

**Minutes of IVV-Congress of Delegates at Highland Resort Hotel & Spa
Fujiyoshida, Yamanashi, Japan
on Thursday Donnerstag, 14th May, 2009
9am -12am and 1.30pm-3pm**

Present: see attendance list

1) Opening and Welcoming

IVV President Josef Gigl greeted the attending delegates as well as Mr. Shigeaki Kokubo, Director of Japan Walking Association, Mr. Michinobu Kitani, Executive Director of Japan Walking Association, Mr. Deryck J. Shaw Vice President IML, Mr. Dirk De Boever, Secretary IML, Honorary President Mr. Horst Volkmer and Mr. Mitsumasa Miyashita, President of organizing committee of 11th IVV-Olympiad and as IVV Vice President organizer of the Congress of Delegates in Yamanashi, Japan.

The IVV President also welcomed Mr. Shinshiro Ebashi, Honorary President of „Japanese Volkssport Association“

The IVV Congress of Delegates was called properly by stating place, time, and agenda in written form and via e-mail on 26th February, 2009.

Motions according agenda point 8 were handed in until 14h April, 2009 and sent to the national associations as well as the budget.

The minutes of York were sent in time. Regarding election two alterations were suggested. These were altered immediately.

28 national associations were invited, 14 are present at the Congress of Delegates.

The IVV Presidium is present with 5 members.

2) Minute´s Silence

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

3) Greeting

Mr. Mitsumasa Miyashita, President of organizing committee of 11th IVV-Olympiad and Organizer of Congress of Delegates in Yamanashi, Japan, welcomed all delegates.

Thereafter Honorary President Mr. Horst Volkmer welcomed the guests. It is a great pleasure to him to see old friends again and meet new delegates. The Honorary President gives his wishes for a good course of the meeting.

After the greetings Josef Gigl took over the lead of the meeting.

4) Identification of the attendant delegates and the quorum

48 delegates,
8 national presidents,
and 5 presidium members,
thus attendant **61 delegates entitled to vote.**

5) **Approval Minutes of Congress of Delegates in York/Great Britain, Saturday 5th July, 2008**

None of the delegates had questions to the last meeting minutes from York. The minutes were accepted with one consent.

6) **Report of the President**

The IVV has become 40 years young.

In 1968 it was founded by 4 countries – **Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria and Germany** in Lindau/Bodensee.

Currently 28 national associations belong to the IVV in Europa, North and South America as well as Asia. In other countries there are about 50 single clubs who have the aim to found national associations.

The IVV as world wide, non-profit making organization had the urgent need of a professional administration and a permanent headquarters office.

This was realized within a short time. Now there is a permanent headoffice in Germany/Altötting with mail address, telephone, fax and e-mail address and own website.

Ms. Müller and Ms. Jandorf do the special cups (World-Cup, Europe-Cup I u. II, Pacific-Cup) as well as giving stamps to single member clubs.

This office can be consulted by national associations, single member clubs and other interested parties with their inquiries and questions.

The International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV) informs and reports currently with 3 different publications: **Website, IVV-Event book and IVV World-Report.**

IVV - Website: www.ivv-web.org

The Website was reformed fundamentally and extended. This is necessary as the information medium internet gains in importance. Extensive information about activities in national associations and single clubs is needed.

For this work and honorary post I would like to thank our webmaster Mr. Rudolf Esterer.

IVV – Event Book:

The Presidium discovered that a blanked coverage distribution of the IVV event book does not take place in the most national associations.

Compared with the worldwide active walkers the number of copies of the IVV Event book is very low. That is not surprising as people inform themselves in the national calendars. Therefore the Presidium calls the sense of the expensive event book in question. We will discuss that today in point 11 of the agenda.

IVV - World Report:

The IVV World-Report was newly designed by Vice President Dr. Guiseppa Colantonio. The aim was to create a communicative medium.

The Presidium expected an active exchange of views and reports among all parties. This did not happen to our regret.

With the reading matter „ **IVV step by step in the world**“ a new advertising brochure was designed.

Therein our collaboration with IML was published. On 11th July, 2008 in Nimwegen/Holland IVV and IML signed a declaration of intent about a close collaboration. This has become active and should be extended.

The collaboration with TAFISA is to be newly stimulated. The IVV Presidium met TAFISA´s managing director for that reason.

For discussion and to introduce the IVV the IVV President, Josef Gigl and Vice President, Raymond Claude were at the **EU - Commission in Brussels on 22nd January, 2009**.

We found out that IVV wasn´t known there at all.

The EU promised collaboration.

Some success is already noticeable.

Romania wants to be an IVV member.

We are also in contact with **Spanish** clubs.

Mongolia has been admitted to the IVV as individual member club.

Because of the sound collaboration with IML the Taiwan Alpine and Walking Association could be admitted as an IVV individual member club. It is intended that it will be accepted as a national member.

The rules and standards commission appointed by the IVV already accomplished excellent work.

Mr. **Uwe Kneibert (DVV)** – Mr. **Gerard Wohl (FLMP)** – Mr. **Rudi Bräuml (ÖVV)** have already revised the complete statutes and updated them.

The IVV rules and guidelines will be revised and approved at the Congress of Delegates in Luxembourg in 2010.

The IVV presidium is also planning a reorganisation of the IVV. Supervised by the „International Public Sports Association“ continental confederations of the IVV associations shall be established.

At the end of the statement the IVV president cordially thanks:

- **The members of the IVV presidium** for the good work that has been done and the spare time they spent to serve the IVV.
- The national member associations for their collaboration and their support for the IVV and the good collaboration among each other.
- **The IVV – Arbitration Court, the IVV – Disciplinary Board, the Cash Auditors and the Rules and Standards Commission.**
- Special thanks are going to our clubs and public sport athletes around the world.

7) **Report of provisional Treasurer Karl-Heinz Beckmann and the Audit Committee**

The report of the provisional treasurer was read by President Josef Gigl and distributed.

The report of the cash auditors was read by Michel Courtier and Walter Motz and was distributed.

8) **Discussion following the reports**

Mr. Feridun Tabur of Turkey asked if Mr. Karl-Heinz Beckmann has been fulfilling the position as a treasurer until the Congress of Delegates in Japan.

The IVV President answers that Mr. Beckmann, according to German law, has been fulfilling this task as a provisional treasurer until the Congress of Delegates in Japan.

9) **Approval**

Report of the President

No request to speak, the report is accepted unanimously.

Cash Report

No request to speak.

The cash report was accepted with the majority of votes at 7 abstentions.

Report of the Audit Committee

No request to speak for the report of the audit committee.

Mr. Walter Motz and Mr. Michel Courtier, cash auditors, ask the delegates for approval of the cash report.

The report of the cash auditors was accepted unanimously.

10) **By-Election of the Treasurer**

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Suggestion of the French association: Walter Motz (Germany)

There was no other suggestion and no motion for a secret ballot.

This was voted by acclamation. Result :

Pro: 60 / Contra: 0 / Abstention 1 (Walter Motz)

Mr. Walter Motz accepts the election and the IVV president congratulates him for the position and welcomes him into the IVV presidium.

11) **Debating and Resolution of other motions**

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Motion 1 by Public Sports Association Swiss-Liechtenstein

The motion was distributed to the IVV national member associations.

Pro : 2 / Contra : 59 / Abstentions : 0
Therefore the motion is dismissed.

Motion 2 by the German Public Sports Association

The motion was distributed to the IVV national member associations and commented by Mr. Michael Mallmann.

Pro : 61 / Contra : 0 / Abstentions : 0
Therefore the motion is accepted.

Motion 3 by the German Public Sports Association

The motion was distributed to the IVV national member associations and commented by Mr. Michael Mallmann.

Pro : 60 / Contra : 0 / Abstentions : 1 (ÖVV)
Therefore the motion is accepted.

Motion 4 by the American Volkssport Association and Canadian Volkssport Federation

The motion was distributed to the IVV national member associations and commented by Mr. Curt Myron and Benoit Pinsonneault.

This motion is about a fundamental change in the IVV guidelines and should therefore first be discussed in the Rules and Standards Commission. The discussion to give the volunteers an event stamp for their active participation has been going on for years and should be solved on a national basis. An according change of the guidelines would challenge the IVV event stamps.

Pro : 21 / Contra: 40 / Abstentions : 0

12) Budget 2010

The budget was distributed to the IVV national member associations and commented by Mr. Josef Gigl.

The budget 2010 was accepted unanimously without countervote or abstention.

13) Motions for the Public Sports Olympiad 2013

At the end of the meeting the Public Sports Association of China expressed their interest to organize the Olympiad in 2013.

The decision will be made at the Congress of Delegates in Luxembourg.

14) Tributes

Bronze reward pin with certificate

Graham Fawcett – Canadian Volkssport Federation / CVF

Silver reward pin with certificate

Bill Pryde – Canadian Volkssport Federation / CVF (absent)

Francis Richert – Fédération Française des Sports Populaires / FFSP

Daniel Bureth – Fédération Française des Sports Populaires / FFSP

15) **IVV-Event Book**

With the high cost of the IVV event book and the low interest of the associations, the common question of abolishing it was raised for additionally the competition of national calendars and the internet are growing.

On the other hand it is clear that externally the event book displays a very high introductory value of the IVV particularly with the official authorities and potential sponsors.

The manufacturing price as well as the purchase price of the event books has to be re-thought.

The contents as well as the form and size per association have to be newly defined.

Votes for keeping and reforming the eventbook

Pro : 60 / Contra : 1 / Abstentions : 0

16) **Other, Suggestions**

Turkey : the President, Mr. Feridun Tabur, the association for nature, environment and public sports informs the delegates that the Olympiad in Antalya will be held from October 19-23. October was chosen because the temperatures will then be between 20 and 25 degrees Celsius.

Luxembourg: the next Congress of Delegates will be held in Luxembourg/City from July 8-11, 2010.

Rules and Standards Commission : they will revise the rules and guidelines until next October/November and send them to all national associations and ask them to make corrections or suggestions.

If possible these will be added into the suggestion for the Congress of Delegates in Luxembourg in 2010 so that without further lengthy and effectless discussions the reform of the rules and guidelines can be balloted.

Confederations European, American, Asian : The future confederations under supervision of the IVV shall mainly take care of promoting the IVV in the separate member countries and gain new partner countries. In Luxembourg this issue will be on the agenda of the Congress of Delegates.

Taiwan: The „Chinese Taipei Alpine Association“ presented a motion to be accepted as a new IVV national member. The motion was submitted behind schedule. After scanning the dossier the Congress of Delegates confirmed to accept Taiwan as a new IVV association if the submission is conform to the IVV Rules.

China : Regarding the motion by China to standardize the quality criteria of IVV walking trails the IVV President answered that no such thing is planned for the IVV guidelines. The rules and standard commission will be addressed with this dossier.

17) **End of Meeting**

The IVV President Josef Gigl closes the Congress of Delegates and thanks the delegates for the accomplished work.

Wattwiller, June 6, 2009

Josef Gigl, IVV-President

Daniel Bureth, IVV-General Secretary