

## Para triathlon Committee Minutes

### Meeting: 26 October 2023

Duration: 9pm CEST Online - remote Meeting

#### Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA – EB Liaison
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Rebeka Torma (RT) HUN - World Triathlon Classification Coordinator

#### Absent

- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA Athlete representative
- 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	Welcome		
2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Welcome</li> <li>2 Minutes</li> <li>3 Events Update</li> <li>4 Classification Update</li> <li>5 IPC Updates</li> <li>6 Coaches</li> <li>7 Rules Review</li> <li>8 Development</li> <li>9 AoB</li> <li>10 Next Meeting</li> </ul>	Minutes pending from September WCHs Meeting
3	Events Update	<p>Alhandra: New swim layout which made things easier. From coaches, main issues around the timing that had major failures with the mats. Information was also issued quite late like athlete's guide</p> <p>Hurghada, many challenges, additional swim safety required, starts were condensed, issues with timing - still following up</p> <p>Malaga: critical last-minute changes after the familiarizations, both run and bike courses modified before the race, a buoy moved in the swim between legs and caused some delay. Two separate and long transitions and</p> <p>Taranto: very tight planning but seems to be on track, many calls every week to follow up on main technical matters</p> <p>Bids: discussion with a few NFs on possibilities</p>	EA to get the full insight from Hurghada timing
4	Classification	<p>Rio Maior: intensive classification together with the Europe Triathlon Development camp, with observers from the classification course</p> <p>Hurghada: Few classifications as some from RWA couldn't make it.</p>	

		<p>Out of Competition VI: Egypt option, Para Pan Games and Madagascar as potential options as several African athletes are interested.</p> <p>Revalidation course for National Classifiers through the online education hub being launched.</p>	
5	IPC Updates	<p>EA and Antonio Arimany and EA attended the IPC General Assembly in Bahrain.</p> <p>NPC - RUS BLR able to compete as neutral teams but final decision on IFs</p> <p>Classification Code Review Topics were discussed to be approved in an online GA in May 2024. IPC brought up the topic of use of factor systems and interval start system but did not really address it during the GA. TRI took the floor and Antonio Arimany highlighted the fact TRI and other IFs have requested to put together a working group to manage this topic together with IPC.</p> <p>HoC Meetings and VISTA Meetings to take place this week, but VISTA has been postponed till 20204 due to the circumstances in the middle East</p> <p>Open Days: DA to proposed Classification to be a topic at the Open days with IPC engagement with Scott Field and Tea Cistic.</p> <p>CAG Meetings pending to decide when and where</p>	<p>EA to check with Zita on next Open Days slots and contact IPC on this possibility.</p> <p>EA to monitor any response from IPC on the topic if use of factors. Push through the other IFs</p>
6	Coaches Working Group	<p>GD: concerns from Pontevedra, VI Free leading zones, more and more VI pulling athletes in the run course, issues with WCH course. Check in worked very well</p> <p>Not a para friendly venue, finish too far from start/transition. Bike fans too close to race the next day. Hotels too far apart or away</p>	

7	Rules Review	<p>EA has proposed to start review in early 2024 and to have finalized all discussions prior to the fall of 2024 when the process is concluded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bigger team delegation quota, more quotas needed for bigger teams</li> </ul>	EA to circulate rules review doc by 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of Nov
8	Development	<p>EA updates</p> <p>Horizon camp feedback: NM provided insight on the 7 days in Rio Maior: great experience to be repeated and in other continental confederations. From a II perspectives it was extremely positive with Natasha Kelly from IRL leading the organization and planning. Very good environment, different level of athletes, great opportunity to expand networks, GBR team helping a lot, NM was sent from TRI to lead the coaching certification and the outcome was very good.</p> <p>DA said it would be great to have a final report with budget figures that other continental confederations could relate to for future planning</p> <p>Awaiting Asia options</p> <p>IPC Grant Programme for 2024: TRI to propose any projects that could potentially be considered.</p>	
9	AOB	<p>Facilitator course in Lausanne was very successful with NM attending as well as 3 other classifiers, Paul Grandjean, Anja Swoboda and Leo Oikawa so 4 additions to para triathlon to lead future courses.</p> <p>BC: thanked USAT for the course where an RSA coach can attend online to the introduction course to para triathlon. CP teaches this one-day course, it is live. Available for anyone in the world that speaks ENG for free.</p> <p>MR: Review Pontevedra Data for the Working Group</p>	EA to extract Pontevedra Mixed R results to have Paul analyse and have a meeting with the working group on WED 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov
10	Next Meeting	<p>Tentative 28<sup>th</sup> November 9pm CET for the PC</p> <p>MR working group on 15 Nov and Rules Review on 12 December</p>	

