



WPAS Working Group. "Development Programmes"

MEETING DATE: 09 April 2020

Minutes

Via Zoom Start time 7am NZ time, 9pm European time and 1pm USA.

Minutes recorded by JS

Roll call, Present

Jane Stevens (JS), Antonio Chiracu (AC), Meike Hujara (MH). Roman Jakic (RJ), Stefan Sazio (SS), Luka Debeljak (LD)

Revision of minutes

All agreed as recorded

IPC Deadline /meeting updates

AC explained 20 May sport specific meetings with 28 May all nations meeting

Nations Information gathering

AC suggested that we look at the categorization of nations, ie those with no Para, those in development and those with well-developed programmes. We should discuss the issues and understand the issues that nations face. Most importantly we need to understand nations challenges.

Group discussion on who are we asking, what are we asking to understand problems and how best to bring in new athletes. RJ creation of teams to help, sharing of knowledge, calendaring in advance and development camps.

LD suggested questionnaire to NPCs

AC to draft a questionnaire to be shared with the group and gain feedback and then sent to all nations.

Discussion on how we attract, and shift focus from summer sports to nations. LD mentioned must show interest and then give tools on how to, also marketing and



social media needs to be more widespread. Discussion on market research, spreading of information and media reach.

AC mentioned a media coordinator is being employed for Snow sports and trying to develop and coordinate a winter media strategy.

MH, lack of information getting through from NPC, suggested questionnaire that is developed be on the WPAS website and other existing IPC websites

MH 2 questionnaires, 1 for NPC and 1 for those who are interested to be developed. AC agrees we need to develop a tool to give to NPCs. RJ also mentioning NPCs not passing on information or publishing on their website so need to develop this channel to engage those interested.

LD, we need firstly to find out who is interested. SD we **can't** force people to be involved. Agreed we must work together and share our experience with nations who lack this.

Agreed AC will create a questionnaire for nations

General discussion on above with agreement to first canvas nations to find out their needs.

Initiatives

Agreed to delay this discussion with each member to send to others their ideas by 15th for consideration for next meeting.

Next meeting 16th/17th April same time slots

Meeting ended 8.10 NZ, 10.10 Europe