



Underwater Rugby Commission

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Distribution to: Participants, chairmen not participated G:Fuchs (A), R. Riikonen (FIN), M. Demartini (CZ), members of the Commission UWR,

Federations of: Austria, Czech Rep., Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Peru, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USA

Cc: P. Dernier (G.S. CMAS)

Subject: Minutes of the General Meeting on Monday June 6th 2001 in Sandefjord (N) during the 7th E.C. UWR

2. New Playing mode

The new playing mode which had distributed together with the latest News Letter was explained in detail by L. Nurminen. It will be applied on the coming W.C. in 2003 and onwards.

3. International Referees

The Chief Referee (L. Nurminen) explained the present situation of available numbers of International Referees. He pointed out that from 2002 onwards there will be a need for new referees/candidates since according to the questionnaire sent out some of the intern. referees will not be available anymore.

4. CMAS calendar

The fact that up to now only 2 applications for listing of international tournaments have been turned in has been taken by the President UWR Commission (R. Blumentritt) to urge the federations to turn in more applications for the CMAS calendar 2002 by end of June at the latest to K. Rehnäck. At the moment it looks like there would be no UWR tournaments in 2002 at all.

5. Champions Cup

There is a growing interest to participate in the C Cup. The Commission had been requested to establish a procedure and guide lines to organise the yearly event. The attached procedures and guide lines were established and circulated/harmonised during the tournament. The procedure and guide lines are effective immediately.

6. Organisers for the Champions Cup in 2001-2003

The German federation will host the C. Cup 2001. It will take place in the city of Berlin

The Danish federation showed interest to organise the event in 2002/2003. Final decision on application will be taken within the next 2 months.

7. Organisers for the W.C. 2003 and the E.C. in 2005

The Danish federation also showed interest to organise the W.C. 2003. Final decision on application will be taken within the next 3 months. This would give sufficient time for good organisation.

The Finnish and the Swedish federations showed interest to organise the E.C. in 2005. Final decision on application will be taken until end of this year.

8. Age limits for youth championships

It was confirmed that the age limit for youth championships is 20 years. The year of birth is valid.

9. "Practical Guide" brochure

The content of the brochure developed by the Commission to support the organiser in organising international UWR events was explained by K. Rehnback (FIN), responsible for sport matters within the UWR Commission. The brochure is available to all organisers on request.

10. CD UWR -

The CD has been established by the UWR Commission to support all organisers of UWR tournaments as well as all persons who show an interest in doing the or starting with the UWR sport.

It contains all relevant information about UWR like, procedures, rules, guide lines, brochures, form sheets, promotion actions and basic information. Most of the app. 210 files on this CD are available in French, English Spanish (CMAS languages).

The CD will be burnt and made available on request to any requestor to ensure that only the latest version will be sent out. The new procedure for organising the Champions Cup and the proposed changes to the procedure "Enrolment /Entry Fees" developed during the E.C. have been also incorporated into the CD.

The CD version 1.0 has been distributed to all chairmen present at the tournament requesting their input for improvements to be turned in to either R. Blumentritt or L. Nurminen not later than Sept 15th. The files are protected but may be printed out for further use/ distribution. Duplication and further distribution of the CD (wait for the Monaco version!) should be done by the holders as appropriate.

The next version will be prepared for the CMAS G.A. in Monaco in November 2001. It will be improved concerning the overall appearance, the handling and the protection of the files.

To ensure maximum attention to UWR sport matters, CMAS H.Q. will hand this CD out to all representatives of the federations who will be participating in the Monaco G.A.

Concerning UWR future paper distribution will be reduced to a minimum!

11. Future promotion actions

Following the finalisation of the UWR CD it is planned to continue with the preparation of a 10-15 min video film.

The chairmen have been asked to make available excellent quality film scenes of UWR to have the best material available to present the UWR sport in the world. The material should be made available not later than Sept 15th. Originals (no copies) are preferred. Returning the materials to the owners will be guaranteed.

12. Candidates for the UWR Commission -elective G.A. in Monaco

At present only Denmark and Sweden will be nominating new candidates for the Commission. There are still 3 more candidates needed to complete the team!

13. Questionnaire

K. Rehnäck informed about the present status of this years action. Still not all federation have returned this basic information on the UWR developments. The chairmen have been urged to turn in the year 2000 questionnaire. It was suggested that the next years questionnaires should be sent out together with the ones of the previous year to have all previous data available. Based on the questionnaires turned in so far it could be assumed that in 2000 there were app. 5000-6000 players doing (organised) UWR sport in the world. The consolidated papers will be sent out as soon as possible by K. Rehnäck

14. Miscellaneous

a. Rules changes

Concerning the procedures for rules changes it was decided to put them in force immediately. Last sentence of the schedule for changes now reads: *“The rules can be applied immediately after acceptance. The national federations must comply with the rules by July 1st the following year”*. The procedure for rules changes as part of the Red Booklet –UWR Commission has been modified accordingly. It is also part of the CD distributed.

b. Enrolment/Entry fees-lodging cost

After a longer discussion concerning the possibilities to keep the overall cost for the non optional entry fees down the President UWR Commission suggested to modify the procedure in a way so that for future CMAS UWR tournaments 3 choices of cost alternatives must be offered in the invitation (a middle class hotel, a hostel and large rooms to lodge the entire team. The modified procedure (subject to be agreed by CMAS) has also been incorporated into the CD.

The entry fees should be based on an average and not the maximum number of potentially participating teams. This will help avoid a loss of money for the organiser and it also will contain the possibility of a payback to the federations if the number of participating teams will exceed the anticipated number of teams. This base of the calculation must be mentioned in the invitation.

c. Newcomers

According to the information available at present there are UWR activities in Russia, Estonia France and England. It is hoped that soon these federations show up in international competitions. Any support has to be given to the newcomers from all sides of us. Please also keep all of us informed on the progress.

d. Cost of the E.C.

The final cost figures of the tournament will be distributed as soon the organiser will make it available. This paper will also be attached to the “Practical Guide”

Original signed by the President UWR Commission
Rolf Blumentritt

Pulheim, June 15 2001

Attachments: Updated list of addresses of UWR Commission
Updated list of addresses of UWR federations/ chairmen
Procedure/guidelines for organising the yearly Champions Cup
Modified procedure for “Enrolment/Entry Fees”
Manoeuvre Critic items