



## ISU Masters Speed Skating Group (IMSSG)

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### Minutes

#### 4th Session of the ISU Masters Speed Skating Group (IMSSG) 2007

**Place:** Olympic Oval, Calgary, Canada

**Date:** 20 Feb 2007

#### Participants:

Mr. Dr. Volker Serini	GER	(Member and Coordinator)
Mr. Jae-Seok Choi	KOR	(Member)
Mr. Sven-Åge Svensson	NOR	(Member)
Mr. Andrew Love	USA	(Member*)

\* = still to be confirmed by the ISU Council

#### Distribution of the Minutes:

- IMSSG Members
- Mr. Roland Hagemann, IMSSG Cash Auditor
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- ISU (President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President)
- ISU Council (Speed Skating and Figure Skating Members)
- ISU TC Speed Skating (Chairman and Members)
- ISU Director General
- ISU Speed Skating Sports Director
- Ms. Rhea Schwartz, Coordinator ISU Adult Figure Skating Group

### 1 Approval of the Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IMSSG

The Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IMSSG in Helsinki/FINLAND at 01 Mar 2006 were ***accepted unanimously***.

### 2 New IMSSG Member for America

The IMSSG is again complete. The IMSSG voted for **Andrew Love/USA** as new Member of the IMSSG for America in mail contacts before the Session (**vote unanimous**). His Membership has still to be confirmed by the ISU Council.

### **3 Report on the Participation of the Coordinator in the ISU Congress Budapest 2006**

The ISU President Ottavio Cinqunta invited IMSSG Coordinator Dr. Volker Serini to take part in the ISU Congress in Budapest/Hungary 25.06. – 01.07.2006 as representative of the International Masters.

The place of Dr. Serini at the Congress was labeled as IMSSC und was situated among the ISU Officials in the first row just before the Council, who was sitting high in front of the ISU Officials and Deputies of the National Speed Associations. So he could follow very well to the discussions between the Council and the auditorium. The Sessions of the Speed Skating branch and the Short Track Speed Skating branch, where Dr. Serini took part too, were held in a smaller hall.

Dr. Serini learned much about the functioning of the ISU at such a congress, about voting procedures, problems at voting procedures and their solutions. He met a lot of interesting conversation partners and could discuss with them also about Masters Speed Skating. Especially he had important conversations with Representatives of CAN, USA and NED about the Masters age group classifications which are different in these countries from those of the IMSSC. Theyse Representatives were ready to help to find solutions to adopt the IMSSC Regulations of 5 year age groups also in their countries. Dr. Serini will hold contact with them and their Speed Skating Associations.

### **4 Proposals to the Council concerning Masters' Rules in the ISU Rules**

The Proposals of the IMSSG to the ISU Council for the incorporation of the most important Masters' Rules into the ISU Rules and for the recognition of Masters' World Championships and Masters' World Records were not discussed in detail by the ISU Council at the Meeting in Oct 2006 because there was planned an extensive reorganization of the ISU, which had to be decided at the ISU Congress in Budapest in summer 2006. **The Proposals are attached again to this minutes.**

A meeting in Inzell/GER has been planned by Dr. Volker Serini and Mr. Gerhard Zimmermann, 1st ISU Vice President, for summer 2007, to discuss the further line of action. A visit in the ISU Office in Lausanne is planned too for summer 2007.

### **5 Contacts to ISU TC Speed Skating**

Sven-Aage Svensson/NOR, IMSSG Member, IMSSC Member and Statistician of the IMSSC, who is working on the IMSSC Records List (International Masters' Records), could gain for his work in discussions with the Chairman of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, Tron Espeli, who is also living in Oslo.

### **6 Important items on the agenda of the 26<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session next day**

The discussion was only short, because there were doubts if the IMSSG should "pre-discuss" important items of the session of the IMSSC of the next day.

## **7 Budget and Account of the IMSSG**

The IMSSG account was opened in 2003 under the name "Dr. Volker Serini, IMSS-Committee/ISU" for contributions of the ISU to the IMSSC. From 2004 the name is "Dr. Volker Serini, MastersGroupSpeedSkatingISU", and it is only used for the contributions of the ISU to the IMSSG. The settlement has been done for the time span 2003 - 2005. The Tables of Income and Expenditures for these years were presented by Dr. Volker Serini and discussed at the last IMSSG Session in Helsinki 2006. These tables and the necessary records for the cash audit were sent to the cash auditor of the IMSSC, Mr. Roland Hagemann/Frankfurt am Main/GER, at 8 Feb 2006. The cash audit now is finished and the report of Mr. Hagemann on the cash audit was handed over to the participants of the session. The report confirms that "The applications of the funds was orderly proved". The report was discussed.

Additionally the table of Income and Expenditures for 2006 for the IMSSC Account was already presented by Dr. Volker Serini. These tables and the necessary records for the cash audit will be sent in 2007 to the cash auditor of the IMSSC, Mr. Roland Hagemann/Frankfurt am Main/GER. The cash audit will be presented at the 28th IMSSC Session in Erfurt/GER 28 Feb 2008.

The IMSSC Member NOR, Sven-Aage Svensson, criticized that the items "Costs Serini, Office Costs IMSSG", under Expenditures were not split up into their single positions in the Tables Income and Expenditures. Dr. Serini answered that obviously the cash auditor did not find this to be necessary. If it would have been necessary this could have been done. He said further that every IMSSG Member could have a look into the Lists of the Costs of Serini/Office IMSSG in detail if wanted. And he proposed to Mr. Svensson to discuss this matter with the cash auditor.

Because of the criticism and the fact that Andrew Love was at the Session for the first time and not yet confirmed by the ISU Council, Dr. Serini did not ask for release.

A budget proposal for 2008, similar to the proposal for 2007, will be worked upon by Mr. Serini before the autumn session of the ISU Council. Mr. Serini will distribute the budget proposal to the IMSSG members via e-mail for feed back. Then this proposal will be submitted to the ISU Council.

ISU MASTERS' SPEED SKATING GROUP (IMSSG), Coordinator

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(Dr. Volker Serini)

**Attachment:** Proposal International Masters' Rules

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## **Proposal for the Incorporation of International Masters' Speed Skating Rules in the ISU Special Regulations Speed Skating**

(according to the decisions of the ISU Masters' Speed Skating Group at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session in Baselga di Pinè/ITA, 23 Feb 2005)

### **M. Masters**

### **Rule No. 277**

#### **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).

#### **2 Masters' International Competitions**

##### **2.1 Masters' World Championships and other Masters' International Competitions**

###### **2.1.1 Masters' Allround World Championships**

The Masters' Allround World Championships shall be held every year with rotating country and location. They may be organized by a club or a National Speed Skating Association.

The distances for Masters' Allround World Championships are:

Ladies	500 m, 1500 m, 1000 m, 3000 m	(age groups 30 – 65)
Ladies	500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m	(age groups 70 and higher)
Men	500 m, 3000 m, 1500 m, 5000 m	(age groups 30 – 65)
Men	500 m, 3000 m, 1000 m, 3000 m	(age groups 70 and higher)

###### **2.1.2 Other Masters' International Competitions**

Other Masters' International Competitions will be held in different countries. They may be organized by a club or a National Speed Skating Association.

## **2.2 Entry**

The official entry form of the competition has to be filled in and sent to the organizer by the competitor or by the club or association to which the skater belongs. Every competing skater must be licensed in his own country.

## **2.3 Drawing and Ranking**

Drawing at International Masters' Competitions, including Masters' Allround World Championships, must be done according to ISU Rule 228 for International Competitions and Rule 226, paragraph 3, for International Sprint Competitions.

Generally the age groups are drawn separately. If the number of competitors is very small in one or several of the five year age groups, neighbored 5-year age groups may be joined together for drawing and speed skating. However, final classification must be done separately in 5-year age groups independent of the number of participants in an age group.

To be able to recognize in the competition protocol the ranking of every 5-year age group in joined age groups also before the final classification, the name of the competitor has to be supplemented by the age group, for instance "Otto Meier 55".

## **2.4 Restrictions of Participants in the Longest Distance**

In races over several distances a restriction of the number of participants in an age group to fewer than four participants in the last distance is not allowed. If there are fewer than four participants in an age group, all participants have to be allowed to skate the last distance.

# **3 Masters' World Records**

## **3.1 Listing**

Masters' World Records are listed by the International Masters' Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) for the age groups defined in Rule 1.

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Dr. Volker Serini

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