



International Masters' Speed Skating Committee

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Minutes

31st IMSSC Session in Krefeld/GER (Working Session)

Saturday, 20th June 2009, 09:00 – 14:00 h (break 12:00 – 13:00)
Club House of the Swimming Club SV Bayer Uerdingen 08,
Am Waldsee 25, 47829 Krefeld-Uerdingen/Germany.

Participants:

FIN	Matti Kilpeläinen	(IMSSC Member)
FIN	Ulla-Maj Björnes	(Assistant)
GER	Dr. Volker Serini	IMSSC Member)
ITA	Antonio Nitto	(IMSSC Member)
ITA	Paolo Gemme	(Assistant)
NED	Bram de Vries	(IMSSC Member)
NOR	Sven-Åge Svensson	(IMSSC Member)

Distribution of the Minutes:

Participants	
Further IMSSC Members	
Ottavio Cinquanta	ISU President
Gerhard Zimmermann	ISU 1 st Vice President
David M. Dore	ISU 2 nd 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.Work.Group

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes 30th IMSSC Session in Bjugn/NOR
2. Allround Games Candidates 2013, Sprint Games Candidates 2012 and 2013
3. Allround Games Baselga di Pinè/ITA 2010, Organization
4. Sprint Games Milwaukee/USA 2010, Organization
5. Masters' International Competitions besides the Games
6. Discussion of Proposals of the IMSSC for the ISU Congress in Barcelona 2010
7. Miscellaneous

1. Approval of the Minutes 30th IMSSC Session in Bjugn/NOR:

The Minutes of the 30th IMSSC session in Bjugn/NOR was approved.

2. Allround Games Candidates 2013, Sprint Games Candidates 2012 and 2013:

Possible Candidates for the Sprint Games 2012 are Heerenveen/NED, Moscow/RUS or Stavanger/NOR. Possible candidate for the Sprint Games 2013 is Inzell/GER in the new ice hall currently under construction.

3. Allround Games Baselga di Pinè/ITA 2010, Organization:

The Masters' International Allround Games will be held Feb. 26th – 28th 2010 in Baselga di Pinè, ITALY.

Mr.Colombini apologized for his absence at this IMSSC session but anyway sent an e-mail to Volker on the subject. Antonio reported about the main issues:

- **Track:** full assurance for the organization of such a competition in Baselga di Pinè/ITA; the people here is used to organize long track competition both at national or international level;
- **Track availability:** the track will be available for training free of charge from ten days prior the competition;
- **Hotels:** no problem to hosts hundreds of persons locally at little distance from the track;
- **Final banquet:** it will be organized in the gymnasium that is able to host up to 380 persons;
- **Number of participants:** the Organizer Committee is able to deal with a maximum number of 350 subscriptions that means (-15% absence) about 300 participants. There were a number of objections from the delegates to such a high number of participants:
 - i. Concerns about timing for the competition: it will need to begin too early or finish too late;
 - ii. Time constraint for the skaters passing from 3 to 4 days competitions;
 - iii. High possibility of different weather and ice conditions within the same age group for large AGs (i.e. AG50 or AG55);
 - iv. It could include skaters with low skating skills;
 - v. It may be a "Dutch championship" if the other nations are not able to fill their quotas.

At the end of the discussion it was recommended to fix the maximum number of entries to 250 in a 3 days competition. Volker will calculate the new quota for each nation (at the 30th session it has been calculated based on 235 entries).

The **new quota for the Masters' Allround Games 2010 in Baselga di Pinè are** (calculation Volker):

CAN/USA 16, FIN 13, GER 34, ITA 21, NED 69, NOR 48, RUS 21, SUI 13, OTHERS 15 (Sum 250 Entries).

4. Sprint Games Milwaukee/USA 2010, Organization:

Sprint Games 2010 in Milwaukee are confirmed; they will be held on Feb.6 and 7th 2010.

5. Masters' International Competitions besides the Games:

The confirmed Master's International competitions besides the Allround and the Sprint Games are the following:

- Nov.21st - 22nd 2009 – Erfurt/GER – Criterion
- Dec.12th - 13th 2009 – Baselga di Pinè/ITA – Masters' Revival
- Jan.09th - 10th 2010 – Davos/SWI – Davos Meeting
- Jan.23rd - 24th 2010 – Hamar/NOR – Single Distances Races
- Jan.23rd - 24th 2010 – Quebec/CAN – Canadian Open
- Jan.30th - 31st 2010 – Salt Lake/USA – American Allround
- Feb.20th - 21st 2010 – Berlin/GER – Master Cup

The other competitions which are cancelled or not yet confirmed are the following:

- Feb.13th - 14th 2010 - American Championship – **cancelled from IMSSC calendar**, competition mainly for pack style
- Mar.26th - 28th 2010 – Kolomna/RUS – Russian Allround or Single distances race and/or team pursuit and/or marathon: to be decided and to be confirmed
- Mar.17th 2010 – Heerenveen/NED – Long Distances Race: to be confirmed
- Mar.18th..19th 2010 – Heerenveen/NED – Heerenveen Sprint: to be confirmed

6. Discussion of Proposals of the IMSSC for the ISU Congress in Barcelona 2010:

From Volker's point of view, the following three proposals could be presented to the next ISU Congress:

- Definition of the age groups;
- Use of the name "Masters' Sprint World Championships";
- Use of the name "Masters' Allround World Championships".

Volker will submit those three different written proposals to all IMSSC members; then the IMSSC members will present them to their National Federation until the end of July asking to support us on those proposals.

Bram suggested also to collect the National Federations' opinions about those proposals and forward them to Volker.

Volker will discuss with Hugo Hernhoff (ISU Speed Skating Sports Director) about the problems of the Masters.

7. Miscellaneous

- **Financial info:**

Bram presented the IMSSC account statement. The incomes related to the IMSSC fees of the competitions in Hamar and Moscow are missing. Bram presented also the travel expenses declaration for the winter session and communicated that 3.500 € are available for the summer session.

Sven asked if the payment of the travel expenses decided during the winter session not would have to wait till July 1st to take affect. Volker replied that this is true for changes to the Constitution and Regulations but not for financial matters.

- **Requirements for Masters' Games:**

Paolo had edited a proposal for a document to be submitted to possible Organizers of Masters' Games. The document includes the items that appear in the document "Masters' Games Requirements and Advices to the Organizers"

edited by Sven and Volker, plus other items added by Paolo and the two application forms.

Sven was of the opinion that the document could be “too strict” for the Organizers: he proposed instead a more advisory document. Volker asked Sven and Paolo to prepare a new document on that issue.

- **IMSSC sessions:**

Regarding Bram’s proposal about the importance of the winter and summer session, Volker proposed to drop the winter session and have only a summer session, but over two days and use it to discuss and prepare the coming season. Volker proposed to ask for a feedback from the IMSSC members via e-mail and afterwards make a proposal for the next session. Sven was worried about much travelling and related expenses.

- **Votes:**

Bram wanted to discuss a new voting method at the sessions, such that the nations have a different number of votes according to the mean number of skaters from that nation participating in IMSSC competitions during the last 5 years, for example 3 votes if number of skaters > 20, 2 votes if 10 < number of skaters < 20, 1 vote if number of skaters < 10. Volker pointed out that also within ISU all nations only have one vote as stated in the Constitutions and Regulations.

Sven pointed out that the last two new IMSSC members were not presented in advance and all the same they voted in the same session they were elected. Bram suggested to modify the procedure for new members and their voting as follows:

- a) proposal for new members 6 weeks prior the IMSSC session;
- b) presentation of the candidate(s) and vote;
- c) a candidate is not approved if he doesn’t belong to his national federation;
- d) new members start voting from the next IMSSC session.

- **Single distances championship:**

Bram’s proposal about Single Distance Games together with the Allround Games, was discussed. Volker and Sven pointed out the same concerns about too much medals, normally the winner of the single distance(s) is also winner of the allround.

- **IMSSC Records:**

Sven reported about the preliminary list of IMSSC records for the season 2008-2009: 30 new records were registered. He also reported that most IMSSC Members do not send applications for new records, or they are not complete (i.e. electronic protocol with lap times / accumulated lap times missing, list of officials missing, etc.). In most cases he has to find out about the IMSSC records by himself.

- **Advance payment and deposit for the participation fee:**

Sven reported about the problem we suffered in Inzell and in Bjugn where a lot of athletes were withdrawn from the starting list after the drawing due to their absence: in Inzell as well as in Bjugn this fact caused economic troubles for the

Organizers because of missing incomes. Sven proposed to get the payment in advance, while Bram proposed to collect a reservation fee that, in case of absence, will be kept by the Organizer. Volker will investigate with the Organizer in Berlin about their experience on that issue.

- **Next Meetings:**

i. **Feb.24th 2010 – Baselga di Pinè/ITA - 7th IMSSG session**

ii. **Feb.25th 2010 – Baselga di Pinè/ITA - 32th IMSSC session**

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(Paolo Gemme, Assistant ITA and Secretary Minutes)

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