

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 28 February 2023

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA – EB Liaison
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

Absent

- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS
- Ian Howard (IH), GBR – EB Liaison

*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		Minutes pending from EA
3	Strategic Plan Clarification	<p>DA clarified there is an existing Strategic Plan approved by the World Triathlon Executive Board for the period 2022-2025. We mustn't confuse strategic plan with operational plan, which staff follow in order to achieve the objectives laid out in the strategic plan. There are many topics brought up by the coaches working group around NF development and larger federations adopting smaller ones that were part of the discussions since before Rio 2016. These are not new things coming from the Swansea conference in 2022. The Coaches Working Group came as an idea since DA was sitting on the Coaches Committee, where the main focus was on the World Triathlon Series but nothing for para triathlon, so DA pushed for the formation of the para coaches' group as they deal with athletes on a regular basis.</p> <p>The group started in an informal way until Carolyn Murray (CAN) started chairing the group after Rio. But this group needs to fall into the existing structure at World Triathlon. The Staff are paid to precisely do these things and address these items on a daily basis.</p> <p>GD summarized the documents presented at congress on behalf of the PC where the current goals are highlighted and the next steps the PC has identified as action items.</p> <p>CP: The coaches working group want to be as useful as possible to World Triathlon. EA clarified the same to the coaches working group at the previous meeting. Group does not wish to overlap or repeat other actions that are already on course.</p> <p>EA: The call for action at the NFs meeting in Abu Dhabi may have triggered more reaction than really needed. But we are fully aware of the requirements and needs that are to be met to maintain the sport in a</p>	

		<p>healthy status for the applications for being part of the Paralympic Games. There is no need to create a working group for all the different operations we deal with. The existing documents are the ones that have led to the existing strategic plan. What we can do is identify if there is any action missing, we want to include in our operational plan. In 2024 and post Paris in 2025, we will clearly be working on the next strategic plan. There can be more action items that still lead to the identified (existing) goals</p> <p>GD could not identify any items listed by the coaches working group that are not already included in the Strategic Plan's goals</p> <p>CP: Coaches focus don bringing new NFs to lower-level events</p> <p>GD mentioned the matter for AD as IPC brought this to our attention. EA: This matter was discussed face to face by World TRI Secretary General and EA in Bonn in meetings with IPC in January and clarified and it was more related to the process on reporting and addressed internally to ensure there is no misunderstanding in the future</p>	
4	Event Updates	<p>Alhandra confirmed as WTPC, still pursuing other options with Alanya and Taranto in Italy. Several CPC set in America, Africa and Asia</p>	
5	Classification updates	<p>Recertification process ongoing, hope to conclude process by Easter</p> <p>GD asked about regional distribution. EA summarized the participants from the course in SWE and the status of Senior classifiers undergoing the recertification.</p> <p>Opportunities coming up in Sarasota for PI in Americas, Busselton in Oceania, Madrid in Europe and maybe other options in the fall. Still exploring options for Africa and Asia continents based on their events. Awaiting feedback from coordinators in those continents</p>	

		VI Opportunity, some out of competition opportunities in AUS and USA, discussing other options with IPC/IBSA and still planning for Madrid in June.	
6	Mixed Relay	Meeting pending, maybe possible in Sarasota around the event hosted there. Montreal and Long Beach as options, Swansea tbd At WCHs we will have the event in Pontevedra.	
7	AOB	EA responded to the athlete that had requested the full insight on the Interval Start System	EA to meet with Hugh and Paul Mininger to prepare webinar or recording
8	Next Meeting	March 28th	