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Minutes

7th Session of the IMSSG in Baselga di Pinè, Italy, 2010

This Session of the IMSSG was held at Hotel Olympic, Baselga di Pinè (TN, ITALY), on Wednesday, 24 Feb 2010, 17:00 – 20:00 o' clock.

Participants:

GER	Dr. Volker Serini	(IMSSG Member, Coordinator)
KOR	Joon-Soo Ra	(Deputy for IMSSG Member Jae-Seok Choi)
NOR	Sven-Åge Svensson	(IMSSG Member)
USA	Andrew Love	(IMSSG Member)

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Item 1:

Approval of the Minutes of the 5th Session of the IMSSG

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Item 2:

Report on Contacts to the ISU

There was a meeting between Mr. Gerd Zimmermann, 1. ISU Vice-President Speed Skating, and Volker Serini in Inzell on 25 Nov 2009.

The difficulties with Mr. Ramir Kuramshin at the IMSSG Session in Erfurt 2008, which led to the cancellation of the Masters' Allround Games 2010 in Kolomna/RUS, were discussed by

Mr. Zimmermann with Mr. Panov/RUS/ISU Council. Mr. Zimmermann was informed that the IMSSC has also informed the Russian Speed Skating Association about this matter.

Serini informed Mr. Zimmermann that the IMSSC/IMSSG has brought a lot of important information about International Masters' Speed Skating on the IMSSC/IMSSG Website www.imssc.org. The Masters Speed Skating News "ICEOVAL" will no longer be sent as paperback edition to all competing Master skaters, but will be issued for them completely on the Website of the IMSSC. Only all National Speed Skating Associations, the ISU Council, the ISU Office, the ISU Technical Committee and some organizers of International Masters Competitions will receive a paperback edition of "ICEOVAL". So the printed and by mail sent about 700 issues of "ICEOVAL" could be reduced to about 120. The saved costs may be used for travelling expenses for IMSSC Members to IMSSC Sessions.

Speed Skating Announcements of International Master Competitions will only be issued on the Website of the IMSSC. Also Entries for these competitions will only be possible electronically on this website. And a participation confirmation for the entered skaters in the competitions will only be given on participation lists on the website.

Serini asked Mr. Zimmermann about the reasons for the rule "one nation – one vote" for congress decisions. Zimmermann said that it seems to be the only possibility to hold all members together and to avoid large complications. Naturally sometimes difficulties arise by the fact that the small nations have the same rights as the big nations.

Serini informed Mr. Zimmermann about the additional Masters' Sprint Games (until now only Masters' Allround Games), about competitions in USA in Salt Lake City and Milwaukee (Andrew Love), about competitions in Canada in Calgary – Richmond (New Olympic Oval) – Québec, about problems with electronical time measurement and protocols in Kolonna/RUS and about plans for an International Competition in Korea/Japan.

Serini informed Mr. Zimmermann that the IMSSG and the IMSSC are disappointed about the repeated rejections of the IMSSG proposals to incorporate Masters Rules into the ISU Rules and to accept the use of the Name Masters' World Championships instead of International Masters' Games by the ISU Council without explanation about the reasons. There is no problem for other sport associations as IAAF (Athletics), UCI (Cycling), FINA (Swimming, etc.), ETF (Tennis), etc., concerning these matters of course. It cannot be understood that this should not be possible also at the ISU. The IMSSG and the IMSSC do not really feel recognized and supported by the ISU in this direction.

Mr. Zimmermann informed Serini that the proposed budget was lowered (for antidoping efforts 1000,00 EUR instead of 3000,00 EUR). Reason: Regarding the doping case Pechstein the ISU cannot bear such high antidoping costs also for the Masters. Efforts in this direction were only possible under the responsibility of the IMSSG.

Serini informed Mr. Zimmermann that the IMSSC has asked National Speed Skating Associations with active Masters to make a proposal to the ISU Congress 2010 in Barcelona for the incorporation of the Masters Age Groups and Masters World Championships into the ISU Rules (see item 3).

The IMSSG Coordinator will again be invited by the ISU Council to the ISU Congress in Barcelona in June 2010 as to the last two congresses Budapest 2006 and Monaco 2008.

Item 3:
Proposals to the Council concerning “Masters’ World Championships”.

The IMSSC has asked National Speed Skating Associations with active Masters to make a proposal to the ISU Congress 2010 in Barcelona for the incorporation of the Masters Age Groups and Masters World Championships into the ISU Rules (see attachment 2 pages). Some of the associations showed positive reactions to our wishes. But unfortunately the Agenda of the 53 Ordinary ISU Congress 2010 in Barcelona did not contain any proposal in this direction.

Item 4:
Further development of Masters’ Speed Skating worldwide.

Further efforts will be made in Asia to organize an International Masters Competition between Korea and Japan where also some European and American skaters could participate (Yoon-Soo Ra). In Korea and in Japan there are a lot of Master skaters and in both countries there are held National Master Championships. Andrew Love will try to intensify his contacts to Japanese Master Skaters in USA.

Item 5:
Important items of the Agenda of the 32th IMSSC Session next day.

It was a discussion about item 5 of the IMSSC Session of the next day, Nations Quota for the Masters Allround Games and the Masters Sprint Games. Because of difficulties between different groups of Russian Master Skaters after the incident with Mr. Ramir Kuramshin at the 30th IMSSC Session in Erfurt 2008 there was a long discussion especially about the Russian problems, their quota of participants and their selection procedure problems. Because there is allowed a large number of possible participants at the Allround Games in Calgary/CAN 2011 (350 entries) and also the number of possible entries at the Masters Sprint Games in Berlin 2011 (235 entries) is probably more than sufficient, the best may be that the Russian entries are accepted in chronological order according to their arrival at the organizer for the season 2010/2011 as for the most of the other Nations. So a difficult selection procedure by the Russian IMSSC member would not be necessary.

Item 6:
Budget 2010 and Budget 2011

The proposed Budget for 2010 was submitted to Mr. Gerhard Zimmermann in September 2009. The proposed budget covers travel costs, some office costs, some Internet costs, contributions to the organizers of the Masters’ Allround Games and Masters’ Sprint Games and costs for doping tests. The estimated costs were 13.640 €, but because of surplus funds of 2009, the amount was reduced to 11.000 €. The accepted budget proposal by the Council was reduced to 9.000 € (the reduction of 2000 € concerns the doping costs, see item 2, § 8). The Council stated that doping tests could not be under the responsibility of the ISU. The IMSSG would be responsible alone for doping tests at International Master Competitions. The proposed budget for 2011 shall be similar to the the proposed budget 2010, including costs for doping tests (3000 €).

Item 7:
Miscellaneous, IMGA

Serini reported about his contacts to the International Masters Games Association (IMGA). The IMGA organizes Masters Summer Games all 4 years. From 2010 the IMGA also organizes Masters Winter Games. The first Masters Winter Games were held in 2010 Bled/SLOWENIA, but only for alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, biathlon, ski jumping, ice hockey and indoor football, not in speed skating. The International Skating Union (ISU) is member of the IMGA. The next Winter Games shall be in 2014. Serini will try to take part in important IMGA Meetings as deputy for the ISU to see if also speed skating will be possible at the Masters' Winter Games 2014.

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Attachment: 2 pages

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Krefeld, 14.07.2009

To all National Speed Skating Associations with Master Speed Skaters

Master Proposals for the ISU Congress 2010 in Barcelona

Dear Ladies, dear Sirs,

The International Masters Speed Skating Committee has decided at its 30th Session in Bjugn/Norway on 26 Feb 2009, which was held in conjunction with the 18th Masters' International Speed Skating Allround Games, to ask all National Speed Skating Associations with Master Speed Skaters to make two proposals for the ISU Congress in Barcelona 2010 concerning Master Rules in the ISU Rules.

These two proposals are concerning the definition of Master skaters and the acceptance of Masters World Championships. The two proposals with added reasons are attached.

We would be delighted if you would agree and would make these proposals from your National Association.

With best regards

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS' SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE (IMSSC)

Volker Serini

(Secretary IMSSC)

Attachment: 1 page

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Proposals for the ISU Congress 2010 in Barcelona

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Proposal 1

Insertion of a New Rule in General Regulations:

K. Masters

Rule 143

1 Masters' Definition

Masters are non-professional speed skaters (members of National teams and National selections excluded) from 30 years, the age being defined as age reached during the competition year 1st July till 30th June, competing in 5-year age groups 30-34 (30), 35-39 (35), 40-44 (40), 45-49 (45), 50-54 (50), 55-59 (55), 60-64 (60), 65-69 (65), 70-74 (70), 75-79 (75), 80-84 (80), 85-89 (85), 90-94 (90) and higher (as high as necessary).

Reason:

International Masters are not yet defined in Rule 107, § 9. The Masters' definition is used and accepted for all International Master Competitions for many years.

Proposal 2

Insertion of an additional part of a New Rule 143 as § 2 in General Regulations:

2 Masters' World Championships

Masters' Allround Speed Skating World Championships and Masters' Sprint Speed Skating World Championships shall be held every year on the level of International Masters Competitions according to Rule 107, § 9.

Reason:

All large international sports organisations like FINA, IAAF, ITF, UCI have Official Masters' World Championships. After so many years of successful development of Masters' International Speed Skating Competitions it should also be allowed Speed Skating Masters to have Masters World Championships. It would only be necessary to change the name of the existing Masters International Games into Masters World Championships.

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