

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 30 August 2022

Duration: via Zoom 22:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA – EB 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">- Ian Howard (IH), GBR – EB Liaison- Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA (VC)- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN- Allysa Seely (AS), USA – Athlete Representative- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative	

2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	Pending	
3	Swansea Conference and Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Birmingham event was superb, incredible atmosphere the day of the race, would have been great with more athletes. DA suggested to carefully monitor the way schedule is announced as both Triathlon and Para Triathlon were announced for same day without distinction - Swansea turned out well, but with many areas to improve. Some risky situations due to tight schedule, all feedback gathered for the LOC to review. The athlete's feedback was quite diverse, especially around the run course, etc, the bike stretch to reach the bike laps. - BC provided detailed feedback for both Birmingham and Swansea, transport challenges and how BTF tried the best to manage within the given circumstances. Abu Dhabi WCHs, new location decided, logistics being finalised. Will soon be released - Alhandra PWC coming up, some aspects being monitored carefully as there have been changes inside the NF for implementation. The CPC in America was cancelled and the one in Europe under planning. African CCHs coming up as well and the PWC of Alanya in October. <p>Swansea Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CP, NM, BC provided feedback on the conference, too bad it was confirmed with logistics details quite late as it would have been great to have more people there. They agreed the topics were extremely interesting and useful to the participants as well as the interactions amongst them. DA said it was so important to have it as a stand-alone conference. She tried to provide an overview of where we come from, where we are, and what are the most important action items to consider for the future. EA expressed that it seems some things need to be done 	<p>BTF and EA to review feedback from Conference to decide whether another conference can be planned in 2023 or not</p> <p>DA reminded how it is critical at Congress to go to all the Continental Confederation meetings in Abu Dhabi to engage with the key people.</p>

		<p>better and how communication is still critical and pending to be 100% efficient. It is not anyone's fault, but we need to explore alternative avenues. Opportunities for feedback after events was demanded. Interaction with some athletes showed how there is basic information that is worryingly unknown to the athletes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA highlighted how some of the outcomes from the Surveys and discussions at the conference should be considered for the strategic planning as they have huge impact in some areas. - MB received feedback on how good the conference was. He highlighted how inside Europe Triathlon, there are many considerations for the development of Para with basic financial allocation. 	
4	IPC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPC Classification Code review is the most relevant thing right now, Katerina Magkou as HoC will attend the HoC meetings in Siegburg, close to Bonn. Marguerite Christophers from NZL, on the CAG will also attend on behalf of NZL NPC. - Preparations for the General Assembly in November 	
5	Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swansea was extremely challenging; the athlete evaluations are now requiring 90-120 minutes causing major delays in the planned schedules. Luckily here there was some flexibility, but it is becoming more and more of an issue. We are stretching classifiers to the limit. - NFs are presenting more challenging neurological cases more frequently than ever before. 	
6	Mixed Relay Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pending meeting with Hugh and the USAT Statician. - Still pending to see if it is possible to host in Abu Dhabi 	

7	Coaches Working Group	<p>CP reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A lot of discussion on Swansea event, the bike course was a B solution after part of the original sea-side course collapsed earlier in the year, the Ironman race the next day had an impact on planning as well. - New coaches on the group - Demanding to learn about 2023 Event Calendar ASAP. Wanting to know which WCHs would provide the WCH Paralympic ranking points during the qualification. Request to go back to face-to-face athlete briefing. EA clarified Pontevedra 2023 WCHs will be the official event providing the WCHs ranking points during the qualification for Paris 2024. Releasing the calendar ASAP is also a priority as soon as we can confirm events. - A lot of interest to learn how to host a Mixed Team Relay for Para. It would be great to have a basic set of rules. Whenever a Para MR can happen, to always have it after the individual events. 	
8	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MB mentioned about the upcoming CPC event in Bari and potential interests from other European NFs. Maybe in the future a CPC aside the Continental Championships - DA highlighted the fact that we do not have the same resources in all countries. Ensuring safe and fair race should be the priority and from there, work out a plan that allows for races to happen in all regions, to encourage those disfavoured athletes to compete. We need to justify why we are called "World Triathlon". Some more developed NFs need to understand that we need to look at the big picture and be flexible with some standards at some events. 	EA to check the possibility for PC representatives to attend the Continental Confederation Meetings in Abu Dhabi

8	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tentative OCT 11th- Rules Revision tbd- November 2nd	
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