

**Minutes of 68th Meeting of Region EAME Cable Council  
Held in Hotel Eurotel Riviera, Montreux, Switzerland on  
7th / 8th November, 2009**

Attendance     Marie-Anne Persoons (MAP)  
                     Nicky Caine (NCC)  
                     Maoz Tal (MT)  
                     Mikhael Padliak(MP)  
                     Juergen Pitz (JP)  
                     Julia Meier-Gromyko (JMG)  
                     Michal Mos (MM)

Apologies        Joost De Leijer (JDL)

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of Meeting held in Eindhoven were duly approved and then signed by MAP and NCC. MAP had talked with Franz regarding his comments on no longer holding the Trick event.

The Council wished to send it's condolences to Kim Pearl regarding the death of her father Peter who had been a founder member of EAME Cable Council

**2009 Competitions**

Due to the late announcements of our titled events this year, some countries were late sending their intention to enter forms. For "EAME" events the Intention to Enter forms are official documents and must be submitted on time. This is needed so that the organisers know how many skiers are intending to participate.

**Grand Prix**

The formula and the series of events appear to be working well. This season there were many new competitors from Poland which was great.

The main organisers were Alexander Vasco, Adi Schall, Michal Mos and Martin Kocur. Next season the Grand Prix will probably stay at just 4 stops held on consecutive weekends, with the hope that skiers will attend all four competitions. Also there is a worry that if there are more competitions added that the skiers may not come to all events.

**Age Categories**

This was a good competition that had been held in Rheinhausen, Germany.

The homologation in Tricks was "normal" as the judge's tower situated in the middle of the lake was not high enough for trick writing. The organisers had carried out a lot of work so it had been a shame that tricks could not be judged properly. The aim should be for titled events that not only the installation is fully in tolerance and checked; but also that the judging positions are well

located to allow proper judging. It is very important that all installations at the different sites are comparable and that judges have a good view of the competition area.

We were lucky with the weather but it was a good thing that the competition had started on Friday as an hour was lost due to a very heavy rain storm. The total length of any competition is difficult to work out due to the fact that one never knows how long the slalom event will take, as this depends a lot upon the number of shortenings being taken.

There was then a discussion on how the officials should rule if someone falls after the final corner having successfully passed through the Slalom course - should they receive the same time to return to the start dock as everyone else? The rule is clear on this and says that the skiers should go back to the start without any undue delay (rule 10.5). When a skier falls after the final corner, the skier should swim at proper speed back to the start and not holding up time while in the water, regardless whether the skier is the only one still in competition or whether more skiers are still skiing. It will be the judges who can decide on the 'undue delay'. It is recommended to mention this during the judges meeting.

Thanks to both Florian and Joost for agreeing to hold the competition and for all their hard work on the organisation.

### **Open**

Again grateful thanks to Martin Kocur for hosting and organising the event.

The installation was mended in preparation for this event and it worked well. The weather had been good. The Slalom competition started early in the morning with the best skiers first as it had been forecast that the weather would deteriorate however in the end the weather was not what was forecast!! Because of this, some skiers from the second series entered the finals in stead of the skiers from series 1. We are an outdoor sport and thus weather changes cannot be controlled.

Front video was used for tricks, with immediate review possibility. This new system worked very well with only one problem when the video operator did not start the video on time. The end course slalom video was used for the finals. It was agreed that the Middle buoys were important even when end course video is available.

There had been a run off in preliminaries of Slalom as there were 3 skiers tied and only 2 places in the finals. During the preparation for the run-off for entering the finals, it was clear that this rule was not well written and needs revision. This was done later during the meeting.

After the competition ended there was a very good final night party.

### **Other Competitions**

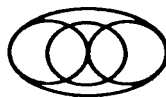
There had been a Belarus/Poland Competition, with also some Russian and Dutch skiers participating at this competition, and also non-homologated Belorussia Open and Belorussia Juniors which had been held separately but maybe next season they will be held together. At the Belarus/Poland competition, the video judging system for tricks was used for the first time; They used cameras with 2 judges watching "live" and 3 Judges watching from video link. The system worked fine and the video images were shown at the meeting as example. Thanks to MM for setting up this system.

There was also a National competition held in Russia.

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At the Israel Open Competition they had used the new Boetscher system for jumping which worked well and the pictures had been very clear. This system was purchased in view of the 2010 Cableski World Championships and was tested out at this competition.

They had run the competition as if it was a Record Capability event, in order to see what still needs to be improved for the 2010 Cableski World Championships. A television company had come to check what would be needed for the World Championships and also a photographer had been there. The results had been sent straight to Manu and there had been a "live web link". Very good skiers had attended included Bianca and Nadine Schall. About 2000 people had watched the event and everyone in Tel Aviv is very excited that the Cableski World Championships will be held on this site next season.

The German Nationals were held, combined with the Dutch Nationals in St Leon and the competition had been run from Thursday/Saturday.

Kosice also held the Slovak Nationals and British Nationals had been held at Princes.

All homologated competitions are now on the Standings List. Manu Lion compiles the Cable Standings List for us and our thanks go for his hard work.

## **2010 Competitions**

Grand Prix – the original idea was to have the Final Stop in Havirov but it will be discussed between all the sites, as it may be in Szczecinek so skiers can practice there the week before the Cableski Age Categories. The competitions will start on 17/18 July and then every weekend with the Finals on 7/8 August.

Age Categories - Szczecinek, Poland has put a bid in to host Age Categories so MP and MM have been to the site a couple of days ago to inspect the site and discuss practical items such as transport and hotel facilities. Thanks to both of them for the good work they did. In 2009 a Grand Prix of Cable stop was organized in Szczecinek. The site is an homologated site but very wind sensitive. For the Grand Prix of Cable, unfortunately the weather had been bad so they had to cancel the finals.

After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the bid from Szczecinek would be accepted and that the competition would be held on 13 /14/15 August.

The organisers can arrange transport from the airport for teams that required it (probably only Israel and Great Britain as the other teams could probably drive). The nearest airports are either Poznan or Berlin.

It was agreed that the organisers should try and come to the Congress in Brussels with a presentation that gives more practical information about the event and the place. The List of Obligations would need to be signed and hopefully it would be a Record Capability event.

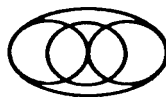
To avoid medals being left over and cannot be used anymore, in future only the Gold Medal for Senior Ladies would be engraved, but there will be blank medals with stickers so that a full set of medals is available for presentation.

Turkey - Maoz had talked, in Israel, to the owner of the cableski site in Antalya about organizing competitions in Turkey. At present there is no real or active Federation in Turkey and there has been no contact between any of the sites and the Federation. There are 2 Lakes at the site in Antalya of which one is suitable for 3 event competitions. The site still needs the infrastructure of a slalom course and jump ramp and then it can be homologated. Also other devices needed for competitions such as the correct speed system will need to be installed .

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There seems to be confusion with the site owner as it appears that Uwe had promised them the World Championships in 2010, which has been signed with Israel already!! After some talking, it seems that Uwe promised them a "World" competition, not necessarily the World Championships, but it could be a World Trophy.

The Cableski Council would like to see a bit more communication or feed back when things (read competitions) like these are being promised. Thanks to MT who was able to get in contact with the owner of the site in Antalya, and invited him to the Israel Open competition, the owner now has a much better picture of what is needed for a 3-event competition.

The plan now is that once the Slalom and Jump installations are set up, MT will go there for a site inspection. He will also take some Israeli skiers with him and organize a small "try-out" competition early in the 2010 season. If this competition is OK, more higher level competitions can be envisaged. The Cableski Council hopes that in 2010 an official Turkish Waterski Federation will be set up and that we can work with them to prepare a bid to host the 2011 Europe-Africa Cableski Open Championships.

Meanwhile the site could be promoted to host training camps. At the moment there are 60 beds in bungalows available for this.

World Championships – the date had now changed to 7/9<sup>th</sup> October, 2010. The dates will not change again!! This new date may make travelling cheaper as it will be further from Israeli holidays; The later date could also be beneficial in insuring that there is sufficient water in the lake.

If there is rain over the winter then the water level will be ideal. As it gets dark at 6pm in October we will need to start early and as it becomes light at 5.15am the competition could easily start on 7am. The temperature at that time of year is normally 28/30 degrees so we should have good weather conditions. The cost of training is still under negotiations. If people book into the hotel for longer than just the duration of the competition they will still get the same price. MT is trying to do a deal with El Al.

There is also discussion whether the IWWF Executive Board may come to Israel for their meeting.

Officials will be asked in February if they wish to apply for the World Championships. Also it would be nice to ask Scherm Schraft if he would be happy to be considered as a Judge. Larry Gisler had been asked if he would like to be Chief Judge and he confirmed that he would so MAP/JP will contact him officially. MT and JP will start to discuss how to upload the information on the special website for our Cableski Worlds, Cableworlds.com as soon as possible.

Other competitions – Originally German Waterski and Wakeboard proposed to host on 14/15 August a RC Jump competition but because of clash of date with the Age Categories a new date of 20/22 August is now being proposed but this date clashed with EAME Tournament "Open" . Now the new date will be the last weekend of August, i.e. August 28/29, 2010.

## Seminar

The Tournament Seminar is under discussion and it is thought it will be held on one of the weekends either side of Easter in Italy, however finally they decided to organize it the second weekend after Easter.

Original suggestion for Cable Seminar was 20/21 March but unfortunately it did not suit a couple of member of Council so decided that switch to 27/28 March is thought of as best.

It is scheduled to be held in Pesinok where the cost for the hotel rooms will be 50 euros for a single and 30Euro per person for a double room. Elena Kunert has also negotiated prices for

meeting rooms and for the different transport options. Elena will give us all details at the congress in Brussels.

### **Officials**

Exam results – Dana Lichtman – failed her 2<sup>nd</sup> Class theory  
Necas Zdenek - 1<sup>st</sup> Class passed both Theory and Practical  
Siarhei Khaziayeu – Homologator passed the practical exam, but failed for the theoretical exam.  
Sergey Selivanov – Calculator passed both Theory and Practical  
Josef Kocur – Technical Officer passed both Theory and Practical  
Jan Kocur – Technical Officer passed the Theory and now he needs to officiate at one National and one International in order to take his Practical, as he has very little experience outside his own club

We need to think of rewriting the exam questions and it will need more than one person to compile the new questions. Council members and maybe some top class officials will be asked to help.

The list of Judges needs to be distributed by Brit so JP to will forward it to her.

### **Athlete of the Year**

Marie-Anne read out the criteria and then unanimously it was agreed that we would put forward Irina Tourets for Female of the Year.

The candidates for Men of the Year was as follows  
Mateusz Krzywinski (Jump Gold EAME Open)  
Or Shinuk( Gold in Slalom in EAME Open plus high score in Rankings List)  
Nikita Papakul(Medals at EAME Champ – Tricks/Overall)  
Krzystov Bernatowicz (bronze in EAME Overall – 4<sup>th</sup> in Jump)

Mateusz Krzywinski was then voted unanimously.

### **Records**

This season there were no records to review

### **Swimming Pool rules**

We would like to make them shorter but it agreed that we should have rules in place so that anyone who wishes to run an event has the criteria.

It is recommended swimming pool of minimum 50m and in the future the pool will need to be longer if to be used for jump of 120m. At present the rules will only be for tricks competitions.

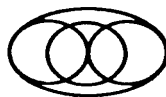
Both an Operator and a Technical Officer are needed as they are very important for skiers. A second official should be near the operator to assist. It is allowed for the skiers to change their speed. All skiers are to be seeded in groups. Marie-Anne will draft new rules and then distribute them.

It was agreed that at present these competitions will not homologated.

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## Rules

Tie for place in the finals – If there is a tie for last place in the finals there should be a runoff however the Chief Judge and the appointed judges can decide if they wish to have them all in the finals or go for less.

Specialists in Titled Events – it was agreed that maybe at the moment it was not time for us to consider specialists to be allowed to enter as individuals. However, if do decide this, we need to agree what the break off point should be. Maybe top 10% of standings list or actual score achieved this is to be decided at January meeting after Council has a chance to check Standings List. MM will make a proposal having checked the statistics.

It was agreed that if allowed there should be a maximum of 2 specialists by country per team, (2 under 15, 2 under 19, 2 Seniors)

Use of Cameras -For first year it has worked well, thanks to MM who has set up the new system. This season we also had good video footage for trick reviews. We now need to define what type of cameras need to be used and what the quality of the picture should be. To have the right quality pictures the cameras should have 100mm optical zoom, which is not difficult to purchase. Preferably the camera should be placed on a pylon and therefore we would not need to find someone to operate the video camera. This will need a lot of preparation work to set such a system up, so for the time being we will stay with a video operator. We should not make it too difficult for the organisers by asking them to incur extra costs.

Homologation Levels – Decided to look at it for another year before we change the rules.

Rookie Trophy - this idea came out of Skiers Meeting and it proposed that it would be awarded to a newcomer in Under 15 or a youngster participating the first time in EAME Open or Under 19. This award is only to be given out if deserved so would not be presented every year. The proposed prize for a skier showing potential maybe a weeks training camp with Joulia to be taken during the present or upcoming season and the cost of this could come out of Development budget. We need to make an A4 voucher for the prize. EAME Cable would pay for the board and lodgings and training camp. Travel costs will not be included. The decision will be decided, and duly minuted, at the latest, during the January meeting.

Operators - Joost and Maoz have drawn up a list of bullet points for Operators which has been used at this season's Open. JP is to send these to Manu so that they can be included in the Homologation dossier.

Sid/Alain and Dominique then joined the meeting and D gave NCC the budget showing 1688.30 to be carried over to next season however there were a few expenses that needed to be deducted before the year end such as JP's website costs which NCC will duly forward.

It was noted that new name for EAME would be needed due to reallocation of Middle East Countries now being part of the Australasia region in future.

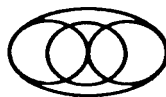
Everyone of the EAME Cable Council confirmed that they were thinking of re-standing for election at Congress in Brussels.

The Meeting then closed at 6.30pm and it would reconvene at 9am tomorrow morning.

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## **Rules Contd.**

Slalom – use of camera – 3 judges for RC always plus centre line video, 3 for Rankings with video or 5 judges without video so they should judge the buoys and exit gate. MM to send JP specifications of video. The video should not be far away from the course and height is needed.

Video review is now possible picture by picture to obtain the correct score. Therefore we agree for slalom that a skier can challenge his score, if official video back up for slalom is available at the competition. If the skier is 100% sure the score is incorrect then they could pay 250 euros for the review. If the score changes he gets the money back but if not he loses his money. This will not be a protest against the judges' decision but a challenge against the score. As soon as the skier has heard his score he should make his challenge. Only the event judges under supervision of the Chief Judge should look at the official video. The video review needs to be done immediately and the competition should go on.

Tricks - 5 judges plus centre line video, with immediate review for RC events is required and for ranking list events 3 (2 1<sup>st</sup> & 1 2<sup>nd</sup>) judges plus centre line video with immediate review is possible but it is still preferred that there are 5 judges.

Video timing is already in the rules. If a rerun is necessary for any video issues, there was a discussion whether a protected score can be given or not rule 6.1.

On the video you are not usually able to see the "timing" buoy used at present at all. So when using centre line video, the question is, how should we rule the start of the trick run? Should it be the first movement after the pulley to start time? Again another lengthy discussion and no consensus could be found. Therefore for 2010 season it was agreed to leave the "timing" box and check how we can better rule this. If we put in middle line buoys, those can be used, we shall also experiment with video close up on the pulley or on the box during the season to see what is possible. It was agreed that any possibility to challenge the timing to be left out of the rules for the moment until we have solved our "start" position as at the moment we have problems with accurate timing.

One highly qualified person should be the timer. Start/Stop Timing Judge needs to be at least 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. Skiers would like the audible device used. Rule 13.6 should now state 20 second not audible device.

Declared trick lists make it easier for the Calculation as it takes more time to calculate the runs if no lists have been submitted. The trick lists involve much work but it is easier for calculators. After a split vote it was agreed that there should be declared trick list but the skiers do not need to stick to run submitted.

13.17 remains as there are still different scores for basic and reverse

Reverse flip tricks reverse should be 50 points more. It was discussed some skiers find different flips difficult. It was agreed not to make any changes on these but to follow this closely.

14 Tricks Limit – At the skiers meeting in Havirov the skiers did not seem against the new rule however it was too early to analyse this as very new and not many of the skiers have changed their runs yet.

**AOB**

Cable ski brochure - we still need good pictures to be sent in for possible use in the re-issue. Please send them to MAP or to Alain Amade.

MAP to contact JDL about homologation fees and it was confirmed there will be no fines for Cable this season.

**Budget**

It was noted that any Officials going to the World Championships would go at their own cost however as such a far distance, a proposal was made that the Cableski Council could make a small contribution of say 100 euros to the Europe and Africa officials. In 2010 the only "travel expenses" that will be incurred are for the Age Category event.

However, we will need money to purchase equipment which could cost about 3000 euros so it will need to be looked at again.

Any members of the Council who are standing for election will need to be at the Congress on Saturday as after the elections the Council will have a short meeting at lunch time to elect or appoint their Chairman/Treasurer/Admincom Member from the members of the new elected Council. On Sunday there will be a half day meeting starting at 9am and due to end at 2pm.

MAP thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12.20am.