

<b>Canoe Polo Com 2017 – N° 1</b>
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# CANOE POLO COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HELD IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND  
10TH – 12TH FEBRUARY 2017

***Participants:***

Mr Greg Smale (Chair - GS)

Mr Joao Botelho (JB)

Mr Dion Chen (DC)

Mrs Eva Lindmark (EL)

Mr Duncan Cochrane (DCo) – Via Skype for Manufacturers Programme Input

***Apologies:***

Mr Tony Estanguet – ICF Vice President

Mr Maxine Gohier – ICF CAP Member – pre-booked family holiday prior to appointment.

***Guests:***

ICF HQ Staff – approx. 1 hour on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.





<p>The lack of any rule changes was noted but accepted and it was agreed to move forward as quickly as possible once the World Games issues were addressed and to work as a 'team'.</p> <p>The CAP agreed to retain the 'informal' referee/rule consultation group who had proved very effective in the previous two years.</p> <p>The CAP agreed roles/responsibilities and this will be added to the website for clarification – awaiting possible JW Advisor before publishing.</p> <p>GS informed the committee they had his trust and if given a responsibility each person should press ahead and progress and only check if financial issues are connected.</p> <p>GS clarified that as a rule all correspondence within committee and advisors should be sent to relevant person/copied to others and the same if outside. The CAP understood some by GS would not be in his role as ICF Board Member.</p>	<p>GS to ask ICF HQ for BoD reports submitted by previous Chair</p>	<p>14/4/17</p>
<p><u>2016 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships – Syracuse, Italy</u></p> <p>Unfortunately, the organisers have not provided high quality television/internet footage for use by the ICF from this event. A commitment was made and communication then made regarding 'snow' and UPS delivery – nothing has arrived.</p> <p>The CAP now has the ICF photographs and a video file from British Canoeing however all these were obtained after images were required by the IWGA for the World Games and so earlier WC images were used.</p> <p>Poland raised one issue with the results and this has been addressed by the organisers and the results will be updated on the ICF website soon – Game 638 – Poland beat Belgium.</p> <p>GS also noted he was surprised that one category had more one more entry than qualification had allowed.</p> <p>MP had informed the CAP during their discussion with HQ staff that a couple of federations had still not paid their 2016 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships Referee Accreditation Fee. GS stated that the forthcoming continental championships were part of the next world championships and unless these NF's pay they will be excluded from the next world championships.</p> <p>A discussion took place surrounding this situation. In summary teams were asked late for their fee and accordingly competed without paying and went home before monies received.</p> <p>GS noted to the group that a 'goodwill' payment of 300 Euro to each of the</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>MP/GS</p>	<p>14/4/17</p>

self-funded referees had been made from the previous year's budget as they had been charged an excessive amount by the 2016 WC organisers who had subsequently ignored correspondence by referee Steve Watts who had tried to resolve this matter on the volunteer self-funded referees' behalf.

2017 IWGA World Games – 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Invitations have traditionally been handed to qualifying teams at the end of the world championships from which they qualify. This did not happen and the 'new' team have had to try and recover lost time.

There is full entry from those qualified as follows:

Men	Country	World Ranking		Women	Country	World Ranking
1	Italy	1		1	New Zealand	1
2	France	2		2	Germany	2
3	Spain	3		3	France	3
4	Germany	4		4	Netherlands	4
5	New Zealand	5		5	Italy	5
6	Chinese Taipei	10		6	Canada	8
7	Poland (Host)	11		7	Poland (Host)	7

The following officials/referees are being/have been invited – all referees are Grade A:

Number allowed on passport	Names	Country	Role
1	Simon Toulson?	ICF	Jury
2	Poland President?	ICF	Jury
3	Greg Smale	ICF	Jury
4	Joao Botelho	ICF	Chief Official & Competition Committee
5	Eva Lindmark	ICF	Chief Table Official/Technical Organiser - Playing & Ref Schedule & Competition Committee
6	Dion Chen	ICF	Chief Scrutineer & Competition Committee
7	Andi Fear-Ross	NZL	Referee
8	Ralf Budde	GER	Referee
9	Maurizio Pelli	ITA	Referee
10	Martijn Rol	NED	Referee
11	Ezio Ambrosetti	USA	Referee
12	Te-Chih Liu	TPE	Referee
13	Steve Watts	GBR	Referee
14	Virginie Brackez	FRA	Referee

GS to liaise ICF HQ/President re progressing WG asap

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<p>ICF HQ will additionally be present at the WG to promote the discipline. ICF HQ to clarify who and how they will assist.</p> <p><u>2018 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships</u></p> <p>The provisional draw took place and is an appendix to this report. The CAP encourages Continental Associations to attempt to fix their championships earlier to enable teams to plan – an example being the 2019 European Championships is already allocated.</p> <p>The ICF CAP will meet in Canada in October 2017 in preparation for next year's world championships.</p> <p>GS had already advised the committee, ICF President and ICF Secretary General of a serious issue with dates for next year as it was highly likely Canoe Polo will be a demonstration sport in the full 2018 Asian Games in Indonesia. DC informed the group that the Olympic Council of Asia was due to meet early March where it was hoped the inclusion of Canoe Polo as a demonstration sport would be formally approved.</p> <p>The CAP all agreed this was a significant and important step in the development of Canoe Polo and being in two multi-sport events – World Games and Asian Games was very positive for the future high level recognition of this exciting and in comparison, to many sports 'cheap'</p> <p>GS noted that while good Canada were very concerned with the proximity of dates and wanted clarification asap. GS advised he would raise this at the ICF Board meeting in Manchester, England at the end of March 2017.</p>	<p>GS to progress</p>	<p>26/3/17</p>
<p>Canada proposed dates are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018</li> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018</li> </ul> <p>Asian Games dates are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018</li> </ul> <p><b>GS noted it is important that a qualification process be developed for the Asian Games, as there is for the World Games, so teams are obliged to still enter the world championships and the organisers can be assured of quality teams in the multi-sport games – it would not be good if the standard of competition was poor at such a critical time.</b></p> <p>The potentially prohibitive cost of Canada and Indonesia in a matter of weeks was discussed.</p> <p>DC will continue to liaise with ACC.</p>	<p>GS/ICF BoD</p>	<p>26/3/17</p>
	<p>DC</p>	

The committee agreed that EL would be proposed to the ICF Board as Technical Delegate as her 'back office' knowledge, while often unseen, is excellent and will prove a benefit to the organisers. GS noted as this part of Canada uses French as well as English/Canadian MG would also be able to assist EL where necessary.

- The Opening Ceremony being sport related is a preference.
- Individual pitch access was noted as important for 2018 so referees could be prompt for their duties.
- Spectators who have travelled from other countries must be able to access the final games.
- Discussion took place regarding a commentator, possibly from France and this would be taken to meeting in Canada in October 2017.
- As soon as entry numbers are confirmed the referee accreditation Fee would be calculated and all NF's advised to stop a repeat of payment issues surrounding 2016.
- There will be 28 referees. For 2016 a further 8 were invited for development purposes but were self-funded.

The CAP has notionally begun to discuss wildcards and although there are deliberately no fixed rules as they are as the word says 'wildcards' first consideration is to those who have entered their respective continental championship.

2018 Asian Games – Indonesia



**2. Issues and Main Points 2014 – 2016**

**Asian Games**

- Preparation work for 2018 Jakarta Asian Games had been started. The 3rd OCA Coordination Committee meeting held in January 2016 at Fairmont Hotel, Jakarta supported the inclusion of Canoe Sprint, Canoe Slalom and Traditional Boat (Dragon Boat) under the Canoeing Sport and add Canoe Polo as a demonstration-exhibition event.

GS to progress

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All

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<p>18.1 – No answers given.</p> <p>18.2 – Should also provide video.</p> <p>Members of the CAP raised the issue of penalties if an organiser does not provide what they have agreed to.</p> <p>The website for 2016 was difficult to understand from Asia – translation could be improved.</p> <p>The CAP has tried to understand the venue better and look forward to further details in Manchester.</p>	GS	26/3/17
<p><u>Manufacturers Programme</u></p> <p>On the Sunday morning DCo joined the meeting via Skype and briefed the CAP. In summary, the scheme is working well with manufacturers supportive. There was a little question about one country that had not ordered so many licences but produces a significant number of kayaks. This was not considered an issue yet but would be monitored.</p> <p><b>The CAP congratulated DCo on his Order of Australia award.</b></p>	DCo	
<p>The CAP had already discussed two letters of complaint regarding the non-delivery of ordered equipment from ICF approved manufacturer ‘Agility’. ICF Secretary General is already aware. The committee discussed possible options however from input by Duncan Cochrane it appears that at last this matter is beginning to be resolved. The situation to be clarified at the next committee meeting in Namibia.</p>	DCo	14/4/17
<p><u>Doping Control</u></p> <p>GS raised the education of athletes with recent developments in other sports and having checked the Wada website which had results for Canoe Polo.</p> <p>He advised the CAP he had briefly spoken with the ICF Medical Committee Chair and would send a more formal email before anything is disseminated by way of training to athletes.</p> <p>Email sent 16/2/17 – no reply to date:</p> <p><i>Last weekend the new ICF Canoe Polo Committee met and we discussed the education etc of teams/coaches as we briefly discussed in Baku.</i></p> <p><i>We found various reports over the years that reveal the Canoe Polo test figures and alarmingly some AAF (think Adverse Analytical Findings) but we have no information regarding any action against player/s over the years. Do you have any more information regarding these?</i></p> <p><i>There is even one in the 2015 figures <a href="https://www.wada-ama.org/en/anti-doping-statistics">https://www.wada-ama.org/en/anti-doping-statistics</a></i></p> <p><i>This strengthens my thoughts that we have encourage better awareness asap but before I circulate to the various federations I want to check I'm directing them to the right place?</i></p> <p><i>Is it right to direct athletes in Canoe Polo to?</i></p>	GS	26/3/17



<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/education-awareness/tools-for-stakeholders/alpha>

<http://alpha.wada-ama.org/login/index.php>

*I would also like to know regarding past offending/targeting a 'particular team' as a result - what is allowed or not allowed?*

#### Development Programme

EL and JB will prepare in draft form for ICF CAP meeting in Namibia electronic survey/questionnaires for:

1. Continental Associations
2. National Federations

GS explained they could then discuss these with Seif Patwa who would be supported financially to attend the Africana Canoe Polo Championships in Windhoek, Namibia where the CAP would next meet. GS wants to send the survey/questionnaires out at the end of April 2017.

GS stated his ICF Congress presentation focussed on this and it must progress albeit it will be different not only by continent but by federation.

Discussion took place regarding the 'strong' developed NF's perhaps mentoring new countries in their development.

CAP members were allocated the following continents as their responsibility with GS overseeing all and assisting where necessary.

- Africa – MG
- Asia – DC
- America – JB
- Europe – EL
- Oceania – DC and possibly James Mitchell from NZ?

GS noted he has been invited to meet with China and a manufacturer would could have significant benefits to growth in Asia.

Referencing the Asian Games, it was noted that South America was important if in the future Canoe Polo could also be in the Pan-American Games this would be again a significant step forward.

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MG

DC

JB

EL

DCo/JM?

GS

<p><u>Future</u></p> <p>GS asked the CAP to ‘think’ and come up with ideas for future development. He referenced the recent Nitro Series Athletics, indoor Sky Diving as a couple of developments that if people had asked years ago, they would have been dismissed.</p> <p>DC is to research and present to the CAP the feasibility of lighting/night games of polo as a possible way forward.</p> <p><u>Calendar – future meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windhoek, Namibia 14-17th April 2017</li> <li>• Welland, Canada 20th – 23rd October 2017</li> </ul> <p><u>Attendance at events 2017</u></p> <p>The CAP will meet around the African Canoe Polo Championships over Easter <b><u>and as team building will compete</u></b> in several friendly ‘Old World’ vs ‘Old Africa’ games.</p> <p>Other presence throughout the year includes:</p> <p>GS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECA Cup – Mechelen, Belgium</li> <li>• European Championships – St Omer, France.</li> <li>• Asian Championships - Malaysia</li> </ul> <p>EL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECA Cup – Denmark</li> <li>• Essen International</li> <li>• ECA Cup Mechelen</li> <li>• European Championships – St Omer, France.</li> </ul> <p>JB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECA Cup Mechelen?</li> <li>• European Championships – St Omer, France.</li> </ul> <p>DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oceania Championships – New Zealand?</li> <li>• Asian Championships – Malaysia</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>DC</p> <p>GS – formal invitations</p>	<p>October 2017</p> <p>ASAP</p>
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DCo and JW - unknown at the meeting which competitions they may be present.		
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*Lizzy Small*

Chair ICF Canoe Polo Committee 13/3/17

