



# International Masters' Speed Skating Committee

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## Minutes

### 30<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session in Bjugn/Norway, 2009

The 30<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session was held at the Culture House in Bjugn/Norway on Thursday, 26 Feb 2009, 9:00 – 14:00 h.

#### Participants:

ESP	Marcello Bresin	(IMSSC Member)
FIN	Matti Kilpeläinen	(IMSSC Member)
FIN	Ulla-Maj Björse	(Assistant)
GER	Dr. Volker Serini	(IMSSC Member)
ITA	Paolo Gemme	(Deputy)
KOR	Jae-Seok Choi	(IMSSC Member)
LAT	Lasma Kauniste	(IMSSC Member)
NED	Bram de Vries	(IMSSC Member)
NED	Tjeerd Smies	(Assistant)
NOR	Sven-Åge Svensson	(IMSSC Member)
SUI	Johan Metting van Rijn	(Deputy)
USA	Martin Haire	(Deputy CAN and USA)

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Rhea Schwarz	Coordinator ISU Adult Fig.Sk.Work.Group

#### Opening:

Dr. Volker Serini welcomed the participants to the session. Lasma Kauniste distributed the IMSSC Record Diplomas of Season 2007/2008 to the IMSSC Representatives of the different nations. It was decided unanimously that Dr. Volker Serini should write the minutes of the session. It was furthermore decided unanimously that despite of the late announcements of Martin Haire as deputy for USA and of Paolo Gemme as deputy for ITA they both were accepted as

deputies because of the unexpected sudden illness of Antonio Nitto ITA and the unexpected worsening of the illness of the wife of Andrew Love USA in the last moment.

**Item 1 of the agenda:**

**Approval of the Minutes 29<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session in Krefeld/Germany**

Sven-Åge Svensson stated that in Item 5 “Masters’ International Competitions besides the Games” it is said “Baselga Revival date is now confirmed for the week after the Revival”. It should obviously be “... after the Criterion”.

The Minutes of the 29th IMSSC Session were approved unanimously.

**Item 2 of the agenda:**

**Approval of the IMSSC Records’ List 2008**

This item should be discussed together with Proposal 8, IMSSC Record Iturria.

**Item 2 a (inserted 26 Feb 2008 before the Session):**

**New IMSSC Members**

Frank Anderson, Thornlie, Western Australia/AUS and Marcello Bresin, Adeje, Tenerife/ESP were appointed as IMSSC Members for Australia and for Spain. The votes of the IMSSC were unanimously.

**Items 3 and 4 of the agenda:**

**Allround Games Candidates 2010 and 2012**

**Sprint Games Candidates 2010, 2011, 2012**

Items 3 and 4 were discussed together. There was an unanimous decision of the IMSSC for the following competition places:

Masters’ Allround Games 2010: Baselga di Pinè/ITALY (track open air)

Masters’ Allround Games 2011: Calgary/CANADA (already decided last year, track covered)

Masters’ Allround Games 2012: Erfurt/GERMANY (track covered)

Masters’ Sprint Games 2010: Milwaukee/USA (track covered)

Masters’ Sprint Games 2011: Berlin-Lichtenberg /GERMANY (track covered)

Masters’ Sprint Games 2012: Not yet decided, to decide next year)

Bram de Vries will contact KNSB to check if it is possible to organize the Sprint Games 2012 in the Netherlands and in favor in Heerenveen.

**Item 5 of the agenda:**

**Allround Games 2010 and Sprint Games 2010, Nations’ Quota**

The following quota were decided unanimously.

Allround Games 2010 in Baselga di Pinè/Italy:

CAN/USA 15, FIN 12, GER 32, ITA 20, NED 65, NOR 45, RUS 20, SUI 12, OTHERS 14

Sprint Games 2010 in Milwaukee/USA:

CAN 30, FIN 8, GER 20, ITA 8, NED 55, NOR 38, RUS 10, SUI 8, USA 40, OTHERS 18

**Item 6 of the agenda:**

**Masters' International Competitions besides the Games in 2009/2010**

The 3rd Masters' Canadian Open will probably be again in Calgary in 2009/2010 because of the Olympic Games in Richmond-Vancouver/CAN in 2010. Because of the 2nd Masters' Sprint Games in Milwaukee/USA in 2010 the Masters' American Sprint will not take place in 2010. In Zell the 15th Masters' Sprint Classics will again take place (after having had the 1st Sprint Games in 2009). The Masters' American Championships (mass start at most distances) will perhaps be taken out of the IMSSC Competition Calendar (still to be discussed with Andrew Love). The other Competitions of the IMSSC Competition Calendar 2008/2009 will again be organized in 2009/2010.

**Item 10 will follow in the text below, then Item 7, then Item 9, Proposal 9, as in the session.**

**Item 10 of the agenda:**

**Financial Reports 2007 and 2008, New Treasurer**

The Sheets of Income and Expenditures and the Balance Sheets as of 31 Dec of the IMSSC for the years 2007 and 2008 were sent to the Members of the IMSSC at 31 Jan 2009 by email, 3 ½ weeks before the 28<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session.

The Tables were made with kind help of Bram de Vries, IMSSC Member for NED, whose profession is accountant. The cash audits for 2007 and 2008 have also been made by Bram de Vries. He gave a report of his cash audits at the Session. He stated that there were no objections to discharge the treasurer Dr. Volker Serini for the years 2007 and 2008. The reports about the cash audits were handed over to the participants of the session.

Dr. Volker Serini was discharged as treasurer for the years 2007 and 2008 unanimously.

The IMSSC Capital was 2.312,49 EUR on 31 Dec 2007 and 5.601,67 on 31 Dec 2008. The relatively high Capital on 31 Dec 2007 was mainly the result of IMSSC Fees from 2006 and the high IMSSC Fee for the Masters' Allround Games in Calgary/CAN 2007 with 288 participants. The even higher Capital on 31 Dec 2008 (3289,18 EUR higher) was especially the result of the change in the International Masters Speed Skating News ICEOVAL. The ICEOVAL was not longer sent to all participants of International Master Competitions, but issued on our website and printed as paperback only in a limited number for the National Speed Skating Associations, ISU Council, ISU TC, ISU Office, Organizers of Masters' Competitions, etc.

Serini proposed to appoint Bram de Vries as new IMSSC Treasurer because of his large experience as professional accountant. The IMSSC Members appointed Bram de Vries as new IMSSC Treasurer unanimously. Bram de Vries proposed to appoint a professional cash auditor for the cash audit 2009.

**Item 7 of the agenda:**

**Budget Proposal 2009, IMSSC Fee, IMSSC Sessions 2009, Members' Travelling expenses**

The Members of the IMSSC got a Budget Proposal 2009 with a reduced IMSSC Fee of 6,00 EUR (previously 8,00 EUR) by email on 31 Jan 2009. Additionally they got a second Budget Proposal 2009 with the previous IMSSC Fee of 8,00 EUR and a paper with a rough estimate of

the travelling expenses of the IMSSC members for the Winter Session and the Summer Session in 2009 by email on 19 Feb 2009.

A part of these travelling expenses is borne by the IMSSG for their Members who are also IMSSC Members. From the Budget Proposal 2009 and the estimate of the above-mentioned travelling expenses can be seen, that the travelling expenses which are not born by the IMSSG, could be borne by the IMSSC, at least to a great extent. This is basis for Proposal 9.

**Item 9 of the agenda, Proposal 9 (GER):  
Reimbursement of Travelling Expenses of IMSSC Members for IMSSC Sessions**

It is applied for the following decision:

“The annual surplus of the IMSSC Account shall be used for travelling expenses of the IMSSC Members for the IMSSC Winter Session and the IMSSC Summer Session. 2/3 of this surplus shall be used for these travelling expenses of the IMSSC Winter Session and 1/3 of this surplus shall be used for these travelling expenses of the IMSSC Summer Session. If the surplus is not sufficient for the reimbursement of all travelling expenses the travelling expenses will be reimbursed partially.

The reimbursement shall be made at the same percentage for all IMSSC Members, who participated in the IMSSC Session, to take the different individual travelling expenses into consideration. IMSSC Members who get reimbursed their travelling expenses by the IMSSG (ISU Masters’ Speed Skating Working Group) will not be taken into consideration by this regulation.”

**Reasons:**

The IMSSC Members do a lot of honorary work for the International Masters that the reimbursement or partially reimbursement of their travelling expenses to the IMSSC Sessions seems to be justified.

**Decision: Amended proposal accepted.**

Voting: 10 affirmative votes and 1 abstention for the following version with slight amendments:

“Part of the Annual IMSSC Income, according to the decision of the IMSSC at the Winter Session, shall be used for travelling expenses of the IMSSC Members for the IMSSC Winter Session and the IMSSC Summer Session. A fraction of about 2/3 of this Part of the Annual IMSSC Income shall be used for these travelling expenses of the IMSSC Winter Session and about 1/3 shall be used for the travelling expenses of the IMSSC Summer Session. If the decided Part of the Annual IMSSC Income is not sufficient for the reimbursement of all travelling expenses, the travelling expenses will be reimbursed partially. The reimbursement shall be made at the same percentage for all IMSSC Members, who participated in the IMSSC Session, to take the different individual travelling expenses into consideration. IMSSC Members who get reimbursed their travelling expenses by the IMSSG (ISU Masters’ Speed Skating Working Group), will not be taken into consideration by this regulation.”

**Modifications of this decision (not decided):**

Modifications of this decision, proposed by NED, were discussed, but not decided at the session. NED will make a proposal for the next IMSSC Winter Session. Discussed were the following modifications: Instead of an IMSSC Fee per competitor a certain amount could be decided for every Int. Masters’ Competition, which has to be sent by the organizer to the IMSSC. Not only IMSSC Members or their deputies could get travelling expenses, but also Assistants. There could

be made differences in the percentage of paying travelling expenses between Members and Assistants and between Members or Assistants skating or non skating.

**Items 8 and 9:**

**Proposals for changing IMSSC Constitution and Regulations and Other Proposals (without Proposal 9, see above)**

**Proposal 1 (GER):**

**IMSSC Constitution, Article 2.3, Restriction of Participants**

It is applied for the insertion of the following sentence as last sentence in IMSSC Rule 2.3:

IMSSC Members have priority in the Entry procedure for the participation in Masters' International Speed Skating Sprint Games and for Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games.

**Reasons:**

It is important for IMSSC decisions that the IMSSC Members themselves know the Masters' Sprint and Allround Games from their own experience. IMSSC Members do a lot honorary work for the Master skaters of their countries and so should have this advantage also from this reason.

**Decision: Proposal rejected.**

Voting: Affirmative votes 2, negative votes 7, abstentions 2.

**Proposal 2 (GER):**

**IMSSC Constitution, Article 3, Sessions and Decisions of the IMSSC, § 2, sentence 2**

.....in a letter, a fax or an email from 1<sup>st</sup> October until 6 weeks before the Winter Session (arrival at the IMSSC Office). Earlier and later proposals will not be considered by the IMSSC.

**Reason:**

For clarification and easier handling of the proposals by the IMSSC Office.

**Decision: Amended proposal accepted.**

Voting: 11 affirmative votes for the following version with a slight amendment:

.....in a letter, a fax or an email from the date of the written invitation until 6 weeks before the Winter Session (arrival at the IMSSC Office). Earlier and later proposals will not be considered by the IMSSC.

**Proposal 3 (GER):**

**IMSSC Constitution, Article 3: Sessions and Decisions of the IMSSC, § 2, sentence 1:**

Decisions by vote about alterations of the IMSSC Constitution and IMSSC Regulations and about other matters can only be made at the Winter Session.

**Reason:**

Decisions by vote are not only necessary about the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations, but also about other matters, e.g. about the Cash Report, the Places for the Sprint Games and Allround Games, the Quota of Games Participants of the Different Nations, etc.

**Decision: Amendet proposal accepted.**

Voting: 6 affirmative votes, 3 negative votes, 2 abstentions, for the following version with a slight amendment:

Decisions by vote about alterations of the IMSSC Constitution and IMSSC Regulations and about other important matters can only be made at the Winter Session.

**Proposal 4 (GER):**

**IMSSC Rules, Introduction, § 1, sentence 2:**

The outstanding annual events are the Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games and the Masters' International Speed Skating Sprint Games, the unofficial Masters' Allround World Championships and the unofficial Masters' Sprint World Championships.

**IMSSC Rules, Introduction , § 1, sentence 3:**

Determination of the host countries is .....

**IMSSC Rule 2.1.1, sentence 1:**

The Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games ....

**IMSSC Rule 2.1.1, § 2:**

The distances for the Masters' International Masters' Allround Games are:

**IMSSC Rule 2.1.2, § 2:**

The distances for the Masters' International Masters Sprint Games are:

**IMSSC Rule 2.4, § 1, Drawing and Ranking:**

Drawing at International Speed Skating Competitions, including Masters' International Speed Skating Sprint Games and Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games, must be done

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**IMSSC Rule 2.7, Restriction of Participants in the last Distance, sentence 1:**

If the time schedule .....in the last distance of an Allround Competition, a minimum number ....

**Reasons:**

Necessary alterations of the text of the Regulations because of the introduction of Masters' Sprint Games and Masters' Allround Games:

**Decision: Proposal accepted**

Voting: 11 affirmative votes

**Proposal 5 (GER):**

**Masters' Games, IMSSC Records, Change in the Names**

**5.1**

It is applied for a change of the names of the Masters' International Speed Skating Sprint Games and the Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games into Masters' Global Speed Skating Sprint Games and Masters' Global Speed Skating Allround Games.

**Proposal 5.2**

It is additionally applied for a change of the name Masters' International Records (IMSSC Records) into Masters' Global Records.

**Reason:**

To emphasize the significance of the Masters' Games and the Masters' Records.

**Decision: Proposal rejected**

Voting: 1 affirmative vote, 9 negative votes, 1 abstention

**Proposal 6 (GER and ITA):**

**Alteration of "IMSSC Rule 1: Master Definitions"**

Masters are non professional speedskaters .....competing in 5year age groups 20 - 24 (20), 25 - 29 (25), 30 - 35 (30), .....

**Reasons:**

Seniors from 20 – 29 years, not being in National Teams or National Selections, often stop speed skating, because they don't have the possibility to take part in interesting International Competitions. We want to win these skaters for the Masters.

With regard to our relationship with the ISU it would be of advantage if the Masters would clasp all non professional senior skaters.

**Decision: Proposal rejected.**

Voting: 2 affirmative votes, 5 negative votes, 4 abstentions

**Proposal 7 (GER):**

**IMSSC Rule 3.3, Insertion as § 2:**

IMSSC Records for 3 or 4 Distances Competitions (in points) at Masters' Single Distance Competitions will be recognized if the distances have been skated in the right order and at consecutive days according to the ISU Rules.

**Reasons:**

For clarification. In the moment we recognize such records, but the ISU Rules seem not to be clear for allowing such a handling.

**Decision: Proposal accepted**

Votes: 10 affirmative votes, 1 abstention

**Proposal 8 (GER):  
Cancellation of an IMSSC Record**

It is applied for the cancellation of the following IMSSC Record:  
10000 Men AG 30, Asier Peña Iturria ESP 15:33,86, 14.01.2007 Hamar/NOR.

**Reasons:**

Asier Peña Iturria took part in the 7<sup>th</sup> Worldcup at the Olympic Oval Lingotto in Turino/ITA three weeks later at 03. – 04.02.2007 at 1500 m Men B-Group (2:06,59) and 5000 m Men B-Group (7:28,03) for Spain. Also if he was the only skater for Spain he must be regarded as Member of the Spanish National Team in 2006/2007 and not as Master speed skater (see IMSSC Rule 1, Masters Definition). In the following season 2007/2008 he competed in further World Cups and in the European Championships.

**Decision: Proposal rejected**

Voting: 2 affirmative votes, 7 negative votes, 2 abstentions

**The approval of the IMSSC Records' List 2008**, as planned (see item 2 of the agenda), has been forgotten. Because there were no further objections concerning this list, it can be regarded as accepted.

**Proposal 9 (GER):**

**Reimbursement of Travelling Expenses of IMSSC Members for IMSSC Sessions  
(see above)**

**Proposal 10 (NOR):**

**Rule 3: International Masters' Records (IMSSC Records)  
Existing text of rule 3.3 Applications, first paragraph:**

IMSSC Records (International Masters' Records) are recognized only for times and points reached in International Masters' Competitions approved by the IMSSC at the preceding Winter Session, which fulfil the requirements of the IMSSC Rules and ISU Rules, and for National Masters Championships, which fulfil also the requirements of the IMSSC Rules and ISU Rules. Applications for IMSSC Records must be made by the IMSSC Member of the Country, where the Competition has taken place, or by the Organizer of this Competition by sending one set of the necessary documents to the IMSSC Statistician (Sven-Åge Svensson, Simensbraatveien 23 B, N-1182 Oslo, NORWAY) and one further set of the necessary documents to the Mailing Address of the IMSSC (IMSSC, Dr. Volker Serini, Sebastian-Kneipp-Weg 2, D-47802 Krefeld, GERMANY). If the documents are not written in English, the text in these documents additionally has to be translated into English by the applicant.

**Proposed new text of Rule 3.3 Applications, first paragraph:**

IMSSC Records (International Masters' Records) are recognized for times and points reached in International Masters' Competitions approved by the IMSSC at the preceding Winter Session, in National Masters Championships, and in International Competitions where skaters from at least 2 IMSSC Member Countries participate. The competitions must fulfil the requirements of the IMSSC Rules and ISU Rules. Applications for IMSSC Records must be made by the IMSSC Member of the Country where the Competition has taken place, or by the Organizer of this Competition, by sending one set of the necessary documents to the IMSSC Statistician (Sven-Åge

Svensson, Simensbraatveien 23 B, N-1182 Oslo, NORWAY) and one further set of the necessary documents to the Mailing Address of the IMSSC (IMSSC, Dr. Volker Serini, Sebastian-Kneipp-Weg 2, D-47802 Krefeld, GERMANY). If the documents are not written in English, the text in these documents additionally has to be translated into English by the applicant.

**Existing text of Rule 3.4.1:**

Result reached at a national or international announced competition with 5 year age groups from 30 years (see above Rule 1) by a speed skater with a competition license of his national speed skating association, being member of the International Skating Union (ISU). If other speed skaters start in a speed skating event besides one or several age groups of Master Speed Skaters from 30 years, each Master Speed Skater must be clearly marked with Age Group in the starting lists, results and standings during the competition and in the final results.

**Proposed new text of Rule 3.4.1:**

Result reached at an international or national announced competition (see definition under Rule 3.3) by a speed skater with a competition license of his national speed skating association, being member of the International Skating Union (ISU). If other speed skaters start in a Masters' Speed Skating Event besides one or several age groups of Master Speed Skaters from 30 years, each Master Speed Skater must be clearly marked with Age Group in the starting lists, results and standings during the competition and in the final results.

**Reason:**

Masters participate in other competitions than International Masters' Competitions and National Masters' Championships. I especially mention the Olympic Oval Final in Calgary where there normally are excellent conditions and possibilities of making new IMSSC Records. Last year Brynjulf Måkestad of Norway skated better than the IMSSC Records on 500m and 1000m in AG55, but his times could not be recognized as new Records according to the IMSSC Rules. At the same competition Denny Morrison of Canada skated a new World Record on the 1500m, and this record was recognized by the ISU. It is quite absurd that you can make an ordinary World Record while IMSSC Records made in the same competition are refused. It should be an objective that the IMSSC Record List reflects the best times skated by Master Skaters, and not becomes a "paper" of little reality.

**Decision: Proposal rejected**

Voting: 4 affirmative votes, 6 negative votes, 1 abstention

**Proposal 11 (NOR):**

**Rule 2.10: IMSSC Fee.**

**Existing text of rule 2.10**

At Masters' International Games and Masters' International Competitions, promoted by the IMSSC, the competitor has to pay the IMSSC fee for the work of the IMSSC besides the starting fee. The amount of the fee will be decided by the IMSSC.

## **Proposed new text of rule 2.10**

Participators in any of the Masters' International Games or Masters' International Competitions promoted by the IMSSC must pay an IMSSC Fee for the work of the IMSSC. The IMSSC Fee is payed once per season and is collected by the organizer of the first competition where the competitor participates in the new season, in addition to the starting fee. The organizer will issue a receipt for the competitor, transfer the money to the IMSSC Account and report the Name and Date of Birth to the IMSSC Office. The amount of the fee will be decided by the IMSSC.

### **Reason:**

If today competitors participate in several competitions during the season, they have to pay the IMSSC Fee again and again. This may seem unfair to the competitors.

### **Provisions:**

The receipt form can be standardized and emailed to the organizers ahead of the competition. Competitors must show their receipt at the next competitions not to be charched again. The IMSSC office maintains a file of competitors who have paid. This is for queries or for substitution of possible lost receipts.

**Decision: Proposal withdrawn by the applicant in conjunction with proposal 9**

## **Proposal 12 (NED):**

### **Limit times for Masters' International Sprint Games and Masters' International Allround Games**

#### **Addition of a Rule 2.3.1**

Every participant has to inform the national IMSSC member of his (her) most recent time on the 500 m and 1.500 m. It is the responsibility of the IMSSC member to accept the times. If the applicable time (500 m for the Sprint Games and 1500 m for the Allround Games) does not meet the Maximum Time as laid down in Rule 2.3.2 (Maximum Time Table) the participant cannot take part in the Sprint respectively Allround Games unless the national IMSSC member decides otherwise in a written consent.

#### **Addition of a Rule 2.3.2**

Maximum time table (see attachment Proposed Limit Times (NED))

**Remark:** The Maximum time table, which was attached to the Proposals originally, was exchanged against another one with some maximum times altered by NED, sent to the IMSSC Members by email at 20 Feb 2009. (see attachment).

**Discussion:** After a discussion of some proposed limit times in the maximum time table in detail the applicant proposed to vote at first about the first part of the proposal: Addition of a rule 2.3.1. That was accepted by the participants of the Session. Because of the rejection of the first part of the proposal a vote upon the second part of the proposal was not necessary.

**Decision about Addition of a Rule 2.3.1: The proposal was rejected**

Voting: 5 affirmative votes, 6 negative votes

**Proposal 13 (ITA):  
Connections between IMSSC and IMSSG**

According to the two Master Speed Skating Associations, IMSSC and IMSSG, we would like to submit to all IMSSC and IMSSG Members the following issues:

1. Real functions, meaning and mandate of IMSSG;
2. Relationship between IMSSC and IMSSG;
3. Different economic treatment between IMSSG and IMSSC Members;
4. Different ISU founding between Adult figure skating and Master speed skating;
5. Verification of the real ISU interest in our Master activity.

(This proposal was discussed as **Item 6 a** of the agenda of the 30th IMSSC Session).

**Item 6 a of the agenda:  
Connections between IMSSC and IMSSG**

There was given a statement by Dr. Volker Serini, Coordinator of the IMSSG, about the 5 issues of Proposal 13 of ITA:

1. Real functions, meaning and mandate of IMSSG

In principle the IMSSG has got the tasks by the ISU in 2003, which already were carried out since 1994 by the IMSSC. All four IMSSG Members (Jae-Seok Choi/KOR for Asia, Andrew Love/USA for America, Sven-Åge Svensson for Europe, Dr. Volker Serini also for Europe and Coordinator) are also working as Members in the IMSSC. The tasks which are carried out by the IMSSG, are especially the contacts between IMSSC and ISU, as proposals for the incorporation of Masters' Rules in the ISU Rules, as contacts to ISU Representatives and as contacts to the Council and TC Members of some National Speed Skating Associations because of the incorporation of IMSSC Rules into National Rules. As Representative for the IMSSC the IMSSG Coordinator has also been invited to the ISU Congress by the ISU Council, where already several important contacts could be made.

Unfortunately the ISU Council does not accept the use of the terms "Masters' World Sprint Championships" and "Masters' World Allround Championships" by the Masters for their largest Competitions, Masters' Sprint Games and Masters' Allround Games. Also the incorporation of some simple Masters' Rules into the ISU Rules has several times been rejected by the ISU Council. It seems that only proposals of National Associations at the ISU Congress could move something in this direction.

2. Relationship between IMSSC and IMSSG

The relationship between IMSSC and IMSSG is already described under 1.

3. Different economic treatment between IMSSG and IMSSC Members

The IMSSG Members, also being IMSSC Members, have their travelling expenses to the IMSSG Session and IMSSC Winter Session covered by the ISU. The IMSSG Members also have a part of their travel costs (about 50 %) to the IMSSC Summer Session covered. The ISU also bears costs for the support of the Organizers of the Masters' Sprint Games and the Masters' Allround Games and for the webpage and office costs of the IMSSC. However, the ISU is not ready to pay

travel costs for more IMSSC Members. At the present financial situation of the IMSSC it seems possible that the IMSSC bears all or a main part of the travelling expenses of the IMSSC Members, not being Members of the IMSSG (see item 7 and item 9, proposal 9, of the agenda). That would change the situation to the same or similar economic treatment of all IMSSC Members.

#### 4. Different ISU founding between Adult figure skating and Master speed skating

There may be a different founding between International Adult figure skating and International Master speed skating. But the situation is very different. It seems that the Adult figure skating competitions are much more difficult to organize because of the need of more classes/levels and the need of a lot of jury members from different and far countries.

#### 5. Verification of the real ISU interest in our Master activity

There is a real interest of the ISU Council in supporting International Masters' Speed Skating as can be seen of the financial support and of creating good possibilities for contacts, for example at the ISU Congress every two years. But unfortunately the ISU Council does not accept a certain recognition of the Masters' Speed Skating by having some Masters' Rules in the ISU Rules and by accepting the use of the terms "Masters Sprint World Championships" and "Masters' Allround World Championships" which is normal in other large International Sport Organizations as FINA (Swimming), IAAF (Athletics), ITF (Tennis) and UCI (Cycling).

### **Item 11 of the agenda: Miscellaneous**

#### **IMSSC Summer Session 2009**

The IMSSC decided unanimously to hold the IMSSC Summer Session (Working Session) on Saturday, 20 June 2009, 9:00 – 14:00, Club House Swimming Club SV Bayer-Uerdingen 08, Am Waldsee 25, D-87829 Krefeld-Uerdingen, Germany.

#### **Recommendations and Requirements for Organizers of Masters' Games (Discussion brought up by Sven-Åge Svensson/NOR)**

Organizers hosting the Masters' Games often face new challenges with Masters. Sven-Åge Svensson and Volker Serini have elaborated on a document with recommendations and requirements for organizers. It contains a lot of experience from many Masters' Games. It will enlighten the preparations of the organizers and avoid earlier mistakes to be repeated. The document will be under continuous development.

#### INTERNATIONAL MASTERS' SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE (IMSSC)

*Volker Serini*

(Dr. Volker Serini, Secretary)

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