

**Minutes of 65th Meeting of Region EAME Cable Council  
held in Hotel Mercure, Toulouse, France on 8th/9th November, 2008**

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Apologies

Julia Meier-Gromyko (JMG) due to Mark having to work so she is looking after the kids!!

**Minutes/Matters Arising**

Minutes of the meeting held in Warsaw were duly approved and signed by MAP and NCC. In future both names should be listed at the end of minutes for the signatures.

Manu has compiled the Cable Standings List this season and the Council sends their thanks.

**Competitions 2008**

Twistessee – was a small but good competition Although they were late registering, it was decided not to charge a late fee in order to encourage sites to hold competitions. Organisers were very disappointed with the small turnout but maybe it was because it was held in childrens' schooltime and exams period and it was also quite early in the season.

Kosice – everything was OK with good organisation and the equipment worked well MM was Chief Judge with 60 skiers competing. MM showed them how the Boetsher system worked which was very helpful. They are worried about the costs if there were to run a major event because they are thinking about maybe running the EAME Age Categories (Junior/Seniors).

Havirov – they are having many problems with the cable as it is old. Martin Kocur is now in charge of this club and he got his friends to help. The competition was good with Hanna Veitova as Chief Judge. There were less skiers than at Kosice with about 35 skiers competing.

Asten – JP has written a Chief Judge's report regarding this competition. It was a big competition with 77 skiers. There was a problem with meter reading due to the sun in the jump event in the afternoon .MM is going to experiment with polarisation screen in front of the camera to see if it helps the problem with the sun.

The event ran with Slalom, Jump and finishing with Tricks which gave them a problem with calculation. With a large number of skiers you need 2 Calculators. This site is a very good location for holding European titled events so maybe we should ask them regarding holding Age Categories (Junior/Seniors).

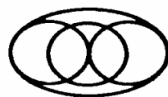
Poland held 3 competitions in 3 weeks.

JP was at the first competition (Poland/Belarus) where he was upon arrival made Chief Judge. There was a problem with the wind as the direction kept changing during the day, but on the

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technical side everything was OK. Due to the weather conditions there were no Finals only Preliminaries. The jump event had started on Saturday and all skiers had already taken one jump when the event was stopped. When starting again on Sunday the Jury decided to give them the full 3 jumps again.

At the next competition at Lublin was the Grand Prix Finals, there were big wakes but they managed to complete both Preliminary and Final Rounds and there were about 50 skiers. It was all in all a good competition.

Lastly came EAME Age Categories (Junior/Seniors) with Berrie Hendriks as the Chief Judge, doing a good job. The competition was originally scheduled to start on Friday but it was not possible due to the bad weather. Weather got gradually better over the weekend and was clearly much better on Sunday. We were able to finish the competition with preliminaries and finals but Sunday was a long day with medal ceremony in the dark!! There was a very good atmosphere.

At each EAME competition held in Poland there has been problems for the teams with the hotel bookings. Each team paid a different amount for the hotel depending when they had booked the rooms. There had also been big problems with the teams having to pay in cash at the site. Bulletins had not been good. The Council discussed this in detail and felt that teams should be able to book with any hotel they want and not have to book via the organizer into only the one hotel provided by the organizer. It was decided to send a letter to Elizabetta and talk to her at Seminar, if she is present seminar. MAP will send her a letter (done).

“Open” in Belorussia, Minsk– there was good organisation and MM was a judge. Good results. MP cannot find the results in Standings List. JP needs to have the files of the homologation and the results before they can be included. He will check again whether he received anything and as soon as he has all the files he will send the results to Manu Lion for inclusion. MP to resend all files.

At too many competitions there were electronic problems with the Boetsher system, it needs to become more robust It would be great if we could find someone that can set up a more reliable system. The Council has decided to ask Olaf to come to seminar to see if he can help change the system to make it more suitable for Cable, if he is not able to come some Council members who will go to the Tournament Seminar should try to talk to him there. JDL may know someone who could help but he believes the system will become very expensive The programme itself is the main thing as any decent camera with proper robust connections should work.

“Open” in Israel the cable was broken on the site just before the competition and it was only ready for competition on Saturday, so it was decided to have only one round. There were lots of spectators with Live TV for one hour. There were 85 competitors including wakeboarders. There were many young skiers. During Jump there were problems with the video measurement cameras. The homologation dossier has been sent to JP, so the results will still be added in this years Ranking List.

Worlds – The organisers tried very hard and it had been a very nice competition but unfortunately there were bad comments regarding the food/breakfast. JP had sent an email to Debs and Stuart regarding this specific point.

During the Jump Preliminary round the main motor of the Cableski installation broke. It has to be said that the organizers at Princes really did everything to repair this. They had arranged for all the right people who were needed to repair the motor but when it was found that it was not possible on site, they simply took the main motor off the second cableski installation at the site and used this to replace the broken motor. With all this we only lost the second part of Friday

afternoon and could still finish all events in proper time. Technically the competition was very well organized, however it was felt there were not enough helpers for doing all the small back up functions, and it was also only found afterwards that no backup timer had been provided. As this did not make any change to the competition it was decided to keep the homologation as is. We also felt that we should have a discussion at Seminar to find out at what level it is believed a back up timer is needed and what is really expected from them to time.

Alain Amade (AA) advised that the Worlds was a good experience for him and he thanked JP and MAP for all their help. He thought that the Slalom & Jump Finals were very exciting. AA wants to thank Judges and Officials. However AA has a question regarding Trick event results although there were good Judges at the event he was not really happy with the final results. It appears that there is no problem to write down the tricks but there is clearly a problem to judge them. Also when the "records" are verified and the scores go down each time it does make the results look incorrect.

Scholss Dankern 200 euro fine for cancellation of competition

### **Harry de Laat Memorial**

As Hanna Straltsova brought back the Harry de Laat Memorial Trophy, she received last year as the best Junior Under 15 Overall skier, we discussed whether we should make this a challenge trophy that will be handed out each year. As after too many years the youngsters will not know Harry anymore, it is believed it should continue only for 10 years. Hanna Straltsova has put her name on the cup for 2007 but in future EAME council will take care of this engraving. JP will draw up a set of rules stating that the best Under 15 skier based on Overall scores at Junior Championships without any special calculation. It will be for next 10 years and then the cup can be kept by the last skier to win it at the end of the 10 years. At Congress the plate will be presented to skier's Federation for them to pass on. Hanna can keep the original cup as it was originally officially given to her and EAME will purchase a perpetual plate which we will engrave for her. JDL to look into a plate that Harry would have liked. Budget for this plate is 100 – 150 euros and it needs to be big enough for all ten year's names.

### **Competitions 2009**

MAP talked via Alain regarding Italy holding a competition maybe Open. Franz Kuhn, with the help of the Rixen company, on the other hand, is looking if the Open can be done at the new site in Turkey

Rheinhausen to be approached regarding Junior/Seniors

Alfsee Rieste is looking into holding a cash prize event for jumping.

There is a general concern that the expenses for the officials are very high for the EAME competitions. The Council once more confirmed that an event can very well be run during the week so it does not have to be at the weekend when the cables make money and thus it would be made for a lower cost to the organizers.

Confirmed that the Congress is on 7<sup>th</sup> February in Zagreb so our meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> February in the morning starting at 9.00hrs. At the moment there is no information about the hotel, but we hope to receive some soon (is available now).

Grand Prix – The organisers need to talk to Asten to see if they wish to be the final stop. So proposed is Lublin first then Kosice/Havirov /Asten – or the other way round with Asten/Havirov. It would be nice if we could announce the stops at the Congress.

Belarussia/Poland/Germany is scheduled for 10/12 July in Minsk. When site is finished in Minsk they hope to organise either an EAME/Worlds event. We still need to receive the official entry form from the Belarus federation.

MT to send Israeli Nationals date

### **Rules**

Is was confirmed that as of 2009 season the Junior(both Under-15 and Under-19) teams will consist of 6 skiers of which maximum of 4 can be of one sex. The best 3 scores go towards team overall scores. Seniors to be kept at the same with 5 skiers in a team.

Nationals - The point was raised whether we should adapt the rule Tournament is using, which says that in a national competition the foreign skiers scores can only go on rankings list if the event is put on EAME calendar. This seems a good idea as it will make calendar look better but it needs to be looked at regarding fines etc. To be further discussed before making the final decision. Possible to put into rules that if a “foreign” skier wants to participate then they have to be invited by the organisers.

### **Seminar**

EAME Cable Meeting will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in Eindhoven with the seminar on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March. The first invitation bulletin has been sent out already. JDL is also to bring copies (about 80) to the congress so we can distribute it there.

The items for discussion still need to be finalized. The Seminar will finish at 12 noon on Sunday and there will be a “swimming pool” competition on Sunday afternoon.

It is a 5 minutes walk from hotel to swimming pool and it will possible for the delegates to swim or ski if they like. Lunch will cost 8.50 euros (Sandwiches) and dinner will cost 12.50 euros. There will be a small room on Saturday afternoon for homologation session and Theory exams for all officials who want them. The big room will be charged by the half day. Delegates need to book the seminar via the website. JDL will send the form to Sid who will ask Brit to put it up on the website.

Mikhail needs a special invitation to get his visa and he believes seminar page that JDL has drawn up will be sufficient for his Federation.

When booking the hotel the delegates should mention the code which is noted on the Seminar information document in order to get the better rate JDL was able to negotiate. There is only one price - Single/Double are at same price, regardless if you are occupying it alone or sharing. Please note that the nearest airport is not Amsterdam but Eindhoven. In fact it is only 45mins from Dusseldorf, Germany so it is much closer than Amsterdam

The Dutch Federation will lend us a beamer but we may need another one. To be looked for.

In the “swimming pool” competition it is thought that 45 skiers may take part which equates to more than 300 starts as each skier has 7 starts at the competition. Rules for the swimming pool competition, see further in this report.

### **Council Responsibilities**

The document drawn up on Council responsibilities was discussed and the point regarding “non attendance” explained. It was agreed that the restrictions of Officials for World Titles be taken out in respect of Cable as the number of Officials available it would not always be possible. EAME Cable Council actually do not need electronic votes very often. Confederation and Sub Committees not applicable.

We believe that guidelines are sufficient and we do not need a detailed summary of responsibilities of each member of the Council. Our thanks to Gill for all her hard work on this document.

### **Standings List**

The results from Israeli and Belorussian Open are both still needed. JP had worked with Manu compiling this year’s standings. JP still needs the documents to be sent so that if there is a problem with Homologation it can be amended. At the moment qualification levels are not possible to do on computer and the list has to be amended manually. At present if in the Slalom event the score was too low the skier gets no overall points but we have agreed that if you “take part” you are entitled to points. We need to ask for a solution regarding this. Also there are still skiers in twice because their names are spelt wrongly.

### **Homologation**

JDL to take over from Jurgen Pauen to check homologation dossier as of next year. He had a meeting at JP house and they reviewed the homologation dossier. JDL to ask for forms to be put on web so that they do not need to be sent out and everything can go electronically. Homologators should send a copy to both Chief Judge and JDL. No more faxed copies. The files will kept for one season. The Trick DVD to be sent to JP so that we have them on record for future use.

The new dossier still has some items that need to change or are felt can be taken out. Take out everything from Obligatory Composition except electronic Lion file. Take out section regarding three Jump tables. Only when there is a record is Digital Video needed. With the Jump measurement system there needs to be a third box and a space for the description. On Page 3 Control buoys need to be completed. Speeds – start speed i.e 34 or 55 also to be listed. Length of the cable needs to be listed.

In other disciplines a system with competition codes has been established, these codes help to connect results with the correct competition without the need to give the full name of the competition. These codes are normally allocated by National Federations but in 2009 EAME Cable Council will give them out as a start, the codes will have 09 to start (indicating the year), followed by the three letters of the country, followed by a C (Cableski) and starting with 01 (as the first competition) thus using 8 spaces in total (e.g. 09GBRC01).

### **Exam Results**

Jill Howard & Juri Richter have become 1<sup>st</sup> Class result and JP will write to them. NCC was given JH badge to pass on and MP was given Juri's' badge. The Council needs to review the current Officials list at the meeting before the Seminar. JP will prepare the latest update of the list to start from.

### **Athlete of the Year**

Named for Cable as Mikita Papulkul (Male) and Iryna Tourets (Female)

### **Records for 2008**

There were no records to review as the 2 trick records applied for at Worlds were not given. This time in both cases one trick was disallowed so the records not granted .

### **Tricks**

How to make calculation faster for trick events maybe should be discussed with the calculators at seminar. Sometimes there is a problem with the location of calculators in relation to the skiers course, the calculation is on shore far away from the officials and they can only start with the calculation at the end of the trick event. The aim to get the results as quickly as possible, ideally the result should be available before the next skier skies. Video review should be used more to eliminate any doubtful result in order to try and avoid the results changing after being checked by the skiers or team captains. We need to educate the judges more on how to use the immediate Video review more as help and we should request that they write more clearly.

Discussion of MP new trick values. As with the new trick values, it is very easy for a good trick skier to do a series of small tricks very quickly and receiving more points by doing these rather than doing one difficult trick; skiers do not go for the high scoring tricks any longer, which has to be avoided. An idea was to have a maximum number of tricks per run counting – 10/12/15/16 highest trick will count maybe. JP would like recalculate the old results to see how it changes and how it would effect the overall as well. The discussion started and although we would prefer to see it as an experiment first, we believe that this would not to work as the skiers do not train for them. The general feeling was that the 12 highest scoring tricks should be counted, so positional tricks would probably not count. Then there was a discussion regarding timing and where the trick course starts or whether we should set a maximum of 6 flips. In the past when we restricted number of tricks the skiers did not like it, but we all feel that something has to be done.

Video demonstrated on Jurgen's computer taken at the Worlds, showing the tricks from "head on" had actually worked a lot better than was expected. The picture, even though small at the start is easily visible, however when coming closer, the skier may disappear when cutting strongly (eg for a flip)!!

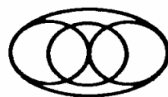
MAP closed meeting at 18.50 on Saturday and with further feedback on tricks needed tomorrow morning.

Meeting opened at 9.00am with the council going through Marie-Anne's report and adding some further information to it that was believed to be helpful.

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## **Tricks (contd)**

Tricks discussed again. Should the start of the trick pass not be set and be made free, which means that the 2 buoys to be taken out and trick pass starts when the skier decides to start tricking. It was felt that we need to set a starting place otherwise they will use the corner to start their pass. The suggestion then came to use only the second middleline buoy as the earliest place for the skier to begin but no later, if the skier starts too late it is his own responsibility. Video from the front can be used but should not be made mandatory immediately this is just an option at present and still needs to be worked on. We will experiment during 2009 season We must check if the video is available and how easily it can be installed during 2009 and we will see at the end of the season how well it has worked.

Finally it was agreed to change some of the tricks points and then only the 12 highest scoring tricks per pass will be counting for the results This proposal will be posted on website for discussion. The reason for restricting number of tricks is because we want to give the skiers more time to perfect the execution of the tricks and to enable the judges to be able to judge more accurately. The final decision to be taken at Congress meeting in 2009 as it will be too late in the season if we delay the decision to the seminar.

Some of the flips are being very badly executed. At the moment filming is being taken from very different positions. So when filming is consistent then it will be easier to demonstrate good and bad tricks. There is a gentleman from Martial Arts who has a computer programme demonstrating "tricks" so maybe we can ask him how much it would cost for him to do the same for us. It was agreed that we should delay the full explanations for tricks until we have better video footage. It is also believed that with the new system of only 12 highest scoring tricks to be counted, the skiers will pay more attention on executing the tricks properly as they now have the time and as the impact on the score will become much more with the new system.

If the machine is stopped during Tricks there should be no rerun unless there are exceptional circumstances

## **Slalom Timing**

A constant speed is needed in Slalom and at the moment JDL uses one contact point and Martin Graw 6 contact points so a discussion followed whether this is accurate enough. Happy to leave tolerances at the moment. Joost and Martin to demonstrate their timing machines at Seminar.

## **Swimming Pool Rules**

These were sent out after the agenda had been circulated.

Each skier has 7 runs but first run is only a warm up to check speed etc then the next 6 runs all count. For the swimming pool competition after the Seminar, there will be an hour training between 12-1 in Eindhoven before the Swimming Pool Competition actually will start.

In the 6 runs the skiers have to do different tricks. To score the reverse trick it needs to be done in same pass as the basic, similar to the "normal" trick rules. There will groups of 8 – 10 skiers depending on numbers who enter. The aim is to finish competition at about 5 – 6 pm, so we have enough time to produce results. The timing typically is for 4.5 seconds with an audible sound at end of run. JDL will prepare a bulletin with rules and information on how to enter. Then we can decide if there will be age categories. MM and MP to liase with JDL regarding the rules. JDL to

prepare a trick list that will be attached to the bulletin and posted on the internet. MP will do it by December.

### **Promotion**

Brochure is on internet which is the same as hard copy. Bruno Rixen is to do a German translation of the brochure. We are going to compile a new one with some different photos and only in English.

### **New Cables**

They are still being installed all around the world. There are 3 Cables in Antalya, Turkey where there are many tourists. MT will talk to him about maybe organising a competition. The cables are already built so that there is 1 only for Wakeboard and 1 only for 3 event but at present there is no jump only a slalom course. There is no backwash and it is a very nice lake. The owner has bungalows near the cable so if people want to organise training camps, it is possible. In 2010 maybe there will be a competition. They will have a website very soon.

### **Encouraging Youth**

At the moment many countries do not have many Juniors. The problem maybe that sites are not prepared to lower the speeds enough for youngsters to train and that most of the sites are commercial so they are reluctant to allow "down time" for training. We need to try and get some more youth competitions to encourage them.

### **Different Format competitions**

Cables that go clockwise can still hold competitions but obviously they will not be able to be homologated. We need to think about having competitions on clockwise running cables but it is felt dangerous for people who are used to going counter clockwise. Tricks do not pose any problem but Slalom and Jump are a big problem.

We must encourage sites to build their sites correctly to start with as it is much cheaper to get it right first time rather than having to change it later

### **IWSF Cable Development Committee**

The above Committee has been set up and the members are as follows – Varna Laco , Juergen Pitz, Uwe Goldstein(Rixen), Andreas Boes-Nockemann, Franz Kuhn

Cable Wakeboard have raised an extensive list of all the Cables in the World, we should work together and use this list to find more competition sites.

Cable Label for each site MAP has drawn up a draft form to award "stars" also in discussion with Cable Wakeboard

### **Picture competition**

JP had 4 pictures which he showed the committee. And it was agreed that the best picture was of Simon Hermann attempting the Slalom World Record on 9.75m .

JDL will ask Dutch photographer to send in his pictures

### **World Matters**

JP has nothing really to add.

At the Worlds in 2010 to be held in Israel for some skiers it is going to be very tight on the jump counter cut but it is not possible to make the space any larger as there an electric pylon right were the site should be made wider. To be investigated further.

### **Miscellaneous**

Discussion as at one competition in Jump event the machine was not stopped fast enough after corner and 2 Polish skiers were injured. The team captain can be behind the operator to indicate when he believes rig should be stopped and if the handle is above the skiers head it should always be stopped.

Technical Officer will instruct the operator, which is still under discussion, about when the speed should go down in Jump. It would be good to have a checklist, added to the homologation dossier and to be filled in by the Chief Judge with the Homologator and Technical Officer. This would then be to be handed to the Cable operator so the person knows how the competition will run. Items that should be on this list are for example, carriers to be used for each event, empty rounds in slalom, breaking in tricks and jump, etc. MT will draw up such a list for Operators with 2 pages of bullet points. This will be discussed further at the Congress meeting and then given out at Seminar.

The point was raised again about the safety of slalom judges sitting on ramp which is dangerous as sometimes in Slalom the skiers go over the ramp during their fall. Therefore the recommendation is not to use Jump as Tower and the organisers have to think about this. The nominated Safety Director should be a responsible person as it is an important role.

Note that Doctor Benessa is always happy to receive news of any injuries so that we can learn from it.

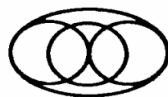
### **Skiers meeting**

There was quite a good attendance at the skiers meeting held at the Worlds. Stuart Marston was voted as Worlds Skiers Representative. SM made a presentation which MAP read out the notes she had taken but there were no major differences or new items proposed.

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## **Budget**

Dominique had handed out the latest spreadsheet and there was a small adjustment to be made as the cost of the brochure should be taken out.

Expenditure for season had been about 3250 euros. Next year seminar will be about 1500 euros and we will need to pay for Benni's travel expenses, his room and food.

Also if Olaf comes we will offer him the same expenses. In addition there will be the money for officials travelling to the titled events and the money for our webpage.

At present the "Development" monies we budgetted for has not been utilised. MM is trying to devise a new camera system for videoing and if he spends much money he will then claim it back. Also JDL will probably have to purchase a new hard drive for new homologation dossier. Any monies remaining can then be accrued.

Confirmed Council Members now get 150 euros per meeting.

## **Webpage**

JP does not want to publish results on his webpage anymore, so all will be on Manu's page.

However, we do need to check that it is possible to keep previous years results.

We should also budget cost of Manu as his hard work is very useful. JP to talk to Manu to check he is happy to continue working on the standing list on our behalf. Any adverts we might be putting on our webpage with the aim to get some sponsorship monies need to be invoiced by EAME and credited to our budget.

Confirm that the next meeting will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February after Congress starting at 9.00am until lunchtime and then the meeting after that will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March in Eindhoven also beginning 9.00am

Then MAP thanked everybody for attending and thought it had been a very constructive meeting.

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President

Nicky Caine  
Secretary