures? Some NFs depend on the one or two athletes and if we lost several of these NFs it could become an issue, despite the fact we are in a much better position than we were for Paris 2024. We will also highlight on the NFs we lost due to COVID-19.</li> <li>- The coaches' certification for para triathlon, the new classification courses will certainly contribute to help development, the specific meeting for developing NFs, the IPC Grant are definitely items that will help growing flags.</li> <li>- Joint National Championships. DA reiterated the pairing of NFs, where top NFs actually invest and invite athletes from another NF with simple things that can trigger engagement.</li> <li>- MB: Smaller NFs applying for grants from continental confederations</li> </ul>	

3	Calendar and Classification Opportunities	VI as mentioned and PI at European Championships and then in Swansea WPS. Asia CCHs tbd	
7	Coaches Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most items have been answered via NF Meeting and email</li> <li>- Mixed Relay experience in Sarasota update by CP. All classes represented by the teams that were put together</li> </ul>	MR Working Group to continue exploring the best format and options for the next test of a MR wherever this may happen
8	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EA presented the ongoing work of the master file for research in PTS sport classes and what activities this will allow for the coming months</li> </ul>	
9	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- APR 27th 22:00pm CET next PC meeting</li> </ul>	