

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION

ICF BoD MEETING

21 September 2022 / TIME / LOCATION: Online

ATTENDEES

NAME	INITIALS	TITLE	ATTENDANCE
Thomas Konietzko (GER)	TK	PRESIDENT	YES
Cecilia Farias (ARG)	CF	VICE PRESIDENT	YES
Liu Aijie (CHN)	LIU	VICE PRESIDENT	YES
Lluis Rabaneda (ESP)	LR	VICE PRESIDENT	YES
Luciano Buonfiglio (ITA)	LB	TREASURER	YES
Rchard Pettit (GBR)	RP	SECRETARY GENERAL	YES
Maree Burnett (NZL)	MB	PRESIDENT OF OCA	YES
Joa Costa Alegre (STP)	JCA	PRESIDENT OF CAC	YES
Shoken Nartia (JPN)	SN	PRESIDENT OF ACC	YES
Albert Woods (GBR)	AW	PRESIDENT OF ECA	YES
Victor Ruiz (PUR)	VR	PRESIDENT OF COPAC	YES
Toshi Furuya (JPN)	TF	CANOE SPRINT CHAIR	YES
Jean-Michel Prono (FRA)	JMP	CANOE SLALOM CHAIR	YES
John Edwards (CAN)	JE	PARACANOE CHAIR	YES
Bridgitte Hartley (RSA)	BH	ATHLETE COMMITTEE CHAIR	YES
Jonne Go (PHI)	JG	CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVE	NO
Ahmad Donyamali (IRI)	AD	CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVE	YES
Ola Oluode (NGR)	OO	CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVE	YES
Ahmed Mahmoud Abdoulkader (DJI)	AMA	CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVE	YES
Branko Lovric (CRO)	BL	CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVE	YES
Andrej Jelenc (SLO)	AJ	CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVE	YES
Jovana Stanojevic (SRB)	JS	CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVE	YES
Danielle Woodward (AUS)	DW	CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVE	YES
Fatima Fernandes (BRA)	MF	CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVE	NO
Martha Hernandez (MEX)	MH	CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVE	YES
Tim Brabants (GBR)	TB	MEDICAL & ANTI-DOPING CHAIR	NO
Ruud Heijsselaar (NED)	RH	CANOE MARATHON CHAIR	YES
Manuela Gawehn (GER)	MG	WILDWATER CANOEING CHAIR	YES
Colin Simpkins (RSA)	CS	OCEAN RACING CHAIR	YES
Greg Smale (GBR)	GS	CANOE POLO CHAIR	YES
Terry Best (GBR)	TB	CANOE FREESTYLE CHAIR	YES
Wai-Hung Luk (HKG)	WL	DRAGON BOAT CHAIR	NO
Noemi Horvath (HUN)	NH	SUP CHAIR (Non-Voting)	NO

AGENDA

1. Last Meeting Follow-up

- 1.1. JMP said there needed to be a clarification on the French translation for canoe disciplines for Paris 24

2. President's Report (TK)

- 2.1. Welcome Richard Pettit as new Secretary General.
- 2.2. TK and RP attended a meeting with the IOC three main issues discussed:
 - 2.2.1. IOC and Federations joining the human resources framework for the UN. It will involve creating best practice facilities.
 - 2.2.2. The economic financial crisis will have ramifications for the Olympic movement. The IOC is planning to further optimise Games operations which could have an impact on some options for the Olympic family at Olympic Games.
 - 2.2.3. The ongoing situation with Russia and Belarus. International Federation Presidents discussed the ongoing sanctions and expressed support for unity moving forward and welcomed continued dialogue as the situation unfolds.
- 2.3. TK said he asked what the consequences would be if we allowed Russian and Belarus athletes to compete, and how other countries might react. He is not sure when the next round of discussions will take place but is expecting the IOC to make an announcement before the end of the year.
 - 2.3.1. AW asked what has changed since we made the original decision regarding Russia and Belarus? If anything, the situation is now worse. We must make a decision soon because Olympic qualifications start next year.
 - 2.3.2. RP responded the position remains consistent with the IOC distributed press releases-
 - 2.3.2.1. 25 Feb IOC EB urges all International Federations to relocate or cancel their sports events currently planned in Russia or Belarus
 - 2.3.2.2. 28 February IOC EB recommends no participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials
- 2.4. TK said he was not very happy about our television figures, but we had been restricted in what we could do because of existing contracts. He said we need to revisit our modelling regarding streaming and buying our tv rights back.
- 2.5. Discussions are continuing with Oklahoma regarding possibly hosting slalom events at LA28. Oklahoma City has given a positive response to the financial requirements in being a host Olympic venue.
- 2.6. Józef Bejnarowicz (POL) has agreed to help the ICF regarding finding sponsors. Board agreed to award Jozef ICF order of Merit for his voluntary input.

2.7. A meeting is proposed between host organising committees and the ICF regarding what services the office can provide for events.

3. Secretary General Report (RP)

3.1. RP outlined how he plans to operate as secretary general.

4. Rule Changes

4.1. CANOE SLALOM AND KAYAK CROSS

4.1.1. After some discussion, the board supported changing the name from extreme kayak to kayak cross.

4.1.2. There will be a repechage round introduced during time trials at Paris 24 to increase the entertainment for spectators. It means there will be head-to-head racing on the first day of the competition.

4.1.3. There are some changes to equipment, with a footrest plate required instead of pegs, and no modifications allowed on the outside of the boat. Paddle edges must have a minimum thickness of five mm, and metal tipped paddles are not allowed.

4.1.4. An automatic start machine and photo finish was approved, however the board voted against giving local course designers flexibility to change the number of gates and to have optional downstream gates.

4.1.5. There was discussion about the future design of helmets for kayak cross.

4.1.6. A proposal was put to the board to have Olympic qualifying places available at next year's European Games in Krakow. After much discussion, it was decided to defer a decision on this proposal until all board members had been given the opportunity to study the plan in detail.

4.1.7. At the September 27 meeting AW said the European Canoe Association had voted to withdraw the proposal.

4.1.8. TK said next year all stakeholders will be invited to discuss Olympic selection processes.

4.2. CANOE POLO

4.2.1. Minor rule changes around deliberate fouls, ejection red cards and the use of the shot clock, with clarification what is considered a shot, and what is not.

4.3. CANOE FREESTYLE

4.3.1. Changes to make qualifications not random but based on seedings.

4.4. CANOE SPRINT

4.4.1. It has been decided to abandon the knock-out rule in the 5000 metre races.

4.4.2. It has also been decided to maintain the rule regarding changing crews in team boats because of illness, a rule that was brought in during Covid.

4.5. PARACANOE

4.5.1. Rules changed regarding quick release and floatation devices.

5. Fit For Future

5.1. Cecilia Farias provided an update on the Fit For Future documents.

6. Financial Update

6.1. RP said he could foresee no major issues with the ICF budget as it stands at the moment. He said the ICF is currently taking advice from accountants on how we can be more efficient.

Currently he doesn't foresee any major circumstances that will change our financial situation.

6.2. RP said the office will become more rigorous with its invoicing which will provide additional income. He said many of the contracts haven't been updated for a number of years.

6.3. TK said the ICF had received EU 20,000 back from Ukraine.

7. Athletes' Committee

7.1. BH Athletes' Committee chair provided an update on the work of the committee, and ideas to encourage more athletes to get involved.

8. Technical Managers

8.1. MM Flatwater manager and whitewater manager TR provided wraps of the season.

8.2. CAM will have a world cup in Bergen in 2023 and world championships in Shaoxing, China, in 2025.

8.3. CSP is planning an additional world cup event in 2023 after the Duisburg world championships. It will be an opportunity to test timing providers etc. There is a plan for races in 10 Olympic and 10 Paralympic events. It is the only opportunity for an Olympic test event.

8.4. Virtual Event- We are moving ahead quickly with this. A couple of companies have been identified that can work on this, the date looks set to be December 17. It will clash with the

FIFA World Cup. A bulletin will be published shortly. IOC funding has arrived, so it is going ahead with speed.

- 8.5. RP said it is important we showcase this event due to the future vision of the IOC regarding possible medals for the Olympic Games. MM said if there was enough interest, we could also include paracanoe.

9. Other Business

- 1.1. TK said greater effort will be made to ensure all meeting documents are sent out well in advance of meetings, and it is expected board members will be able to send in written comments before a meeting. It is also planned to rotate the time of meetings, so it is fairer to everyone around the world.
- 1.2. Sole Supplier- The next YOG will be in Senegal, at a venue where we will not be able to use our traditional boats. An option is to decide on the type of boats we want, then set up a tender process, and have about 40 boats we can use in the future for young athletes. The ICF should own the intellectual rights for these boats.
- 1.3. RP asked board members to provide a list of responsibilities and committees they have in their own countries and regions.
- 1.4. The IOC is running a lifetime award for a coach, and we would like to put forward someone from the ICF.

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ACTION ITEMS

NEXT MEETING DETAILS

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