

# Para-Pentathlon Commission meeting Minutes

Online, 10 September 2023 20:00 CET



**Present:** Andrew Collings ,NZL Chair of Para-Pentathlon Commission (AC)  
Mahmoud Dawoody, EGY PPC Member (MD)  
Keith Berryhill, USA PPC Member (KB)  
Tomas Janko, CZE PCC Member (TJ)  
Dr. Nicola Robinson (NR) – as AD HOC member

**Apologies :** Dr. Rolando Borges Mojaiber, CUB PPC Member  
Paul Baudet, FRA UIPM Head of Classification

**UIPM Staff:** Radka Zapletalova, Para-Project Manager (RZ)

## Agenda:

1. **Summary of Bath Para Laser Run and any lessons learnt (Nic and Radka) Well done again!**
2. **Bali Biathle Triathle World Para Champs - updated (Andrew Radka)**
3. **Biathle Triathle Para Guidelines update and finalisation (Andrew)**
4. **Classification update and next steps (Radka)**
5. **IPC Classification meeting update (Radka)**
6. **IPC Assembly (Andrew)**
7. **OCR integration - meeting with OCR Para Commission (Radka)**
8. **Funding opportunities (Andrew - we have a few opportunities we are currently finalizing)**
9. **Recheck against para strategic plan (all)**

### 1. **Summary of Bath Para Laser Run and any lessons learnt (Nic and Radka) Well done again!**

NR took a word and presented whole process/study/project that led to successful organization of Para Laser run in Bath. She spoke about reasoning behind creating an “recruiting” event that would not need the official classification – National Para Laser sport. Key was to stimulate awareness about what Para Pent Sport was. She described the pathway to the event itself composed from attendance on meetings with LOC, Discover events , participation on inclusive festival, classification weekend and classifier training . All turned out in succesful. There was some engagement with Facebook, Instagram and twitter. 4000 likes per tweet about Para as testament of awareness .

Documents output from LJMU research – How to Para guide

The discussion about evolution of competition format progress to get it as close as possible to able bodied sport format, base on experience gained in Bath.

Team competition was also discussed as a possibility for the future competitions

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The revision of Para Sport Regulations shall be done more regularly , also in line with current terminology used and with evolution of athlete community .

Issues with UIPM Portal has been raised by NR as a limit having impact on effectiveness of event organization and how it could be solved.

TV coverage of the event was perceived by everyone as successful. NR also summarized pro&contra experiences from LOC and organization staff and volunteers as best practice advise for new season organizers.

MD left the meeting.

**2. Bali Biathle Triathle World Para Champs - updated (Andrew Radka)**

AC spoke about invitation letter been sent to athletes , communicating the limits of the venue which limited the classes opened. He presented the interest received from few AUS-Oceania countries to take part in the event. He introduced the limits and presented Risk assesment for event - sand, open water having impact.

RZ summarized the output from recent communication with NFs interested to take part in a competition

NR opened the commission discussion about the running surface variability in Bali BT/TT event

**3. Biathle Triathle Para Guidelines update and finalisation (Andrew)**

**4. Classification update and next steps (Radka)**

As various aspects were discussed ahead in meeting as part of feedback and direct brainstorming this point was skipped

**5. IPC Classification meeting update (Radka)**

RZ presented the vision about her participation

**6. IPC Assembly (Andrew)**

AC presented his vision about the participation on IPC assembly and spoke about his preparative

**7. OCR integration - meeting with OCR Para Commission (Radka)**

Speaker RZ had significant issues with connection so the commission members did not have full presentation available. It was agreed to return to this point at next occasion with participation of FISO representative Mr. John DeHaan as AD hoc member.

**8. Funding opportunities (Andrew - we have a few opportunities we are currently finalizing)**

AC spoke about the Freemason funding opportunities and about his experience from search, study grants and other ideas emphasizing also the brainstorming from other members. NR joined discussion raising the idea of specific PhD study program in joint knowledge partnership with some University (for example LJMU)

**9. Recheck against para strategic plan (all)**

RZ and AC summarized the vision of Para Competition pyramid and about vision of how to get more countries participating . The fact that NFs do not register athletes on portal unless they go to concrete UIPM Para competition (with exception of Egypt)has been discussed and how to communicate this need of licence.