

Minutes on Congress of Delegates at the Coque in Luxembourg

Friday, July 9, 2010 from 9am to 6pm

Attending Delegates: pls. see attendance list

Present: 79 delegates, 103 eligible votes.

1. Opening, Welcome and Approval of Minutes from Yamanashi.

Opening and Welcome

André Henrard, vice-president of FLMP welcomes the delegates and guests, introduces the supporting program of the meeting, and wishes the Congress of Delegates a complete success.

Subsequently the chairman welcomes the national presidents, the delegates as well as the honorary guest, the IVV honorary president Horst Volkmer and Marc Mueller, IML vice-president.

The presidium asked vice president Raymond Claude to be in charge of the Congress of Delegates in lieu of the late president Mr. Josef Gigl.

To begin with, Mr. Raymond Claude asks the delegates if they would mind that the meeting will be taped and Pia and George Kintziger formed the meeting office.
There were no dissenting votes.

Horst VOLKMER - IVV-Honary President

„The IVV is still under shock“, stated the IVV honorary president, Horst Volkmer in his welcome speech. He knew the late Sepp Gigl since 1970 and called him the IVV walker par excellence. He asked all walkers to carry on with Sepp Gigl's visions.

That the IVV still is present and spreads further is the credit of the associations and the presidium. The people need to be motivated further on, especially the young. It shouldn't be let up in order to keep this public sports movement alive. Especially elder people need the exercise, the sociality, says honorary president Horst Volkmer.

He pointed out that our public sport does not need infrastructure. Our starting point is the nature and therefore nature protection should also play an important role during all our events.

Finally he called the delegates to not loose the basic idea of the IVV when adjusting the statutes, rules and guidelines. He wishes the managing presidium to always make the right decisions, until the elections of a new president will take place next year.

Marc MULLER - IML

In representation of Ron Hendricks, IML president, Marc MULLER delivers his best wishes for this year's congress. He was struck by the sudden death of Sepp Gigl and in the name of IML sends the

deepest sympathy to all concerned parties.

Since IML and IVV have similar goals, also if the structures are different, he is very pleased to sign such an agreement with the IVV, after a two years probation time. He mentioned some passages of the agreement and commemorates that our popular sport is performed without pressure to perform and without opponents. No appliances are needed, since nature provides everything, like our feet, our legs, our body and our head.

Approval of Minutes of Yamanashi

The meeting minutes of the Congress of Delegates in Yamanashi are accepted with one consent.

Tribute to the Dead

With a moving mourning speech Giuseppe Colantonio reports on the huge dismay and sorrow that struck the IVV family on the sudden death of our beloved president Josef Gigl. He referred to the merits of the deceased and the companionship that connected us with him. He expressed his deepest sorrow to his wife Isolde and her family.

Minute's Silence

A minute's silence was held for public sportsmen deceased in the past year.

2. Identification of the Attendant Delegates and the Quorum

74 national presidents and delegates, as well as 5 presidium members are present. Thus makes a legal vote of 103. The necessary majority at the elections is therefore 52 votes.

3. Appointment of Electoral Committee

Chairman Raymond Claude calls three delegates into the electoral committee, according to suggestions from the congress:

Uwe Kneibert – DVV
René Kieser – VSL
Klaus Nilsen – DMF

There were no suggestions to enlarge the electoral committee by further persons.
The committee named Mr. Uwe Kneibert as chairman of the electoral committee.

4. Further Greetings of the Honorary Guests

For the press conference at 11:30am further honorary guest were invited who also addressed greetings to the delegates.

Guy FUSENIG – Sports commissioner of the sport ministry of Luxembourg

Guy Fusenig, in representation of the Luxembourg sport minister, is happy to welcome numerous guests at the 'Coque'. He looks at the IVV as a world association with a large number of members, who especially support their health by performing public sports. He also likes to spend his vacation with walking and considers the FLMP as a very active association.

Also very enjoyable is the foundation of an European association with the seat in Luxembourg. This is the 4th European confederation in Luxembourg, after the swimming association, the table tennis association and the volleyball association. He pointed out, that the state of Luxembourg is prepared to provide office space, if necessary.

Finally he wished all participants of the congress a pleasant stay in Luxembourg.

John SCHADECK - Tourism Ministry

He greeted the participants of the IVV Congress of Delegates with the words „Härzlech Wëllkomm zu Lëtzebuerg”. He congratulated the Luxembourg association for choosing the “Coque” as meeting location, one of the buildings that forms the image of the capital.

Also, no better place than Luxembourg could have been chosen for founding an European association. Surrounded by various European institutions, this is probably the best society to mingle with.

Since walking is one of the main sports of the IVV, he referred a little more specific to walking in Luxembourg. Walking experienced a certain renaissance during the last years and Luxembourg offers diverse landscapes as well as numerous walking trails on a total distance of 5,000 kilometers.

Werner PÖRSCH - Representative of European Commission in Luxembourg

Werner Pörsch also thanks for the invitation and outlines the good relations with the Luxembourg association FLMP, as well as with the international association IVV.

He is especially happy about the foundation of an European public sports association and points out that, similar to Luxembourg City, also the European Commission, and especially the Head Office for Education and Culture, accompanies these activities and in particular cases supports them.

He looks forward to a consolidated collaboration and wishes best of luck and good success.

5. Reports

Report of the President: (integral report see attachment 1)

In place of the late president Josef Gigl the presidium asked Vice-president Raymond Claude to work out and present this report.

In honor of the late president Josef Gigl, Raymond Claude gives a review on the activities of the presidium since the election in Ötepää: Creating an IVV Office in Altötting, revision of the IVV Statutes, Rules and Guidelines, better communication and information with a new IVV website and the World Report, developing of a new strategy for promoting the IVV worldwide, by supporting the foundation of continental confederations, better collaboration with international associations, e.g. signing an agreement for collaboration with IML.

Finally Raymond Claude asks the delegates, for reasons of respect for the lately deceased president, to not elect a new president during this Congress of Delegates and wait until Antalya. The current managing presidium will conduct the ongoing tasks until then.

Treasurer’s Report (see attachment 2)

The treasurer’s report was presented and distributed by Walter Motz.

Report of Cash Auditors

Michel Courtier reads the cash report and asks for approval for the treasurer.

Approval for the Reports

The reports are accepted by the delegates with one consent.

6. Discussion and Resolution of Submitted Motions

The chairman, Raymond Claude thanks the rules and standards commission in the name of the presidium. He thanks Mr. Rudi Bräuml, Mr. Gérard Wohl and Mr. Uwe Kneibert for the work regarding the revisions of the IVV orders.

The managing presidium makes the motion to enact the orders below as new parts of the IVV statutes:

Admission Order
Rules of Finances and Dues
Routine Orders
Olympiad Order
Honor Entitling Order
Order for Punishment
Arbitration Court Order

After that the chairman gives the floor to Mr. Kneibert. According to his explanations all orders were submitted to all member countries of the IVV in English and German at the end of November/beginning of December 2009. At the same time they were asked to submit their change requests to the rules and standards commission in written form by the end of February 2010. Neither within the deadline, nor until today any change requests have been presented to the congress of delegates.

Also on question of Mr. Kneibert to all delegates, there were not expressed any change requests regarding the orders.

Mr. Kneibert then asked the delegates, if the voting can be made in one ballot for all orders. All delegates agreed.

Decision: All orders were accepted by the delegates with one consent.

7. Motions for Public Sports Olympiad 2013 with Election of Olympiad Location

Introductorily Vice-president Miyashita Mitsumasa gives a review of the Olympiad in Japan in 2009.

In the following Mr. Uwe Kneibert, as chairman of the electoral committee, explains the conditions and procedure for the elections of the Olympiad 2013. He also informs the delegates that the candidature of Norway couldn't be accepted, since it didn't meet the current standards for awarding a public sports Olympiad.

The remaining applicants China, Austria and South Tyrol introduced themselves in this sequence to the delegates.

Subsequently the members of the electoral committee, Rene Kieser and Klaus Nielson, distributed the voting slips to the delegates and recollected them after completion.

Afterwards the electoral committee counted the delivered votes, which showed the following

results:

Voting: 103 delegates entitled to vote
102 voting slips were distributed
102 voting slips were collected
The total majority sums up to $51+1 = 52$ votes

Election results: South Tyrol: 59 votes
China: 32 votes
Austria: 11 votes

Thus, South Tyrol reached the total majority in the first voting and organizes the public sports Olympiad 2013 in Val Gardena.

Referring to the attached election record.

8. Tributes

Bronze Merit Award with Certificate:

Pieters Vouthers – Belgium
Michel Cornelly – Belgium
Eduard Van Hissenhoven – Belgium
Viggo Oterhals - Sweden

Silver Merit Award with Certificate:

Renzo Danesi – Italy – The award will be handed to him in Antalya
Jacques Fontaine - Canada

Gold Merit Award with Certificate:

Brian Tilbury – Great Britain

The suggestion of the presidium to nominate the late president Josef Gigl post mortem as honorary president is accepted with one consent. The official ceremony, to which his wife Isolde Gigl will be invited, takes place at the congress of delegates in Antalya 2011.

9. IVV Event Book 2011

The secretary asks all associations and single member clubs to forward their data, dates and order quantities by September 15, 2010 as a word file to the IVV Head Office: IVV-Headoffice, Fabrikstr. 8, 84530 Altötting, Germany.

He also asks all associations to shorten the number of pages, to reduce the contents, to avoid all advertising and only send what the walkers are interested in.

10. Discussion on Changing Guidelines

The guidelines were also revised by the rules and standards commission, and forwarded to the member countries together with the orders for comments.

The aim of the reform was, according to the explanations by Uwe Kneibert, to implement new

kinds of events and with a view to giving the single awards, find the maximum basis, but also give space to the member associations in realizing this within their countries.

Only Canada submitted a comprehensive statement to the draft of the guidelines, which was handed out to all delegates with the conference binder. The concern of Canada, according to president Pinsonneault, was the terms used in the English translation. It was agreed on, that there will be made a linguistic adjustment together with the IVV Head Office.

At Germany's suggestion the wording for merging the RWW with PW will be revised. Additionally the event form aqua walking will be deleted from B) VII and added to B) III.

Other change requests were neither made in written form nor verbally. In the following the guidelines came to voting.

Decisions: The new guidelines were accepted by the delegates with one consent.

11. IVV Confederations (see attachment 3)

Raymond Claude points out the importance for the IVV to create continental confederations, in order to be able to be an active worldwide international association. A document regarding the confederations has been submitted to the delegates.

Regarding the question of the Belgium association, how the different confederations shall be represented in the IVV, the chairman answers, that it is planned to eliminate two posts of vice-presidents, and that one representative of each confederation should be represented in the IVV presidium.

France raised concerns regarding creating continental confederations, because Europe would reach too much influence in the IVV with its strong representation. Raymond Claude answers that this is already the case, and that on the contrary, other continents will get more influence in the IVV by forming continental confederations. With other sports, like FIFA, the situation is similar.

For Canada, who works together with the USA and Brazil, this is no problem; they don't feel disowned by the IVV.

For the USA the priority is to further develop public sports, and in this regard it is an important step for Canada, Brazil and the USA to form a confederation.

Finally, Raymond Claude suggests to the delegates that the presidium will prepare a change of the IVV statutes for Antalya, regarding the admission of confederations to the IVV.

The suggestion is accepted.

12. Various, Wishes

Brazil presents a short report on their work since they have been admitted as an association in York and invites the presidium to Brazil.

The Turkish association, in the presence of the mayors of Antalya and Kemer, introduces the preparations for the Olympiad, as well as various accommodation options.

Finally, the chairman thanks the delegates for the work they did, the Luxembourg association for the excellent organization of the congress of delegates, and Tanja for the sound translation.