



International Masters' Speed Skating Committee

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Minutes 33rd IMSSC Session in Krefeld-Uerdingen/Germany

Saturday, 29 May 2010, 09:00 – 15:00 h (break 11:30 – 12:00),
Club House of the Swimming Club SV Bayer Uerdingen 08, Am Waldsee 25,
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KOR	Yoon-Soo Ra (<i>YSR</i>)	(Deputy)
LAT	Lasma Kauniste (<i>LK</i>)	(IMSSC Member)
NED	Bram de Vries (BdV)	(IMSSC Member)
NOR	Sven-Åge Svensson (<i>SAS</i>)	(IMSSC Member)
USA	Andrew Love (<i>AL</i>)	(IMSSC Member)

Distribution of the Minutes:

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

Session Opening

Volker Serini opened the meeting.

There was some discussion about video conferences vs phone conferences, which were not possible to arrange this time.

VS also stated that this session is only 1 day because IMSSC already had a session in winter. For next year there are plans to have an IMSSG meeting on Friday and an IMSSC meeting on Friday and Saturday (see item 6.5).

VS asked the Finnish participants to prepare the minutes of this session.

1. Approval of the Minutes 32rd IMSSC Session in Baselga di Pinè/Italy

There were some remarks on the Minutes of the 32rd IMSSC Session held in Baselga di Pinè/Italy on the 25 Feb 2010.

The minutes had been distributed 2 days before the deadline for corrections and remarks. This was not considered acceptable.

SAS: Re.: Point 2 Approval of the IMSSC Record List 2009

The required documents for recognizing IMSSC Records are: The Announcement plus formally signed Protocol including, time schedule, list of officials, start list, electronic end times, split times and lap times. If no electronic times exist, manual protocols with three individual clocks are necessary.

The mentioned record of Lasma Kauniste is the 500m record of 53,29 (AG 65) set in Inzell during the Sprint Games. It was missing in the printed ICEOVAL, but is recognized as a formal IMSSC Record and published on the IMSSC Website.

SAS: Re.: 6. Proposals for the ISU Congress 2010 to National Associations

Last two sentences are to be understood as follows: Now the German Masters will propose to the Congress of the DESG to make these proposals to the next ISU Congress in 2012. Volker Serini suggests that the other IMSSC Members try the same.

SAS: Re.: 8. Proposals for changing IMSSC regulations

Proposals of Germany – proposal no. 4

This proposal was rejected. Votes should be 1 vote in favour, 13 against and 1 abstention.

Proposals of the Netherlands – proposal no. 3

According to notes taken by SAS some important points of the discussion are missing: Extending the Single Distance Races in Hamar was also mentioned as an alternative for making Single Distance Games. Some disliked the tremendous number of awards, prize giving ceremonies and “champions” a Single Distance Games would create. The general attitude was that we should first see the success of the recently introduced Sprint Games. There was no voting on this proposal, but the discussion seemed likely to go on at future sessions.

Proposals of the Netherlands – proposal no. 4

The Netherlands proposed time limits for the fourth time in a row.

SAS: Re.: 9. Financial report and aspects

Key figures of the Annual Report is missing.

Total Income is € 8.449. Total Expenses are € 5.762 giving a positive result of € 2.688. Total assets are € 8.289 of which € 8.089 is Bank Account and € 200 is Accounts receivable.

Corrections (no new matters) in Constitution and Regulations 2009-2010

Corrections made by VS and the ISU-group (marked red in the document delivered by email 5 Mar 2010), were discussed and agreed upon. They will be included in the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations 2010-2011. See also GER Proposal 1.

2. Approval of the IMSSC Records List 2010

Discussion about the problem with Russian Masters' Championships. There had been two different versions of the invitation: 1 Russian and 1 English, and they were not identical (1500m and 1000m shifted). 1 World Record (Orlov) was made. It was approved (after discussion with Tron Espeli, Chairman ISU TC Sp.Sk.) because the change did not benefit the competitor. SAS recommended that the 1000m record by Boris Orlov should be accepted.

The records list 2010 was accepted. No negative votes. Some minor spelling corrections in names will be made.

BdV noted that 60 new records were made in 2010.

3. Allround Candidates 2013

- 2012 ALLROUND GAMES will be in Erfurt/GER.
- 2012 SPRINT GAMES will take place in Heerenveen or NN/NED.
- 2013 SPRINT GAMES will take place in Salt Lake City.
- 2013 ALLROUND GAMES will be held in Inzell/GER.
- Inzell has sent an application for Allround Games in 2013. Since there is no other application Inzell was accepted unanimously, no objections. SAS told, that Stavanger will no apply, maybe for the Sprint in 2014.
- VS concluded that we need applications for both Games in 2014 and invited all countries to make applications.

4. Proposals to National Associations concerning Masters ISU Rules

VS had prepared a letter to serve as a model for national associations to make a proposal to the ISU Congress 2012. SAS suspected that national associations would not do this, if it is not sure to be accepted. This is usually decided at a pre-meeting. There was discussion on the situation in different countries and the strategy to achieve this goal. We should find out who will be at the pre-meeting, who will be for and against in the national associations. We should contact the each person and explain the matter. It was decided that we try once more according to this strategy and if it does not work out, we think of other ways to handle the matter.

5. Proposals for changing IMSSC Constitution and Regulations and other proposals

Proposals GER for the 33rd IMSSC Session 29.5.2010

Proposal 1: (IMSSC Constitution and Regulations 2010 as sent to the IMSSC Members by email 5 Mar 2010)
Confirmation of the “Necessary Corrections”, marked in red.

Votes: Accepted unanimously, 11 votes in for

Proposal 2 (Lists of Masters’ Competitions)

IMSSC Regulations, Introduction, § 2, new wording:

A List of International Masters’ Speed Skating Competitions, approved by the IMSSC, will be issued every year at the beginning October on the Official Website of the IMSSC www.imssc.org and in the hard copy edition of the Masters’ International Speed Skating News “ICEOVAL”.

Voting: Accepted unanimously, 11 votes for

Proposal 3 (Entry forms to organizer or IMSSC Member)

Rule 3.2, sentences 1 and 2:

Substitution of “organizer” against “organizer or the National IMSSC Member (as required according to the announcement)”.

Votes: Accepted unanimously, 11 votes for

Proposal 4 (IMSSC Session in May or June) *compare to Norwegian proposal 2.*

Article 3: § 1, sentence 1; § 2, sentence 1, 3 4, sentence 1:

Substitution of “summer” by “May or June”.

Voting: 9 votes for
1 vote against
1 abstention

Proposal 5 and 6 (joined five year age groups and restriction of participants at the last distance) *combined with Norwegian proposal 6.*

(Rule 3.5 Drawing and Ranking; insertion of an additional paragraph after paragraph 2)

If the time schedule requires limitation of participants in the last distance of an Allround Competition, joined five year age groups have to be separated before the limitation of participants.

The limitation has to be done for every five year age group separately, according to IMSSC Rule 3.7. Afterwards five year age groups can again be joined for the last distance as described above.

(Rule 3.7 Restriction of participants in the last distance; age group addition)

...a minimum number of skaters of every five year age group must be allowed to skate according to the following rule: In the last distance 4 skaters of every five year age group are always allowed to skate. If there are more than 4 skaters in the five year age group, the rest of the skaters.....

The vote was held on the combined proposals 5 and 6, completed with the following sentence of the Norwegian proposal 6 (Modification of Rule 3.7): The "Number of skaters" refers to the number of skaters on the final Start List of the first distance for that Age Group.

Voting: 10 votes for
1 vote against

Proposals from Austria for the IMSSC Session Krefeld 29th May

Proposal 1: Master – (World-) Records

Master records are to be differentiated in indoor and outdoor records.

Discussion on the limits for outdoor/indoor competitions and the task of keeping record lists.

The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal 2: Doping Control by IMSSC

In order to achieve a higher acceptance rate at the ISU and to be recognized as a master speed skating World Championship race and in a further follow-Masters Speed Skating World Records to be allowed to run, it is certainly necessary to carry out doping controls. The proposal is an increase of the entry-fee for IMSSC race by 5,- €. Thus would the entry-fee for an IMSSC race be 13, - €.

After discussion it was decided that a working group with Hubert Kreutz and Andrew Love will make a study of the situation and necessary issues. Until then an entrance fee of 10 € will be used for International Master Competitions approved by the IMSSC including 2 € for a separate account, thus raising funds for future doping control. This should be added to the announcements for games.

Voting: 10 votes for
1 abstention

Proposal 3: Specification of the participation restriction for Allround / last distance at the Masters Games

The proposal was withdrawn. Already in ISU rule 240 and IMSSC rule 3.7.

Proposal from Canada

Canada proposes that the distances for 60 plus age groups be changed to 500, 1000, 1500 and 3000m. The 5000m eliminated.

Voting after discussion: 1 vote for
 6 against
 4 abstentions

PROPOSALS FROM THE NETHERLANDS FOR THE IMSSC MEETING AT KREFELD ON 29 MAY 2010.

Proposal 1. Rule 3.1.4: Choice of Ice Rink for Masters' Games.

If there is for the same Games an application with a Ice hall and an application with an outside Ice rink, the Ice hall will be the first choice.

SAS: This should not be taken into the rules, because then no other considerations are valid. Stable, fair, predictable conditions are always preferred. LA agreed.

Voting: 1 vote for
 7 votes against
 3 abstentions

Proposal 2. Rule 3.1.3b: Masters' International Single Distance Games.

Upgrading of the Long Distance Day in Heerenveen (The Netherlands) into the 1st Single Distance Games of the IMSSC.

The Event will be held during 2 days and both for Ladies and Gentlemen for 100m, 300m, 500m, 1.500m, 5.000m (1st day), and 1.000m, 1.500m, 3.000m, 10.000m.(2nd day).

Allround Ladies (500/1.500 + 1.000/3.000)

Allround Small Men (500/1.500 + 1.000/3.000)

Allround Big Men (500/5.000 + 1.500/10.000)

Participants claiming an Allround result cannot participate in other distances.

All other participants can skate the 1st day 3 distances including a 5.000m or 4 distances excluding the 5.000m.

All other participants can skate 2 distances on the 2nd day.

There was a discussion about the problem to find organizers for 2 games, what about 3. The possible inflation in championships. It was also considered wise to wait and see the success of the Sprint Games.

Voting: 2 votes for
 4 votes against
 5 abstentions

Proposal 3. Rule 2.3.1 (Addition)

The Organizer of an International Masters' Games has the right to maintain Limit times according to the IMMSC Time Table (see Rule 2.3.2).

Rule 2.3.2 (Addition)

Maximum Time Table: PROPOSED LIMIT TIMES

Exhibit Proposal 3 The Netherlands 32th IMSSC Meeting.

AGE GROUP	MAXIMUM TIME	MAXIMUM TIME
1500M		500M
Ladies 30	2.45.00	48.00
Ladies 35	2.47.50	49.00
Ladies 40	2.50.00	50.00
Ladies 45	2.52.50	51.50
Ladies 50	2.55.00	53.00
Ladies 55	2.57.50	55.00
Ladies 60	3.02.50	57.50
Ladies 65	3.07.50	1.01.00
Ladies 70	3.15.00	1.05.00
Ladies 75	3.22.50	1.10.00
Ladies 80	3.30.00	1.15.00
Ladies 85	3.40.00	1.20.00
Men 30	2.25.00	45.00
Men 35	2.27.50	46.00
Men 40	2.30.00	47.00
Men 45	2.32.50	48.50
Men 50	2.35.00	50.00
Men 55	2.37.50	52.00
Men 60	2.40.00	54.50
Men 65	2.45.00	58.00
Men 70	2.50.00	1.02.00
Men 75	3.00.00	1.07.00
Men 80	3.10.00	1.12.00
Men 85	3.25.00	1.17.00

Voting on time limits by organizer: 4 votes for
5 votes against
2 abstentions

Proposals from Norway
33rd IMSSC Session in Krefeld May 29th 2010.

Proposal 1: Modification of Article 2: Appointment and Status of IMSSC Members

Proposed Text:

Every nation can only have one member in the IMSSC. Members of the IMSSC are appointed by the IMSSC at the yearly Session. All members of the IMSSC have equal rights and one vote. A new Member from a new country can not start voting until the next session following the appointment. Every member of the IMSSC may have an assistant taking part in the Session of the IMSSC.

The vote was made on the above text, but with sentence 1 behind sentence 2.

Voting: 10 votes for
1 abstention

Proposal 2: Modification of Article 3: Sessions and Decisions of the IMSSC (paragraph 1 and 2)
 This matter was already decided (Ger proposal 2)

Proposal 3: Modification of Article 3: Sessions and Decisions of the IMSSC (paragraph 4)

Proposed text:

Part of the Annual IMSSC Income shall be used to cover travelling expenses for the IMSSC Members to the Session and back. The amount is decided by the IMSSC at the Session. If the decided amount is not sufficient to cover all travelling expenses, the travelling expenses of each IMSSC Member who participated, will be reimbursed partially at the same percentage.

IMSSC Members who get their travelling expenses covered by the IMSSG (ISU Masters' Speed Skating Working Group), will not be affected by this regulation.

Voting: Accepted unanimously, 11 votes for

Proposal 4: Addition to Rule 3.1.1. (New paragraph at the end.)

Proposed text:

Distances may be run according to 7 optional programs in a similar way to what is specified in ISU Rule 201. Each Age Group is considered a separate championship, which means that it is not needed to run all Age Groups in a category (e.g.men 30-60) according to the same program. The organizer needs acceptance of the IMSSC for the selected programs.

Two-day competitions

Program:	A	B	C
Age Groups:	Men 30-60	Ladies 30-65 Men 65+	Ladies 70+
First day:	1. 500m 2. 3000m	1. 500m 2. 1500m	1. 500m 2. 1000m
Second day:	3. 1500m 4. 5000m	3. 1000m 4. 3000m	3. 1500m

Three-day competitions

Program:	D	E	F	G
Age Groups:	Men 30-60	Ladies 30-65 Men 65+	Men 30-60	Ladies 30-65 Men 65+
First day	1. 500m 2. 3000m	1. 500m 2. 1500m	1. 500m	1. 500m
Second day	3. 1500m	3. 1000m	2. 1500m 3. 3000m	2. 1000m 3. 1500m
Third day	4. 5000m	4. 3000m	4. 5000m	4. 3000m

Voting: 10 votes for
 1 abstention

Proposal 5: Modification to Rule 3.6 Seeding at Masters' Single Distance Races

Proposed text:

At Masters' Single Distance Races seeding of skaters is allowed according to their best times of the season, their best times of the last season or their estimated times. Generally the five year age groups are seeded individually. For practical reasons, such as creating equal pairs/quartets and saving time, several age groups may be joined together for seeding, drawing and speed skating. However, final classification....

Voting: 10 votes for
1 abstention

Proposal 6: Modification of Rule 3.7 Restrictions of Participants in the Last Distance

This matter was already discussed and decided together with GER proposals 5 and 6.

Proposal 7:

Modification of Rule 4.2 Single Distances and Allround Competitions (last paragraph)

Proposed text:

IMSSC Records for 3 and 4 Distance 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 IMSSC Rule 3.1.1.

Voting: Accepted unanimously, 11 votes for

Proposal 8: Modification of Rule 4.4.2

Proposed text:

Result better than in the IMSSC Records List of the last season as published in the internet under www.imssc.org, and additionally in the International Masters' Speed Skating News ICEOVAL which is issued by the IMSSC in October as paperback.

If there is no previous record registered, the first who achieves a result may apply for a record.

Voting: Accepted unanimously, 11 votes for

Proposal 9: Modification of Rules 4.5, 4.5.1 and 4.5.2

Proposed text:

Rule 4.5.1 and 4.5.2 are deleted and Rule 4.5 will contain the following:

New IMSSC Records from last season are approved by the IMSSC at the Session, and the updated IMSSC Record List is published yearly on the internet at www.imssc.org, and additionally in the International Masters' Speed Skating News ICEOVAL which is issued by the IMSSC in October as paperback.

Voting: Accepted unanimously, 11 votes for

6. Miscellaneous

6.1. Document to be sent to organizers.

SAS and VS have prepared the IMSSC document Masters' Sprint Games and Masters' Allround Games Requirements and Advices to Organizers.

It includes the ISU-Rules for first aid. Payment of the IMSSC-fee must be updated.

6.2. *BdV* suggested, that the agreed 2000 € for doping control in 2011 could be taken from the budget for travel costs. This was accepted unanimously.

6.3. New members.

AL suggested that IMSSC should start a contact with Japan and asked how new members are invited. *VS* suggested, that *AL* can search and suggest the Japanese member in 2011 and the person will be able to vote in 2012.

VS said that two Ukrainian skaters are strongly interested to be appointed as Ukrainian IMSSC Member. But one of them does not speak English good enough for taking part in our sessions. There should be an internal discussion in the Ukraine before we decide upon an Ukrainian Member.

AL wished that *YSR* would bring more Korean skaters to the games.

6.4. Olympics

AL reported that Junior Speed Skating Olympics will come. There also exist plans on ISU- Masters' Olympic Games 2014 .

6.5. Next Session

VS suggested that the next Sessions of the IMSSG and IMSSC could be on the 27-28.5.2011.

SAS suggested a change of location; The Netherlands but not Amsterdam

The Session of the IMSSG could be at 10:00 – 12:00 and the Session of the IMSSC could start at 15:00 o'clock on Friday the 27th May and finish at 14:00 o'clock on Saturday the 28th. *BdV* will try to organize it. Country, date and time were accepted by the participants of the session.

Session Closing

The Session was closed by *VS* at 15:00 o'clock.

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS' SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE (IMSSC)

Nurmijärvi-Heinäkuuta/Finland, 27 July 2010

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