



# **International Masters' Speed Skating Committee**

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## **Minutes**

**29<sup>th</sup> Session of the IMSSC in Krefeld/GER (Working Session)**  
**Saturday, 14 June 2008, 09:00 – 14:00 h (break 11:30 – 12:30)**  
**Club House of the Swimming Club SV Bayer Uerdingen 08**

### **Participants:**

GER	Dr. Volker Serini	(IMSSC Member)
ITA	Antonio Nitto	(IMSSC Member)
ITA	Paolo Gemme	(Assistant)
NED	Bram de Vries	(IMSSC Member)
NED	Tjeerd Smies	(Assistant)
NOR	Ådne Røkkum	(President of the Organization Committee of the Allround Games 2009 Bjugn/NOR, Guest)
NOR	Sven-Åge Svensson	(IMSSC Member)
SUI	Markus Ulmer	(IMSSC Member)

### **Distribution of the Minutes:**

Participants of the Session	
Further Members of the IMSSC	
Ottavio Cinquanta	ISU President
Gerhard Zimmermann	ISU 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
David M. Dore	ISU 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
ISU Council	Members
ISU TC Speed Skating	Chairman and Members
Fredi Schmid	ISU Director General
Peter Krick	Chair Sports Directorate
Hugo Herrnhof	ISU Sp.Sk. Sports Director
Rhea Schwarz	Coordinator ISU Adult Fig. Sk. Gr.

### **Opening:**

Dr. Volker Serini welcomed the participants to the session and Antonio Nitto introduced his assistant Paolo Gemme.

## **1 Approval of the Minutes 28th Session IMSSC in Erfurt /GER**

The minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session Erfurt were approved.

Sven-Åge mentioned the good idea to send out the draft of the Minutes for check before distributing them.

## **2 Allround Games Candidates from 2012, Sprint Games Candidates from 2010**

Volker mentioned at the Session that in March Hubert Kreutz had already made the application for the Allround Games Innsbruck 2010, so that the Allround

Games 2010 would be in Innsbruck and the Allround Games 2011 in Calgary, according to our vote in Item 10 of the Winter Session in Erfurt (see Minutes Winter Session, Item 12, and information at 03 May 2008 on the Website [www.imssg.org](http://www.imssg.org) under "Latest News"). We discussed at the Session that we had to decide on the place for the Allround Games 2012 and for the three Sprint Games 2010, 2011 and 2012 at the Winter Session in Bjugn (Item 2 of the Summer Session: "Allround Games Candidates from 2012, Sprint Games Candidates from 2010").

Volker will send a letter to all IMSSC members asking for candidates for future Games. Sven-Åge mentioned we should have a 3 year perspective in advance.

### **3 Allround Games Bjugn/NOR 2008, Organization, Selection Criteria for Quota**

Presentation by the Head of organization committee, Mister Ådne Røkkum about location, addresses, involved people (300 volunteers will work during the games), transportation (a bus from airport to Bjugn can be arranged for teams and teams should inform about their arrival as soon as possible to [post@fosenhallen.no](mailto:post@fosenhallen.no)).

This email address has to be used for all communication related to the Bjugn games.

Participators have increased from 200 up to 220, which means 10% more quota for each nation.

Icehall is not heated but warm areas are available (e.g. Restaurant).

Volker mentioned, based on experiences in Erfurt that the stage for victory ceremony should be on a higher level and a barrier has to be installed to keep the photographers in a distance from the stage. Banquet guests only are allowed in banquet area. People without banquet ticket have to enter by another door to the balcony.

Sven-Åge provides a requirement list for future organizers of games. Everybody is invited to add items which are useful, or problems which should be avoided in the future. The list will be published on the IMMSG website.

Russia will make a selection of their skaters for the Masters' Allround Games by themselves as GER, NED, NOR, SUI. Volker proposes a selection for RUS based on 1000m for women and 1500m for men at the Russian Masters' Single Distance Championships in Kolomna 2008.

### **4 Sprint Games Inzell/GER 2009, Announcement, Entry procedure, Organization**

In April Volker met Hubert Graf in Inzell. Inzell will accept 200 competitors, which means 235 entries are possible for first Sprint Games. Discussed quotas are: Canada 14, Finland 11, Germany 48, Italy 12, The Netherlands 66, Norway 43, Russia 18, Switzerland 13, Other 10. The quota will finally be decided by the Organizing Committee.

### **5 Masters' International Competitions besides the Games**

Updated competitions calendar is available at website [www.imssg.org](http://www.imssg.org).

Baselga Revival date is now confirmed and for the week after the Revival.

Masters have an additional possibility to start in a race in Collalbo.

Davos confirmation still open because serious sickness of Bryan Carbis. We all wish him a good recovery.

Volker introduced an electronic entry system which standardizes procedure and control of Master competition entries (Test website: [www.serini.info](http://www.serini.info)).

## 6 IMSSC Fee

Currently 8 Euro IMSSC fee per competition and skater at nearly all Masters' International Competitions, but at SDR Hamar/NOR, LDR Heerenveen/NED and SPRINT Heerenveen/NED only for skaters of foreign nations.

Current income does not allow to send out the IMSSC News ICEOVAL by postmail to all Master skaters in future anymore and will be available on website only.

But paper version of about 100 copies is still necessary for officials and all National Speed Skating Associations. Other receivers have to pay Euro 10.- per copy.

Sven-Åge and Bram will prepare a proposal for future handling of the IMSSC fee.

## 7 Proposals for changing the Constitution and Regulations for the IMSSC Winter Session

Sven-Åge:

Period and deadline for proposals should be clearly communicated and ruled.

Records should not only be possible during Master Races and documents should be collected by the skater itself and sent to IMSSC. Sven-Åge will work on a proposal.

Volker: Names of the Master Games have to be corrected in the rules.

Antonio: How is the procedure for possible new members of IMSSC (e.g. Spain)? Antonio will work on a proposal.

## 8 Miscellaneous

Sven-Åge:

IMSSC should limit different kinds of competitions under the IMSSC responsibility (e.g. Marathons).

We discussed the email from our Russian member Vladimir Tkachenko and our experiences about the situation of the Russian speed skating from our perspective.

Antonio asked once again about the letter to be sent to the National Federations for the presentation of the IMSSC members (see Minutes of the 28th IMSSC session, item 5): Volker didn't receive the proposal prepared by Antonio and Andrew. So they will send Volker their proposal again.

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*Markus Ulmer*

(IMSSC Member, SUI)

### **IMSSC Members:**

Hubert Kreutz (AUT), Willy Caboor (BEL), Brett F. Arnason (CAN), Petr Novák (CZE), Indrek Aarna, Ph.D. (EST), Matti Kilpeläinen (FIN), Dr. Volker Serini (GER), Antonio Nitto (ITA), Jae-Seok Choi (KOR), Lasma Kauniste (LAT), Bram de Vries (NED), Sven-Åge Svensson (NOR), Miklos Jenei (ROM), Vladimir Tkachenko (RUS), Markus Ulmer (SUI), Donald Drielsma (SWE), Andrew Love (USA)

### **IMSSC Honorary Members:**

Roland Hagemann (GER), Dominik Wehling (GER), Aris J. Dijkman (NED), Drs. Harry G. Falke (NED), Peter Reimann (SUI)