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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD IN AZERBAIJAN, BAKU
24 AND 27 NOVEMBER 2016



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MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 24-27 November 2016 BAKU (AZE)
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Participants:

Name	Nationality	Position
José Perurena	Spanish	President (Executive Committee Member)
Istvan Vaskuti	Hungarian	1st Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Joao Manuel Da Costa Alegre	Sao Tome and	2nd Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Tony Estanguet	France	3rd Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Luciano Buonfiglio	Italian	Treasurer (Executive Committee Member)
Simon Toulson	British	Secretary General (Executive Committee Member)
Helen Brownlee	Australian	President OCA - Oceania Canoe Association
Albert Woods	British	President ECA - European Canoe Association
Cecilia Farias	Argentinian	President COPAC - Panamerican Canoe Federation
Maree Burnett	New Zealander	Continental Representative Oceania (Absent)
Ahmad Donyamali	Iranian	Continental Representative Asia
Octavio Morales Vallarta	Mexican	Continental Representative America
Branko Lovric	Croatian	Continental Representative Europe
Andrej Jelenc	Slovenian	Continental Representative Europe
Saifudin Patwa	Kenyan	Continental Representative Africa
Tim Cornish	South African	Continental Representative Africa
Victor G. Ruiz	Puerto Rican	Continental Representative America
Mario Santos	Portugal	Continental Representative Europe - Chair Ocean Racing
Thomas Konietzko	German	Continental Representative Europe
Frank Garner	Canadian	Chair Canoe Sprint
Jean-Michel Prono	French	Chair Canoe Slalom
Jorn Cronberg	Danish	Chair Canoe Marathon
Jens Perlwitz	German	Chair Wildwater Canoeing
Andrea Donzeli	Italian	Chair Canoe Polo
Dr LUK Wai Hung	Hong Kong	Chair Dragon Boat
Lluis Rabaneda i Caselles	Spanish	Chair Canoe Freestyle
Donald McKenzie	Canadian	Chair Medical and Anti-Doping
John Edwards	Canadian	Chair Paracanoe Committee
Henriette E Hansen	Danish	Chair Athlete Committee

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Description	Responsible Person	Deadline
<p>PRESIDENT'S WELCOME</p> <p>The ICF President welcomed everybody to Baku.</p> <p>Because of the Exceptional circumstances resulting in the absence of the New Zealand representative at the ICF Congress, the BoD agreed to transfer NZL vote to another country.</p>		
<p>APPROVAL OF THE BoD MINTUTES - Madrid 2016</p> <p>The BoD approved the minutes from the meeting in Madrid, April 2016.</p>		
<p>GENERAL COMMENTS BY ICF PRESIDENT</p> <p>Stand up paddling (SUP)</p> <p>There had been a meeting at the IF forum in Lausanne regarding the International Surfing Federation's proposal to include SUP at the YOG in Argentina. The position of the ICF BoD about SUP was required and the opinion of the Ordinary Congress was also needed.</p> <p>It was suggested that SUP activity be added to all canoeing disciplines. Further discussions with ISA were envisaged with the involvement of the IOC.</p> <p>The BoD confirmed that it was in favour to discuss the issue at the Ordinary Congress.</p> <p>After various meetings with IDBF an initial agreement had been achieved. The ICF would organise World Championships jointly with IDBF. ICF would maintain authority any Olympic topic related to Dragonboat.</p> <p>After discussion with Tokyo 2020 and also with Mr Narita's intervention it was decided that Canoe Sprint would finally stay in Tokyo. Tokyo 2020 with the help of ICF and FISA had cut the budget by 150 million.</p>		
<p>GENERAL COMMENTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL</p> <p>This year the ICF had been to CAS on seven occasions. The Belarus doping case was heard last week and the judge seemed to be very pro athlete. The decision will be announced in January 2017.</p> <p>For the Russian cases, the ICF was awaiting evidence from the McLaren report which would be released on 9th December. It was likely Canoeing would face some cases from this report and would react accordingly. It could be envisaged that these cases would result in more CAS cases.</p>		

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<p>The Moldovan hearing would be on Sunday after the ICF Congress and the BoD would be informed of the outcome.</p> <p>The EBU TV contract had finished. EBU had made an offer for the next four years but the sum was not very high. It was highlighted that it would be difficult to leave the EBU. The BoD agreed to assess individual contracts with broadcasters for the next four years.</p> <p>One concern was that the ICF would lose approximately 40 million viewers in 2017 due to the loss of Eurosport coverage.</p> <p>The ICF BoD voted in favour to not sign the EBU contract and pursue other avenues for TV exposure.</p> <p>For the upcoming ICF Congress there had been 106 votes from National Federations registered and 107 votes for the Ordinary Congress.</p> <p>It was decided that the ICF statutes after the ICF Congress would be redrafted and approved by the BoD in March 2017.</p> <p>The ICF Congress would be requested that the change to the Rule regarding the Olympic Games Programme for Canoe Sprint could be decided by the ICF Board based on the IOC comments in March 2017.</p>		
<p>GENERAL COMMENTS BY TREASURER</p> <p>Profit and lose during the two year period was explained by the Treasurer.</p> <p>The budget had been exceeded, however, adding better than expected investment returns the losses would be negated.</p> <p>Budget 2017-2019</p> <p>An overall increase in the next budget was proposed with an increase of HQ staff members adding 5 more staff to finally reach 11 staff in total. The proposed budget for 2017-2018 was approved and would be presented to ICF Congress.</p>		
<p>General comments by the Chairs of Technical Sports Committees Specific motions for Congress</p> <p>Canoe Slalom Chairman: The CSL Committee made a few modifications to rules that would be</p>		

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mentioned at the Congress.

The Board congratulated John Edward for the success of Paracanoe at Paralympic Games in Rio 2016.

The Chairman of the Wildwater Canoeing thanked the BoD and ICF HQ for their support and announced that it would be his last Board Meeting.

The 2017 World Championships would be moved from Brazil to Argentina and the Chair thanked the BoD for accepting this last minute change. The organiser was prepared and committed to spend 300,000 Euros for the event.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 27 NOVEMBER 2016

The President welcomed the new members to the BoD. Ola Oluode (NGR) was the new African Continental Representative and Tomisla Crnkovic the new Wildwater Chairman. Greg Smale would also be returning to the BoD in the position of Canoe Polo Chair. There would be additional members from Americas and Asia for the next Board meeting to ensure the gender rules were respected.

The BoD approved Dr Luk as the Chairman of Dragonboat committee.

The following members and advisors to the committees were selected and approved by the Board.

CANOE SPRINT

Dr Jens Kahl (GER)
 Alison Harris (NZL)
 Charles Luckeman (USA)
 Toshihiko Furuya (JPN)
 Miroslav Haviar (SVK) advisor
 Nacisco Suarez Amador (ESP) advisor

CANOE SLALOM

Sue NATOLI (AUS)
 Shuji YAMANAKA (JPN)
 Eric Lokken (USA)
 Alena Maskova (CZE)
 Meritxell RODRIGUEZ CADENA (ESP) advisor
 Colin WOODGATE (GBR) advisor

CANOE MARATHON

Ruud HEIJSELAAR (NED)
 Begona RODRIGUEZ COSTALES (ESP)

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Jose SOUSA (POR)
Stefan Gustavsson (SWE)
Tim CORNISH (RSA) advisor

WILDWATER CANOEING

Manuela GAWEHN (GER)
Mathias GERARD (FRA)
Peter SCHOFIELD (GBR)
Jakob MARUSIC (SLO)
Nikola STANKOVIC (BIH) advisor

CANOE POLO

Dion CHEN (HKG)
Maxime GOHIER (FRA)
Joao BOTELHO (POR)
Eva Lindmark (SWE)
Duncan Cochrane (AUS) advisor
Jack Webber (NED) advisor

CANOE FREESTYLE

Jeremy BLANCHARD (AUS)
Terry BEST (GBR)
Magnus Karlsson (SWE)
Femal member position vacant
Ned Poffenberger (USA) advisor

CANOE OCEAN RACING

Michele ERAY (USA/RSA)
Colin Simpson (RSA)
Rob Jenkinson (AUS)
Charles Villierme(THI)

PARACANOE

Diego DOGA (ITA)
Jean Christophe GONNEAUD (FRA)
Andrea King (AUS)
Julie GRAY (GBR)
Maria de Fatima FERNANDES VARA (BRA) advisor
Hassan Teimourtash (IRI) advisor
Anna Bjerkefors (SWE) Head Classifier

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Dr Jozsef TOMAN (HUN)
 Dr Tim BRABANTS (GBR)
 Jane GIBSON (GBR)
 Bo Berglund (SWE)

DRAGONBOAT

Ulrike SCHRECK (GER)
 Elena ISKHAKOVA (RUS)
 Melinda Patyi (HUN)
 Dr. Howard Chen (USA)

ATHLETES COMMITTEE

Athlete Committee elections would occur in 2017 at the World Championships. It was highlighted that previous editions had resulted in low number of candidates and low number of votes. A process would be put in place for non-Olympic disciplines as the committee needed to elect two members out of the non-Olympic disciplines.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Thomas Konietzko was appointed responsible for the Flatwater Commission. Tony Estanquet was appointed responsible for the Wildwater Commission. Cecilia Farias was appointed responsible for Development Programme and Gender Equality and Diversity Commission.

CONCLUSION OF ICF CONGRESS

The Congress had concluded satisfactorily. However, the ICF had received some complaints regarding comments made in social media about various votes during the Congress. An official letter of protest was received from HUN Federation regarding a KEN statement published by Seif Patwa. The BoD agreed that the Continental President would deal with the issue in the first instance and report back to the next Board meeting in March 2017.

2017 CANOE SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The programme of the 2017 Canoe Slalom Junior and U23 World championships was presented. The programme would now spread to 6 days. The BoD approved the programme.

ITO nominations for the 2017 Canoe Slalom Events were approved by the BoD.

The Programme for 2017 Canoe Slalom World Championships was discussed and the structure approved, the details would be approved at the next Board meeting.

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<p>The idea of the World Championship programme was to have a balance between Slalom and Wildwater.</p> <p>The programme of Tokyo 2020 for Canoe Sprint should be re-analysed in detail prior to IOC agreement in February 2017. The Men's quota numbers would decrease by 40 quotas which could reduce the number of races particularly the use of B finals which had been a success in Rio 2016.</p> <p>The Canoe Sprint Technical Committee would assess the situation and re-evaluate the programme.</p> <p>MISCELLENOUS</p> <p>A Press release should be sent out stating that SUP events were under ICF disciplines as decided by the ICF congress decision. Continued discussions would be held with the ISA and the IOC.</p> <p>The ICF would request legal advice in relation to the ownership of SUP as an ICF event. ICF would visit Buenos Aires and Barcelona for the YOG preparations in the coming months.</p> <p>Enforcement of sanctions for athletes and NFs due to anti doping violations would be discussed and in more detail at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Anti-Doping Rules would be modified and checked with WADA for 2017.</p> <p>Importance of having a global calendar to avoid discipline events clashing with each other was discussed. A global calendar should be prepared and approved.</p>		
<p>The next ICF Board meeting will be in Manchester, Great Britain in 24-25 March 2017</p>		