**ACT Committee Meeting** 

**Monday 17 July 2017**

**22.00 BST via Skype**

**Present**

Sarah Springman (SMS - President), Les Pereira (LP - Committee), David Ferrier (DF - Committee), Helen Wyeth (HW – Secretary General)

**In attendance**

Gergely Markus (GM - ITU)

**Apologies:**

Sam Wickramasinghe

**Minutes**

1. **Welcome and introductory remarks**

SMS welcomed all to the call and confirmed the committee had agreed to meet regularly in the run up to the Commonwealth Games. SMS did not expect the meetings to be lengthy but were in place to ensure relevant updates can be communicated.

Although unable to attend the call, SMS congratulated Alan Beckford on his appointment as Secretary General to the Jamaican National Olympic Committee.

1. **Qualification**

GM advised the following:

An enquiry had been raised since the last meeting on athlete age eligibility. GM confirmed athletes must be 16 years of age as at 31 Dec of the year of competition (2018). This would apply to both the individual and mixed relay races.

GM advised that preliminary numbers had been received as indications from the Commonwealth Games Associations (CGAs), however he did expect there to be some more notifications as not all CGAs have currently completed this process (including Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica, Namibia, Nigeria, Solomon Islands and Turks & Caikos).

Currently participant numbers are around 34 male and 28 female, with 8 – 10 teams in the mixed relay.

For Paratriathlon, the indication is approx. 11 male and 10 female athletes (for the 10 + 10 slots).

**Action:** GM to circulate to SMS and HW the current list of participating nations in both the Elite Sprint (18 currently) and Para races (8 currently?) *Note: GM has circulated this*.

It was noted that currently no participants were registered from Asia for the Paratriathlon.

**Action** HW to check the entry deadlines and SMS to follow up with Asian NFs.

1. **Ancillary events**

SMS confirmed there will need to be an ACT meeting in the Gold Coast including election for posts for the next four-year cycle. GM confirmed he felt the best time for this would be on the day between the two triathlon events (6 April) and that he anticipated that a venue/room for 50 (70 max) would be able to be found for a 2 hour slot.

**Action:** GM to come back with a proposal.

Attendance in Gold Coast:

LP confirmed that subject to re-election in September, he would be in attendance representing Triathlon Canada and will therefore receive appropriate accreditation.

DF confirmed as member of the Commonwealth Games Finance Committee, he will also be in attendance and accredited.

GM confirmed he will be in attendance and accredited via ITU (small team).

GM confirmed hotel support for SMS and HW is being agreed along with some other possible support (tbc). Arrival dates should be 3rd or 4th April, with the first races on the 5th. SMS confirmed she would like to arrive on the 3rd and depart on the 8th.

**Action:** SMS, HW and GM to liaise on ITU support /bookings.

1. **Commonwealth Games Federation matters**

*Commonwealth Games 2022*

SMS continues to try to talk to and receive updates from CGF President Louise Martin. DF believed there were financial challenges for the CGF, given the lack of payment of any early financial contributions for the 2022 Games and this has driven the need to award of the 2022 Games. SMS observed this would also provide the necessary opportunity for the 2022 organising committee to attend Gold Coast 2018 and gain valuable experience.

*Youth Olympic Games & ITU support*

GM advised that the ITU had been able to support Grenada with one of the universality slots in the women’s race. The second slot cannot now be filled (no requests were received from NFs). In the boys’ race, the US Virgin Islands and Aruba had applied for and been awarded the slots.

*Funding opportunities*

As per the last call, SMS raised the issue of the potential need for financial assistance to smaller nations to enable them to support younger athletes to compete in the upcoming Games. She asked that if there was any specific need or knowledge of where any support could help it would be good if ACT nations could pass this back to HW/SMS. None had been received since the last call.

Should any ACT member be aware of an athlete who could benefit from support from this project, please advise GM as the ITU are positive about supporting promising potential athletes. (N.B. This needs to be someone who is sufficiently competitive not to be lapped by the rest of the field therefore the focus could be at Continental level initially).

SMS also plans to write to all ACT members to advise them of current ACT progress in general and also to specifically ask if there is anyone struggling with finances to support potential athletes.

**Action:** SMS to draft note to ACT members

1. **Any Other Business**

**ACT meeting in Rotterdam / Grand Final**

SMS confirmed she will not be able to attend the Grand Final. LP confirmed he would be in attendance and available on the Friday, if a time slot can be found for ACT members to come and exchange information and discuss Commonwealth matters together. GM advised on timetable matters and felt the most appropriate time would be Friday 8 September between approx. 12:00 and 13:30.

**Action**: GM to advise if a room can be arranged.

1. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 23 August 20:00 BST (GMT+1)

**End**