

**Minutes of 60th Meeting of Region EAME being held in Rome
28th January 2007**

Attendance Marie-Anne Persoons (MAP)
 Nicky Caine (NCC)
 Maoz Tal (MT)
 Mikhail Padaliak (MP)
 Juergen Pitz (JP)
 Martin Kocur (MK)

Apologies Jean Yves Parpette – Sickness
 Joulia Meier Gromyko – other obligations

All committee members had received either a tie or a scarf as the EAME gift for the 60th anniversary, the Council wish to pass on their thanks.

Approval of the minutes of the 59th Cableski Council meeting

Minutes duly signed by MAP/NCC after correction was noted; Joulia's name was spelt wrong!!

Cableski site surveys are being done by Cable Wakeboard and they will share the information with us.

Heidi finally got homologation dossier from Slovak/Czech Nationals, as they do not have a direct drive on the cable the homologation can only be 'normal homologation'. Scores will be entered to the EAME rankings list, with limitations.

2007 Seminar – Heidelberg 24-25th March

The Seminar this year will be held in Heidelberg. To reduce the costs, JP was able to book the Youth Hostel in Heidelberg. The hotel however does not have single rooms and only a limited number of double rooms. The number of people who are staying, need to be communicated to the hotel before the end of January and reserved by credit card. JP will try to get the names of people planning to attend the seminar as soon as possible so that he can inform the hotel. The youth hostel, is located in an area, near the university, but where there are no other hotels nearby. This makes it difficult if people prefer to stay elsewhere. On Saturday night, JP will organize a restaurant down town Heidelberg, for a reasonable cost. Details will be given at the start of the Seminar on Saturday.

Meeting rooms will be very low cost, with the room for the Friday Council meeting, free of charge. JP will negotiate coffee for during the breaks included in the rate for the meeting room.

The nearest airport is Frankfurt. From the airport it is possible to take either the train or the Lufthansa shuttle bus to Heidelberg. Since the seminar is planned to finish around lunch time on Sunday it is advised not to plan a flight earlier than Sunday at about 5pm.

The Cableski Council meeting will be on Friday March 23rd in Heidelberg, the day before the Seminar.

Items to be covered at the Seminar :

Detailed explanation on speed control, direct drive, start system,...

Joost De Leyer has arranged for Benny Esters to come with his small Cable rig. This rig will be installed in the meeting room and the technicalities specific to cable will be explained using the small rig. We believe that this will be very helpful for all officials and athletes as it will help to understand how the timing is done, how the start system works etc. Benny will arrive on Friday, based on the people attending the seminar we will remain as one group or split groups according to the interests (TO – homologators,...) or based on language (English – German). JP will talk to Benny to find out if any special extra equipment needs to be provided by the hotel.

Tricks session

JP will prepare a DVD for the tricks session like last year. A beamer for this session will be provided by the hotel.

Homologations

We will not prepare a separate homologation session. In case there are several homologators who will attend the seminar or when specific questions are raised, we will ask Robin Nichols or Juergen Pauen to help.

For a future seminar it would be interesting to have a session during which we discuss the typical mistakes made in the dossiers.

Technical Officer

MT will do the TO session. We will have to see how the small Cable rig can help to explain the TO work.

Skiers talk

MK and JMG should be given some time to talk about the skiers points of view.

General

In this session we can have our discussion about the new qualifications and the age categories.

An extra talk about Grand Prix will be done by MK.

JP will give an update about the future Worlds

Competitions 2007

The only officially entered competitions are so far :

15/17 June Minsk – Belarus (Belarus – Poland – Russia) (not part of GP)

27/29 July Havirov – Czech Republic Grand Prix

MK explains that there are four stops in the Grand Prix series, with Lublin, Kosice and Asten as the three other stops. MP will check with these federations why they have not yet entered their competitions. Competitions not entered before January 15th will be fined with a late entry fee.

The three Grand Prix competitions should be :

14/15 July Lublin – Poland Grand Prix

4/5 August Asten – Austria Grand Prix

25/26 August Kosice – Slovak Republic Grand Prix

MK promised that as soon as the GP rules are finalised they will be posted on web.

The Israel Open will be on 2/3 November in Tel Aviv Open and will be 4 event (including wakeboard). MT will send the official entry document immediately when he is back in Israel.

EAME Open Cableski Championships
Twistesee – Germany, September 7-9

The first bulletin sent to JP for checking. The entry fee per skier is 140€ as per Congress decision. The organizers would like to ask for 150€ including the final night dinner. The Council cannot accept this since you cannot oblige people to the final night party if they have to pay for it. The jury panel has not been named yet, this will be done at meeting before seminar in Heidelberg.

The airport to fly to for Twistesee is Frankfurt or Dusseldorf.

EAME Youth/Seniors age category Cableski Championships
Alfsee Rieste – Germany, September 14-16

No bulletin yet has been sent out. The organisers will work to make the Tricks RC homologated and standings list for Slalom and Jump.

The airport to fly to for Alfsee is Osnabruk – Munster.

Competitions 2008

JP is flying to USA for business and will combine a visit to Florida to talk to Renee and Scherm and a person from the Central Florida Sports Commission. They are interested in organising the Worlds in 2008. In two weeks from now JP will know more. We will have to send officials and helpers from Europe to work with Renee since he does not have a team by himself.

No organisers for the Youth/Seniors so far, should we try to go back to Eastern Europe. MP mentioned that Russia might be interested.

Promotion

MAP showed everyone a very first sample of the new brochure but the words are just there to show the space and to give an impression. They do not mean anything at present. Unfortunately the brochure will not be ready for seminar as they need “sunny people”, anyone who has photos is invited to send them to JYP. It is important that the photos are of really high resolution. Not only ski-ing, but “atmosphere” photos are also needed. The aim is to have the brochure ready however before the start of the season.

As decided last meeting MAP wrote letter to support the Twinskates. We now need to make a more detailed plan on how we can support the Twinskates. Demonstrations at both Cableski Championships can be organized. The Council will ask JYP to liaise with Reflex to agree on the details.

Homologations

Competitions held on same day should not be classified as different events, unless this is clearly specified by two homologation dossiers being entered. One skier cannot do more than three round or in special circumstances four rounds but an extra dossier does not have to be entered, as it will only add to the cost. The Standings List was published, EAME skiers who only skied at normal homologated competitions will also enter this list up to the maximum scores as is stated in the Additional Rules.

Technical Rules

Only the qualification scores for first class for participation at the Region EAME Championships have been changed. The rule that a skier can participate in all three events if he has a first class qualification in two disciplines and a second class qualification in the third discipline remains unchanged.

JP pre-published the rules and asked for comments, since no comments were made the rules will be published officially. The changes made are only minor changes, more sort of clarifications, they will be reviewed at the seminar.

The Marc-Andre "rule" will be in additional rules, the rule, as was explained last meeting means that as of this year the Standings List of the last two seasons will be taken for qualification as listed individual skier.

MK has not managed to get through to Joulia regarding WLBB score, he will try to do this before the next meeting.

Changes to be made to the Manu Lion calculation program for this season will be communicated by JP.

A.O.B.

For the last year picture competition there was a total of 64 people that voted. The winning picture is a jumping picture from Manfred Hintringer at the Worlds.

MT needs to have qualifications for coaches, the Council advises to talk to John Wood to find out if the Coaching Commission could help with courses and certificates.

It was noted that Stuart is on EB as the skiers representative, this means that there are two British skiers as representative in the EB.

At the end of the meeting Alain & Sid joined meeting to discuss some more general items :

It was explained that due to Harry's death the meeting allowances for EAME and IWSF meetings would not be paid cash but by bank transfer. As there is a need for 2007 to have an address in The Netherlands for dealing with the bank Dominique Lakens Dowes will take over as a temporary treasurer.

Website

The IWSF website, organised by Bob Corson, www.IWSF.com has recently a link for each region on top left of screen. At present only Sid and Alain have access to put news on this website. For Cableski related information to be reliable it needs to be confirmed by the council, it was agreed that JP is the correspondent for Cableski. The bureau is still missing some email addresses, as of 2007, all mailings will be done only by e-mail, so if no e-mail address is known, that person will not receive information anymore.

Brochure

Alain is aware of the current status of the brochure and the missing of "good quality sunny pictures", he also wants us to check, the texts once made to make sure they are technically correct and written in correct English. Alain was happy to announce that Rixen and AquaCom both have put some money in 2 pages, at present Sesitec has not yet agreed to participate.

Visa applications

There are still problems with visas and names being spelt differently, especially in the Belarus. MP is working hard to make sure all Belarus athletes qualified can participate to the competitions. For this he needs all support we can give him.

As there nothing more to discuss, the president thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting.

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