

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 28 March 2023

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CEST

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
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

Absent

- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUST
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA
- 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
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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 • Classification • Coaches working group • Female Participation • CAG Composition • PC endorsement for classifiers as TOs Paris 2024 • AOB • Next meeting 	Minutes pending
3	2023 Events	<p>Sarasota as good race, classification took place. Very good Mixed Relay with 9 teams and Devonport also was OK with the new LOC, but low participation.</p> <p>CP follow up with Paul Brandt for some discussions. We definitely needed more swim exit assistants. Penalties were given during the MR</p> <p>USAT offered assistance to the other NFs that attended Sarsota (MEX; PAN and CUB)</p> <p>Other events on track but it does seem like we need to have the events announced sooner on the calendar</p> <p>There are some EB discussions for the future set of WCHs and the spread across the days of the different disciplines for 2025</p>	EA follow up on liaising with USAT and the other NFs in the Americas Region

4	Classification	<p>Still logistics for VI in Madrid being finalised as well as for PI. Africa set in October but discussing if classification should occur earlier. For Asia potentially mid-June.</p> <p>Another course for national classifiers potentially to be offered in the fall</p>	
5	Coaches Working Group	<p>Feedback from group: Abu Dhabi may have caused lower participation for Devonport. Strong winds in Sarasota that should maybe make the race be earlier in the day. Request for a slack channel for coaches communication</p> <p>WCHs: to know the days of the ind races and timing of the MR. Teams want to know if it is an official WCHs</p> <p>CP clarified we probably need a ranking system for the MR WCHs to become official. Question on whether it is better to host the MR before or after the ind. Races.</p> <p>Coaches would like to participate at the MR working group. GD and DA clarified that it is enough to have CP as representative.</p>	EA to follow up on what is required to have official WCHs for the MR
5	Female Participation	<p>EA presented some ranking figures and highlighted some concerns on the current numbers participating in the different female medal events, some of them with less than 10 active athletes</p> <p>No strong concerns in PTWC and PTS5 but both right at the 10 athlete benchmark</p> <p>Strong concerns in PTS2, worse in PTS3, PTS4 has only 4 nations in the top 9, 4 athletes from USA and 3 from ESP. Some new athletes can help the figures.</p> <p>PTVI in good health</p> <p>RUS absence is not helping but other athletes have either stopped or moved to cycling or have had health issues.</p> <p>There are new names, but in general there is a drop in para female participation. The WHO figures are not encouraging</p>	<p>https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/disability-and-health</p> <p>https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/sensory-functions-disability-and-rehabilitation/global-report-on-health-equity-for-persons-with-disabilities</p> <p>https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241564182</p>

6	CAG Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Javier Martinez had to present his resignation as DHoC due to personal matters and change in professional life. Internal proposal is to nominate Paul Grandjean from the CAG to become new DHoC. PC supported. Moved by BC, seconded CP, all in favour Nomination for new CAG member: Alicia McCulloch from AUS PC Supported. Moved by NM, seconded by BC. 	
7	PC endorsement for classifiers as TOs Paris 2024	Katerina Magkou and Paul Grandjean nominated to Paris 2024 as TOs PC supported. Moved by BC, Seconded by CP-LL	
8	AOB	<p>EA to reformat the Sarasota MR results for discussion</p> <p>Selection of Classification Coordinator nearly concluded</p> <p>Meeting with Hugh and Paul Mininger set to discuss the Interval Start System</p> <p>NM suggested to consider a recording or explanation video for this purpose</p> <p>DA asked which are the biggest concerns in classification for the time being and are they scored in terms of high, medium or low score. There are ongoing discussions and items that are being tabled by the CAG</p> <p>NFs meeting for developing countries on May 17th</p>	
9	Next Meeting	April 25th	