



International Rafting Federation

MINUTES – Sport & Competition meeting 2009 22 May 2009

1. Robert Kazik **opened** the meeting;
2. **Apologies:** Rafa Gallo (Costa Rica), Tony Hansen, Mark Joffe, Steve Nomchong, Jakob Faerch

Roll Call:

Robert Kazik (Czech Rep.)	Shige Asano (Japan)
Sue Liell-Cock (South Africa)	Peter Micheler (Germany)
Ondrej Panenka (Czech Rep)	Janko Tavcar (Slovenia)
Boris Purjakov (Serbia)	Oleg Grigoriev (Russia)
David Katsarava (Georgia)	Rado OrokockY (Slovakia)
Danilo Barmaz (Italy)	Joe Willie Jones (Chile)
Deb Cook (GB)	Lisa Reeder (USA)
Stanimir Stanimirov (Bulgaria)	Jozef Kytka (Slovakia)
Graham Maifredi (Australia)	Amalia Yunita (Indonesia)
Rodolfo Plaza (Venezuela)	Kianoosh Mehrabi (Iran – non member)
Eric Boudreau (Canada)	Zdeslav Karlovac (Croatia)

3. Discussion and establishment of the Sport & Competition Committees

Sue asked who was interested in taking rafting to the Olympics – all said yes except Oleg. She then said that only Oleg was excused from volunteering for the sub-committees and that the only way rafting would get to the Olympics was if EVERYONE did at least a little bit to help!

Note – anyone not answering emails within one year after the Congress will be deemed as non-active and removed from that committee:

- a) **S&C Committee:** Head = Ondrej Panenka

Discussion group – discussions will be started by email by either Ondrej or Sue but will be continued and concluded on the IRF Forum:

Robert Kazik (Czech Rep.)	Shige Asano (Japan)
Sue Liell-Cock (South Africa)	Peter Micheler (Germany)
Ondrej Panenka (Czech Rep)	Janko Tavcar (Slovenia)
Boris Purjakov (Serbia)	Oleg Grigoriev (Russia)
Danilo Barmaz (Italy)	Joe Willie Jones (Chile)
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Rodolfo Plaza (Venezuela)	

Amalia Yunita (Indonesia)
Eric Boudreau (Canada)
Jean-Claude Razel (Brasil)
Alex Pastir (BiH)

Zdeslav Karlovac (Croatia)
Rafael Gallo (Costa Rica)
Pieter Bekkers (Netherlands)
Safak Tatoglu (Turkey)

Final decisions will be made by a group of about 10 chosen out of the above list by the BOD. This list will be decided shortly.

b) Youth & Veterans sub-committee

- i. Oleg Grigoriev (Russia) – Head
- ii. Danilo Barmaz (Italy)
- iii. Ondrej Panenka (Czech)
- iv. Jozef Kytka (Slovakia)
- v. Janko Tavcar (Slovenia)
(The above are already doing youth races, below are countries very keen to start it)
- vi. Deb Cook (GBR)
- vii. Eric Boudreau (Canada)
- viii. Kianoosh Mehrabi (Iran)

c) Judges sub-committee

- i. Eric Boudreau (Canada) – Head
- ii. Peter Micheler (Germany)
- iii. Jozef Kytka (Slovakia)
- iv. Uros Lovrencic (Slovenia)
- v. Amelai Yunita (Indonesia)
- vi. Graeme Maifredi (Australia)
- vii. David Katsarava (Georgia)
- viii. Goran Lolic (BiH)
- ix. Martin Prochazka (Czech Rep)
- x. Robert Kazik

d) Anti-doping sub-committee

- i. Danilo Barmaz (Italy)
- ii. Peter Micheler (Germany)

4. Discussions and resolutions on the proposals submitted by National Federations and BOD

a) **Rafts for 2011 - from BOD on behalf of Sport & Competition Committee:**

Choice 1 was unanimous – organisers to continue to provide same rafts

b) **Youth and Veteran Categories - from Czech Boaters Union BoD:**

Agreed that new sub-com for Youth & Veterans would put together proposal of rules for Youth to present to S&C Com.

c) **Euro Champs R4 and / or R6 - from Czech Boaters Union BoD:**

Agreed to move it to Euro Committee to discuss

d) **H2H penalty - from Czech Boaters Union BoD:**

Jury from WRC 2009 is drawing up a proposal to solve this issue and will present it shortly to S&C Com for discussion.

e) **Rule: tie in points - from Czech Boaters Union BoD:**

This rule change plus any others people want are to be presented to Ondrej who will collate them and send them out to all S&C Com for discussion. Once the discussions are finalised all the new rule changes will be done at one time.

f) **Reconsider Point System - from Japan Rafters Federation:**

Declined - Time Trial will continue to have points. (A discussion was held about the fact that some teams will not get to paddle H2H due to the present format being used.)

g) **Slalom Rules - from Swiss Rafting Federation:**

- i. Proposed to change rules to say upstream and downstream poles must be different colours – this will be included in Rule Discussions coming up.
- ii. Pole size – declined, stay as is.
- iii. Sanctions – declined, stay as is

5. **Any other business if time allows:**

Yuni proposed that it be in the rules that a camera must be available for Judges to view footage. Discussion ensued as to whether only official cameras or anyone's cameras. This to be included in Rules Discussion coming up.

6. **Closing** of Part 2 (Sport & Competition section) of the Congress.