

## **Meeting Minutes United Presidium Meeting**

**Selva Gardena, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, 9 am – 1 pm**

**Present :** Giuseppe COLANTONIO, Graham FAWCETT, Raymond CLAUDE, Walter MOTZ,  
Uwe KNEIBERT, Curt MYRON, Tanja MÜLLER

**Absent with excuse:** Mitsumasa MIYASHITA

### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Giuseppe Colantonio welcomed the participating members of the United Presidium, especially Curt Myron, the new representative of IVV Americas within the United Presidium. He complimented the excellent work of all Presidium members and thanked them individually. The 13th Olympiad in Selva was organized by the national association of South Tyrol in cooperation with FIASP Italy and was expected to be very successful.

Afterwards, the IVV President commemorated the deceased IVV members, Guy ALWAY (Great Britain), Maximilian BRÄUML (Austria), Frantisek MOSER (Czech Republic), Gerard WOHL (Luxembourg) and appreciated the good work they rendered for the IVV.

### **2. Financial Report (Walter Motz)**

Walter Motz reported that the IVV finances are still in a good state. The annual balance sheet 2012 has been finished by the tax accountant. The audit for the fiscal year 2012 is going to take place during the IVV Olympiad in Selva.

There are still unpaid invoices by some members. Some of them will be paid during the IVV-Olympiad. Outstanding payments of members from last year or older will be given to the Disciplinary Board in future.

Walter Motz explained some revenues and expenses of the annual balance sheet 2012 compared to 2011.

The result in 2012 was positive, among others affected by a decrease of reserves on Europe Cup I and II, Pacific Cup and World Cup. The IVV Executive Presidium was given the current state of the funds.

### **3. IVV Communication and Online Database (Graham Fawcett)**

Vice-President Graham Fawcett thanked Executive Assistant Tanja Müller for her hard work and close cooperation in the areas of IVV Communications: the Just One Minute newsletter, the World Report, and the website.

A new Just One Minute! newsletter will be published very quickly after the Olympiad in Selva di Val Gardena, with a World Report to follow by the end of July / early August. Work at updating the existing website continues, with new features being planned for 2014. Reports, photos, links and news items from Continental Associations, as well as national and direct members are always welcome.

Since the IVV World Calendar of Events will no longer be published after 2013, work has already begun on a replacement for this publication. From online surveys announced in Just One Minute and the World Report, plus the analysis of first-time website visits, it is clear that half our visitors do not return because they are not finding what they are looking for: specific information on walks in IVV member countries. Furthermore, a very clear majority of existing walkers who have taken a few minutes to respond to our surveys tell us that they look very positively upon the possibility of an online database of worldwide Volkssport events. Accordingly, work has already begun to this end.

The major challenges in creating an online are not exclusively on the technical side. The real challenges will be in the areas of available information, its format, input, and ongoing administration. Many IVV members have little or no event information on their websites. However, for those that do have information on a website, the information that there is has no standard format at all. With the creation of an online database, there will have to be agreement on a standards. Some customization will be possible, of course. There will be means and opportunity for national and direct members to edit, update and correct their own information. Vice-President Graham Fawcett will make a presentation on this new form of information publication at the IVV-Europe meeting in Tata, Hungary in September. He will also contact all national and direct members associations for background information before work begins. The goal is to implement the online database for January 1, 2015, but early progress indicates that it may be possible for a partial implementation with willing partners before that. The updates will be published in the next few World Reports.

### **4. Cooperation IVV/IML and IVV/IML Cup (Raymond Claude)**

The first IVV/IML agreement allowed the IML stamp for the IVV Olympiad, Europiad and Asiapiad. Unfortunately, the IML stamp was not valid for the IML evaluation as only events will be valid whose organizers are official IML members, according to IML rules. Therefore, the IML stamp given at IVV events was only a souvenir stamp and encountered resistance with IML walkers.

It was decided by IML and IVV to found a common IVV/IML Cup and this project was accepted unanimously by the IML Congress in Chantonnay (France) in May. The details of this IVV/IML Cup must worked out with IML and the IVV United Presidium authorized Raymond Claude and Uwe Kneibert to take over this task.

## **5. IVV Europe status quo and organization of 2<sup>nd</sup> Europiad (Uwe Kneibert)**

### **Review of 1<sup>st</sup> Europiad in Echternach/Irrel**

The excellent organization was rewarded with 6,249 participants from 25 nations, which is a great success. A final report with all statistics was sent to all member countries.

Unfortunately, the expected profit was not gained because of the high costs for the Trifolions and the cultural program. According to the agreement of GbR-„Europa wandert“ the profit was shared between the three partners. The FLMP provided IVV-Europe their share completely.

### **Outlook for 2<sup>nd</sup> Europiade 2014 in Marostica/Breganze in Italy**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Europiade will take place in Marostica and Breganze from 19<sup>th</sup> June (Corpus Christi) until 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2014. Because of the great distance it was agreed by FIASP and SVV to have no event in South Tyrol, but both in Italy.

There was a meeting in Thiene on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 of the IVV-Europe Board and the committee of the Vicenza region. Basic points of the event were discussed and start and finish points in both venues as well as the pool in Marostica were visited. The event will be themed: „SPORT – CULTURE – ART – GASTRONOMY“.

The most important items:

- The Presidium walk of 5 and 10 km takes place in Marostica on 19<sup>th</sup> June. There the stamp of South Tyrol will be given. The opening ceremony starts at 8 pm at the historical market place.
- From 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June the start point of the walks is in Breganze – except for the marathon which starts on 21<sup>st</sup> June in Marostica and finishes in Breganze. There will be a shuttle service for the marathon participants. All walks will be themed.
- In addition, swimming and cycling will be offered in Marostica on 20<sup>th</sup> June.
- The closing ceremony takes place in Breganze on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.
- A cultural program will be established. With the start card, gratis visitations of the museums in the area will be possible.
- There will be no pass and start cards will be available separately. The accurate price can only be set after negotiations with the insurance company.
- Flyer in several languages will be available.
- A special homepage will be established.

### **Congress of Delegates 2013 in Tata/Hungary**

The IVV-Europe Congress of Delegates will take place in Tata/Hungary from 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2013. The invitations with agenda were sent to all member countries in May. A program for Saturday afternoon was defined including a walk and a wine tasting in the evening.

All Single Member Clubs in Europe were invited to the congress. A representative of our Russian club will attend the meeting.

There will also be a meeting with a representative of Serbia in the interest of being admitted.

The most important items of the meeting are amongst others:

- Reelection of Board; A reelection is only necessary in 2014. Therefore, an extra meeting would have to be called which would cause extra costs. To get into the 4-year rhythm of the meetings, the current Board will resign in Tata.
- An application for admission was submitted by France
- Awarding of 3<sup>rd</sup> Europiade in 2016 and Congress of Delegates in 2015. The announcements were sent in May.

### **Purchase of Merchandising products:**

The IVV – Europe offers as first merchandising product a poloshirt with print on the back. Sale starts at the Olympiad in Selva. Further products are being planned.

### **Introduction of new events in Europe**

- The IVV – Europe plans the introduction of an event themed „Europa wandert“ starting in 2015. The item will be discussed in Tata.  
Proposal: In each IVV-Europe member country one event can be stamped « IVV-Europa plus country ». It has to be discussed if member countries of a certain size (number of clubs) have the possibility of more events. Accordingly, 16 such events would be currently possible. The question arises if also European single member clubs can take part. The event must be a 2-days event at least with an extra stamp for each day. There should be an opening and closing ceremony. Every day new trails have to be offered and one day must include a marathon. The clubs within the IVV-Europe member countries apply for their event via their national association. The national association makes a preselection and submits the suggestions to the IVV-Europe. The IVV - Europe comes to a final decision.

## **6. IVV Asia status quo and organization of 2nd Asianpiad**

As Mitsumasa Miyashita was absent the following written information regarding the organization of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asianpiad were sent to the Presidium. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Asianpiad takes place in Higashi-Matsuyama from 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2014. Last year, at the 35<sup>th</sup> organization of this event as part of the IML program more than 120,000 walkers participated. There will be an opening and closing ceremony, a cultural program will be offered to the walkers.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Asianpiad 2016 will take place in Taiwan.

## **7. Organization of the IVV Olympiad in Chengdu**

The Executive Presidium will meet with the representatives of the Chinese IVV member association on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 10 am to discuss the organization of the Olympiad. It was decided to organize a meeting of the Executive IVV Presidium in Chengdu in early April 2014 to discuss all details of organization and realization on site. Giuseppe COLANTONIO was named as direct contact for the organization of the Olympiad.

The IVV Presidium reviewed the Olympiad contract again which will be signed on 29<sup>th</sup> June by the IVV Presidium and the Chinese association.

## **8. IVV Promotion in cooperation with the Continental Confederations**

Promotion of the IVV is one of the most important IVV goals and can only be successful in cooperation with the Continental Confederations, the national associations and single member clubs.

The single member clubs have to be better included in the IVV life, they are to receive the same information as the national associations and should also be invited to IVV Congresses.

The IVV Presidium will support financially, if the budget allows, promotion projects of the Continental Confederations.

It should also be possible for single countries to found national associations if they meet the national law and not necessarily need 5 clubs as a minimum according to IVV rules as requirement of launching a national association.

## **9. IVV Americas (Curt Myron)**

IVV-Americas President Curt Myron reported that IVV-Americas was formed as a legally constituted Canadian not-for-profit organization, effective April 5, 2013. Elections were completed in June 2013 with the following results:

President: Curt Myron (USA)

Vice-President: Ethel Hansen (Canada)

Vice-President: Rossi Bastos (Brasil)

Secretary: Benoit Pinsonneault (Canada)

Treasurer: Marcelo Rodrigues (Brasil)

Immediate tasks for IVV-Americas include establishing financial accounts and setting the first General Assembly meeting for July or August 2013. As soon as accounts are established, IVV-Americas will request transfer of grant funds from IVV.

President Myron requested that the IVV consider defining geographic territories for each continental association. It is important for each continental association to control events within their boundaries where no volkssport clubs exist. Delegation of this authority by IVV will allow continental associations to control all events within their own jurisdiction and reduce the administrative time spent on this task by IVV Headquarters.

If IVV also allows continental associations to retain sanction fees for events in non-IVV countries, the financial incentive will encourage continental associations to grow. With the smallest number of member countries and the largest area where no volkssport exists (approximately 40 countries), IVV-Americas needs this income to promote volkssport. If IVV allows this incentive, it is also possible that future grants from the IVV can be eliminated.

IVV-Americas will submit a specific proposal to the Presidium in the near future.

## **10. Report IVV Head Office (Tanja Müller)**

Tanja Müller, IVV Head Office Executive Assistant, reported that business in the Head Office is going well. The cooperation with the SVV and Tourism Office for preparing the Olympiad in South Tyrol worked perfectly well. The following items needed clarification:

1. A representative of the IVV Presidium had to be named for the next Olympiad in China: Giuseppe Colantonio was named for this task.
2. The IVV member association CVA/China prepared an attachment to the IVV Olympiad contract to make sure that the Chengdu Government will be subordinated to CVA while organizing the IVV Olympiad: The attachment was approved as the main organizer is always the IVV association.
3. As the IVV event book 2014 will not be published any longer, Tanja Müller needs the current information of the countries: It was agreed to ask for the information as the years before, i.e. data of 2014 of walks, permanent trails and contact information are to be sent electronically to the Head Office that Tanja Müller is able to answer inquiries in the next year and the Head Office is up to date.
4. As no Olympiad advertisement can be made at the IVV Event Book anymore, the paragraph asking for 500 Euros for an advertisement at the back of the Event Book has to be eliminated of the Olympiad Contract with China: The advertisement should be sent electronically to Graham Fawcett in future for publication on the homepage.
5. An inquiry was received from a walker if E-Bikes are allowed at IVV events: It was decided that E-Bikes are allowed as it is not possible to forbid them or to control if they are used.
6. The IVV Single Member Club of Australia is interested in becoming a national member: Curt Myron, President IVV-Americas, will attend to it.

## **11. Miscellaneous**

Giuseppe Colantonio and Raymond Claude met Lies Nielsen, President of the European Ramblers Association, at the 125th anniversary of the Tourism Club in Prague. It was decided to meet again to inform each other about both organizations and talk about a possible cooperation.