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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD IN TOKYO, JAPAN
15-16 MARCH 2019



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Participants:

José Perurena	Spain	President (Executive Committee Member)
Cecilia Farias (absent)	Argentina	Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Tony Estanguet (absent)	France	Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Thomas Konietzko	Germany	Vice President (Executive Committee Member)
Luciano Buonfiglio	Italy	Treasurer (Executive Committee Member) not present
Simon Toulson	Great Britain	Secretary General (Executive Committee Member)
Joao Manuel Da Costa Alegre (absent)	Sao Tome and Principe	President of African Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Shoken Narita	Japan	President of Asian Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Albert Woods	Great Britain	President of European Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Joao Tomasini Schwertner	Brazil	President Pan American Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Maree Burnett	New Zealand	President of Oceanian Continental Confederation (Executive Committee Member)
Frank Garner	Canada	Chair Canoe Sprint (Executive Committee Member)
Jean-Michel Prono	France	Chair Canoe Slalom (Executive Committee Member)
Tim Lodge (absent)	Great Britain	Chair Athlete Committee
Martha Hernandez Sanches (absent)	Mexico	Continental Representative America
Victor G. Ruiz	Puerto Rico	Continental Representative America
Ahmad Donyamali	Iran	Continental Representative Asia
Branko Lovric	Croatia	Continental Representative Europe
Andrej Jelenc	Slovenia	Continental Representative Europe
Marta Felpeto Lamas	Spain	Continental Representative Europe
Ola Oluode	Nigeria	Continental Representative Africa
Danielle Woodward	Australia	Continental Representative Oceania
John Edwards	Canada	Chair Paracanoe Committee
Jorn Cronberg (absent)	Denmark	Chair Canoe Marathon
Tomislav Crnkovic	Croatia	Chair Wildwater Canoeing
Mario Santos	Portugal	Chair Ocean Racing Committee
Greg Smale	Great Britain	Chair Canoe Polo
Lluís Rabaneda i Caselles	Spain	Chair Canoe Freestyle
Dr LUK Wai Hung	Hong Kong	Chair Dragon Boat
Donald McKenzie (absent)	Canada	Chair Medical and Anti-Doping

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<p>Description</p> <p>Welcome by the ICF President and President Report</p> <p>President Perurena welcomed the BoD to Beijing and thanked the Chinese hosts for their generosity.</p> <p>The ICF had held discussions with the IOC President, Thomas Bach, and left with the impression there were no problems with Canoeing and the Olympic Games at the moment, but that canoeing must always strive to stay ahead of the game.</p> <p>There were still discussions to be had about venues for LA 2028 for both sprint and slalom, as there were challenges for both.</p> <p>The ICF would like more quotas for canoe slalom. It was felt the focus had to be towards the IOC's requirement that they did not want IFs to develop new venues, and prefer to use the existing infrastructure. The impact for the ICF was to develop and consider maximum use of its Olympic venues.</p> <p>The BoD discussed how to stay relevant and how to work with future Olympic hosts to promote existing and potential future Olympic disciplines (such as Extreme Slalom).</p> <p>The next Youth Olympic Games in Senegal will provide challenges for the ICF because of a lack of suitable venues, but the ICF was working on alternatives.</p> <p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>There was discussion about the donation provided by the Hungarian Federation and how the money was being spent. The BoD determined that any future bid that offered money to the ICF in return for hosting an ICF event must demonstrate clearly the benefit of the money directly to the athletes and/or the sport. Money given directly to the ICF (or its members) would not be allowed.</p> <p>A request was made for the treasurer to provide a more detailed breakdown of some of the items in the accounts from 2017-2018 which were all duly answered.</p> <p>There was discussion about the working arrangement the ICF has with its photographer, and if it was possible for disciplines to use their own photographers. A request was also made to have photographs provided to the national federations for free. Under the current agreement with the ICF Photographer the ICF was unable to provide photos for free to the NFs.</p>
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The IOC budget was guaranteed until 2028. One suggestion was that the ICF should purchase its own office, because rent in Lausanne was very expensive.

Update on ICF Headquarter activities

Technical rule books would be available for all disciplines by the end of April

Stand Up Paddling court case was ongoing, with the ICF about to deliver its final argument to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in April. A hearing was expected in June or July 2019.

Interviews for the newly created ICF Development Manager position would take place at the ICF headquarters on April 9 and 10.

The ICF had made considerable process in the area of governance, and were expecting a major improvement in our overall ASOIF ranking by the end of the process.

Update on Stand Up Paddling

China confirmed that they would host the SUP World Championships at the venue where the 2008 Beijing Olympic sailing competition took place.

There was a strong chance a beer brand would provide sponsorship. There would be 50,000 EUR of prize money available.

The SUP World Championships would be held from October 24 to 27, and all continental associations were urged to encourage their athletes to take part.

Update on Dragonboat

The ICF reached a compromised proposal in China. The IDBF Chinese member was willing to abandon their claim to be the sole responsible federation and work with the ICF and Chinese Canoe Association.

The ICF had been invited to be part of the Asian Games 2022 for dragonboat.

Prevention of Harassments and Safeguarding

The IOC wished to support the IFs who were working on a program called The Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sport. The IOC was expecting the ICF will produce:

1. A strong statement condemning all forms of harassment and abuse in

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sport .

2. Athlete safeguarding policies to prevent and to have procedures in place once the damage already happened
3. To have educated safeguarding officers at the World Champs this year.
4. To produce informative flyers for distribution to the athletes

Cecilia proposed the creation of a working group which she will chair.

Tim Lodge: Athletes Co. Chair

Don Mackenzie: Medical Co, Chair

Mario Santos: Lawyer

Danielle Woodward: representing the interests of women, considering that girls and women are one of the most vulnerable groups.

The President approved the Team and they were officially invited to work. They all accepted the invitation.

Olympic Broadcast Service

The ICF had met with the Olympic Broadcasting Service. Progress, albeit slow, was being made and they looked likely to use some of our graphics. They are also hoping to have cameras at the preparation areas, and have promised they won't interfere with the preparation of the athletes.

OBS was happy to trial a gate lighting system for slalom, but there were further discussions required concerning the celebration pontoons. Likely for slalom, but there were some problems for sprint to resolve.

Paracanoe

A detailed development plan for paracanoe which would include webinars and education modules was presented. It was emphasised that more regional competitions and activities were required and closer relationship with pararowing stakeholders was needed.

Development Programme

The work and monitoring of the development programme continued. The ICF was actually asking the beneficiary NFs to afford the transport costs. The reason was that the high transport costs rapidly diminish the budget for sport equipment affecting the entire programme. Cecilia thanked COPAC and ECA for supporting transportation costs with their budgets on specific cases.

American Canoe Association

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There was an ongoing issue with ACA and governance of the sport in the USA. The situation had not improved with several recent resignations adding to the problem.

ACA was OK on recreational level, there was a big budget available. But not on competitive elite level.

Simon Toulson would meet USOC and LA2028 at Sportaccord in May 2019.

The ICF could not bypass the national federation to start working directly with athletes and coaches already identified within the country.

Update on YOG 2022 Senegal

It was identified that problems with the venues due to water quality existed. Canoeing was not alone with issues. There was an alternative venue at the nearby ocean 1.5 hours drive from Dakar, but ICF would need to spend considerable money to make it work as no infrastructure is at the venue.

Bids for ICF Competitions – World Championships and World Cups

2023 World Championships

Events	Place	Access Period	Competition Period
2023 ICF Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe World Championships	Duisburg (GER)	TBD	TBD
2023 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships	Auronzo (ITA)	TBD	TBD
2023 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships	Lee Valley (GBR)	TBD	TBD
2023 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Slalom World Championships and 2023 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships	Pan Zhihua & Miyi County (CHN)	TBD	TBD
2023 Dragon Boat World Championships (club crew)	Hangzhou (CHN)	TBD	TBD
2023 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships	Vejen Kolding (DK)	TBD	TBD

World Cup Events

Events	Place	Access period	Competition Period
2020 ICF Wildwater World Championships	Natahala Gorge (USA)	20-30 April	26-30 April
2020 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Cup 1&2	Albright (USA)	2-6 May	5-6 May
2020 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Cup 3&4	Albright (USA)	7-10 May	9-10 May
2020 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Cup 5&6	La Seu d'Urgell (ESP)	TBD	TBD
2020 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup 1	Nottingham (GBR)- Decision in June after new bids		
2021 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup	Barnaul (RUS)	TBD	8-10 May
2021 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup	Szeged (HUN)	TBD	22-24 May
2021 ICF Canoe Marathon World Cup	Shaoxing (CHN)	TBD	TBD
2021 Canoe Slalom World Cup 1	Miyi - (CHN)	TBD	March

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2021 Canoe Slalom World Cup 2	Markleeberg (GER)	14-20 June	18-20 June
2021 Canoe Slalom World Cup 3	Prague (CZE)	21-27 June	25-27 June
2021 Canoe Slalom World Cup 4	La Seu (ESP)	30 August - 5 September	3-5 September
2021 Canoe Slalom World Cup Final	Pau (FR)	6-12 September	10-12 September
2021 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Cup 1&2	Treignac (FR)	20-24 May	22-24 May
2021 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Cup 3&4	Banja Luka (BIH)	2-6 June	4-6 June

Update on Tokyo 2020 preparations

Updates were provided by Mr Narita, Jean-Michel Prono, John Edwards and Frank Garner on preparations for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The venues were on schedule and dates for the test events have been confirmed.

John Edwards urged all federations to get behind the new women's VL2 program, which has struggled for numbers but will make its Paralympic debut next year.

Juries for 2019 season

The Jury members were allocated by the ICF President.

Miscellaneous

The issue of Seif Patwa was discussed. However, it was made clear by the African representative on the BoD that Mr Patwa had tendered his resignation to CAC and all responsibilities were being separated to other members of CAC Board. The ICF was asked for assistance in helping CAC put its activities back on track, particularly in relation to Olympic Games qualification and development programme.

Some concerns over the role of the Athletes Committee at Technical meetings were raised. Whilst athlete representatives were valued additions to technical meetings they needed to respect the rules and structure of the meetings and decisions made. The ICF Secretary General would clarify the framework for athlete committee members with the Athlete Chair, Tim Lodge as soon as possible to avoid any misunderstandings or issues in the future.

The ICF would search for volunteers to hold the Chair of the ICF Ethics Committee that had been added recently to the ICF Statutes.

The next ICF Board meeting would be 22-23 November 2019 in Antalya, Turkey

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