

## Multisport Committee Minutes – for public distribution

Meeting: 22 April 2021

Approved 13/05/2021

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### Present

- Ahmed Allouch (AM), TUN
- Alicia Garcia (AG), ESP
- Brian Hinton (BH), AUS
- Jianqui Qin (JQ), CHN
- Melody Tan (MT), MAS
- Tim Yount (TY), USA
- Stefane Mauris (SM), SUI – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Bernard Saint-Jean (BSJ), Executive Board
- Nicola Dick – AG Commission Chair

### Absent

- Diane Henderson (DH), TTO
- Antonio Alvarez (ANA), Executive Board

\*For ease of minute taking only first names or initials of the members will be referred to in the minutes. You can see full names above.

Item	Discussion Items	Discussion	Actions
1	Welcome and introduction		
2	Apologies/absence	- DH	
3	Approval of minutes	- Minutes of February 2021 meeting approved - Minutes of meeting March 2021 approved	Send minutes to World Triathlon to publish them on the website.

			<p>Include in the next meeting agenda the AG services document to receive feedback from Committee members.</p> <p>Include in the next meeting agenda the bidding document for Multisport.</p>
4	Discussion around the plan in the Multisport Congress Report	<p><b>1. Update on work with Age Group Commission (AGC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A meeting with the Continental Federation in charge of Age Groups took place, but not all of them were present.</li> <li>- Women's committee meeting was held a few weeks ago. The first goal for them is to have a development strategy in each continent. Work continues on the best means for aligning with the committee.</li> <li>- Additionally, a few things that are being done is travel and accommodation from the women's point of view and adding the multisport elements into the general document</li> <li>- There is a draft of a survey to be sent to Australian athletes during next winter to assess the athletes' interest to compete under their country's flag. If the information ascertained from this survey is useful, the project can be considered for other NFs to use.</li> <li>- Survey was also shared with USA athletes and staff; waiting on feedback from them to share soon.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Update on data collection progress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The committee reviewed U23 participation in Elite and junior Multisport World Championships as a means of seeing NF support of these events.</li> <li>- Other considerations to included more segmented data, percentages per discipline, a closer working relationship on how countries are supporting the Multisport World Championship, and consideration to</li> </ul>	<p>Survey draft to be sent to all Federation members interested in sending it to their athletes.</p> <p>ALL committee members to review the survey and make comments on ways it can be improved</p> <p>Need to review the annual World Triathlon regarding survey and determine if we can use the data for any committee purposes.</p> <p>All committee members need to assess how we can use the results from the annual survey to assess its application to the Multisport World Championship.</p> <p>Need to update the data collection sheet for the next meeting</p>

		<p>use the World Triathlon annual survey results to assess responses or use that template for our own survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to continue looking at all trends – big or small disciplines</li> <li>- Key is finding ways to stimulate athletes to participate.</li> <li>- Problem is that the Multisport disciplines are not Olympic based so can be difficult for countries to get to get funds for top level athletes to travel to these events.</li> <li>- We have examples of elite athletes competing as juniors in Duathlon (i.e., Brownlee’s brothers)</li> <li>- Need to have Multisport Heroes similar to the Brownlee’s.</li> </ul>	
5	World triathlon multisport world championships and other multisport events update	<p><b>2021 World Triathlon Multisport Championships Almere</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work in progress. Monitoring all things very closely as the pandemic does represent a threat for all events based on varying protocols for entry and departure.</li> </ul> <p><b>2022 World Triathlon Multisport Championships Townsville</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Date will be announced in May.</li> </ul> <p><b>2023 World Triathlon Multisport Championships Ibiza</b></p> <p><b>2021 Triathlon Winter Cup Asiago</b></p> <p><b>2021 World Triathlon Winter Championships Andorra</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 200 athletes attended the event. Very good event despite the lack of snow. Decisions were made due to this situation, with changes in the course required.</li> <li>- Athletes appreciated the effort to organize an event under the circumstances.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The event also helped to develop the Andorra Federation which is important for the movement. They want to continue organizing events in the future.</li> <li>- There were some difficulties for athletes arriving into Andorra due to the travel restrictions. Most athletes accessed Andorra through Spain or France. The movements were complicated by what is required for entry because of the pandemic.</li> <li>- It is important to deliver events, to have visibility and to show sport can be held under safe conditions.</li> </ul> <p><b>2021 World Triathlon /Powerman Duathlon World Championships-Zofingen (LD)/Viborg (MD)</b></p> <p>Powerman Zofingen LD LOC is optimistic - work in progress and if event happens will depend on how Switzerland works around the pandemic.</p> <p>Viborg. Likely to be postponed and repositioned on the 2022 calendar. Decision will be made by the end of June.</p>	
6	Any other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regarding qualification for Alabama’s World Games, due to covid situation, could it be an option to look at other ways to qualifying athletes other than World Triathlon Duathlon Rankings? Could we consider other events or NF rankings?</li> <li>- The committee spoke to the resolution presented by Spanish NF to the Europe Triathlon Assembly regarding the swim/races. The idea is to study if it could be a format to include in Multisport events. The resolution was approved. It is in European triathlon hands to study it and if European Triathlon thinks could be an option, it will be sent to World Triathlon to study its viability. AG to keep us aware of where how this is tracking and will share with us any updates.</li> <li>- Spoke to the situation around triathlon events after Yokohama. Biggest question is regarding Edmonton and Bermuda situation.</li> </ul>	Ask about what options might exist to qualify athletes for World Games outside of current Duathlon World Rankings.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Situation with relay event schedule in Bermuda, the general feeling of the athletes is not to agree to having the relay event before the individual sprint event.</li> <li>- China still has interest to host a World Multisport Championships but must wait for the pandemic to subside, as the big cities need plenty of time to decide.</li> </ul>	We will include in the agenda for the next meeting, Team relay options and feedback regarding the document for age groups
8	Next meeting	- Thursday, 13 May 2021 @22:30 CET	