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Budapest, Hungary 10 - 11 April 2010**

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Luciano Buonfiglio	Treasurer	Irina Siraeva	Continental Representative Europe
Simon Toulson	Secretary General	Frank Garner	Chair Canoe Sprint
Helen Brownlee	President OCA	Jean Michel Prono	Chair Canoe Slalom
Joao Manuel Da Costa Alegre	President CAC	Jorn Cronberg	Chair Canoe Marathon
Albert Woods	President ECA	Jens Perlwitz	Chair Wildwater Canoeing
Charles H. Yatman	President COPAC (ABSENT)	François Ryffel	Chair Dragon Boat
Maree Burnett	Continental Representative Oceania	Lluis Rabaneda i Caselles	Chair Canoe Freestyle
Kee-Huat Chua	Continental Representative Asia	Greg Smale	Chair Canoe Polo
Ahmad Doniamali	Continental Representative Asia	Donald McKenzie	Chair Medical and Antidoping
Cecilia Farias	Continental Representative America (ABSENT)	Belén Sánchez Jiménez	Chair Athletes
Kee-Heung Lee	Continental Representative Asia (ABSENT)	John Edwards	Chair of Canoeing for All

Description	Responsible Person	Deadline
PRESIDENT'S WELCOME		
The President welcomed everybody to Budapest.		
The 4 absent BoD Members were excused.		
A special thank you was made to the Hungarian Canoe Federation for		

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<p>their efforts in hosting the Board Meeting.</p>		
<p>OPENING FROM HUNGARIAN NF</p> <p>Canoeing was seen to be held in high regard, both in Hungary and the rest of the world. It is viewed as part of the Hungarian culture.</p> <p>The need to continue to work on the development of the 2 Olympic Disciplines to find a larger media framework was highlighted.</p> <p>The Board were reminded of their responsibilities in leading the sport and special regards were relayed from the Hungarian National Federation.</p>		
<p>PRESIDENT'S REPORT</p> <p>The Minutes from the BoD meeting in London, December 2009, were approved.</p> <p>The President visited the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games and met many IOC members and IF representatives.</p> <p>Many Continental Games had added Canoe Slalom and Canoe Sprint to their programme recently which was a positive sign for ICF.</p> <p>Africa needed assistance with Canoe Slalom for the African Games as did the Pan American Games in Mexico. The Technical Committee and HQ were working hard to facilitate these courses.</p> <p>The President had a successful meeting with the Master's Games organisation and was in the running to be elected to the Board himself. In addition, there was the possibility to add further canoe disciplines to the Masters Games in the future.</p> <p>A meeting with MSL and Olympic Broadcasting in Madrid had been held recently with continued support from both organisations towards the ICF.</p> <p>The bidding process for future events during the BoD would be completed under a new procedure and would be more timely and efficient than previous systems.</p> <p>The President supported requests from the BoD to send a strong letter to SportAccord, asking that IDBF be either suspended or reprimanded and forced to end their attacks against the ICF.</p> <p>The BoD was informed that the Korean National Federation was confused as to who is the leading authority on Dragon Boat for the Asian Games as ICF and IDBF both claim ownership.</p>		

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<p>The President noted that the ICF Headquarters had undergone some significant changes over the past year, with the expansion of the office providing much needed space, new employees and a new website ready for activation.</p> <p>The President requested the IOC to give extra canoeing quotas for the Olympics. This had been refused as the quota had already reached the limit. Overall quality of athletes for canoeing was high for the Olympics, with more than 60% going to the best athletes and 40% going to continental representation.</p> <p>It was reminded that the ICF must keep a close eye on Universality. ICF must select the best athletes and then ensure the continents have representation. It was seen as important to keep quality of selection high to ensure best athletes at the Games. The President believed the new qualification system maintained this philosophy.</p>		
<p>SECRETARY GENERAL’S REPORT</p> <p>The Qualification System for London 2012 was not finalised with the IOC. Everything including the competition schedule would be published in the 1st week of May after approval by the IOC.</p> <p>The ICF HQ office had expanded, taking over most of the floor in the Maison du Sport in Lausanne. The HQ would rent one room to International Softball Federation (ISF). The President will also have a new office. New telephones and server had been installed as upgrades due to the old systems not functioning properly.</p> <p>The recent developments and decisions made by the ICF BoD (such as, women’s canoe, paracanoeing, Commonwealth Games programmes) had distracted employees and diverted them from normal yearly tasks. It was highlighted that resources were stretched and at some point decisions would need to be made on what projects were more important than others.</p> <p>The new Bidding process for events had been implemented by the ICF HQ. The goal was to make the bidding process more manageable and also provide measurable factors on which to judge the bids.</p> <p>Erika Riedl left the ICF recently to take up a post with the Volleyball Federation, to be replaced by ex-athlete Hengameh Ahadapour (IRI).</p> <p><i>Television</i> Television and Broadcasting had proved to be very successful over the last year. The developments of highlight packages had produced massive interest in ICF events. The current situation looked good for the 2010 season.</p>		

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Concern was expressed that no TV coverage for Duisburg and only minimal coverage for Augsburg had been indicated by the German Federation. The lack of TV at these events meant the ICF package of World Cups was at risk as broadcasters needed security that the whole series of events would be filmed.

It was stated that this had always been a problem in Germany with Television companies. The TV domestic coverage should be guaranteed in the Organising Committee's bid. The ICF had insisted the TV production as part of the contract for the last two years.

The ICF could contribute to supplying camera crews to shoot the footage at the events, however costs would increase exponentially and the quality of TV footage could decrease.

TV for Canoe Slalom World Championships

The ICF has an agreement with the BBC to show the finals of the World Championships. Eurosport would run with delayed Finals on the Monday after the Championships. Eurosport Asia was willing to take Canoe Slalom footage, but it was imperative that additional broadcasting expansion occur in other areas such as Asia and Russia.

TV for Canoe Sprint

There was an issue of TV production for the last 200m of the course. A skycam or track was needed however it was not certain what plan was being put in place in Poznan. Eurosport and German TV would carry the live footage from the World Championships with up to 9 hours of coverage on three days.

ICF Media Plan

A new ICF website was launched. To remain relevant the Chairs were asked to provide information regularly regarding their disciplines so that fans would keep using the website.

There would be three stages of website development, the first being the launch of the website. The second phase would cover the ticker tape news, forums and a secure national federation area. The third and final phase would incorporate the Athlete Biographies and database into the website.

It was recommended that the current database and system be scrapped and a new project started to ensure high quality information from ICF events are captured and displayed in a professional and easy to understand manner.

The ICF Facebook group was almost at 3,000 fans and had been incredibly successful at increasing interest and interaction with Canoeing enthusiasts.

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<p>Planet Canoe was successful and is expected to continue to be popular. Plans for the Planet Canoe include an online quarterly magazine that would have a strong pictorial focus, designed to further increase the exposure of Canoeing.</p> <p><i>Entries and Accreditation</i> Difficulties with the database system were preventing proper development. It was impossible at this time to define an online entries and accreditation system for all disciplines with the current system.</p> <p><i>Organisers Workshop 2009</i> The Workshop resulted in an overall better relationship and increased correspondence with the Event Organisers for 2010. It provided an early warning system for when problems at events were likely to occur. The workshop would be organised again in November 2010 after approval from the BoD.</p> <p><i>Officials Cards</i> Administration of Officials cards continued to be time consuming and expensive. It was requested to levy a 20 Euros fee for renewal of cards. 12 Euros of which could be used to invest in ICF merchandise (Hats, pins, pens, notepad etc) that could be given to the Officials. The BoD unanimously approved the proposal.</p> <p><i>Sponsorship</i> It was highlighted that considering the importance of a main sponsor, the current situation needed to change quickly. Sponsors would not approach the ICF and that the ICF needed to redirect resources to this area in order to work on sponsorship. It was unclear how the ICF would develop in this area in the near future.</p> <p><i>Process of IT systems</i> The ICF needed to progress its development for IT, entries and the database. At the moment only one section is properly in place, the Online Entries for Canoe Slalom.</p> <p>Concerns were raised over possible agreement with MSL and the affect between the relationship of Siwidata and Canoe Slalom. It was felt that one system covering all disciplines for management of date was needed. It would not affect the timing mechanism at events if a suitable system was in place.</p>	ICF HQ	Jan 2010
<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT</p> <p>Nothing was added in addition from the written reports.</p>		

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<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>The ICF budget was under control and no major issues had arisen since the last BoD meeting.</p> <p>The ICF should consider changing the period of the Budget for the future. The Treasurer proposed that the next Budget sheet work on an 18 month or 2 ½ year period to bring the budget into a yearly cycle and not June/July. The President would clarify this at the Congress.</p> <p>Special thanks were expressed to Annick Hauser in the ICF HQ.</p> <p>Recently several meetings were held in Lausanne. The last meeting was with the Bank concerning ICF investments. The ICF transferred savings into Dollars before the Dollar dropped. The ICF was aware that the Euro would weaken for at least the duration of 2010.</p> <p>The worldwide economic crisis looked to be far from over. The concern that the Greek government could be bankrupt, closely following by other countries meant the ICF needed to be vigilant in its investment strategy for the next few years.</p> <p>The 2008-2010 budget would close at the end of June. No payments would be made after this date to ensure that the accounting was in proper order. All Chairs and Board members were asked to send their finances to the ICF HQ before this deadline.</p> <p>The ICF finances at the time of the meeting were solid, however, the good work needed to continue to maintain the same situation in the future.</p>	ALL	JUNE 2010
<p>CANOE SPRINT – Frank Garner</p> <p>John Edwards and the Sprint Committee drafted the provisional rules for Paracanoeing. The BoD unanimously approved the provisional rules for Paracanoeing.</p> <p>The Canoe Sprint International Technical Official list for 2010 received approval from the Board based on what was presented.</p> <p>The Canoe Sprint Committee had drafted a strategic map for the discipline to provide direction for the future and show where their responsibility lay. The Committee was unsure of where they fit into the ICF structure and respectfully indicated that there were still far too many difficulties between the Canoe Sprint Committee and the Executive Committee.</p> <p>It was commented that the BoD does not manage Canoe Sprint.</p>		

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<p>The Athletes Commission asked for clarification on the final Olympic Programme and that they did not approve of 8 lanes for London 2012. It was confirmed that 8 lanes had been approved for London Olympic Games.</p>		
<p>CANOE SLALOM – Jean Michel Prono</p> <p>Issues had developed in Costa Rica as there were two National Federations (NF) representing Canoe athletes. There would be a meeting with the Sporting Authorities and the NOC in the near future. The first NF fulfilled the requirements for the sport, however they were informed that they must release rafting which they have done. The other association would remain with rafting. The new NF was currently well supported by the local authorities.</p> <p>It was noted that no ITO accommodation requirement or canoe slalom development clause were in the event bidding documents. It was recommended that this be added.</p> <p>The test event for the Asian Games had been postponed. This was a shame as money had been spent and a lot had been done in preparation for it.</p> <p>Canoe Slalom Technical Officials were approved for 2010 season.</p>	<p>ICF HQ</p>	<p>June 2010</p>
<p>CANOE MARATHON – Jørn Cronberg</p> <p>Canoe Marathon Committee had taken more interest in the organisation of World competitions. Guidelines from the 2009 ICF Workshop seminar were being implemented by the Organising Committee for 2010.</p> <p>Marathon would like to introduce an electronic time tracking system and additional software. The system would be expensive however would give greater knowledge to the spectators and also to the athletes in performance feedback. The System would be useful for Canoe Marathon, Wildwater Canoeing and Canoe Sprint.</p> <p>ICF HQ proposed to help in researching potential GPS or timing systems for review in the near future.</p> <p>The BoD supported the new course concept for Marathon and the potential inclusion into the World Games.</p> <p>The 2010 Marathon Officials list was approved.</p>	<p>ICF HQ</p>	<p>NOV 2010</p>

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<p>CANOE POLO – Greg Smale</p> <p>There were 63 teams for the World Championships in Milan. The 2010 edition would be the largest World Championships to date.</p> <p>Brazil had been allowed to participate. However, any issues similar to 2008 and they would be removed from the entries list.</p> <p>The online education Course had been very useful thus far, but there were still issues that needed to be resolved.</p> <p>For the 2013 World Games it was confirmed the increase in teams had been submitted to IWGA including the use of 2 swimming pools and the increase to 8 teams in both categories (Men and Women).</p> <p>The Board approved the appointment of Mr Joachim Schwarzrock from the Canoe Polo Committee as ICF 2013 World Games Technical Delegate.</p> <p>A development proposal outlined the purchase and supply of two complete playing fields (including goals) for the 2013 World Games from the 'best' goal supplier. With shipping, total cost would be no more than 7000 Euro. The BoD unanimously approved proposal.</p> <p>The BoD agreed the equipment to be managed by COPAC in order that it can be deployed to different countries within the continent.</p> <p>The second proposal was to conduct a coaching and referee course in Columbia (or other country upon advice from COPAC) in 2011 and 2012. Contribution by ICF was to be no more than 3000 Euros per year. ICF BoD unanimously approved proposal.</p> <p>The Canoe Polo Officials list was approved by BoD.</p>		
<p>WILDWATER CANOEING – Jens Perlwitz</p> <p>The 2010 World Championships would be in Sort, Spain. The goal was to have 40 nations attend. There were 11 new nations in Wildwater Canoeing, but they had no boats or paddles. Technical Chairman recommended that other countries would bring boats to support the poorer countries.</p> <p>Time and effort had been invested into a personal development programme for Wildwater Canoeing to extend participation. The ICF agreed to contribute to this programme.</p> <p>The Wildwater Officials list was approved by the BoD.</p>		

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<p>DRAGON BOAT – Francois Ryffel</p> <p>The World Championships would be held in Szeged as live TV coverage would be easier and better than in Budapest.</p> <p>In order to increase interest, Dragon Boat would begin holding 10 seat boat races.</p> <p>The Technical officials list for Dragon Boat was approved by the BoD.</p>		
<p>CANOE FREESTYLE – Lluís Rabaneda</p> <p>Canoe Freestyle Committee was currently working closely with COPAC to organise the 1st Pan-American Championships.</p> <p>The Technical Chairman requested assistance regarding Asia as little development had occurred in this area.</p> <p>It was noted that it was important to develop a partnership with Canoe Freestyle manufacturers in order to increase performance of the licensing program. A strategy was essential for both parties to benefit.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that the Manufacturers were not aware of what to expect from the Licensing programme. The issue was unclear and that it must be addressed soon.</p> <p>In order to support Chile after the natural disaster earlier in the year, 3 boats were donated to the National Federation by Piranha for canoeing activities.</p> <p>The Freestyles Officials list was approved by the BoD.</p>		
<p>MEDICAL COMMITTEE – Donald McKenzie</p> <p>The Chair requested a budget be approved by the ICF for drafting an official Medical book for the sport. The BoD approved the budget from the 2010 – 2012 budget for this purpose.</p>		
<p>ATHLETES COMMITTEE – Belen Sanchez</p> <p>The Chair requested the ICF acknowledge that the Athletes Committee was not in favour of the reduction to 8 lanes for Canoe Sprint.</p>		
<p>PARACANOEING – John Edwards</p> <p>The Chair reported that the ICF had developed the classification standards for Paracanoeing and that the process for application to the Paralympics was being worked on by the Committee and the ICF HQ.</p>		

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<p>The budget that the ICF had agreed for supporting athletes to attend the World Championships for Paracanoeing would be transferred to Canada and then to the athletes concerned prior to the World Championships.</p>		
<p>AFRICAN CONTINENTAL REPORT</p> <p>Oral and written reports were presented. No additional decisions made.</p>		
<p>AMERICAS CONTINENTAL REPORT</p> <p>Oral and written reports were presented. No additional decisions made.</p>		
<p>ASIA CONTINENTAL REPORT</p> <p>Oral and written reports were presented. No additional decisions made.</p>		
<p>EUROPE CONTINENTAL REPORT</p> <p>Oral and written reports were presented. No additional decisions made.</p>		
<p>OCEANIA CONTINENTAL REPORT</p> <p>Oral and written reports were presented. No additional decisions made.</p>		
<p>WOMEN'S COMMISSION</p> <p>The Commission studied the development plans for Canoe Sprint and Canoe Slalom and were generally satisfied with their findings. The Commission would like the action plans to address athletes funding particularly their airfare to competitions.</p> <p>Training camps must become more cost effective which could see more women able to attend. The Commission noted that the action plans did not make reference to female coaches.</p> <p>Special congratulations to Canoe Polo and Wildwater Canoeing for their support in women activities.</p> <p>The Commission supported the presentation of an ICF merit award to Birgit Fischer (GER).</p> <p>Regarding the subject of Women in leadership roles, the Commission believed there should be women on all standing committees.</p> <p>The Commission felt that it would be important to gather women for a leadership symposium during the Congress in Spain, ideally on the Sunday. It will look directly at the advancement of women in Canoeing.</p>		

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<p>OCEAN RACING</p> <p>A rival association had been formed that opposed the ICF Ocean Racing programme and the World Cup Series in 2010. Regardless of the issues, the bidding process progressed well, many organisations were interested and 2011 looked promising.</p> <p>The Ocean Racing Calendar 2010, Guidelines and Rules were unanimously approved by the BoD.</p> <p>The ICF needed to show the current athletes that it will not change the discipline but will respect the sport and govern it well. Ocean Racing should work for itself with regards to funding as it was working well.</p> <p>A request for boats to be added to the Development Program to help advancement in specific areas in the near future was tabled.</p> <p>The possibility of hosting a World Championship was approved unanimously by the BoD, pending on the 2010 ICF Congress approving Ocean Racing as a full discipline.</p> <p>Some concern was expressed that the situation of Ocean Racing could be similar to that of Dragon Boat and IDBF if not handled tactfully and diplomatically.</p> <p>The Ocean Racing event calendar for 2010 was approved by the BoD.</p>		
<p>SPORTS COMMISSION</p> <p>It was the opinion of the Commission that judges and officials should be of a similar standard. It would be useful to develop and train officials through shadow observation during the World Championships.</p> <p>The Commission noted that the ICF possessed no safety requirements and recommended that there should be general guidelines put in place. However, it had become apparent that the ICF lacked the technical knowledge to develop this area without external expertise. The ICF should identify suitable external support.</p> <p>The Commission recommended that the ICF develops a coach's education structure. Level one and two would be through the ICF and level three would use Universities to progress education of canoeing.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed that the ICF should not affect countries that already had established coaching schemes. The coach's education structure could focus on developing countries.</p> <p>It was suggested that one group be compiled to study and implement</p>		

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<p>all the educational tasks that were discussed during the BoD.</p> <p>It was concluded that the role and the responsibility of the Sports Commission still required further refinement before the next meeting to ensure effective progress is made from the meetings.</p>		
<p>ICF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM</p> <p>The new direction of the ICF towards Talent Identification rather than simply increasing numbers had shown initial success. Canoe Slalom in particular had been incredibly successful as athletes performed in both Canoe Freestyle and Canoe Slalom World Championships. A total of 51 athletes had benefited from this program, the IOC had helped fund half of the costs.</p> <p>17 ICF courses and 14 Olympic Solidarity courses had been held during the 2008 and 2010 period.</p> <p>Women's Canoe Development was a new programme and had concentrated on participants for World Championships and World Cups. This scheme also helped provide Board and Lodging support for the athletes attending training camps.</p> <p>A request for a meeting between the Continental Associations and the Development Working Group to decide the funding for the next budget was tabled. No decision was made at the time of the meeting.</p> <p>The non-Olympic Disciplines requested for involvement in the Development Program. Chairs had been encouraged to put forward reasonable plans for the working group to consider.</p> <p>The lack of performance indicators tied to objectives for the Development programme was highlighted by many of the BoD members. A clear outline of objectives was requested for the Congress.</p> <p>The ICF 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents would draft the ICF Development Programme for 2010-2012.</p>	<p>1st / 2nd ICF VPs</p>	<p>NOV 2010</p>
<p>CANOE SPRINT – WORLD CUPS</p> <p>2013 – The official bidding would open in 2011. The Portuguese showed a good proposal, but the Committee was waiting on two more bids. 2014 - The Committee showed interest from Duisburg, Milan and Szeged.</p>		
<p>CANOE SLALOM – WORLD CUPS</p> <p>2012 - There would be 5 events. The events would be held in Cardiff, Zoetermeer, Prague, Tacen and Bratislava. A live signal and TV</p>		

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<p>coverage was essential for the World Cups. 2013 - World Cups had received interest from Prague, Tacen, Athens, Bratislava and Ljubljana.</p>		
<p>CANOE MARATHON – WORLD CUPS</p> <p>2011 - World Cup would take place in Rome; the World Championships course would be tested. 2012 - World cup would be in Copenhagen; the World Championships course would be tested. 2013 - World Cup was currently open, no bids received so far.</p>		
<p>WILDWATER CANOEING – WORLD CUPS</p> <p>2011 - World Cup would be in Slovenia. There had been no other bids received.</p>		
<p>CANOE FREESTYLE – WORLD CUPS</p> <p>2012 - Would be in the USA, there had been 2 bids including the World Championships bid. 2014 - World Cup was currently open, no bids received so far.</p>		
<p>CHANGES TO STATUTES</p> <p>There was a proposal to realign the Statutes and Rule Books between 2010 and 2012. Further discussion and process to be agreed at the next BoD meeting.</p> <p>The following Statute discussions were recorded, the drafts would be prepared by the ICF HQ for the Congress documents:</p> <p><i>A.27.4 – Athletes Commission</i> They must elect a chair from within their membership. The process of how this would occur was unclear in the BoD.</p> <p><i>A.29</i> “Board cannot change decisions without 80% approval” – It was commented that this needed to be changed, however, no decision was made.</p> <p><i>A.32</i> This article change was rejected by the BoD.</p> <p><i>A.32.2 Election of Athletes Committee at Olympic Games.</i> It was recommended that the elections take place the year after the Olympic Games.</p> <p><i>A32.5 – Byelaw.</i></p>		

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<p>Athletes Committee would like to attend Technical Standing Committee meetings. This did not require a change to statutes only required an invitation letter to include Athletes Committee members.</p> <p><i>A.33 – Byelaw</i> This change was rejected by the BoD.</p> <p><i>A.33.3 – Byelaw</i> Accepted but the English must be checked.</p> <p><i>A33.5 – Byelaw</i> The change was accepted by the BoD.</p> <p><i>Motion 1- NF proposals</i> Competition age for canoeing to be dropped from 15 to 14. This was rejected by the BoD.</p> <p><i>Motion for Under 23 vs. Under 21 competitions</i> Accepted by the BoD for inclusion of Under 23 category. An athlete would be removed from this category on the year of their 23rd birthday.</p> <p><i>“ICF Junior World Championships to be run every year rather than once every 2nd year.”</i> Concerns over costs and implications of organising resulted in the BoD to reject the motion. The Under 23 and Junior events would run once every 2 years.</p>		
<p>CANOE SLALOM GENERAL RULES</p> <p>The BoD accepted the General Rules and the Technical Rules.</p> <p>It was recommended that 44.3.1 needed to be redrafted for the Congress. The Chair and ICF HQ would draft a proposal.</p> <p><i>7.3.2</i> Advertising was seen as acceptable, but currently no advertising rules for the surface area of the boat. Principles for defining an area for advertising should be defined. This could form part of an ICF Marketing and Branding Guide.</p>		
<p>CANOE SPRINT GENERAL RULES</p> <p>Potential changes of the Age Categories in the Masters resulted in the BoD deciding against the changes.</p> <p>Weight limitations of boats to be removed. The BoD did not agree with the changes.</p> <p>Boat and Buoyancy demands should include that the boat must support</p>		

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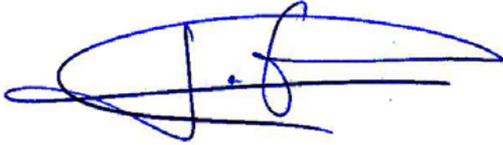
<p>the athlete even when the boat is filled with water. This was withdrawn as the wording was unclear.</p> <p>Devices attached to the boats should be forbidden, unless they are for the publication and promotion of the sport and TV purposes. This would be reworded to take into account the needs of TV and spectators whilst not giving instant feedback to the athlete during the competition.</p> <p>Knee rests should be fixed to the boat in order to combat wet pads. The BoD approved the change.</p> <p>Reduce 9 lanes to 8 lanes. The BoD approved this in line with the IOC requirements for London 2012.</p> <p>“Start within 10 seconds” to be changed to “Ready, Set, Go” BoD approved the change.</p> <p>Photo-Finish timekeeping mechanisms. BoD decided on status quo. The matter would be further researched by Technical Chairman and Secretary General.</p>		
<p>CANOE POLO, CANOE MARATHON, CANOE FREESTYLE AND WILDWATER CANOEING GENERAL RULES.</p> <p>Unanimously Accepted.</p>		
<p>GENERAL NOTE ON RULE CHANGES</p> <p>The process needed to be refined to try and reduce the amount of time devoted to rule changes during Board Meetings.</p>		
<p>NEW AFFILIATIONS</p> <p>The provisional addition of Palestine meant the ICF had 152 National Federations affiliated.</p>		
<p>ICF BIDDING PROCESS</p> <p>The ICF received 31 candidates for the World Championships and World Cups</p> <p>The selection of locations for World Championships were completed as:</p> <p>World Championships Awarded</p> <p>DRB 2011 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Champs Canada Toronto CAM 2012 ICF Canoe Marathon World Champs Italy Rome DRB 2012 ICF Dragon Boat National World Champs Italy Pescara</p>		

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<p>CSP 2013 ICF Canoe Sprint World Champs Hungary Szeged</p> <p>CSP 2013 ICF Junior Canoe Sprint World Champs Canada Welland</p> <p>CSL 2013 ICF Canoe Slalom World Champs Czech Rep Prague</p> <p>CSL 2013 ICF Junior Canoe Slalom World Champs Slovakia Liptovsky Mikulas</p> <p>CFR 2013 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Champs USA Nantahala</p> <p>CAM 2013 ICF Canoe Marathon World Champs Denmark Copenhagen</p> <p>CSP 2014 ICF Canoe Sprint World Champs Russia Moscow</p> <p>WWC 2014 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Champs Italy Valtellina</p> <p>World Cup Confirmed by BoD</p> <p>CAM 2011 ICF Canoe Marathon World Cup Italy Rome</p> <p>WWC 2011 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Cups Spain Sort</p> <p>CSL 2012 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup UK Cardiff Bay</p> <p>CSL 2012 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Slovenia Ljubljana</p> <p>CSL 2012 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Netherlands Zoetermeer</p> <p>CSL 2012 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Czech Prague</p> <p>CSL 2012 ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup Slovenia Ljubljana</p> <p>CAM 2012 ICF Canoe Marathon World Cup Denmark Copenhagen</p>		
<p>MISCELLANEOUS</p> <p><i>German Letter</i></p> <p>A response from the ICF would be drafted after the BoD. Some comments that were made were that there was no rule stating that documents or Congress Minutes had to be signed by the President. Simple approval would suffice. The old ICF logo was still official and usable. However it was not a commercial logo and so was not used as widely anymore.</p> <p>ICF Secretary General would draft reply to German NF.</p> <p><i>Jury Members</i></p> <p>The final Jury members for the 2010 ICF events were confirmed and published on the ICF website.</p> <p><i>The disaster in Chile</i></p> <p>A letter of condolence would be sent to the NOC. Chile athletes could be sponsored so that they could attend ICF events.</p> <p><i>Va'a Congress</i></p> <p>Va'a Congress would be held in New Caledonia. BoD member Helen Brownlee would attend and provide a summary after the Congress.</p> <p><i>ICF Award</i></p> <p>Mrs Antonia Seredina (RUS) was proposed to receive an ICF Order of Merit award for her life long dedication to Canoe Sport.</p>		

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<p>The next ICF Board meeting was scheduled for Spain in October 2010 at the time of the ICF Congress.</p>		
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