

**Minutes of 61st Meeting of Region EAME held in Heidelberg, Germany on
23rd March, 2007**

Present Marie – Anne Persoons (MAP)
 Nicky Caine (NCC)
 Juergen Pitz (JP)
 Maoz Tal (MT)
 Jean-Yves Parpette (JYP)
 Mikhail Padaliak (MP)
 Martin Kocur (MK)
 Joulia Meier Gromyko (JMG)

Approval of 60th Minutes

NCC thanked MAP for all her help with preparing the last meeting's minutes. The minutes were duly approved and signed by MAP and NCC. It was the first time for a long time that all the council were present and MAP thanked them all for their attendance.

Seminar

Benny Esders is bringing a large working demonstration model of a cable tow mechanism. He will show various aspects of the workings of the forks, wheels etc such as, how ropes are pulled out of the carriers and how the speed is checked. When there is trick writing for officials others such as Homologators, Technical Officers can spend more time with Benny.

We will post the officials panels at back of room so that people can fill in their names in any of the competitions that do not yet have full panels.

MAP will welcome everyone to the seminar then JP will advise delegates of organisation items.

After that we will plan the rule changes session where the new age categories and qualifications for participation at the different EAME Cableski Championships, entering the competition area required to get points for the overall, the definition of competition areas in different disciplines, ... will be discussed. We are aware that Poland have queried why we have changed our age categories from Tournament. We are a separate discipline and we do not need to mirror Tournament.

Then rest of the morning we will do the Cable Tow model and Technical Officer session.

In the afternoon MK will talk about Grand Prix. Marcus Hornschemeyer will discuss the EAME Cableski Age Categories competition at Alfsee. If there will be anybody from Twistesee, we will ask that person to talk about the EAME Cableski Open at Twistesee. MP will talk about the competition to be held in Minsk

We do not think anybody is hoping to take writing exams at this seminar, in case there is a candidate, we will decide when and where this person will be doing the exams.

Then on Sunday JP to talk about 2008 Worlds which they are two possible sites – Orlando and Moscow but whichever location we will need to ask peoples assistance on the technical side so we need to be able to give everyone as much notice as possible in advance as we know that many people have already kindly offered to help out.

We also need to discuss the future of the sport as there appears to be fewer juniors at the moment in most of EAME Countries competing.

We want to ask the delegates whether they believe that we should have a seminar every year and whether we should join together with Tournament again in the near future – It appeared from discussion at the seminar that people believed we should have a seminar every year with East/West venues alternating so that judges from all over EAME gets a chance to go to a seminar near them which should cut down on extra costs. It is believed that Tournament are having their 2008 seminar in France which is not a preferred location for Cableski, since not central for Cableski activities. Cableski should thus better go to an Eastern European location in 2008 and we should not join up with them for that next year, but may do so in the future.

2007 Competitions

Twistesee “Open” – Query regarding cost of rooms as it is not clear if it per person or per room. Also there is no price indication for training. Entry fee is confirmed 135 euros as obligations were signed before it was agreed to increase the entry fees. Concern that maybe two days were not enough to run the competition so a request that maybe the competition should start at 15.00 on Friday afternoon. We need to ask the organisers if this is possible and then the meetings for Judges and Team Captains also need to be changed.

Another query is whether the free of charge pick-up from the airports mentioned in the bulletin is one way or both ways.

Confirmed that there is no medal for assistant homologator as this is not an official function, so it is not a position we need to fill.

It was noted that at the EAME Cableski Age Categories Championships, there are only 5 judges but in the “Open” there are 6 judges. Also in the age categories, there is not an Assistant Technical Officer but in “Open” there is one. Decided that it should be changed in Additional Rules for 2008 and as of 2008 season there will be 6 judges and an Assistant Technical Officer for the Age Categories Championship as well.

“Open” Panel has been named and if we need a reserve MAP will be happy to help. For Youth/Senior Championship Faina Shapira has been named as reserve.

Alfsee/Rieste - Age Categories, the bulletin does not have prices of the rooms quoted and if rooms needed early then we need to book.

We need more information regarding Harry’s memorial cup maybe not a good idea at a titled event. Also time is very tight on Sunday. If we are to run the competition the rules are

needed. How many skiers will be involved? What will happen if competition runs late who will be choosing the skiers and who will be judging it?

Panels were agreed with not many gaps so MAP is happy with replies. It was thought that some of the officials had not applied for competitions but that they may want to come to some of the competitions anyway. It was agreed that we cannot put them on the panel as long as we do not have a written confirmation that they can come.

Grand Prix – There will be 4 competitions with the Finals in Kosice. MK will send out the new rules which have been changed slightly to make them clearer to understand. Asten have agreed to sign obligations. Each site pays 500 euros towards prize monies. Now the forms have been sent to MAP as previously everybody thought somebody else was sending in the forms!! The entry fees will be slightly higher in Asten as it costs more to rent the site.

The Nationals is normally held by Cable on the 3rd full weekend in July This year Great Britain has requested that they hold their Nationals on 16/17th June.

As usual the competition in Israel will be 4 event.

Minsk – Belarus/Poland/ Russia is a Team event but individuals can enter. It maybe a Cash Prize event. Teams are Open & Juniors Under 15 but Juniors Under 19 can enter separately. It is hoped that competitors from other countries will also enter. 2 houses have been built last year for 32 people . This year hopefully another 2 will be built. The Cable site is not yet ready for big competitions but when it is finished it is hoped it will hold major events. Next year they want to call their competition “Masters” and will liaise with Grand Prix so there is no clash of dates. Promised that this event will not be cancelled!!

Rules

Changes needs to be made to Additional Rules for the new Age categories, the new minima scores and the rules regarding “positive zero” for the Overall score. MK and JMG have discussed the trick scores and they are both now happy with the points. There will be no changes to the present trick scores.

Beginning of the trick run has not changed for skiing but definition of where the trick area is – you have to enter the course (ie after pulley) to get the “positive zero”

World Matters

JP had a meeting in Florida with Rene , Scherm and the Sports Commission – they did not say yes or no . If the Sports Commission agrees they will go to the public for funding. Sports Commission are meeting again with Rene next week so hopefully we will get an answer by April, Rene wants to do it but it depends on financing. Rene’s staff does not have any experience of running major events so we would send people to help out. Those people will pay for their own flights but we would expect Rene to pay for their hotel/subsistence.

Promotion

The brochure hopes to be ready in a couple of months but we are still waiting for good photos. Out of 3000 photos looked at only about 10 were any good but they were not perfect!! Everything will be in English and French. Much hard work has gone into the production of the brochure.

A video has been made by Andreas Pape and it will be on sale for 15 euros It is the first cable movie and it was very hard work for him and his team. Everybody has liked it and 150 copies were sold in 1 hour. For those who are interested in buying the video you should send a mail to Thomas Bauer info@wetsports.de. The video is 100 minutes in all and has English sub-titles.

Cable Wakeboard

MAP advised the Council that there had been a problem with Hans Otte which she thought we should be made aware of. Hans had sent emails suggesting that Cable Wakeboard should have WWA as their governing body for competitions, leaving out the IWSF which was unacceptable. We all agreed that we thought the EAME Cable Wakeboard Council started to work very well and it would be shame if these issues would jeopardize their further work and development of the sport.

Competitons 2008

At the moment nobody appeared to be interested in holding the age category competition and we need people to start working on this. Grand Prix hopefully will continue.

Approval for sites – quality label

Discussion whether we should issue quality labels for sites that they can obtain when they comply to certain rules. This could be used by sites for advertising. It would be similar “star system” like the “Michelin” system for restaurants where they are clear standards to be conformed with. We would need very strict rules and how often should we inspect? Some sites would not care and we are not sure who should carry it out and who would pay for this? It was agreed that in principle it was a good idea but this is not the right time for this at the moment.

New Sites

2 more sites have been built in France at Bourg en Bresse and Montcontour but there is no more information at the moment. Also another site is being developed just south of Lyon in Condrieux

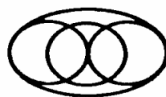
There is a new Cable site in Kiev (Ukraine) which will be 3 event and Wakeboard and maybe a new cable to be built in Brest (Belorussia).

Shortest site is one length of minimum 300m at the moment, but if is only possible to put in a shorter length then maybe there could be a 4 buoy slalom course to held competitions, which might improve viewing but this would then not be homologated. Some lakes inside cities would have to be small so this is an alternative.

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Twinskates

French Federation are trying to promote Twinskates and it will be promoted at Cannes Film Festival. Michal Button (new French President) will be a good person for promotion of the sport. We believe that Twinskates should be demonstrated at EAME championships so we need to talk to them regarding the details.

Visa problems

Belarus still needs a lot of work to get the necessary visas sorted out, 8 skiers have received visas for 6 months and MP thinks hopefully everything will be OK this season. He believes however that the Russians may still have problems. If we are given enough notice we can try to help.

New Clothes

The new suppliers of official EAME clothes are now Elegant Elements. Suggested colours for Cable Officials is either White or Navy Blue and they can be personalised if the officials wish.

Meeting Allowances

It appeared that not all members of the Committee had received their meeting allowances from EAME which MAP would investigate as possible problems since the death of Harry De Laat. Confirmed that Dominique Lakens Douwes had taken over as EAME Treasurer on a temporary basis as EAME was having difficulty moving the bank account from Netherlands. Congress next January is an election congress where the new Treasurer will be elected.

AOB

Agreed that JP would out in a link to Additional Rules on EAME webpage from Cableski.org.

MAP explained that the EAME office is trying to organise to visit new countries for meetings to help promote the sport so we discussed whether Portugal maybe an idea for one of our meetings but not thought the right place at the moment for the Seminar. The November meetings of all council will be in Cyprus this year and Council asked to look into their flights. Meeting is planned to commence on Friday afternoon but if by changing the start time to say 15.00 (normally 14.00) it would mean that everybody could fly in on Friday morning and not have to travel on Thursday, we will do so and then as usual have a meeting all day Saturday.

MAP thanked everybody again for attending the meeting and seminar.

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