

MINUTES



Of the meeting of the **British Water Ski & Wakeboard** via **Video Conference Call**
Thursday 19th October 2023

1. To Record Attendance and Apologies for Absence.

Present:

Martin Winter
Peter James
Michael Lock
Nick Fellows
Patrick Donovan

Kylie Cooper
Keir Boissevain
Andy Philips

Apologies:

Clare Lobb
Steve Sopp
Margaret Curtis

2. IWWF Change of Corporate Vehicle Update and other Congress issues

As detailed at the previous board meeting the international federation (currently a limited company registered in the UK), had proposed to incorporate a new company based in Switzerland. Whilst there was no actual issue with the proposal to create a new Swiss company, concerns had been raised by BWSW regarding the mechanism and communication of the process to IWWF member federations. Following on from attendance at the IWWF Congress, Martin had agreed IWWF's request that BWSW provide support to IWWF on the transfer mechanics assuming this was in conjunction with all necessary third party legal and accounting input. BWSW had identified key next steps as i) Identifying mission critical contracts for lawyer review (ii) approaching the International Olympic Committee (IOC) regarding the issue of transferring IOC recognition to a new vehicle (potentially a simple exercise but as yet unascertained) (iii) getting the Swiss articles in decent shape. Congress had delayed approval of this move meantime. Martin had supplied a suggested draft member communication in order to maintain momentum. IWWF members had decided to ratify the new Code of Ethics and Disciplinary procedures (including appeals process). Martin had sent/would send a follow up to the IWWF Executive Board to confirm the issues this gave rise to. A further review of the IOC Code of Ethics indicated particular accounting requirements which he would also point out.

3. Racing Update

A formal response to the BWSW letter to IWWF dated 1st September detailing the essential requirements for GB athletes to enter the World Championships had not been received to date. Martin had met with a small number of IWWF and Racing representatives at the Waterski world championship site with Steve (absent for part because of team captain duties) to discuss the situation and the points raised within the letter however there was no resolution or particular progress and now it was extremely late in day with the event very imminent in early November. It was highlighted that official communications to competitors on the provision and scope of insurance for events and any identified gaps in on water / motorised cover needed to be comprehensive and crystal clear so there was a full understanding of the exposure to risk and personal liability.

4. Revised Code for Sports Governance - Preliminary Assessment

Following our compliance submission in April regarding the revised Code a preliminary assessment had now been received:

2.7	3.1	3.4	4.1	4.7	5.2	5.3
Continuity & Succession Plans	Disclosing Information Publicly	People Plan	Cascading Good Governance	Welfare & Safety	ESG	Policies & Financial Controls
Met	Met	Met	Met	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met

The preliminary assessment outlined partial compliance in three areas and required a further response from BWSW in terms of actions and clarifications to achieve full compliance. An initial response on the points raised in terms of clarifications and any necessary actions was required by 9th November. Completion of any actions in an agreed governance action plan would need to be made with any additional evidence submitted by 29th February 2024. Sport England would confirm compliance or otherwise with funded partners by 31st May 2024.

Action: Patrick would contact the Sport England governance team re a call for early next week with Martin to clarify the gap in compliance. Following on from this the points and clarifications raised would be reviewed by the board with an appropriate response to be made by the initial November deadline.

5. Confirmation of Future Meeting Dates.

Board:

Thursday 23rd November 14:00

Some additional meetings may well be required to address ad hoc issues and the proposed time for these meetings is 9am on Wednesday mornings.

Board Sub-Group

Wednesdays 09:00

Advisory Council:

TBC

AGM

Sunday 14th January 2024 13:00 Queens Club, London

The meeting closed at 14:40

Minuted by:

Patrick Donovan

CEO