

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 23 May 2023

Duration: via Zoom 21:30 CEST

Present

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

Absent

- Ian Howard (IH), GBR – EB Liaison
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative
- Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED

*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	As per above	

2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap on PC extraordinary meeting from 3rd July regarding Open Race at WCHs • 2023 Events & Classification • Events • Classification Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opportunities ○ IPC Feedback ○ VISTA/IF HoC • NF Meeting Recap • Mixed Relay Status • Coaches Working Group • Swansea Conference • Development • AOB • Next Meeting 	Pending minutes from May
3	Open Para race discussion	<p>GD provided the insight on the summary below:</p> <p>Present: Grant, Chris, Martin, Neil, Ian</p> <p>Background: Through discussions at the coaches working group, it was proposed that the possibility of re-introducing an open division for Para Triathlon at the World Triathlon Championships. Open Para Triathlon races took place until 2017 at the World Championships. Due to logistics and opportunities through other international race opportunities for athletes, this race venue was discontinued.</p>	

		<p>Rationale: This is an opportunity to provide more Paratriathletes an opportunity to complete and gain exposure to our sport at an introductory international level and help further develop Para Triathlon. The event could help bring in new flags, As well, newer athletes, NFs and/or coaches can gain knowledge of Para Triathlon in a less rigid format.</p> <p>Format:</p> <p>Sprint Distance – 750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the logistics of this distance work best in conjunction with other races taking place - allows for some comparison to Elite Para athletes - provides the opportunity to run the event as first waves leading to age group sprint races as done in years past - suggested 3 waves, WC, Standing, VI - Medals may or may not be awarded, could be finisher medal or medals for 3 waves, WC, Standing, VI. There would not be an interval start for any classes. <p>Recommendation: That World Triathlon have an Open Para Triathlon race at the World Triathlon Championships in 2024.</p> <p>EA added how consideration should be given to the inclusion of CPC to precisely allow for the new athletes to compete as well as considerations being given to the MR and to Intellectual Impairment.</p>	
4	Events	<p>Recap on events since 9th May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yokohama WPS - Yasmine Hammamet - ECHs Madrid → turned to DU, negative feedback from athletes on communication timelines. GD expressed concerns about how the management of CCHs is somewhat confusing with TRI providing TOs 	<p>AS: we need to be careful on if we should expand events or expands quotas at less events which meet the quality standards. Follow up discussion to increase start list opportunities</p>

		<p>and TD but then the executive management is from the continental confederations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asia Triathlon CCHs Samarkand: very positive feedback - Besançon WTPC - A Coruña WTPC → concerns around not having the bike familiarisation and early starts <p>Montreal WTPS</p> <p>UPCOMING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swansea: concerns about the strong winds expected - Paris: ongoing planning - Pontevedra: meetings around congress 	
5	Mixed Relay Status	<p>Need to have a meeting with the MR group to review the points table proposal and team compositions. Meeting to take place in August</p>	
6	Intellectual Impairment update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Observation to take place in Swansea. Recommendation in the report to congress about NF engagement and devise opportunities for this observation on how these races are implemented. - DA suggested we pay strong attention to the ongoing classification system VIRTUS has implemented for II that is recognised by IPC. <p>CP provided insight on how it is done in the US with co athletes racing together with II athletes.</p> <p>Discussion from the PC on whether II could potentially fit in any case within the Open race if this was to come back at World Triathlon?</p>	

8	Coaches Working Group	<p>CP: Registration for Mixed relay. EA confirmed it will be through TRI entries system.</p> <p>Excitement for the European Development Camp by the coaches. America to replicate this project and review the allocation of para budget for the confederation. EA announced the planning for the CPC in Colombia with additional activities</p>	
11	AOB	<p>JG provided insight on his participation at the IPC Athlete's Forum in Korea in June.</p> <p>EA provided insight on an item regarding Classification Strategy and the challenges TRI is facing with difficult cases. This requires immediate addressing</p> <p>EA provided a short update on classification opportunities</p>	
12	Next Meeting	22 nd August	