



Modern Pentathlon Oceania

Congress Minutes

22 August 2022, held online via Zoom.

Attending:

- Kitty Chiller (President)
- Kaewruethai Collings (Vice-President)
- Maki Takken (Vice-President)
- Andrew Collings (Treasurer)
- Nicole Nicholls (Secretary General)

Apologies:

Nil

The Congress meeting was held at the end of the regular MPO Executive meeting on 22 August 2022. All Confederation operational matters were dealt with in the Executive meeting. The Minutes below form the official record of the Congress meeting.

I. Paris Olympic Qualifier

President Kitty Chiller updated the attendees on the qualification process for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

- UIPM is updating the IF nominations criteria which then needs to be approved by the IOC.
- President Kitty Chiller is liaising with the African Confederation President to align the Oceania Championships (in 2023) with the African event, to ensure a good quality field for the Continental Qualifier.

II. Para Pentathlon

Treasurer Andrew Collings, in his role as UIPM Para Commission Chair, updated the attendees on progress in the space of Para Pentathlon.

- UIPM has put together a good submission for the 2026 Melbourne Commonwealth Games including Para Laser Run.
- Vice President Kaewruethai Collings is assisting to organise the Para Laser Run in Lisbon.
- Classification is still needing to be finalised.

III. Growth in Region

Military Pentathlon

Guatemala is running a full Military pentathlon in 2023. Kirsten Collings (NZ) is looking to qualify. The NZ selection criteria for Military still needs to be set.

The meeting identified that there may be opportunities within the Invictus Games.

University Games

President Kitty Chiller encouraged both AUS and NZ to consider sending athletes to the University Games. Maximum athlete age is 26, saying this is a great development opportunity for young athletes.

New Zealand update

Athlete numbers are increasing by utilising sub sports and shorter distances to get athletes to come and try. This format works well to introduce Laser Run.

Australia update

Australia is lacking Laser Run Coaches. Need coaches and Grants to make this happen. President Kitty Chiller advised that UIPM has a series of videos available aimed at both Laser Run athletes and Coaches that could be utilised to help local coaches.

IV. UIPM Congress

There was general discussion about the upcoming UIPM Congress, that will be held online.

VII. General Business

The meeting endorsed the decision made at the extraordinary MPO meeting on 21 July 2022 (in absence of President Kitty Chiller due to health) to appoint Maki Takken to the MPO board in the role of an additional Vice President.

Minutes submitted by: Nicole Nicholls, Secretary
Minutes approved by: Kitty Chiller, President