



Minutes of the BWSW Advisory Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th November 2018 at British Disabled, Heron Lake

1. Record Persons Present & Apologies Received

Present:

Tony Green (Chair) - Boat Owner & Recreation
Nicky Caine - Cable 3 Event / E&A Liaison
Tim Cooke - Kneeboard
Steve Cox - Racing
Barry Odell - Conservation / Environmental matters
Alan Murray - Scotland
Robin Nichols - Disabled
Jason Ellis - Kneeboard
Claire Ellis - Disabled
Richard Mattos - Boat Owner & Recreation
Jeremy Neville - Boat Wakeboard
Steve Sopp - Tournament
James Timothy - Boat Owner & Recreation
Simon Waring - Board member attending
Patrick Donovan (CEO)

Apologies:

Nick McGarry
Karen Brooks
Robert Crewe
Sue Creedy

2. Note Items for Any Other Business

- a) Lascelles Trust Fund highlighted by Nicky as a dwindling fund in need of donations.
- b) James outlined briefly his development of a new mobile homologation system.
- c) Honorary memberships – no recommendations received to date.

3. Approve Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th May 2018

The minutes were reviewed, seconded by Alan Murray and approved by those who had been present at the previous meeting.

4. Matters & Action Points Arising from Minutes of 10th May 2018

- a) IWWF recognition of Kneeboard as a recognised discipline – dealt with in item 8.

b) Use of vegetable dye to prevent growth of weed and algae – query sent to English Nature on this point, receipt acknowledged but still awaiting a response.

5. BWSW Board Update Topics

Referred all present to the Board minutes published online for updates on Board matters and the ongoing discussion of matters related to funding, finance, staffing and various initiatives etc. Tim raised the point that Excellence as a committee did not meet – matters related to teams, tracksuits, team attire and rules were not particularly something for the Advisory Council to deal with. Some discussion on a recent Board analysis of capacity within the BWSW network of affiliates such as ex-affiliates, sites that have never been affiliated etc. The membership “issue” and the complex area of growth led to some interesting discussion

– an agenda item at Board meetings with a similar discussion taking place with no “magic” solutions immediately identified.

6. Emerging Issues: - Update on ‘All Regions Committee’

As previously discussed, whilst Regional activity and club meetings were actively encouraged where attendees felt there was a need, the former All Regions Committee itself which was comprised of the Regional Chairs had been stood down. However, there was a Special Resolution proposed at the 2019 AGM regarding the articles of association, the principal amendment being the defining of the Regions as a Discipline of the sport eligible for representation on the Advisory Council. Should the proposal be accepted Tony raised the point as to who would elect the two regional reps to this Council though of course there were two active regional reps already around the table for today’s meeting. A mechanism for this to be agreed that was practical and would develop into a formal election process.

7. Advisory Council – 3 Year Discipline Representatives elections

The BWSF Ltd articles of association stated that each Discipline nominated its representative(s) through its own internal democratic process. Such representatives shall be subject to re-election after three calendar years in office and shall not be eligible to serve for more than three consecutive terms of three years. Three years into the life of the Council it was now the relevant point in time for the disciplines to now elect their representatives. There was a question raised as to the mechanism regarding a wider democratic process across all the affiliates feeding into the representation on the Council and whether any clear process would be supported at grassroots level effectively. Steve and Simon would take this point back to the Board. Tony would this week be contacting all discipline committee chairs re nominations for the three-year rotation and in particular those disciplines who have never been represented on the Council. Current members should indicate to their respective discipline chairs of their wish to re-stand or otherwise. Tony indicated that he would be happy to continue as chair if everyone supported this.

8. E&A / IWWF Matters

Nicky Caine outlined some recent E&A activity to include the forthcoming November E&A meeting – any particular feedback to Nicky for her to take to the meeting. In terms of the competitive recognition of this discipline the informal initial feedback was that it was felt that there were unlikely to be enough competitive kneeboarders to support European and World Championships. E&A had indicated that they would provide an email survey to capture any data on this point. Nicky would report back to E&A on the existence of a GB rulebook and the competitive structure which did exist in the UK. A GB discipline representative was prepared to attend a future meeting to make the case and discuss any survey results. Nicky would investigate if this was indeed possible at a future Congress. Brief update on the French led Olympic “task force” aiming to make the case for Olympic inclusion at a future Olympiad. Finally 2021 was the 75th anniversary of the IWWF.

9. BWSW Safeguarding Surveys

In his role as (very part time) Safeguarding Lead for the organisation Tony had recently met with the Child Protection in Sport Unit, had attended a training course for lead officers and circulated comprehensive safeguarding surveys to Club Welfare Officers and key contacts at our affiliates.

10. Reports from AC Disciplines/Sections Representatives

The discipline representatives outlined some of their key discipline activity during the season and any pertinent other matters regarding their activities. It was welcome news to hear that Heron Lake had seen a rise in membership numbers during the particularly good summer.

11. Confirm Date & Venue of next AC Meeting

Thursday 21st February 2019 at 11am at Heron Lake.

The meeting closed at 14:50.

Minuted by:

Patrick Donovan
CEO