

## Multisport Committee Minutes – public

Meeting: 24 March 2022

Approved 21 April 2022

Duration: via Zoom 0.59.22

### Present

- Ahmed Allouch (AM), TUN
- Alicia Garcia (AG), ESP
- Brian Hinton (BH), AUS - Chair
- Diane Henderson (DH) TTO
- Jianqiu Qin (JQ), CHN
- Stefane Mauris (SM), SUI – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Tim Yount (TY), USA
- Melody Tan (MT), MAS
- Nicky Dick (ND) GBR (Age group commission representative)

### Absent

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\*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.

Discussion Items	Discussion	Who
1. Welcome and introduction	BH thanked SM, TY and AG for the work to produce, review and organize the minutes. The current system of having AG produce the minutes and TY to review and then sent with the agenda is working well.	
2. Apologies/absence	No apologies and no absences	
3. Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last minutes, 24 February–internal version approved</li> <li>- Last minutes, 24 February–public version approved</li> </ul>	

<p>4. Discussion around the plan in the Multisport Congress Report</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The 6-month report will be produced in January and July.</li> <li>2. Regarding the goal of seeking 40% growth in Winter Tri World Championships, confirmation was received regarding the okay from Austrian Federation about Daniel Martin taking part, so he can now serve on our consultancy group.  BH, Daniel Martin, JQ, DH and AM will be part of the Winter Triathlon subgroup to work on some strategies.  One of our strategies it is to encourage NF's to have national championships, even if those championships need to be produced in a neighboring country.  TY has had meetings with the Birkebeiner management team - one of the large festivals of cross-country skiing in the World. They made the commitment to be a USA national championship in 2023 and will hopefully bid for a World Winter Triathlon Championship in the future.</li> <li>3. The importance of how the various WT committees intersect was again noted. The importance of this cross cultivation of communications was recently raised by the coaches committee. Discussion of how to best share meeting minutes was discussed so that every committee was aware of what the others were doing. Next steps will be to review each of the other committee's minutes on the website and send copies of posted minutes and other reports to other committee chairs. This should at least include the Medical Committee, Coaches Committee, and Age Group Commission. Link to all minutes appears at <a href="https://triathlon.org/about/committees">https://triathlon.org/about/committees</a></li> <li>4. ND proposes to organize an informal meeting in Montreal of those on select WT committees. The idea is it to meet with other committee representatives, even if few people can attend, to share information around work being done.</li> <li>5. Team Relay White Paper is work in progress. Decided this item will be included in the next meeting agenda.  TY proposes to have Amanda Duke Boulet (USA Director of Paratriathlon) to be part of the next meeting to share more details around how the Mixed Relay for Para was conducted in the U.S. in March.  ND raised the point of having continental and national teams compete, to increase the ability to form more relays for events. The hybrid model will be shared as a possible solution to drive more interest.</li> </ol>	<p>BH to describe the intersection of the MSC's work with other committees</p> <p>ND to describe the intersection of the AG work with other committees</p> <p>The subgroup to have formal meetings and to come back to the MSC with a report</p> <p>ALL to check who will be in Montreal to be part of the information exchange</p>
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	<p>6. Report on the adoption of the ETU Age Group Strategy.</p> <p>During the Europe Triathlon President Conference in la Nucia, there was an age group round table where ND was one of the leaders in attendance. AG prepared documentation to be signed by all the NFs to join the Europe Triathlon Strategy. The idea it is to test it in Bilbao and Munich.</p> <p>7. Project to create short video explanations of our various sport disciplines including Multisport continues. SM presented some videos that we can unveil as models of this concept.</p>	
<p>5. World Triathlon Multisport World Championships and other Multisport events update</p>	<p>1. Progress on MS World Championships 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Triathlon Powerman Middle Distance Duathlon Championships in Viborg, the next World Championship, is on track for a successful event.</li> <li>- World Triathlon Multisport World Championships in Targu Mures is also progressing well (SM was on a site visit during the call). Many countries around the world have posted questions regarding the safety of athletes around the war in the Ukraine as Romania is a neighboring country. MS confirmed Targu Mures it is not on the refugee's route so no issues in that regard. Safety of athletes and teams continues as a key priority for the LOC. LOC/WT will prepare a statement about the situation and send as a formal release to all countries.</li> <li>- Birmingham, Alabama (U.S.) Duathlon World Games – targeted for elite athletes, work continues on identifying athletes slated to compete for each country.</li> <li>- World championships Long Distance, Aquabike and Aquathlon in Samorin, Slovakia - will follow more of a middle distance format this year. It is an event joining the Collins Cup of PTO with WT championship waves. Event schedule will see Aquathlon on Thursday, Friday/Saturday the Collins Cup races and Sunday the world long distance and Aquabike championships.</li> <li>- World Triathlon Powerman Long Distance Duathlon championships in Zofingen - already held the first kickoff call, and preparation appears to be on track.</li> <li>- Ibiza Multisport World Championships 2023. Working with the city on details - Jorge Garcia to communicate the dates as soon as possible (for sure May the exact weekend TBD)</li> <li>- MS World Championships 2024 - recently signed agreement with Townsville, Australia</li> <li>- World Beach Games 2023 will be in Indonesia</li> </ul>	

<p>6. Varia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AG explains Fetri has 2 people on board working for Bilbao and Ibiza - around media and athlete service support; request to be made on what we can do to assist them.</li> <li>- TY raised the concept of having simple case studies of different multisport festivals to share as part of the overall education of what different management teams are doing around the multisport disciplines. As noted above, SM presented to us individual discipline videos, and the idea is to have more 2-3 min videos done around what the festivals look like. SM will lead this for us.</li> <li>- ND raised the issue of the conflict date in Bilbao - sprint duathlon and sprint triathlon are scheduled on the same day. This will reduce the festival atmosphere and impact participation as there are few athletes who will be able to compete in both events.</li> </ul>	
<p>7. Next meeting</p>	<p><b>Next meeting on Thursday, 21 April 2022 @ 22:30 CET</b></p>	