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Minutes (ver.2.0) 35th IMSSC Session in Krefeld/Germany

Saturday, 2 June 2012, 10:00 – 18:00 h (breaks 12:30 – 13:15, 15:00, 16:00, 17.00)

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ESP	Marcello Bresin	(MB)	(IMSSC Member)
FIN	Matti Kilpeläinen	(MK)	(IMSSC Member)
FIN	Dr.Ulla-Maj Björkses	(UMB)	(Assistant)
GER	Dr.Volker Serini	(VS)	(IMSSC Member)
GER	Reinhold Marsollek	(RM)	(Assistant)
ITA	Antonio Nitto	(AN)	(IMSSC Member)
ITA	Roberto Milesi	(RM)	(Assistant)
JAP	Kenji Takai	(KT)	(IMSSC Member)
KAZ	Azamat Ismailov	(AI)	(IMSSC Member)
NED	Bram de Vries	(BdV)	(IMSSC Member)
NED	Tjeerd Smies	(TS)	(Assistant)
NOR	Sven-Åge Svensson	(SAS)	(IMSSC Member)
RUS	Aleksandr Kharchenko	(AK)	(Deputy)
SUI	Hans-Peter Ambass	(HPA)	(IMSSC Member)
SUI	Peter Reimann	(PR)	(IMSSC Honorary Member)
SWE	Jan Landelius	(JL)	(IMSSC Member)
USA	Andrew Love	(AL)	(IMSSC Member)

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Agenda

1. Appointment Secretary Session Minutes
2. Approval of the Minutes 34th IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/NED 2011
3. Resignation of the present Office Secretary, Re-election of a new Office Secretary
4. Approval of the IMSSC Records List 2012
5. Allround Games 2015 and Sprint Games 2015, Applications
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7. Sprint Games in Kearns/Salt Lake City/USA 2013, Nations' Quota
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Session Opening

The meeting was opened by Volker Serini, who welcomed the participants, especially new members and Mr. Peter Reimann, IMSSC Honorary Member. VS then appointed AL as chairman of the session.

1. Appointment Secretary Session Minutes

Since nobody else appeared to be engrossed by the task, MB accepted to take notes and put in writing these minutes.

2. Approval of the Minutes 34th IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/NED 2011

SAS made some comments to point 4. Approval of the IMSSC Record List 2011. In block 8 beginning with: “- All the records obtained in Salt Lake City...”, the term “time list” should be corrected to: “complete list of officials”. In block 10 beginning with “SAS will publish the IMSSC Records List...”, also “time list” should be corrected to “complete list of officials”. Afterwards the Minutes of the 34th IMSSC Session in Amsterdam were approved unanimously.

3. Resignation of the present Office Secretary – IMSSC future structure/organization

Dr. Volker Serini/GER resigned from his task as IMSSC Office Secretary, which he did for about 20 years. Dr. Serini expressed his great thanks to all IMSSC Members who supported him during all the years in the development of Masters Speed Skating and thanked especially Sven-Aage Svensson/NOR, IMSSC Statistician, Bram de Vries/NED, IMSSC Treasurer, and Lasma Kauniste/LAT, IMSSC Secretary Record Documents, for their great support.

Based on the four proposals brought forward to the session in regards to the matter, a new organizational structure was to be voted between the German model (two Secretaries for IMSSC “Office I and IMSSC Office II”) and a combination of the schemes suggested by USA/ITA/ESP proposals. The result was 9 to 4 against the German model.

Followed a discussion about the concept of having two vice-presidents representing major geographical areas, and possible candidates: votes in favor of this motion were 9, 1 against and 3 abstentions. It was then asked who would be willing to accept the position of president/vice-president, to which RP pointed out that Canada's member Brett Arnason was up to it, as well as the representatives of the Netherlands. It was also suggested that KT and AI represented Asia in the ballot, to which AI declined and KT accepted.

At this point, a secret/written presidential election was conducted, with the following results:

- Tjeerd Smies: 10 votes
- Brett Arnason: 2 votes
- Kenji Takai: 1 vote

The new president was unanimously accepted as well as KT vice-presidency, there was one abstention in the case of Mr. Arnason.

Afterwards, the other positions in the new organizational structure of IMSSC are discussed at length. It is noted that SAS will continue his labor as the Committee's Statistician, while BdV will be the Treasurer, in spite of his resignation as a Member to be later presented. Mr. Paolo Gemme (ITA) accepts by phone to take charge as the Secretary, while AL and MB agreed on refurbishing and further developing the official website.

4. Approval of the IMSSC Record List 2012

After a scheduled break, SAS reported and clarified certain aspects about the record list: his recommendations were unanimously voted in acceptance. It was then brought forward the matter of records made in Salt Lake in March 2011 (USA's proposal from 2011 session). After long argumentations, certain members advocated to accept an exception to current rules regarding these particular records, which is put to vote. The result is 5 in favor, 3 negatives and 5 abstentions. While some members considered the motion passed, it is noted that the abstention votes cannot be counted as positive, so a new ballot is suggested under different terms. That is, if the members allow exceptions to certify records and other issues, or if rules are to be strictly followed in every case. The result is 4 in favor to tolerate exceptions, 1 abstention and 7 against that. As such, above mentioned records are not to be accepted nor registered by IMSSC.

5. Allround Games 2015 and Sprint Games 2015, Applications

The candidates for 2015 Games were as follows:

- All-round: Calgary and Kolomna;
- Sprint: Kolomna and Baselga di Piné.

After lunch recession, AK distributes a CD containing a very nice presentation of Kolomna's application, although a couple of members posed questions regarding possible problems with that location, to which AK offered guarantees. AN pointed out that too long a time passed between games organized at Baselga would be negative in many aspects. It is noted by many members that having both games at too distant locations in the same season might have negative economical consequences. The three combinations of candidates are then poised to vote, with the following results:

- Sprint in Kolomna/Allround in Calgary: 8 votes → Accepted
- Sprint in Baselga/Allround in Calgary: 0 votes
- Sprint in Baselga/Allround in Kolomna: 5 votes

At this point, USA member attempts to insert an extra item to the agenda, related to the 1st Masters International Short Track Games; after brief considerations, the board decided it was not the proper body to approve this event, and recommended that the IMSTC be revived. The IMSSC allowed the event to be placed on their 2012-2013 season calendar, and wishes it success.

6 Allround Games in Inzell/GER 2013, Nations' Quota

VS reported that the Allround Games 2013 are confirmed in Inzell/GER, and the possible entries are 235.

VS distributed to all members the document that shows the number of participants of each nation to the Allround Games since 2004 and the quota proposal for the next one. RP asked that CAN quota should be included in the "Other nations" quota, to which a vote is casted, with 10 in favor and 3 opposing (motion passed).

After a short discussion among the members the quotas agreed are as follow:

- Finland	12
- Germany	40
- Italy	12
- Netherlands	68
- Norway	44
- Russia	18
- Others	41
Total	235

Please note that after the approval of the proposal 8/NED ("Limitation of participants in announcements" at item 10) the previous quotas should be changed from "entries quotas" to "participants quotas" taking into account a -15% of skaters as follow:

- Finland	12	10
- Germany	40	34
- Italy	12	10
- Netherlands	68	58
- Norway	44	37
- Russia	18	15
- Others	41	36
Total	235	200

7 Sprint Games in Kearns/Salt Lake City/USA 2013, Nations' Quota

AL reported that the Sprint Games 2013 are confirmed in Salt Lake City/USA and the possible entries are 235, but he recommended to have NO quotas. A short discussion followed, and it was suggested by SAS that at least a certain limit should be placed. It was decided and unanimously voted that no country could have more than 60 skaters in the entry list by the organizer's deadline date.

8. Others International Masters Competitions in 2012/2013

VS listed all the International Masters Competitions in 2012/2013 besides the Games, which were confirmed by the IMSSC; so far the only competitions with confirmed date for next season are:

- Dec.8 th ..9 th 2012	Baselga di Pinè/ITA	7 th Masters' Revival
- Jan. 5 th ..6 th 2013	Milwaukee/USA	3 rd USA Single Distance Championships
- Jan. 26 th ..27 th 2013	Winnipeg/CAN	5 th Canadian Open
- Feb. 2 nd ..3 rd 2013	Inzell/GER	16 th Sprint Classics
- Feb. 22 nd ..24 th 2013	Inzell/GER	22 nd Master Allround Games
- Mar 16 th ..17 th 2013	Kearns/SLC/USA	5 th Master Sprint Games
- Apr.5 th ..7 th 2013	Kolomna/RUS	3 rd Russian Single Distance Races

9. Financial Report 2011, Financial Preview 2012

BdV presented in advance (via e-mail) the IMSSC account statement for 2012 and a preview for 2012, reported about the cash audit and answered a couple of questions. The Bank accounts on 31 Dec 2011 were holding 15.327,75 €, the Capital on 31 Dec 2011 was 15.079,75 €. The Income from Competition contribution in 2011 was 9.540 €. The Income from competition contribution in 2012 is estimated as 10.440 €.

After a short break, the financial statement was unanimously approved.

The travelling expenses (travel, hotel) of the IMSSC Members and IMSSC Member Deputies to the IMSSC Session can be borne for the 35th IMSSC Session in Krefeld 2011 probably to 100 %. BdV suggested that also assistants should be reimbursed by 50% of their travelling expenses, but most members disagreed. However, from now on non members actively involved in IMSSC tasks (such as BdV and Gemme) would have their travelling expenses covered for IMSSC sessions.

10. New Proposals for changing IMSSC Constitution and Regulations and Other Proposals

The issue regarding Russia's IMSSC Member was brought forward at this point. AK explained the current situation, then resigned as candidate and proposed to accept as new Russian IMSSC Member Mr. Boris Repnin. In spite of puzzlement from a couple of members, his initiative was approved by 12 votes in favor and 1 negative, so Mr. Repnin was appointed new Russian IMSSC member. The proposals received from the various IMSSC members were 47 listed below in chronological order of arrival:

1. Germany	7 proposals	3 pages	arrival 15 Feb 2012
2. Austria	2 proposals	2 pages	arrival 09 Apr 2012.
3. Netherlands	8 proposals	2 pages	arrival 17 Apr 2012
4. Russia	2 proposals	1 page	arrival 19 Apr 2012
5. Spain	4 proposals	2 pages	arrival 18 Apr 2012
6. Norway	11 proposals	6 pages	arrival 20 Apr 2012 13:07
7. USA	10 proposals	4 pages	arrival 20 Apr 2012 20:32
8. Italy	3 proposals	2 pages	arrival 20 Apr 2012 22:01
SUM	47 proposals	(32 in 2011)	

There were as well a few postponed proposals from 34th IMSSC Session, still to be decided:

1. Austria	1 proposal	2 pages	arrival 27 Mar 2011
2. Russia	2 proposals	1 page	arrival 06 Apr 2011
3. Germany	1 proposal	1 page	arrival 11 Apr 2011
4. Norway	1 proposals	1 page	arrival 15 Apr 2011
5. Netherlands	3 proposals	1 page	arrival 16 Apr 2011
6. USA	1 proposals	1 page	arrival 17 Apr 2011
SUM	9 proposals		

Prior to start voting, it was decided that Austria's proposals should be considered last, as their subject (doping controls) required a deep and long debate.

Proposals GER

1. IMSSC Office: already discussed & voted, dismissed.
2. Travelling expenses for IMSSG members forfeit: unanimously voted in favor.
3. IMSSC session every second year: informally voted out.
4. IMSSC council: dismissed.
5. IMSSC annual session in conjunction with Master Games: 2 in favor, 11 against – Not approved.
6. Official contacts with ISU: unanimously voted in favor.
7. Voting out of members: unanimously voted in favor.

Proposals NED

1. TS substituting BdV in IMSSC board: unanimously voted in favor.
2. Assistant for TS: not necessary to vote, as assistants are appointed independently by members.
3. Ladies races modifications: voted and approved by 12 votes (1 opposing).
4. Reasonable qualification times: voted and approved by 10 votes (2 oppose, 1 abstains).
5. Text modification in rules regarding BdV resignation, approved without voting.
6. Mass start race (6 laps) for non-qualified skaters to 4th race in All-round games mandatory for organizers; first three get times/points for final classification. Such rule shall appear in future master games event announcements. It was unanimously voted in favour.
7. Schedule of members' resignations: voted against by 7 negatives, 4 in favor, 2 abstentions.
8. Limitation of participants in announcements: approved by 11 votes in favor, 2 against it.

Proposals RUS

1. World Games denominated "World Championships": opposed unanimously.
2. Elimination of summer IMSSC sessions: already discussed & voted, dismissed.

Proposals ESP

1. Budgetary revisions: already discussed & voted, dismissed except in regards IceOval publication. It is suggested that IMSSC will continue its publishing but only in digital format, as it is too expensive to print and distribute in paperback edition.
2. IMSSC organizational structure: already discussed & voted, dismissed.
3. IMSSC official website: already established that AL and MB will take duties redesigning, administering and republishing it.
4. All-round games, 4th race: a similar motion from Netherlands was recently approved, so this proposal was withdrawn.

Proposals NOR

As all these proposals were related to wording modifications in IMSSC's regulations and Constitution, so they were unanimously accepted and approved as they were presented, with the following exceptions:

Prop. 2 – Rule 1, priority of IMSSC rules / Proposed text, 2^o paragraph (corrected):

"It is the intention of the IMSSC that corresponding rules in the course of time shall be incorporated into the ISU rules."

Prop. 11 – Rule 4.5 IMSSC Records / Proposed text correction: to delete "*as paperback*", since IceOval will no longer be published in printed form.

At about 17.00 hours MK & assistant left the session, so votes were a total of 12 from then on.

Proposals USA

1. Meeting chairman: already discussed and implemented.
2. Communications structure: dismissed.
3. Meeting location & organization: already discussed, dismissed.
4. Voice meetings quorums: dismissed.
5. Committee roles: already discussed & voted, dismissed.
6. Travel reimbursements qualifications: already discussed, dismissed.
7. Single distance award: motion passed by unanimous vote, but proposal to be rewritten by AL.
8. Master of the year: rejected by 7 votes against, 5 in favor.
9. Press releases: rejected by 9 votes against, 3 in favor.
10. Nomination of VS as Honorary member: not possible, as he's still the active GER member.

Proposals ITA

1. IMSSC/ISU relationship: withdrawn.
2. IMSSC organization: already discussed & voted, dismissed
3. IMSSC to accept masters age group 20-29: rejected by 9 votes against, 2 in favor, 1 abstention.

11. Postponed Proposals for changing IMSSC Constitution and Regulations and other Proposals from 34th IMSSC Session Amsterdam/NED

Proposals RUS

1. Modification all-round games: unanimously opposed.
2. Long distance games: unanimously opposed.
3. Time limits qualifications: already discussed & voted, dismissed.

Proposals GER

1. Games organizer: already discussed & voted, dismissed.

Proposals NOR

1. Modification of rule 4.4.11: motion passed with 11 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

Proposals NED

1. Maximum age for members: withdrawn.
2. Members serving time: withdrawn.
3. Voting personal names in written: already implemented.

Proposals USA

1. Replacement of members: already discussed & voted (there was a “voting out” rule approved during this session).

Proposal AUT

1. Doping controls: the matter is deemed too complex; it needs more consideration before execution. AL promised to undertake the task with Mr. Kreutz for future sessions.

12. ISU Matters

VS and SAS gave a report concerning their recent meeting with ISU's higher officials, enlightening the board about Masters' present standing towards speedskating's governing body. The IMSSC assumed that it should keep operating in the usual proficient manner, while maintaining a low profile towards ISU. Everybody agreed that Master's aim should be to work and compete under ISU's umbrella.

13. Miscellaneous

- A demand was made by KT to note down which countries were not represented in this session, and if eventually those members justified their absence. It turns out only a couple of them did so to VS.
- An argument regarding figure skating did arise, but was quickly dismissed as irrelevant.
- VS requested that race protocols should be made simpler and available as downloads from organizers websites (or sent to participants via e-mail), to which all members agreed.
- TS shall sign up editors for IceOval, which as per previous discussion will be edited only in digital format and available to be downloaded from IMSSC's official website (eventually sent via e-mail to influential ISU members).
- It is suggested that Paolo Gemme, as appointed Secretary, should insert/modify IMSSC rules and Constitutions as per this session voting.
- A tentative date/place was suggested and accepted for the 36th IMSSC session: May 25th 2013 in Amsterdam.

Session closing

At 18:00 hours, AL as chairman of the meeting thanked the participants, especially VS for his more than 20 years of service to IMSSC, and proceeded to close the session.

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS' SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE (IMSSC)

Tenerife, June 19th 2012

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