

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 23 May 2023

Duration: via Zoom 21:30 CEST

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA – EB Liaison
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Rebeka Torma (RT), HUN - World Triathlon Classification Coordinator
- Katerina Magkou (KM), GRE – Head of Classification
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative

Absent

- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- 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 - 	
2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introductions • NF Meeting Recap • 2023 Events & Classification • Events • Classification Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opportunities ○ IPC Feedback ○ VISTA/IF HoC • Mixed Relay Status • Coaches Working Group • Swansea Conference • Development • AOB • Next Meeting 	Minutes from the previous meeting circulated for approval. Approved
3	Welcome new staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA welcomed and introduced Rebeka Torma, new World Triathlon Classification Coordinator. Rest of the EB and PC members welcomed RT. 	

4	NF Meeting Recap	<p>EA expressed how needed this meeting was. General feedback was positive but it highlighted so many things that require proper attention. So the education should continue and we should pay attention to detail.</p> <p>DA expressed how much work is still required. DA and GD expressed how crucial this meeting was to NFs. There is a big gap amongst all our NFs. Even the language, how do we send out the basics and make it available to the new NFs.</p>	
5	Events	<p>Recap on events since 25 April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Busselton CPC - Yokohama WTPS - Sharm El Sheik CPC -> negative feedback from athletes on overall services and registration fee <p>UPCOMING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yasmine Hammamet - ECHs Madrid - Asia Triathlon CCHs Samarkand - Besançon WTPC - A Coruña WTPC - Montreal WTPS 	
6	Classification Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunities: EA gave the details around upcoming classification opportunities in Madrid for both PI and VI and Samarkand for Asia. Pending planning for Africa and another opportunity in Asia together with development. Additional Out of competition Opportunities (OOC) VI through IPC being discussed. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPC Feedback: IPC sent a letter to World Triathlon requesting feedback on some topics. One of them being about the use of the Interval Start System. This is an ongoing discussion that will be addressed later on and IPC is also currently addressing it through the Code Review which is not the best forum in our opinion. The other were mainly matters about some typos or mixed terms in the classification rules. <p>KM provided insight about Misrepresentation rules and procedures and our specific wording.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VISTA/IF HoC: KM and EA provided the dates and insight for the VISTA conference. HoC Meetings exact dates to be determined, probably before VISTA. DA was asking what TRI could present as an abstract? 	
7	2023 Swansea Conference	EA awaiting summary draft from BTF. DA explained the proposal to have Paul Bird in his Oceania Continental role over several years of developing para sport in the region. DA and EA had a call with him to provide an overview	
8	Mixed Relay Status	<p>Meeting held on 9th May and not everyone was present. Main outcome was that our points table requires some changes considered.</p> <p>DA: asked about teams knowing the provisions and the fact we have the Open race at the WCHs. Check max number of teams for Pontevedra. DA asking the PC to come up with a criteria?</p>	EA to check the limit for WCHs of # of teams. MR needs a criteria to have a robust foundation
9	Coaches Working Group	<p>Recap on the NFs meeting. EA provided an update on events prior to the meeting. Question on Pontevedra entries for the MR and provisional classification allowance for such athletes being part of the teams for the Open Para MR.</p> <p>Bring back the Open race at WCHs, maybe as a super-sprint?</p>	Feedback from athletes about the drop off areas at mount line, is that it should preferably be at dismount or both.

		<p>PC to address this at a next meeting or separate meeting. Concern about the overall hours dedicated to para and the sustainability aspect of all events.</p> <p>GD brought up what classification status athletes would require for Open events.</p> <p>CP expressed how athletes are not fully aware of the new rule about the drop off prosthetic area. Request to provide clarity at the briefing. DA suggested the coaches working group can disseminate this info on key aspects of new rules at events or beginning of the season.</p> <p>Good to be back to in person briefings.</p> <p>Request to check if the slack channel is working and the other topic was the networking for used equipment.</p> <p>Discussion about existing quotas, how it's limiting newcomers.</p>	<p>Full PC to meet on the topic around bringing back the OPEN race at WCHs in a sustainable manner.</p>
10	Development	<p>Funded vs non-funded athletes discussion from the coaches working group</p> <p>NF coaches agreed they could take maybe some athletes to CPC and WTPC events.</p> <p>EA provided updates on potential projects with Asia, Africa and America. Europe development camp prior to the Alhandra Para Cup. Scholarships at World and Continental level in the making.</p>	
11	AOB	<p>DA: to create the Para athlete's working group that would report to the Athlete's Committee primarily but could also provide feedback to the PC.</p> <p>PC requested to know about the status of the Intellectual Impairment Group and EA provided a short update. Things moving slowly mainly due to the fact nor Virtus nor Special Olympics included para triathlon in their major events this year where it was meant to be observed.</p> <p>Proposal for Allysa Seely to participate at Swansea as key speaker.</p> <p>DA reminded the PC that Jonathan Goerlach will attend the IPC Athlete's Forum in Korea in June.</p>	

12	Next Meeting	12 th of July	
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