

Minutes ECF General Assembly - Lesnica Poland - 07/05/2011

Present:

Poland (Miroslaw Piecko and Martina Piecko)
Belgium (Jean-Pierre Talbot and Droeshout)
Czech Republic (Peter and Adam Toncar Kratky)
United Kingdom (Richard Cook and Eileen Cook).

Excused: France - Switzerland

President Jean-Pierre Talbot opened the meeting at 15:30 with a word of welcome. He thanked Poland for their excellent hospitality and quality of the press conference held in the morning. He recommends that everyone take the decisions for the development of canicross and not to serve (if any) personal interests.

1) The representatives of these nations complain too many absences. They hope that this is an "accident" that will not happen again.

Uninformed, the host country has encountered organizational difficulties (and probably additional costs ...).

The President will write a word of disapproval towards Nations who have not notified of their absence.

Asked by Richard Cook "can we reasonably decide," the President replied that the absentees are wrong. Others who made the effort to come can not be punished: the deliberations and votes will be validated!

2) The President recalled that the official name of the event is "European Championship Canicross and Bike-joring.

The name "Eurocanicross" is no longer allowed.

Indeed, the winner of the event is titled "Champion of Europe." It is not meant for him to simply be the winner of a beautiful event run somewhere in Europe.

3) In the same spirit, only the logo ECF is official. It is meant to Richard Cook no longer use the term "Euro Canix POLAND 2011" (is accepted: UK team Canix - Champ. Poland in Europe 2011).

Same for the logo "EuroCaniX 2012" This is the ECF European Championship 2012, organized by Canix but certainly not Canix Championship.

A logo for the event can be created but obviously it will take only the terms "European Championship - the year - the country - the city (+ sponsors), as was the case in previous years.

4) On the proposal of France, the assembly voted by 6 votes and two abstentions, the creation of the veterans category III (Masters III) Canicross and Bike-joring. It relates to athletes aged 60 and older.

5) The German VDSV (Chairman Jürgen Lüber) wants to be recognized by the ECF. She will be invited at the GA and European Championship. in October.

6) We know that the accounts will be reviewed at the GA in the fall.

Eileen Cook wants the ECF supports the organizational costs. The Chairman pointed out that spending ECF must be in the service of ALL nations, not to the benefit of one.

The ECF is not rich: at the beginning, in 1994, there were only 3 nations who therefore paid for 3.

Then we started to have a small asset, the ECF has been the victim of Karl-Heins Raubush. He created in 1996 the German federation and organized our European Championship 1997 in Völklingen.

His real purpose was to make "Business". Not only did he not paid his contribution to the ECF (2 € per adult starts) but he gained publicity material for his own benefit .

ECF, to preserve his honor was forced to pay.

Recently, the ECF has acquired sets of flags and signs consistent so that nations do not have to bear the expense. A translation of the official rules was also done by a paid professional translation company.

7) Richard Cook asked that the next Fall GA takes place on Thursday in order to have more time. The Chairman pointed out that stakeholders should take extra day off and we may have many disclaimers. No decision is made. Therefore, Poland will retain the usual timing.

8) Richard Cook asked to move the spring AG in England to 4 or 11 February 2012 in order to know in time the new governmental arrangements for dogs admission (without problem) in the country of UK.

Everybody finds the proposal appropriate : dog examinations must take place at least 7 months before entry into the countries of UK.

9) Following the meeting states that it is time **to launch a call for nominations for the organization of the European Championship 2013!**

10) Still in a time perspective, Miroslaw Piecko reports that hotel rooms must **be booked for June 30.**

Pricing will be soon published on the site.

11) Miroslaw Piecko recommends that "bikers" to be assisted by a person to go to the start line first, but mostly to leave the finish area after the race (fatigue after exercise but also to climb the stairs to the stands ... the amphitheater).

12) **Technical Committee:**

a. Everyone already knows that Miroslaw Piecko can not chair the Technical Commission during the Polish edition.

He may however be a part as a member. No candidate is coming to the secretariat.

Therefore appoint a Chairman of Technical Committee. Asked Peter Toncar agrees to assume this function.

Whereas he is also a competitor, he refers to separate the function canicross and bike-joring.

Speaker rejects this possibility as illegal.

Though reluctant, Eileen Cook, proposes to troubleshoot.

She is designated unanimously.

b. Eileen Cook noted that the committee is constituted by too many people when it must rule. This causes lengths on Saturday and a delay for the podium ceremony.

After debate and constructive discussions, the following provision was adopted unanimously:

- Each nation will present one or two members to compose the commission as it has recorded less than thirty or more competitors.

Among them, four commissioners will be drawn at the first meeting to be held on Friday.

- The President of the Commission shall have the commissioners on the circuit at various strategic locations but with different rotations so as not to impose on everyone, too long a benefit.

Reminder: All commissioners must be present at the race "school boys - girls school." .

The mission of the commissioners is to observe any irregularities - it is by no means provide the function of flag or security.

- At the end of each day, ALL members of the committee are met. Each shared his observations. Issued any complaints are also reviewed. Regarding these complaints, they should only be filed via the Team Leader, in writing at Executive Office of the race in a time of one hour maximum counted since the end of the race in the category concerned. The Executive Office of the race will be clearly informed by a panel.

- After hearing all the speakers, only four commissioners chosen by lot and the President, acting to fix any penalties or warnings and to impose disqualifications.

13) Due to time constraints, item 4.2 Agenda (Check the structure and development of Nations ECF) is postponed to the autumn AG.

Nevertheless, the President recalled briefly:

- The statute (Title II): Each nation is represented by a single national federation (or association or a group where there is still no national federation).

- The motion "canicross autonomous" (Völklingen GA - March 2007). If a nation is represented by a federation not only canicross (dog sled or athletics), it is invited to establish a section canicross within it or at least appoint a responsible for the management and development of our ECF disciplines.

14) Analysis of the circuit shown by Poland:

a. Canicross departures will be given on the grassy surface horizontal in the heart of the amphitheater. Departures bike-jöring will be given on the path after the stairs.

b. The entry and exit of the small football field will be secured and left behind.

c. Kratky Adam noted that the descent is perilous because too long and furrowed. The organizer will smooth the path to the aid of a machine and create a horizontal loop in the woods to cut down.

The meeting was closed to 19h.45.

PV drafted by the President, in the absence of ECF Secretary excused (compelling professional reasons).