

DRAFT CONGRESS MINUTES

2010 EUROPEAN MASTERS WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESS OF NATIONS – MINUTES OF MEETING Linz, Austria, 19th May 2010

Congress Started – 19.00 hours

1. Words of Welcome

The EMC Chairman, Bill Barton, welcomed all the delegates to the 2010 Congress of Nations in Linz, Austria.

There are 642 athletes registered for the championship and from the first day the championship has run smoothly thanks to the Organising Committee led by the very efficient Mr. Klaus Hofwimmer. Finally he thanked all the officials who had worked during the days with such a large entry .

2. Roll Call

Countries present at Congress –

Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine.

18 voting nations

3. Previous Congress Minutes from Tolyatti , Russia 2009.

- 3.1. Gerhard Peya complained about the report that Bill Barton gave about Tolyatti. He stated that he received complaints from his athletes and that no athletes feels the way BB described the championship in Tolyatti. BB explained that there is no reason to discuss this issue further. As mentioned before, the organiser Michail Bespyorstov found himself in difficult situations and did his utmost to make sure that the European Masters Championship took place.
Acceptance of minutes (Proposal – Cyprus)
12 votes for, 6 abstained.

4. Financial Report from the EMC Treasurer, Kurt Rosenberger

Kurt Rosenberger explained that he had presented his financial statement to Denmark and the Czech Republic before Congress as in previous years. They had checked and certified the accounts and this was confirmed to Congress by Denmark. The balance of income in the account showed in total € 2.115,33.

The EMC Chairman thanked Mr. Rosenberger for presenting the accounts and asked Congress to approve the accounts. (Proposal Germany)

The financial report was accepted unanimously.

5. Reports from other members of the EMC

- 5.1. EMC Chairman, Bill Barton Typed report circulated to Congress.
5.2. EMC Technical Officer, Jan Hinrichsen Typed report circulated to Congress.

5.3. EMC Records Registrar, Rudi Seidel was asked to sit with the EMC and was thanked by Bill Barton for all the good work he does for the EMC and for the European Masters in keeping the records and the preparation of all the record certificates.

Rudi Seidel then introduced himself and explained briefly his work in updating all the records, results and certificates and other valuable documents from a Masters championship event.

6. Proposals

6.1. Denise Offermann explained that the EMC is introducing Anti Doping awareness seminars in English, German, French and Russian during the championship week, where all delegates and athletes have access to.

This awareness seminar will be conducted at every European and IWF Masters championships to inform about the IWF Masters TUE procedure and updated changes regarding International Anti Doping regulations. The aim is to help to avoid unnecessary positive doping results. All national delegates have been asked to participate and to share this among their athletes. Denise also explained why Doping tests will always be conducted at every European Masters Championship.

7. Proposal to this European Masters Congress

None.

8. Women's Report (Gudrun Schmidberger (GER))

Generally everything has gone well and it had been a pleasure to compete. She thanked K. Hofwimmer and his organizing team. Unfortunately the pre scale was set up in the male changing room and on the women's competition day the pre scale was not removed and set up by the women. Gudrun kindly asked that the pre scale should be set up in a neutral room that provides access for both men and women.

9. European Masters Hall of Fame

The Chairman reported that (1) one woman and (1) one man had been initiated into the European Masters Hall of Fame at this championship. He offered his congratulations to her.

Men Miroslaw Zyczkowski (POL)

Woman Dagmar McSwain (GER)

10. European Masters Weightlifting Championships

10.1. 2011 Heinsheim, Germany

Bill Barton introduced the document given by the organizer Martina Dosquet, who couldn't be there due to family matters. BB read the letter out loud and Denise Offermann translated in German. The letter contained a warm welcome to all nations and that everything is provided for another enjoyable European Masters championship as it was in 2006. At congress each nation received a file with the entry form 2011 included.

10.2. 2012 Bids

These are bids to be voted on at Congress 2010.

Azerbaijan: It would be the very first time to organize a European Masters

W/L championship. Bill Barton stated that Azerbaijan's National Masters Association invited the EMC in February 2010 for 4 days to visit the capital and the outskirts in order to help promoting the bid to organize a EM championship. Khayala was introduced as the translator and has accompanied the EMC in Azerbaijan as well the Azerbaijan's Masters team here in Linz. They showed a DVD where culture and some sport complexes with Hotels were introduced. She explained about transportation and prices. Also a representative from the Azerbaijan Embassy in Vienna (Austria) was present to explain the entry and visa for Azerbaijan. Daily flights from various cities in Europe are available.
Vote: 15 votes for and 3 abstained.

2012 European Masters Championship will be held in Azerbaijan.

11. Other Business

11.1. Old Business

There were no issues relating to old business.

11.2. New Business

European Masters Games 2011 will be held for the first time in Lignano, Italy from the 10 – 20 September 2011. The IWF Masters World Championship in Montreal will be held from 27th August – 3rd September 2011. 2 delegates of the EM Games committee arrived in Linz and introduced themselves. They also handed out leaflets with more information and approached the EMC to ask to support, promote and to participate in the organisation. 4 of the current EMC members are able to travel right after Montreal to Lignano. BB asked all delegates to help to support and promote this Games. The EMC will stay in constant contact with the EM Games Committee to help building a solid foundation for W/L in the European Masters Games, which will be held every 4 years.

Congress closed at 20.12 hours

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