

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 2 June 2022

Duration: via Zoom 22:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA, Executive Board Representative
- Ian Howard (IH), GBR, Executive Board Representative
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

Absent

*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	Apologies/absence	- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)	
2	Approval of minutes	1 Minutes previous Meetings 2 Event and Classification Update 3 IPC Updates	

		<p>4 CAG Updates</p> <p>5 Coaches Working Group (Please Christine, send any queries/notes you may have)</p> <p>6 MR Project</p> <p>7 Swansea International Para triathlon Conference</p> <p>8 AOB</p>	
3	Event Updates & Swansea Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yokohama WPS: EA gave a brief update on Yokohama. Feedback from Coaches was the very good communication on behalf of World Triathlon, the downside was the cancellation of the run familiarization - Olsztyn ECHs → Duathlon. Feedback was the poor communication for the change in starts and that it seems that for Europe Triathlon the para was the least important race of the entire weekend. A lot of confusion on whether the European Champ would still be such. MB: every 4 years this can be a challenge when the ECHs will not alongside the ECH standard distance. IH mentioned how some athletes found out of the changes the morning of the race - PWC coming up Besançon and A Coruña and Montreal WPS, planning on the way as well as for Swansea. - Preparations for the International Conference in Swansea, finalising agenda and logistics for presentations, etc - Possibilities for a Continental Cup in USA and Italy in September 	

4	IPC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA reported on the IF Open days meetings at the IPC. Still discussions for Paris and detailed schedule, we reviewed the proposal for LA 2028 and the possibility of a mixed relay and this event would ne to be hosted at least from 2024 at World Champs. EA presented the figures on which we have based - Any interest to be part of Regional Championships such as Para pan, Para Asian, Para African Games will now need to go through the Continental Paralympic Committee - Finalising the work on the LA 2028 Bid and on the IPC Classification Survey that need to be completed by 4th of July. - In relation to the IPC Code compliance, World Triathlon to release a survey on timelines for Classification Changes. - DA mentioned the two action items coming from APSO, the Media Survey and the Women in Leadership - No further action required regarding the Refractive Error matter. 	<p>Outcomes of the Classification Changes Survey will serve to get the Research Projects to potentially kick off</p> <p>DA suggested for World Triathlon to ensure some NF can apply for funds or grants through their NPC</p> <p>DA requested EA to do when possible an analysis of participation by sport class for the PC</p>
5	Classification Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECHs was extremely challenging due to the nature of the athletes and somewhat challenging logistics. This really calls for a review on the timings required for classification and number of days as we are stretching the panels to the limit and beyond. - VI OOC Opportunity in Madrid underway, near to 8 athletes expected. - Logistics in place for Swansea PI classification - Plan to host VI classification in Abu Dhabi 	

6	CAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on the qualitative analysis for the MIC survey to finalise the proposal of the 2nd round for consultation 	
7	Coaches Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group continued to define their mission: <p>Connection and Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact - for the PC to understand the perspective of Coaches on pressing items ● Connection - to all of the coaches in Paratriathlon ● “Eyes and Ears on the Ground” <p>Outreach and Engage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inclusive - we do not want to be a privileged group that simply receives the best information from the Para Committee ● Resource Support - we want to be the group that helps to compile a list of available resources for coaches in Paratriathlon. “Much goes unused because no one knows.” ● Perhaps a Slack subchannel for all coaches? <p>Concepts, Ideas, Feedback and Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Generate monthly agenda item for deep discussion ● Identify clear, pressing needs for Paratriathlon coaches ● Comment on how coaches feel the effects of rules, decisions and world events 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide feedback upon request • Make suggestions. Propose solutions. Generate ideas. <p>Promote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and support Paratriathlon and Paratriathlon coaches • Encourage new and smaller nations 	
8	Mixed Relay Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A lot of work being done within USAT, but they have realized they simply do not have robust data to support a proposal, but a letter has been forwarded to share with the PC (attached) - Many races are required to make the best of this project, so it is encouraged to test as soon as possible at established LOCs, if possible, in 2022. - This would help drafting a good set of rules - USAT could host a Mixed relay in 2023 at designated events. - EA explained that Swansea put its best efforts to host it but it was not possible this year, although they will consider for 2023. Thanos checking about this possibility in Abu Dhabi during the WCHs. 	Working Group to address these matters in a call in mid-June
8	AOB	-	

8	Next Meeting	- JUL 26 th	
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