

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 25 January 2023

Duration: via Zoom 17:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA – EB Liaison
- Ian Howard (IH), GBR – EB Liaison
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

Absent

MT, MB, JG, AS,

*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- Allysa Seely (AS), USA – Athlete Representative- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative	

2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 Events • IPC Updates • Classification • Strategies to increase flags • Coaches working group • Equipment for developing NFs • Paris 2024 • Mixed relay • VI Concern Re: Interval Start • AOB • Next meeting 	Minutes produced for the last PC meeting but not for the presential Abu Dhabi PC Meeting
3	Events	Abu Dhabi announced a few days prior. Gergely Markus and EA pursuing opportunities for Alhandra and Alanya as well a potential interest from Italy (TBD). Continental Champs for Asia to be determined. Continental Cups – Interest from Europe, Yokohama and a few on the calendar already.	
4	IPC Updates	<p>Antonio Arimany (Secretary General) and EA at IPC HQ the two days prior. Clarification on Anti – Doping figures, check from our side the way ITA is preparing the reports to ensure it is IPC compliant. TRI reminded IPC the extra budget that has been allocated for AD</p> <p>IH asked about how the relation with ITA works, in order to make sure they are producing what we need to provide to IPC. EA clarified that falls under the anti-doping department and Secretary General.</p> <p>DA suggested for EA to explain the discussions with IPC around Classification. It was clarified that no potential classification changes post Paris would impact any operational aspect for LA 2028 which is what IPC</p>	EA to include Debbie and Grant in the II Working Group Call

	<p>wanted to ensure. They would not endorse changes to the system that suddenly deem athletes that were in to be then non-eligible or viceversa. Adjustments to sport classes are possible.</p> <p>MIC Survey 2nd round → IPC happy to assist to ensure it is presented in a proper way, through their Compliance and Classification committees.</p> <p>EA informed the PC about the embargoed notice coming from the IPC the next day about sports included in the programme for LA2028.</p> <p>Where does the Intellectual Impairment (II) stand at this point? If these athletes were to come into the picture? Or for AHSN (Athletes with High Support Needs)? That is being reviewed internally but the addition of II could compromise the fact that we are adding a new pool of athletes (it doesn't mean we would be proposing a medal event necessarily).</p> <p>With II we are seeking to test and observe at some event in the near future. Potentially see viability or recognition to such events.</p> <p>DA asked about the relay, EA gave them a full insight of the experience in Abu Dhabi. The requested quota for LA2028 has considered the possibility of an increase of the athlete quota.</p> <p>Medal Events for LA2028 will not be discussed with IFs until AFTER PARIS 2024</p> <p>IH: Considerations for the relay, maybe not have a mandatory PTWC at the start as it limits some teams' viability? Just to make sure we are not limiting our options</p> <p>GD responded that most coaches agreed this would trigger their interest to find such athletes.</p> <p>EA added that with the missing teams in Abu Dhabi, we would have had a minimum of 8 viable teams.</p> <p>NM suggested we rely on the Virtus Classification system for II, it is probably the most feasible option.</p> <p>DA: If Virtus runs it, it could be recognized by World Triathlon?</p>	
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5	Classification	<p>EA gave an update on current status of the CAG, Deputy HoC to be replaced. Revalidation of all senior classifiers to happen during February.</p> <p>Update on the course that took place in Bosson, Sweden for new National Level Classifiers. First course since September 2019.</p> <p>Classification at America Region Continentals, Discussion inside Europe Triathlon to decide classification location. Asia and Africa tbd.</p> <p>Oceania will do it in Busselton Continental Cup.</p> <p>VI Out of competition Classification Opportunities in Melbourne and USA and EA arranging an opportunity in Europe, potentially Madrid 6-7 June after the European Continentals and before the A Coruña PWC</p>	
6	New NFs Discussion and Coaches Working Group	<p>GD gave an update on the Coaches working group and how the coaches are willing to mentor and assist other NFs that are developing. How to explore new strategies to help.</p> <p>GD: recapping on the Abu Dhabi NF meeting it is good to see it has triggered a reaction with many people wanting to do things.</p> <p>CP: Working Group circulated a document with points around a proposed outline strategy</p> <p>EA clarified that most of the items listed in the coaches document are already part of the World Triathlon Strategic Plan 2022-2025 and that it is not making too much sense to duplicate efforts, that probably the coaches working group Important to establish the NF meeting with basic topics for developing NFs as discussed inside the PC last year.</p> <p>DA: There needs to be focus on a continental level to which CP replied that within the group, there are coaches willing to take that lead in whichever region needed.</p> <p>CP: the coaches working group would like to have a more detailed insight on how the money allocated by TRI to the Cont. Confederations is distributed.</p>	

		<p>EA added that in order to trigger some action in regions like Africa, Asia or South America, it is likely that NPCs need to be contacted at the same time to start development.</p> <p>IH expressed the concern if we contact NPCs and how we ensure NFs are kept in the loop. About the strategy circulated by the coaches working group, does it align with the existing strategy from TRI?</p> <p>CP: Coaches see this as an opportunity to help as much as possible.</p> <p>GD: requested for PC members to review the document and bring up any points they consider important</p> <p>NM: mentioned how crucial it is to make our contacts available to them</p>	
7	Equipment for developing NFs	<p>GD: Chair brought up this discussion with the coaches working group. They have shared a couple of links, maybe a list needs to be put together. Moving second-hand equipment is not easy to move between countries/continents. Maybe a better idea on costs and logistic constraints?</p> <p>DA: International shipping company contact, but we would need to put a package idea together and DA could facilitate the contact. We need some brainstorming on how all this could be moved. A few people from the PC and coaches' group would have to volunteer to work on this</p>	<p>CP to address at next coaches meeting</p> <p>EA: pending call with UCI for creating or understanding possibilities for second hand tandems and hand-bikes.</p> <p>Also discussion with IPC on cheap handbikes?</p>
8	Paris 2024	<p>Small update from EA on the “new” approach for these games as World TRI will be part of the LOC for implementation of operations</p>	
9	Mixed Relay	<p>Wrap up from Abu Dhabi and new ideas to be extracted and discussed</p> <p>GD: Working group should have a meeting</p>	<p>EA to collate the feedback after Abu Dhabi to call a meeting for more discussion. Target mid-Feb</p>

10	VI Concerns around the Interval Start Time	EA mentioned he is working with Hugh to do either a practical session or a recording for NFs to better understand the calculation of the Interval Start System as an athlete had raised concerns about the lack of understanding.	EA to meet with Hugh and work on this
11	AOB	Presence in LA to be confirmed tomorrow January 26 th by the IPC	EA to communicate to the PC
12	Next Meeting	February 28th	