

Equipment Commission Meeting

4:00 pm, 25 March 2025 - Online



Minutes

Present at the meeting from

UIPM EB

- Rob Stull UIPM President (RS)
- Shiny Fang UIPM Secretary General (SF)

UIPM EC

- Gary Lu Chair (GL)
- Sandor Karman Member (SK)
- Philipp Waeffler Member (PW)
- Marco Tomasini Member (MT)
- Joshua Riker-Fox Member (JR)

UIPM Staff

- Alexandre Franca UIPM Event Director (AF)
- Maxime Papillon UIPM Development Director (MP)
- Alexandre Mauran UIPM Branding & Marketing Manager (AM)
- Tamas Varga EC Coordinator (TV)

The meeting started at 16:00

Agenda

1. Welcome by the Equipment Committee Chair.

- GL checked if all attendees were present and gave the floor to RS.

2. Welcome by the UIPM President.

- RS greets the EC members as the new UIPM President
- RS presents vision for the next cycle under the leadership of new IOC President
- RS highlights the importance of EC to move forward among technical challenges

3. Welcome by the UIPM Secretary General.

- SF highlights
 - 1) Cost effective thinking when developing, mass participation to be considered
 - 2) Accessibility, including the equipment
 - 3) Standardization, via homologation

4. Opening – Equipment Committee Chair

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- GL thanks for RS and SF for the welcome speeches and asks for introductions

5. Introduction of the Equipment Committee Members – All

- GL starts, the president of the AF and works with UIPM since 2014, member of EC in the last two terms
- SK former Competition Director of HMPA, member of EC in the last term
- JR OLY in Beijing, National Coach for CAN, club manager in Calgary
- MT from the MP and Obstacle Federation of Malta
- PW former Competition Director of UIPM, FISU MP TC Chair

6. Shooting homologation brief – Maxime Papillon

- MP presents the current market, which is in good condition and maintained well, more & more homologated products on the market, homologation in collaboration with University of Siegen
- New companies from Brazil and China are interested in the production of equipment
- ***A new pistol testing device is under development by Dr Klaus Hartmann, will be ready at mid-season of 2025***
- SF asks for easier access to the homologated equipment on UIPM website

7. Pistol test in practice - Sándor Kármán

- SK presents the pistol tests at the competition sites, once or twice a year, more than 1700 were tested
- Pistol testing device needs to be available for all producers to test their new products in the same way

8. Wireless fencing brief – EC Chair

- GL explains, two wireless system were checked, the AUS one works indoor, but not outdoors, FRA one is too complicated, thus expensive, not for MP
- ***A LED technology for the masks (to light up when a touch is done) is under development will be presented later this year***

9. Obstacle homologation kick-off – Alex Franca, Cristóbal Rodríguez, Maxime Papillon

- AF gives some background and presents the evolution of implementation of the Obstacle discipline

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- AF reacts on SK's question why EC was not involved in the obstacle discipline preparation – AC, CC, MC and TC + an obstacle expert was involved in the Obstacle Working Group approved by the UIPM EB
- Only two years' experience, still learning process, but standards have been created
- Many aspects to be considered for a not simple Worldwide homologation project
- ***Backbone structure of obstacle homologation is under preparation by the UIPM HQ for a broader project to present the EC***

10. UIPM Pentasuit homologation – Alex Mauran, Maxime Papillon

- Vision of a uniform for Obstacle, Swimming and Laser Run disciplines
- The project needs to be kicked off, after collecting the inputs from all stakeholders

11. AOB - None

12. Closing, next EC meeting

- Action: UIPM HQ to present a project timeline related to Obstacle homologation
- Next EC meeting TBD in the meantime, meeting closed at 17:16 by GL