

Meeting Minutes Executive Presidium

Ottawa 11th Oct, 2013 (10 am – 1 pm)

Halifax 13th Oct, 2013 (10 am – 1 pm)

Present : Giuseppe COLANTONIO, Graham FAWCETT, Raymond CLAUDE, Walter MOTZ

1. Welcome and Introduction

The President welcomed all IVV Presidium members and thanked the Canadian association for the invitation and informed that there had been no Presidium meeting in Canada since the Canadian association was found.

2. IVV Financial Report

The Treasurer informed about the bank balance of 30th September, 2013 and rated the financial situation as appropriate for the course of the year.

The real revenues and expenses as per 30th September were compared in detail with the planned revenues and expenses of the budget plan.

It was discussed how to proceed with members who don't pay their invoices over a longer period. If not answered or paid after demand to pay the invoice, the Executive Presidium will call in the Disciplinary Board. According Statutes § 5 (2) e) member countries are bound to pay.

3. Website and Online Survey

Since the Presidium decided earlier in the spring to no longer publish the IVV Calendar of Events, it also decided to propose an alternative to replace it. Accordingly, an online survey was created to determine the feasibility of an online database for all Volkssport events. Multiple choice questions were devised to: (a) establish contact with those already involved in collecting and publishing national data, (b) determine the methods by which data is already collected, (c) determine the size of each organization and various aspects of its overall walking program, (d) determine which specific data points are already being collected for publication, (e) accept suggestions for any other features that an online source of information allows to enhance its value to users.

More than half of all IVV members gave detailed replies on the points above before the September 15 deadline. Those members who did not respond will be asked again to respond before December 15. Work is already well underway on creating the database as an integral feature of the existing IVV website. All information will be searchable by country, type of event and date. Initially, the data used to create and test the database will be from Canada. The stated goal for final publication is January

2015, but means will be found to publish event information in an alternate format as early as January - February of 2014.

All IVV members are requested to continue gathering their information as they have in the past, especially through the use of existing spreadsheets or databases. The specific data points and their format were given in the survey and a guideline will be available on the IVV website (Home Page menu: 'Documents and resources' > 'Other IVV documents'). For those members that do not use electronic means for their data collection, they may prepare a Word document listing all Permanent Trails by location and scheduled events by date. Again, a sample format will be available on the 'Other IVV documents' web page. More information on the survey results will be published in the next IVV World Report.

4. Discussion of United Presidium Meeting Minutes in Selva Gardena

The IVV Presidium rated the United Presidium meeting as worthwhile and confirmed the next United Presidium meeting 2014 during the Europiade in Marostica. The United Presidium is a stage of experience exchange and coordination between the Continental Confederations and the common works and initiatives of the Continental Confederations. Curt Myron, President of IVV-Americas, participated the United Presidium meeting for the first time. A short report of the meeting in Selva will be published on the internet and in the World Report.

5. Bilance and Conclusions of Organization of the IVV Olympiad in Selva

The Olympiad in Selva was a great success despite little mistakes that have to be avoided in the future:

- If possible, the association should not choose a private and commercial touristic partner, as they work exclusively in their own interest and have no respect for the interests and goals of the IVV association;
- All details of the organization should be checked in advance. Participants had, despite of Olympiad passport, to pay when renting bikes, this was for the first time at an IVV Olympiad;
- To define in advance when the financial final report has to be presented: Four months after the Olympiad in Selva the financial report has not been presented yet;
- The walking and mountainbiking routes should be checked in detail before the Olympiad, if this had been done, the routes for mountainbiking wouldn't have received a homologation.

6. Status of preparation works of Olympiad in Chengdu

On enquiry, the Olympiad organizers sent a report of their preparation works to the IVV Presidium.

Up to now the preparation works are the following: Creation of an Olympiad logo and mascot, the Olympiad center and further venues and routes have been chosen roughly, but must still be approved by the IVV Presidium. First promotion steps for the IVV Olympiad in China were done.

In October 2013 the "China Volkssport Association" will sign the contract with Chengdu and in November the organization committee and the representative of the IVV Presidium will be introduced. In December the Olympiad Website will be finished and the Olympiad will be published in the official calendar "National Fitness Events" in China.

In February/March 2014 Giuseppe Colantonio and Raymond Claude will meet the Olympiad organizers in Chengdu to check all details and venues. A meeting with the responsible people of Chengdu is also planned. In 2015, five to four months before the Olympiad, a meeting of the IVV Presidium and Olympiad organizers is planned.

7. IVV Europa Congress in TATA (Hungary) 28th September, 2013, Conclusions

All member countries, except Turkey and Poland, participated the first IVV Europe Congress in TATA. Russia was represented by our single member club. France was accepted unanimously as new IVV Europe member. A new Presidium was elected: Uwe Kneibert President, Alberto Guidi Vice-President, Georges Kintziger Vice-President, Friedrich Ploner Treasurer. The meeting took place only half a day, the question is if it is indicated to prolong the meeting to a whole day by doing speeches or study groups for certain topics, e.g. sourcing the associations or other topics.

Even if the Continental Confederations are working independently, they are bound to the IVV Statutes and a coordination of projects and objectives of the single Continental Confederations is desirable. This is the goal of the United Presidium in which the Continental Confederations are represented. It is also important that the Executive Presidium is represented at the Congresses of the Continental Confederations.

Graham Fawcett introduced the project of the database and results of the survey and answered questions of the associations. The project was rated as very positive, especially by Germany and France.

8. Report about IVV Canada and IVV Americas

On 18th October an informal IVV Presidium meeting took place in Vancouver (Giuseppe Colantonio, Graham Fawcett, Raymond Claude) with Curt Myron, President IVV Americas. Curt Myron informed the Presidium about the following:

- After the first IVV Americas General Assembly on 15th Sept 2013 by telephone conference and election of the officers, the first priority is to set up a website before the beginning of the New year.

- Finances: Bank accounts are in the process of being set up in each of the member countries - Canada & Brazil. IVV Americas will make a formal request of 5,000 € as was done by each of the other two Continental Confederations. The IVV Congress will decide if this loan will be forgiven at the end of 5 years. Other funds are available for special projects. Initial funding will be through the sale of 'Individual memberships' in the IVV-Americas " Further funds will be found through the sale of patches. It was suggested that IVV-Americas devise and sell its own special 'Cup' Record Books for Special Walking Programs.
- Future planning
IVV-Americas will prepare a formal motion on the matter of defined territory for each of the Continental Associations. A first draft will be submitted to the IVV United Presidium in Marostica in June 2014. It was IVV-America's contention that funds in countries where no IVV association exists should be theirs. In discussion, it was agreed that the IVV Office would continue to collect these funds and issue the stamps, but would pass the funds on to the Continental Association. Motions on these matters will be submitted in Hamburg.
- Americanpiad: Due to the geographic separation of existing members, and the absence of such a large IVV member as the AVA, it was stated that there was little hope of holding an event such as an 'Americapiad' until the AVA joins IVV-Americas.

9. Miscellaneous

TAFISA:

The TAFISA Congress will take place from 23rd – 28th October, 2013 in Enschede (Holland), Raymond Claude will represent the IVV there. TAFISA consists mainly of national associations and therefore the decision was made at the latest TAFISA Congress in Antalya 2011 to found a „Global Alliance“ of these international associations, the coordination will be done by TAFISA.

A first meeting of 11 international associations will take place in Enschede to found a stage to exchange experiences and promote “Sports for all” as well as common support and coordination. IVV agreed to participate this stage of „Global Alliance“.

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The IVV Presidium schedule is as following:

- Arrival in Marostica: 15th June
- Monday, 16th June: 8.30 - 10.30 am Meeting Executive Presidium
- Monday, 16th June: 11 am – 12.30 pm and 2 pm – 6 pm Meeting United Presidium
- Tuesday, 17th June: Walk and afterwards trip to Venice incl. boat trip in laguna.

- Wednesday, 18th June from 8 am: Trip to Mantova, opening of new FIASP Head Office, reception Mayor and city sightseeing
- Thursday: Opening Europiade