



International Masters' Speed Skating Committee

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Minutes 32nd IMSSC Session in Baselga di Pinè/Italy

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ITA	Antonio Nitto	(IMSSC Member)
ITA	Paolo Gemme	(Assistant)
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LAT	Lasma Kauniste	(IMSSC Member)
NED	Bram de Vries	(IMSSC Member)
NED	Tjeerd Smies	(Assistant)
NOR	Sven-Åge Svensson	(IMSSC Member)
NOR	Ragnvald Næss	(Assistant)
RUS	Vladimir Tkachenko	(IMSSC Member)
RUS	Anton Antonovskiy	(Assistant)
SUI	Johan Metting van Rijn	(Deputy)
USA	Andrew Love	(IMSSC Member)
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1. Approval of the Minutes 31st IMSSC Session Krefeld/GER 2009

There are no remarks on the minutes of the 31th IMSSC Session held in Krefeld/Germany on 20 Jun 2009. The minutes are approved unanimously.

2. Approval List of IMSSC Records 2009

Sven-Åge Svensson gives a clarification of the record list. There are a lot of remarks on three records set in Russia. No formal documentation is available to prove these records. Sven Age points out to the representatives of Russia that this formal documentation is required to prove these records. Vladimir Tkachenko and his assistant will supply the IMSSC in the future with the required documentation (formal signed protocol and overview of times clocked by hand by the jury).

The record of Lasma Kauniste is recognized as a formal IMSSC Record and this record is published on the IMSSC Website. The List of IMSSC Records 2009 is approved unanimously.

3 and 4. Countries for the IMSSC ALLROUND GAMES and SPRINT GAMES

The countries are as follows:

- 2011 ALLROUND GAMES will be organized in Calgary/CAN, as already decided.
- 2011 SPRINT GAMES will be organized in Berlin-Sportforum/GER, which was also decided last year.
- 2012 ALLROUND GAMES will be in Erfurt, if Erfurt accepts, as decided last year. Erfurt has accepted in the meantime.
- 2012 SPRINT GAMES:
 - Bram de Vries is talking with the KNSB in the Netherlands, but due to the Olympic Games in Vancouver the KNSB had no time available before this session to talk with Bram. Meeting with KNSB will be held in April 2010. Bram will inform IMSSC members as soon as possible with results of this meeting.
 - Andrew Love points out that Salt Lake City will be able to organize the sprint games, but logically it's more obvious to organize the sprint games in 2012 in Europe and 2013 in Salt Lake City.
 - Also Baselga di Pine is willing to organize the sprint games in 2012.
 - Decision: in favor the sprint games will be organized in the Netherlands in Heerenveen or Enschede; second candidate is Baselga di Pinè.
- 2013 SPRINT GAMES will be in Salt Lake City/USA.
- 2013 ALLROUND GAMES: No candidate at present.

5. Nations quota for SPRINT GAMES and ALLROUND GAMES

5.1 SPRINT GAMES 2011

(planned 5 and 6 Feb 2011, not yet confirmed)

In 2011 Berlin will accept 200 competitors, so 235 entries (15 % more than competitors, because by experience about 15 % loss by illness, etc.) will be accepted as the maximum number of entries.

After discussion on the quota per country, the following allocation is decided:

- Finland 15
- Germany 43
- Italy 15
- Netherlands 68
- Norway 40
- Russia 24
- Other countries 30

5.2 Allround Games 2011

(planned 24 – 27 Feb 2011, not yet confirmed)

In 2011 Calgary will accept 300 competitors, so 353 entries (15 % more than competitors, because by experience about 15 % loss by illness, etc.) will be accepted as the maximum number of entries.

After discussion on the quota per country, the following allocation is decided:

- Canada 95
- Germany 25
- Netherlands 75
- Norway 60
- USA 30
- Other countries 68

6. Proposals for the ISU Congress 2010 to National Associations

The IMSSC had made the suggestion to several National Speed Skating Associations with Masters, to make proposals for the ISU Congress 2010 in favour of the Masters:

- a) Acceptance of Masters' World Speed Skating Championships in the ISU Rules (Allround and Sprint)
- b) Introduction of the Masters' 5year age groups in the ISU Rules.

No National Association did make the proposals for the ISU Congress, it's disappointing. Now the German Masters will reach that the DESG makes the proposals to the next ISU Congress in 2012. Volker Serini proposes that the other IMSSC Members try to reach the same.

7. Masters International Competition Calendar 2010-2011

According to the IMSSC Rules IMSSC Records can only be made at competitions on the IMSSC Competition Calendar and at National Master Championships. The competitions of the Calendar 2009/2010 will also be on the Calendar 2010/2011, with the following additions/alterations:

- The date of the Canadian Open is not defined yet; will be combined with the masters competition in Milwaukee, second week of 2011.
- One week before the ALLROUND GAMES in Calgary a competition will be organized in Salt Lake City. Final arrangements have to be made with Salt Lake City, due to their planning restrictions.
- There is a possibility that Torino will be open in the period September until November 2010. If this is the case the Masters Italy will try to organize a two days master test competition. In June 2010 hopefully more clarity can be given with respect to the organization of this test competition.
- Baselga competition, Masters' REVIVAL, will be organized on 11 and 12 December 2010.
- SINGLE DISTANCE RACES in Hamar Norway will be organized in same period as this year.
- The Masters' MASTER CUP will perhaps be held in Munich instead of Berlin in the winter of 2011, because of the SPINT GAMES 2011 in Berlin. No final and detailed information is yet available.
- Heerenveen Sprint and Long Distance Race in 3rd week of March 2011.
- The Masters' SPRINT CLASSICS will again take place in Inzell if possible (new icehall under construction at the moment).
- Volker Serini will make list of all masters' competitions for 2010-2011 in June 2010 and will publish this list on the Website of the IMSSC www.imssc.org.

8. Proposals for changing IMSSC regulations

Proposals of Germany

<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Content of proposal</i>
1	<p>Winter Session two days before competition start. IMSSC Constitution, Article 3, § 1, sentence 1. <u>The IMSSC holds two sessions a year. The winter session is held in conjunction with one of the Masters' Speed Skating Games (Sprint Games or All-round Games) two days before the first competition day of the Games. The Summer Session is held on a Saturday in June or July.</u> Only the alternative proposal 3 is accepted (see below).</p>
2	<p>Winter Session one day before competition start. IMSSC Constitution, Article 3, § 1, sentence 1. <u>The IMSSC holds two sessions a year. The winter session is held in conjunction with one of the Masters' Speed Skating Games (Sprint Games or Allround Games) one day before the first competition day of the Games. The Summer Session is held on a Saturday in June or July.</u> Only alternative proposal 3 is accepted (see below).</p>
3	<p>Only one Session in summer but for two days. IMSSC Constitution, Article 3, § 1, sentence 1. <u>The IMSSC holds one session a year in summer lasting two days.</u></p>

	<p>To the idea of Volker we don't need a winter and a summer session to decide about important matters. Best solution is to change the "role" of the summer session and change the summer session into the leading session and use the winter session only to exchange information amongst the members of the IMSSC committee. Also Norway supports the idea. The Netherlands proposes to use modern communication facilities (video conferencing facilities) to reduce the need to travel around the world to join the summer sessions.</p> <p>After discussion about the first Ordinary IMSSC Session in summer (2010 or 2011) the following arrangement is made: The Ordinary IMSSC Session will be held in summer during two days in May or the beginning of June, combined with an Informative Meeting in winter two days before the start of the SPRINT or the ALLROUND GAMES. The first Ordinary IMSSC Session will be 29 May 2010.</p> <p>The proposal was still altered to be more flexible with the number of session days: <u>The IMSSC holds one session a year in summer.</u> This proposal is accepted, with 14 votes in favor and 1 vote against proposal.</p>
4	<p>Deputy of the same nationality as the member. IMSSC Constitution, Article 3, § 1, sentence 2.the Member can send a deputy <u>only of the same nationality</u> who has the right</p> <p>This proposal was rejected with 1 votes in favor, 11 votes against the proposal and 3 abstentions.</p>
5	<p>Possibility of late proposals IMSSC Constitution, Article 3, § 2, sentence 3 and new sentence 4. <u>Earlier proposals will not be considered by the IMSSC. Late proposals of great importance may be considered, but only if a 2/3 majority of votes accepts this.</u> This proposal was accepted with 15 votes in favor.</p>
6	<p>Minutes, review time, secretary decision. IMSSC Constitution, Article 3, § 4, new sentence 3. for review and possible corrections. <u>The Minutes must be returned with corrections (in red) within 2 weeks to the secretary of the Minutes; he decides about the acceptance of these proposed corrections.</u> The final Minutes must be distributed</p> <p>This proposal was accepted with 15 votes in favor.</p>
7	<p>Short-term delegation of tasks. or to other co-workers (<u>necessary short-term delegation of tasks may be made by the IMSSC Office</u>): This proposal was accepted with 15 votes in favor.</p>
8	<p>Lists of Masters' Competitions. IMSSC Regulations, Introduction, § 2, new wording. <u>A List the International Master Competitions approved by the IMSSC will be issued every year at the beginning October on the Official Website of the IMSSC</u></p>

	<p><u>www.imssc.org</u> and in the hard copy edition of the Masters International Speed Skating News "ICEOVAL". They will also be issued together with some additional Master Competitions, not approved by the IMSSC, at the Website of the ISU <u>www.isu.org</u> in the Official ISU Masters Competition List, but in common this list will be later completed.</p> <p>Sven Åge Svensson makes remarks about the text. Volker Serini will prepare new text for this proposal for summer session 2010.</p>
9	<p>Priority of IMSSC Rules. IMSSC Regulations, New Rule 1 (Other Rule numbers altered correspondingly): <u>IMSSC Rules have priority to ISU Rules in Master Competitions.</u> Other members of the IMSSC committee make a lot of remarks about this proposal. Bram de Vries proposes to make an addition "if conflicting" to this proposal: <u>IMSSC Rules have priority to ISU Rules in Master Competitions if conflicting.</u> Volker Serini will discuss in summer this issue with Gerd Zimmerman. The proposal with the addition of Bram de Vries is accepted with 11 votes in favor and 4 against the proposal.</p>
10	<p>Entry by electronic form. IMSSC Regulations, Rule 2.2, § 1, sentence 1. The official entry form of the competition is sent <u>by fax, mail or email to the organizer by the competitor or through representation of the club/association the skater belongs to. The entry form may also be in electronic form which is sent by the electronic way per Internet to the organizer.</u> Every competing skater must be licensed in his/her own country. This proposal was accepted with 13 votes in favor, 1 vote against the proposal and 1 abstention.</p>
11	<p>Address of the competition organizer. IMSSC Regulations, Rule 2.4, § 1, last sentence 1. The address for the confirmation is indicated <u>in the official announcement.</u> This proposal was accepted with 13 votes in favor and 1 abstentions.</p>
12	<p>Participants of Sprint and All-round Games in 2011. This proposal is withdrawn.</p>
13	<p>Change of Games to World Championships. This proposal is withdrawn (reason see item 6).</p>

Proposals of the Netherlands

<i>Propo- sals</i>	<i>Content of proposal</i>
1	<p>Amendment of Article 2 of Part I of the Constitution and Regulations 2009/2010, new version. Every nation can only have one member in the IMSSC. Every nation has 1 or more votes, depending on the number of participants in the last five years, the importance of the nation as a "Speed skating nation" and the geographic situation of a nation (inside-or outside Europe). The number of votes will be drawn up in the (summer) session and valid for three successive years. Every nation of the IMSSC may have an assistant taking part in the sessions of the IMSSC.</p>

	<p>There is lot of discussion about this proposal. Germany is against this proposal based on their vision on equality of every participating country. The USA recognizes the content of the Dutch proposal, but to the opinion of the USA this is not the way to implement this. Also Norway understands the Dutch proposal, but every country must be equal in the participation in the IMSSC committee, The proposal is rejected with 2 votes in favor, 11 votes against the proposal and 2 abstentions.</p>
2	<p>Winter and summer session. This proposal is already been processed, see proposal 3 of Germany.</p>
3	<p>Addition to Rule 2.1.4 Masters' International Single Distances. Masters' International Single Distances will be held at the same time and location as the Masters' International All-round Games. Every participant in the All-round Games will take part in the Single Distance with his times made during the All-round competition. A participant that only competes in the Single Distance has to meet a time limit on all distances. The time limits for the competition will be set every year by the IMMSC committee.</p> <p>There is a constructive discussion about this proposal. A number of advantages and disadvantages will be discussed. A solution is to extend the single distance competition which is held every year in the second half of March in the Netherlands at Heerenveen. The decision is made to discuss the proposal again at the next summer session.</p>
4	<p>Addition of Rule 2.3.1 Limit times for International Masters' Speed skating Games. Every participant has to inform the national IMSSC member of his (her) most recent time on the distances. It is the responsibility of the IMSSC member to accept the times. If the applicable time does not meet the IMSSC standard, the participant cannot take part in the competition unless the national IMSSC member decides otherwise in a written consent with an explanation. The board of the IMSSC will set up and publish the standard as frequent as she considers necessary.</p> <p>There is a lot of discussion about this proposal, also due the third time that the Netherlands proposes time limits. After voting the result is: The proposal is rejected with 1 vote in favor, 6 votes against the proposal and 7 abstentions.</p>

Proposals of the USA and Canada

<i>Propo- s- al</i>	<i>Content of proposal</i>
1	<p>Awarding of oldest competitor of every participating country. The IMSSC should present an award, in the name of the IMSSC, to the oldest skater participating in a senior National Championships or World Cup/Olympic trials qualifier. Each country would receive one award to present (or not present) at the discretion of the IMSSC member.</p>

	<p>The proposal is accepted with 8 votes in favor, 1 votes against the proposal and 5 abstentions.</p> <p>Action: Andrew Love will make a proposal in detail how the awarding will be filled in.</p>
2	<p>New regulation. If an IMSSC member does not attend 2 years of meetings in a row. Then their seat is declared open, and other individuals may apply to be the IMSSC representative for their nation.</p> <p>After discussion it was decided that USA will prepare an improved proposal to be discussed in the next summer session. Besides a proposal as mentioned above, we need formal rules to block participation of a certain member in IMSSC-meetings on particular formal reasons.</p>
3	<p>Changing of the name of all-round and sprint games into "world championships". Going ahead to change the names of our own two premier competitions to "Masters Sprint World Championships" & "Masters All Around World Championships". We have the support of many national associations to make this change. The ISU's resistance, at this point, is silly. This change would reflect the reality of our organizational accomplishments.</p> <p>This proposal is withdrawn, see result proposal 13 Germany.</p>
4 USA only	<p>Changing roles of summer and winter sessions of IMSSC. The IMSSC summer session should be changed so that we may vote on issues & have the ability to change IMSSC regulations during the summer session, the same way that we do in the winter session. We would hold the meeting over 2 days, and have much more time to revisit the activities of the winter session, and consider new proposals. This will evolve our organization at a much more thoughtful pace. I would advocate that the summer meeting would be our main LEGISLATIVE meeting of the year. The Summer meeting MUST be set up with AUDIO/VIDEO-CONFERENCE capability. So representatives who live far away may still be vital parts of the organization. Long plane flights are very expensive in both an individuals' time and financially to the IMSSC. Audio/video is often impossible during the winter meeting due to location restriction, but it must be a part of the summer meeting location choice. This technology is simple, affordable, and common. It must be tested from the meeting location before the meeting date. Proposals for the summer session would be due 1 month before the meeting.</p> <p>Adoption of role summer session, see proposal 3 of Germany.</p> <p>A discussion is held about videoconferencing facilities. In the meeting it will already become clear that professional services for videoconferencing on airports or close to airports are available.</p>

<p>Action: Andrew Love and Tjeerd Smies will execute a comprehensive research about videoconferencing facilities before 31 March 2010. If no videoconferencing facilities can be organized, the summer meeting will be held in Krefeld as usual.</p>

<p>Decision: The date of the summer session 2010 will be 29 May 2010.</p>
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9. Financial report and aspects

Bram de Vries gives an explanation of the financial report 2009 and answers questions about the annual financial report 2009.

For the budget 2010 there must be made a reservation for doping tests of € 2.000. One complete doping test will cost about € 1.000, but we must present to the ISU that the IMSSC is willing to invest in doping tests to get additional financing from the ISU.

Volker prepares the IMSSG Budget Proposal also with an additional amount for doping tests to be presented to the ISU Council for the autumn session in October 2010.

For travel expenses € 6.300 is reserved. Bram de Vries asks every representative to send as soon as possible the declaration for travel expenses winter session 2010 (travel expenses, hotel cost). For four members of the IMSSC the travel cost will be reimbursed by the IMSSG.

Cost compensation for hotel cost is as follows:

- Europeans: 2 days only with breakfast.
- USA, Asia: 3 days only with breakfast.

Travel cost will be reimbursed by € 0,25 per kilometer private car.

Bram de Vries is discharged as treasurer for the financial statement 2009.

11. Miscellaneous

11.1 *Participation of Ukraine Masters at MASTER CUP Berlin 20 and 21 March 2010*

Volker Serini recognizes much interest for participation by masters of the Ukraine at the MASTER CUP 2010 in Berlin and other International Master Competitions in the last years. Volker will make proposal for participation of an Ukrainian representative in IMSSC committee (Olexandr Simonenko), to be discussed in summer session.

11.2 *Situation in Russia with two competing skating federations/unions*

Vladimir Tkachenko and Anton Antonovskiy explain the current situation. The Russian Sports regulations only allow one union to organize competitions in Russia. A special conference by the Russian Speed Skating Federation is held and a special working group of 7 people is setup to organize speed skating competitions. It is not clear if all problems between the two competing skating federations/unions are solved. Participation in international masters speed skating competitions is now open for all skaters of the three federations/unions in Russia (RUS quota at Sprint Games and Allround Games will be filled up in the order of the date and time of the entries). Lasma Kauniste asks attention for the information on the Russian website. This information is 3 to 5 years old and no news is available about this special working group and the results of this group.

11.3 **Closure**

Volker Serini thanks everybody for their contribution to this winter session and thanks in particular **Sven Age Svensson** for the housekeeping of the records, **Bram de Vries** for the financial management, **Lasma Kauniste** for writing the records certificates and **Antonio Nitto and Paolo Gemme** for their great help in organizing the Masters' Allround Games 2010 in Baselga di Pinè.

Volker Serini closes the 32nd IMSSC Session.

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS' SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE (IMSSC)

Tjeerd Smies

Soerendonk/NED, 21 Mar 2010

(Secretary Minutes)

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