

IWSF RACING COUNCIL MEETING

Coast Hotel, Long Beach, CA

16th – 18th July 2008

1. Meeting called to order at 9:03am by Chairman, Glen Coles

2. Present:

Asian-Australasian	Glen Coles (Australia) Meryl Lee (Australia) Greg Dutton (New Zealand)
Pan-Am	Dusty Schultz (USA) Ted Hoffman (USA) Louis Simard (Canada)
EAME	Mike Waterman (GB) Jules Leysen (Belgium)
Communications Director	Robbie Llewellyn
Skiers' Representative	Ann Procter

Glen Coles welcomed to the meeting Deann Shannon Bouchard, who had agreed to take the minutes of the meeting, Jules Leysen and Ann Procter the new skiers' representative.

Glen Coles wanted to start the meeting off with the prior situation of the Communications Director wanting the Chair to step down for his position. Glen Coles called for a vote from the Council if Glen was to finish his term out.

Robbie wanted to make a statement before the vote was called for.

Meryl Lee made her comments with support for Glen Coles and how everyone has their own shortcomings not just one person and this meeting is to address all the issues of the 2007 Championships and past year.

Glen Coles called for a vote for him to stay as Council Chair

Yes - 7

No – 3

Carried

Glen Coles will continue as Chairman until the end of his term.

Glen Coles then called for a vote to see if Robbie Llewellyn stays as Communications Director. Those that think that our current Communication Director stays in his position.

Yes - 2

No – 3

Ted Hoffman asked for discussion before the vote goes through

Vote withdrawn by Glen Coles.

Glen Coles is concerned about Robbie Llewellyn's' course of action and afraid of how that will affect his position in the future.

Glen wants to feel comfortable that Robbie will be a valued member of the council. Robbie states how much he puts toward ski. Glen is not comfortable with the threats that Robbie has made and how that will affect his opinion

Meryl Lee stated that the council should direct the communications director and it should not be his own agenda over the website. This is the official website for IWSF.

Mike Waterman wants to move forward for the good of the sport and continue on.

Glen Coles asked Robbie Llewellyn if he could continue without any pressure and work for the betterment of the sport and the Council. If so, Glen will not call for a vote to remove him as Communication Director

Dusty Schultz calls for a vote.

Glen Coles calls if Robbie Llewellyn continues as Communications Director

Yes 7

Carried

3. Minutes of Racing Council Meeting at New Zealand in 2007.

Glen Coles calls to accept the minutes of the 2007 meeting held in New Zealand as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Dusty Schultz

Second Louis Simard

Carried

4. Business arising from minutes -

Meryl Lee stated there was an error in the minutes re the vote for athlete's rep., all competitors were to vote not the team captains . We need to address these issues for the future. Glen Coles sent an email to Jim Grew and did not get a timely answer. Glen Coles stated that even with some confusion the vote was completed correctly. Glen Coles also wanted to state that E-mail is not the proper media for the vote.

Ann is a great ambassador to the sport and the Council is very thankful to have her.

Entry requirements – Jon Cole was to make a form waiver for the worlds in 2009. Dusty has a declarations waiver and release form for under age competitors. Dusty also stated that Jon Coles' attitude is that they do not want them to vary on the waivers. What ever he was to suggest, it would have to go to the IWSF attorneys. Jon Coles feels that the waiver from IWSF is not specific enough for racing. The waiver is for tournament skiing.

Dusty Schultz asks how to go forward. Do we have a waiver for IWSF, a waiver for each organizing Country? Jules Leysen states that each country has it's own waiver.

The waiver needs to be very specific for each country at every World Championships. Dusty Schultz would like to have the IWSF Waiver sent to the Council for review. He would like the input from all the Council Members.

Discussions:

Communication with Racing Council should be quarterly. Next date for communication correspondence is Oct 15th 2008 for the next report due to Council.

All are in agreement

Greg Dutton wants clarity on Reports. The quarterly report should be between the Council for internal affairs, sharing ideas and any correspondence. This should be all **kept internal** by email and not on website unless directed by the Council

Sales and marketing was proposed at the last meeting. Dusty Schultz has ideas and will talk more in his report. Sales and marketing is more for the sport in general, not just for the competitors. Glen Coles would like to get regular and frequent info from all the regions.

Ann Procter asks that on the next entry form or any communication to have an area for the competitors to enter their email information so she could be able to communicate with the athletes through the email. Meryl suggests contacting each Region Representative to get a list of email address. Robbie Llewellyn suggests, have Ann stay in contact with at least two skiers per region.

Congratulations to Greg Dutton and Emma Duckworth into the Australian Hall of Fame. Meryl Lee also received an award for over 40 years of service to the sport.

5. Correspondence- No written letters of correspondence.

6. Reports

President Glen Coles- Glen states that he will make a verbal report and follow up in writing to the Council. EAME will be holding the World Championships in 2009. He is very happy with the sport in general worldwide. An increase in membership has been showing particularly in junior participation. Membership numbers are down though and are not where they were a few years ago. There are a few countries not participating we would really like to have back in the sport to build our membership.

EAME – Mike Waterman states that he does not have the written report and will follow this verbal report in writing.

Meryl Lee asked to make sure that the written reports be circulated amongst the Council.

Mike reports that the Region has been strengthened by the addition of Jules Leysen. He has a very strong background with powerboat racing and other various racing. This year they have been able to revert to a 5 series event with one in Great Britain, one in France, two in Belgium and one in Vienna. They just finished the European Championships last week. Weather was not very nice. Were only able to complete 3 courses of the event. The Saturday event we completed 7 of the 15 races. It finished up as a successful championship. Local authorities were stunned at the event and would like to do something bigger like a world event at a later date. Total sponsorship was the order of £90,000. Ramsgate had over 90 competitors. 31 were European competitors. The junior class is up and coming. They are continuing to work on their EAME Racing Rules. Things are going well with the rules and they are gradually completing the rules. EAME is having a competitor's seminar this year and in early 2009 we will be having a judges seminar.

Pan-Am - Dusty Schultz reports that the participation in the US has stabilized at slightly over 200 registered participants. Much discussion has resulted in lower sign up fees and lower entry fees. This has been implemented in an effort to attract both new participants and retain existing members to continue in the sport.

The US has concentrated on a calendar of fewer races but better organized races in the effort to encourage participants to continue in the sport. The challenge of qualifying for the US World Team has become the backbone of our sport at this point in time. The US may not be fielding a full team for the 2009 Belgium Worlds. This is due to the expense of shipping and travel. All F-1 boats will be changing their fuel requirements to standard pump gas, and not using the more expensive racing fuel. This will save considerable expense, and logistical problems.

The only growing segment of ski racing in the US is the F-2 Class. Nearly all teams are using the Mercury Optima Max 300 XS. The addition of the third team at the World Championships has been a huge incentive.

Our US Open still attracts skiers from all of ski racing federations. These sprint races are exciting and fast. The San Diego Mission Bay area is still the best venue for viewing this type of ski racing.

The US has begun to regain the number of participants were accustomed to in the past. If the economy and insurance expenses will cooperate, we hope to see our old numbers returns.

Canada – Louis Simard reports that Canada is pushing to have more events but the participation is quite poor. We were going to try to organize 5 or 6 races but it has not happened as of this date. The requirements are very hard for us. We may have two teams organized for the Belgium Worlds as well as a junior skier. We also tried to go outside of Quebec but did not work. Some will come back for the special event and it looks like we can get permission for that. They may have 20 for the event and are striving to get this accomplished

REGION A/A – Greg Dutton reports after a huge year last year this year has been a little quiet. No injuries have been reported. Currently have 148 financial members. Looking at changing the format of the races to help with cost. Changing time limits to reduce the event from two days to one day.

The upcoming Worlds in Belgium are exciting for us and we are hopeful to take a team to this event, we are encouraged by our juniors and F2 performances and look forward to the 2009 event.

We had four events this year: Trans-Tasman which has been held for 19 years with New Zealand winning 6 out of the last 7 years. This is an annual junior competition and was held in Lake Taupo.

Our Ski School was the most successful camp we have run. We had a waiting list to enter this year, 35 skiers from 7 yrs through 21 yrs over 4 days. We will be forced to increase the price due to increased fuel costs. A fantastic ski culture is achieved; Thanks must go to Brad Dutton and Emma Duckworth.

Rollos Marine Bridge to Bridge aimed this year to build on foundation set by previous years and grows the event in numbers and sponsorships. We ran a sponsors day, which was well received and increased their understanding of the event. Good entries – long race was full, 30 entrants. Draft account shows an \$8000 profit.

Twin Rivers event was good with great weather. Entries down a bit, possibly because event was later in the season. Some international skiers also came to the event.

In summary, I believe the New Zealand Water Ski Racing Association to be in good heart, we are in sound financial position given that a profit was made from last years world championships. We have a good amount of “young blood” coming through, mainly due to the success of our ski school. We are all facing the pressure of rising prices for both our competitors and our administrations. I do feel that we are in as good a position to move forward to the coming 2009 season.

Meryl Lee- Reports that membership was stable in 2007/2008 with approximately 1500 members and 366 boats registered. The 2 up Super Series of 7 major events continue to be popular. SRA has entered into an agreement to promote all events throughout Australia. This will result in coverage on television similar to that given to Southern 80 in 2008.

Other events were as reported in 2007. Australian and State Championships in Marathon as well as speed were conducted and each state conducted their own point score series in 1 up and 2 up.

We have continued with Junior Development with assistance from Ski Racing NSW, Ski Racing Australia and the NSW Water Ski Federation.

Ski Racing Australia wish to advise that they still intend to bid for the 2011 World Championships.

Competitors Representative - Ann Procter reports, it is my first year in this role and I am looking for feedback on how I am doing. The most difficult part of this role is communicating with athletes from the other side of the world. I have had some feedback from Kim Lumley who is the representative from EAME. This is very helpful, hopefully this can continue. I have had a lot of help from Robbie Llewellyn through his website, although I don't think this is the most effective method, as you never quite know where or who the information is coming from.

Athletes seeking exemption of rule 3.03 for 2009 worlds – this will be dealt with later in the agenda.

Council members talking badly about how other countries run the races. There should not be any bad communication in correspondence. The athletes work hard and no matter how the races are run it is all in their best interest.

Feedback and suggestions I have received from competitors

Limiting the speed in F1.

New point system: Spreadsheets are available for review in any Council member would like to review.

Meryl Lee would like a response to all athletes who put in their concerns, to let them know these issues were talked about.

World Championship event in New Zealand is still being talked about.

Open entry for world championships- Mike Avila has written to have open entry and invite anybody to compete. Especially if classes are not full, we should let them race. This will make it available for the entire world there.

The F2 world champion would like to have the same rule as in F1 as to qualification for the next worlds under special circumstances.

Clarification: With F1 it is only due to the consideration of the federation with why they did not qualify and have to approve them.

Safety in the canal at Viersel in 2009.

All will be talked about later in the agenda.

Glen Coles wants to thank her and that was a great report.

Communications Representative – Robbie Llewellyn reports verbally and will follow up with written report to the Council. Robbie reports – I continue to send out 1 to 3 bulletins a week. What is on the website is reproduced from bulletins. In the last year, I have been working with event organizers to create a build up on the events and do that as we move through the season. Introduction of videos gets 300 hits or so a day. Over 15,000 hits in the last week since the videos we introduced on the website. My plan is to get more organized and show more with that media.

From publicity it really does attract people to the events. We have seen a lot of organizers use the website and the videos to help promote the races.

7. Matters' arising from reports - Glen Coles asks for any questions about reports.

Glen Coles asks about insurance in Canada. Louis Simard reports that their insurance does cover racing.

Mike – states of a EAME training camp with Kim Lumley, **Felipe Vervechen (organizing)**, Darren Kirkland, Carlo Cassa hopefully Danny Cropper will be at Lake Como with a range of technical input, how to prepare.

Accept the reports given by Regions

Moved: Greg Dutton

Second: Dusty Schultz

Carried

Broke for lunch at 11:34

Resumed from lunch at 12:41

8. Agenda items

1. Roles, powers and history of racing council. – Glen Coles presented a small part of History, photos were sent around the room. Racing council came from an exchange Ian Graham and John Hoiles from England. Almost exactly 30 years ago. As a result from the meeting the very first World_Championships was held in England and a Racing Council meeting was held at that event.

2.Code of conduct – officials and competitors. Meryl Lee commented about conduct at the Hunstanton and New Zealand events. Was asked for rules of conduct from New Zealand and she thinks that the council should have their own code of conduct in case of bad behavior in order to discipline the competitors and officials. She would like to know what the other countries have in place. How is a team captain classified in the rulebook? Are they a competitor or an official?

Glen Coles commented that we, as a racing council need to be able to have authority to pull people in line and how do we discipline the officials as well. Certain officials are getting out of hand and we need a mechanism to control situations.

Dusty Schultz asked if you need a rulebook for officials. Glen Coles states that we just need a clause in our current rulebook. Meryl Lee states Australia has a code of conduct for all competitors to sign. Glen suggests possibly adding it to the Competitors code of conduct.

Glen shows 9:15 add change from team competitors to team competitors and officials

Then put the ownership back to the federation for discipline of the individual.

Can be written in rulebook and a new policy for the policy book. Ann Procter asks about local spectators family etc. How are they to be disciplined? Are they competitors back at home? If members back at federation, the federation can discipline.

Mike Waterman and Meryl Lee will work together to the new rule and penalties and table until Thursday.

3. Business and marketing plan – Dusty Schultz has done a lot of work on this. Trying to get ski racing to support itself and not rely on IWSF. Dusty proposal to help ski racing become independent. The idea is this, to create a raffle for a round trip for two to the Belgium 2009 worlds etc. or take \$5000 in US dollars. Each member of council will sell 15 tickets, which would bring in \$16,500 and remaining balance is \$10,000 after expenses. The council could use the money however they deem necessary for travel expense or to federations events. The whole idea is to have the council stand alone and the money could be put to good use for the federation or organizers of the event to not have pay officials at the specified events and put it back in to encourage them to put on a World event. Any number of things could be done with the money to help with research development etc.

Robbie Llewellyn thinks this is a fantastic idea. This needs to somehow be shown that this is going to help competitors in the long run.

Glen Coles states that it runs in many places there are some complications. Every country is going to have difficulties with procedures. Robbie suggests solution to have US – Pan-Am to run this promotion since it is legal here in the states.

Dusty asks how to move forward with this proposal. Do we advertise how many tickets are sold, or keep it open so you could sell more. Extra money raised would be given to each federation for a ski school and junior development. Do this every two years as a regular theme. The key to make this grow is to get outside ski racing. Suggestion out there to do a 50/50

split for the donations and public relations from the council to raise money for the competitors. Right now the council only gives their time.

Greg Dutton suggests to double the amount of tickets required to help raise more money.

Jules Leysen would like to make contracts with sponsors for the IWSF to help offset costs. Pay the organizer to help the council set things up at particular events.

Possible to work with sponsors for the top three races around the world and set them up at each event. VIP areas. Do you forget the raffle and just do that. Jules Leysen suggests that you do both raffle and sponsor arenas.

Start with the raffle for 2009 worlds and then lead to getting sponsors for the 2010 Diamond Race as a start. As a summary everyone is on board to start with raffle and work towards starting the process. Kick off the raffle and show what council is doing for the sport. Put a ceiling on the amount of tickets of 300. The money needs to be divided evenly to every region and designate how and where the money was spent. An accounting report needs to go back to the council.

We as a council should be able to set up our own account and submit a Treasurers report to the IWSF.

Accept proposal that the world racing council set up an account for the raffle and each council member will sell a minimum of 15 tickets.

Motion: Dusty Schultz
Second: Mike Waterman
Carried

Discussion

The split is a 50/50 split for all proceeds. They are going to target the 2010 diamond race with sponsors.

Dusty will facilitate and organize raffle and name it WRC Development Fund and start a non-profit company with an account set up. It is agreed that council will sell 165 tickets. But could sell up to 300. The expenses stay the same and the 50/50 split gets larger. Then with the split we will entertain that they can apply for grants for the ski school. Should be at an international event. Athletes rep. Ann Procter will pull the ticket out for the winner at the Southern 80 in February 2009.

Robbie suggests that if all tickets are sold, start another raffle after.

4. F2 Rules & list of acceptable motors for 2009 - Meryl Lee states that there has been a proposal from Australia about steering. Thinks that there should be one set of rules for steering. Start with the engines and the general rules then go back to the steering.

The list of engines in the rulebook is obsolete.

The question is on the table of any other motors available out there?

Jules – **proposed all standard two and four strokes with 300 hp or less you can buy from manufacturer should be allowed in F2.** Not all of those motors will be eco friendly. There will always be new motors and you can't keep up with them.

Discussion is on the table about the engines for F2 and how to regulate the engines or designate a list of acceptable motors.

Dusty suggests for Jules to submit a list of specs on the Mercury 2.5 engines so the council can do their own research on this issue. He will be able to produce within 14 days. This issue has been tabled until a later date.

Now on **steering with the F2.** Need to make the ruling the same across the board of the regions for safety.

Goal is to have a separate section in the rulebook just for F2.

Hydraulic steering should be in the rulebook as well and making sure that electronic steering is not permissible.

F2 not allowing rev limiter to be disconnected.

Glen Coles suggests that the safety cable should be included in the rulebook.

F2 rules for steering Meryl Lee states the council will be going to stick to the steering rules as is and adding the hydraulic steering and the purpose made lines acceptable. Meryl Lee will rewrite any text needed for engines.

Engines must be standard and mass produced for the public. Take out any engines that are sold through a restricted dealership or racing motor.

The rest of F2 will be tabled until tomorrow.

Meryl Lee wants to make clear for Belgium how the F2 will be scrutinized. Computer and sealed. Then all the normal scrutinizing that was used in New Zealand.

Meeting adjourned at 3:42

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Meeting called to order for day 2 at 9:11am

F2 Rules continued – Jules Leysen supplied the council with a list of motors for all standard motors and a list of racing motors showing the 300 XS as a racing motor.

Motion made by

Rule 5.34 formula 2 rules

(c) extract no racing

rewrite as (c) Standard eco-friendly engines only, no performance enhanced engines.

Carried

Meryl Lee will be adding hydraulic steering for (h) and will circulate amongst the council for approval.

Code of Conduct – Mike 9:15 ADD competitors (team) (officials) must act at all times in a sportsmanlike manner towards other competitors and officials

12:01 any official is in contravention of rule 9:15 shall be subject to the appropriate disciplinary action by the racing council.

Carried

Meryl Lee will be rewriting rule and circulate to all council.

Raffle – Greg Dutton asks how the money will transfer from other countries. All agree to use the US dollar on the printed ticket and Robbie

Llewellyn will work with Dusty Schultz on selling the additional tickets online.

5. Point Score – Meryl Lee made statement, in New Zealand that Glen Coles made the correct judgment for the penalty on the 1000 point system. She gave a brief history of the 1000-point system.

Meryl would like all the Federations to have the same written rules for the point system to keep regulation amongst all regions.

Meryl will be adding provisional winner to the rulebook for the 1000-point system.

A motion is on the table to go back to 800-point system.

Motion: Dusty Schultz

Second: Ted Hoffman

Ann would like to talk to the competitors about what there idea is before she voted.

Vote failed.

Glen Coles suggests that if there is a new point system to come before the council, then it must be circulated to all with explanations and scenarios for clarification.

Glen Coles asked about the penalty at the start of the race to be changed from 1 minute to 1%.

All in favor.

6. Minimum age for juniors - Mike Waterman reports of discussion from EAME in prior meeting. A concern about competitors being too young or not ready for junior competition.

Dusty Schultz sees this as a federation concern of a minimum age and not a rule. Meryl Lee would like the federations to make a conscious effort to make the right decision on a junior competitor.

Motion on the table to not put a minimum age on the junior age limit.

Motion: Ted Hoffman

Second: Greg Dutton

Carried

7. Minimum age for observers - A motion is on the table to increase observer age to 18,

Motion: Ted Hoffman

Second: Mike Waterman

Carried

8. Race Duration – Comments from Mike Waterman that the consensus is to keep the race time the same. Ann Procter reports that most competitors are saying that they want to leave the time of races the same. Dusty Schultz would like to see EAME let the diamond race be able to change race times as an experiment to see if changing time helps with promotion of the race.

9. Helmet Color – EAME has had a great deal of discussion about what the appropriate color specs are supposed to be. Would like some input on how to decide what is the right color.

6:08 paragraph two as a motion on the table to change the color of the helmets to the color orange.

Motion: Ted Hoffman

Second: Greg Dutton

Carried

10. Fixed penalty concept for rules- EAME has imposed fixed penalties as a better effect in their own rulebook. Instead of letting the officials make the determination on what the penalty should be. Mike would like to discuss and see if this could be accepted on the world level.

The council appreciates the time and energy put into this idea but they feel it is very difficult to facilitate fixed penalties because every situation will be different.

Glen Coles asked if the council to either alter the rules or leave as is. Motion on the table to leave the penalty rule as is and not to facilitate fixed penalties.

Motion: Robbie Llewellyn

Second: Ted Hoffman

Carried

11. Stewards concept for rules & evaluation - Mike Waterman is not sure how the Stewards concept worked in New Zealand and is wondering

how it will work in the future. Glen Coles reports that the Stewards rules were not called upon from the Chief Judge in New Zealand therefore, was not used.

Add to last sentence of 11:05

The stewards will make the decision then hand to the jury to assess the penalty.

Motioned

Carried

12. Number of judges at World Championships – EAME, Mike Waterman reports that EAME thinks that for the benefit of the organizer at the events and their obligations that the cost keeps rising. The judges are a big cost factor for funding the judges at the events. He thinks that it should only be 2 judges per region to help the organizer.

Right now only obligation is accommodations and food for race day. They pay their own airfare.

Many feel that all judges should be used every race. Meryl Lee feels that there sometimes are not enough judges therefore, not to lessen the amount of judges. If there are extra, get another boat and put the judges in the center of the course for more surveillance

Motion to keep the amount of judges as is.

Motion Carried

Broke for lunch at 11:35am

Meeting resumed at 12:46pm

13. Clarification of special rules for canal races - Because of the canal races, rules from EAME may have to be used for the world titles in Belgium.

Discussion of the issue for special rules.

If skier falls from the 100-meter buoy to 50 meters beyond the turn buoy, you could go any way you choose to restart Rope length is a maximum of 60 meters. Need clarification on rope length for all races.

It is the decision of the jury if it is a penalty or disqualification.

Each bulletin should have all the special rules from this time forward to make sure all get information.

4 or 5 in skiers the grid for the start of the race. Belgium uses 10 to 15 second intervals for the world titles.

These special rules will be on every course even the river course for safety. Rope lengths can be different for the river race. The IWSF rules for rope lengths will be used for the River race.

Ann Procter states for the competitors sake, she would like the clarification of the 100-meter rule from participant to participant. Is it going to be adhered to at the World Titles in Belgium. If directly behind each other you must be 100 meters. Competitors are stating that at the Diamond Race this rule was not enforced. Jules stats that yes this 100-meter rule will be enforced and be assured that it will be enforced.

Ann Procter passed letter from Mike Avila, a scenario of all 4 top men down the straightaway, who has to back out at the turn. Jules, states it has to be the two inside boats or they cannot turn.

WHO HAS TO GIVE WAY TO WHO –

Robbie Llewellyn thinks it is important to explain to the competitors how the races work and who gives way.

This is not a world rule.

Jules will make drawings and written rules that will be special for the Belgium worlds.

For clarification, there were not any issues at the diamond race with the top 4 men started together.

Jules will take under consideration to lengthen the first turn buoy to help with this issue.

SPECIAL RULE:

Outside boats will have the right of way at the turn.

Second point is to open up the entries to all around the world and not have to qualify for the worlds.

Open world teams – Glen Coles wants to discuss opening up the world titles to all who enter because this issue does keep coming up for discussion.

Keep the IWSF concept and open it up for others to enter the races to put more skiers on the water.

Glen Coles asks, does this have merit to continue discussion? Robbie Llewellyn proposes that this has merit to continue with this issue. Glen Coles would like the council to go back to talk to the regions and see if this is welcomed from their regions.

Robbie suggests - One wild card from each region as an experiment.

Glen would like to give the council until August 31st time to think about this option to put in a wild card from each region and only open it up for F1 Men and Women on a probationary period for this option.

ACTION ALL

Rule 3:03 Ann Procter is looking to revise the rule to allow the skier to determine the nation while not also having a driver or observer of that same nation. Ann thinks it is a safety issue as well.

Robbie makes a motion that neither member of the crew has to be of the same nationality as the skier and the skier will determine the federation.

Motion: Robbie Llewellyn

Second: Ann Procter

Ann withdraws second

Second: Mike Waterman

Vote – yes 4

No – 5

Motion dies.

The council will still address each application as they are submitted. Dusty Schultz suggests that any applications be submitted by August 17th of 2008.

14. EAME Rules 2008-particularly in regard to steering & hydraulics -
has been dealt with earlier on the agenda.

15. Rule Book – rearrange, insert procedures & update

In New Zealand the IWSF Racing Rulebook was challenged - Glen Coles states the issues.

When judging, the results are signed at the end when complete and this is not in the rulebook.

There is not an appeal process in the rulebook

The council has no power to change official results because this is not written in the rules. The council can only make recommendations but no changes.

The jury takes money for appeals and what happens to the money?

We as a racing council are a technical body to answer and interpret the rules and cannot interfere with any judgment.

Glen wants written in the rulebook under judging that all voting judges must sign results and that the racing council cannot change an official results.

NEW RULE

4:07 See Meryl's written suggestion procedures submitted to the council for approval:

Glen's suggestion is to let Meryl Lee write up these new rules and the council to look the revisions over, if the council likes what they see then submit to Jon Cole for his opinion before they become official.

The council wants to ask the opinion of Jon Cole if it is legal to not have a separate appeal process.

A motion is on the table for rule 2.05 to extract the last sentence. *This rule does not apply to Junior World or Formula 2 Champions*

Motion: Glen Coles

Second: Robbie Llewellyn

Carried

5.13 a will be added.

5.13 b will be added

5.34 Meryl Lee will rewrite for approval

6.10 will be added

Helmets to be bright orange will be added

12 will be rewritten and sent to the council for approval

A motion is on the table to propose for a change in the pole position procedure as submitted.

Motion: Ted Hoffman

No second.

16. Future Bids – Australia is giving preliminary notice for 2011 world championships.

2013 – n/a

2015 – n/a

17. General business

Glen needs a motion to recognize Ann Procter as a Council Member for Athletes Representative and that IWSF pay for her travel expenses.

Motion: Mike Waterman

Must submit for travel expenses to:

Chris Howarth

chrishowarth@yahoo.com

5000 Swiss Francs have been allocated by IWSF for meeting expenses. Glen will ask for 1000 Swiss Francs to cover expenses for this meeting..

This meeting has been hosted by Dusty Schultz and the Pan-Am region paid the meeting expenses. If there is an allocation of 1000 Swiss Francs available. Glen will submit and try to get reimbursement for the event to Pan-Am

Glen Coles and board would like to thank Dusty Schultz and Pan-Am for this event.

Glen Coles also wants to thank Deann for being here and taking the minutes.

Thank you goes out to Meryl Lee for her time and efforts for the meeting.

Motion is on the table that once Meryl Lee completes and finalizes the Rules that we would have a two (2) year freeze to keep the rules in place before making any changes, except for safety issues and come back in 2010 for rule changes.

Discussion – Robbie is not sure what will happen in the near future and uneasy about freezing rules for two years.

Motion: Dusty Schultz

Second: Meryl Lee

Carried

Glen Coles states that this is his official notification calling for nominations for officials and judges and jury for Belgium. The judges must be in place 6 months prior to the championships. Please submit by October 30, 2008 with written documentation of all who are nominated with background and why they should be accepted in the position.

Greg Dutton would like to have a register of boats that may be available for the worlds in Belgium due to means of shipping from other countries. Usually host country will have this available.

New Zealand will need some boats available for junior and F2.

Ann Procter brings up the issued from the competitors about having a speed limit in F1.

Mike Waterman would like to talk about the ABATEC organization. This is a potentially more sophisticated system. This is being used in various sports already. It has limitations of not able to be on the sea but it is available on smaller venues, which will be tested and will report on the results.

Mike Waterman is commenting about boat numbers and EAME feeling is that the written wording needs to be revised. Glen suggests that he rewrite the rule and submit to Meryl Lee

Ann Procter brings up the issues from New Zealand that incorrect procedures were taken and some explanations should be given to the women skiers and the results were never changed. Meryl Lee stated as well that the

results should be changed. Ann Procter feels that her name is tainted and hopes that these issues are rectified. Glen directed Robbie to change the results on the website to the official results. The official results are those which were in place for the race presentation.

The council apologises for any wrong doings or mistakes that occurred and feel that her name should not be tainted.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25

