



Barefoot Council



MINUTES

Spring **Meeting** of the Region E&A Barefoot Council held in Mulwala, Australia
On **Thursday, March, 15th, 2014**

1. Opening Remarks from the President.

a) Record attendance and apologies for absence.

In attendance: Rob Molenkamp (RM)
Andy Harris (AH)
Paul Turner (PT)
Svenja Hempelmann (SH)
Stefan Wimmer (SW)
Invited: Jerome Bowser (JB)

Apologies: Evert Aartsen Sr (EAs)
Nicola Saracco (NS)

Absent:

Actions from previous minutes were recorded as complete.

b) Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

None.

c) To note any items for discussion under A O B.

None.

2. EA Championships

Stefan outlined the plans for the EA championships at Wallsee in Austria.

The Opening ceremony will be held at the castle and the presentation evening at the ski club. The LOC have organised areas for skiers to meet local children to sign autographs etc, and they plan to publish details of all skiers attending. A carnival atmosphere is planned for the event.

To support this the Council will require a skier profile for each skier that enters, this will be mandatory with the skiers entry.

A night Jump is also planned, but limited to top jumpers.

The roster for officials will be sent out in April. PT will homologate the event, this will reduce costs as PT will be attending as part of the GB team.

A clinic will be held the week before for Junior skiers. This will be from the Monday to Friday, with team training available on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

3. World Championships.

- a) Four EA officials travelled to Australia for the event. The council ran a Judges seminar in England for these Judges prior to the event and this proved highly successful. €300 was assigned to this seminar from our budget.
- b) The EA Judges were performing well at the championships and all will be judging in the finals.
- c) The poor event that the world championship is was noted. The council were all in agreement that the lack of Event Advertising and no supporting activities at the site has led to a boring event for the spectators. This was very disappointing. The council will request each EA federation to write to the WBC outlining their views on the event.
- d) A debate on a new format for the world championships has been running for sometime within the world council. RM outlined a proposal he was putting forward, this will be championed by PT at the WBC meeting to be held on the 17th March.

4. 2014 Calendar

a) International and national competitions.

- i) International Lux and German Nationals 19-20 July
- ii) Scandinavian Open 25/26 July.
- iii) Dutch Cup 16/17 August.
- iv) Under 23 Brielle 15 August
- v) EA Championships Wallsee Austria 6-10 August

All these competitions will be Open.

No further events were placed on the calendar.

5. French Letter.

The French federation has put forward a formal complaint regarding two recent decisions. One is the banning of skiers skiing in Open and Seniors, or Juniors and open. A skier can only ski in one. And the down-grading of Seniors to a trophy event. RM had been unable to read and study the letter in any detail prior to the meeting.

The letter was debated in some depth, RM was tasked with writing to the French federation explaining the reason for the changes. PT declined to do this as secretary as he was still unable to understand the reasons himself.

6. Finances

Original Text is in English and will be formally approved at the next council meeting

- a) €300 was spent on the EA judges seminar held in the UK
- b) No other finance issues were discussed.

7. AdminCom

- a) **Not discussed at this meeting.**

8. Any Other Business (AOB).

No other business discussed.

9. Next meetings

3rd meeting will be in Wallsee, Austria during the EA Championships; time to be determined.

4th meeting will be in Lisbon, POR: 8/9 November 2014

10. ACTION ITEMS

RM: To respond the French Federation.

PT: To take RM's World Championship plan to the WBC