

# *DRAFT CONGRESS MINUTES*

## **2012 EUROPEAN MASTERS WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESS OF NATIONS – MINUTES OF MEETING Lankaran, AZERBAIJAN 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**Congress Started – 19.18 hours**

### **1. Words of Welcome:**

The EMC Chairman, Bill Barton, welcomed all the delegates to the 2012 Congress of Nations in Lankaran, Azerbaijan.. He welcomed especially one (1) new nation and his chairman in the Masters family: Georgia and Mr. Kakhi Kakhiashvili. He also emphasized that Mr. Natig Aghayev, the organizer of this year's championship celebrates his Birthday today.

### **2. Roll Call:**

Countries present at Congress –

Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech. Rep. , Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Russia, Scotland, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine.

**20 voting nations**

### **3. Previous Congress Minutes from Heinsheim, Germany:**

3.1. Acceptance of minutes (Proposal – Germany)

**20 votes accepted anonymously.**

### **4. Financial Report from the EMC by Bill BARTON to explain the changes the committee made:**

BB explained that the European Masters Bank account is now in Cyprus under 4 names. Through the Internet banking nobody can make a transaction without the knowledge of the others. This year's financial report is supported by a copy of the balance sheet from the bank. He noted that the accounts and receipts have been checked and accepted by Yvonne Meier (DEN) and Karel Prohl (CZE).

Manfred Modrey (AUT) asked what is the committee willing to do with all the money that he noted on the Bank statement.

BB: € 4343 is not a large amount. Doping control needs to be covered.

Alea Fairchild (BEL): Has the committee thought of how to get more money?

BB emphasized that the Masters Weightlifting is not about getting money. We want to decrease the entry fee.

He noted that on the IWF Masters account is currently €22.000, starting from zero only 2 years ago and now decreasing the entry fees.

**The financial report was accepted unanimously.**

### **5. Reports from other members of the EMC:**

No reports have been produced this year as we have election year.

### **6. Election of the European Masters Committee 2012 – 2016**

Johan Erling has been chosen to deal with vote counting.

The following positions and members are re-elected :

<b>The Chairman</b>	-	<b>Mr. Bill BARTON (GBR), 19 votes, 1 abstained</b>
<b>Vice chairman</b>	-	<b>Mr. Michel Vereecke 20 votes</b>
<b>Vice Chairman (Technical)</b>	-	<b>Mr. Jan HINRICHSEN (SWE) 19 votes, 1 abstained</b>
<b>The General Secretary</b>	-	<b>Mrs. Denise Offermann 20 votes</b>
<b>The Treasurer</b>	-	<b>Mr. Kurt ROSENBERGER (GER) 20 votes</b>
<b>Doping Control Officer</b>	-	<b>Mr. Jozef Lazou (BEL) 20 votes</b>
<b>Doping Control Officer</b>	-	<b>Mr. Mel Barton (GBR) 20 votes</b>
<b>Records Registrar</b>	-	<b>Mr. Rudi SEIDEL (GER) 20 votes</b>

BB explained that we have enormous help from Denmark and we therefore bring **Yvonne Meier** and **Marga Jörgensen** as co-opted member into the European Masters Committee.

M. Modrey (AUT) would like to add another Vice treasurer to back up the treasurer's work in future.

Denise Offermann noted that the committee wants to stay as small as possible and that Kurt Rosenberger has always done an excellent job and all the work on finance is transparent.

BB stated that both he and Kurt are always doing the accounts together.

#### **7. Special 'THANK' to Anton Huber (AUT):**

**BB took the opportunity to thank Anton Huber (AUT) for his outstanding contribution in the European Masters family in all the 13 years he served and has been a great and loyal friend. He has stepped down from his position as Vice chairman, but knows that he is always welcomed.**

**M. Modrey (AUT) took also the opportunity to thank A. Huber for all the years of support and spoke in behalf of the Austrian Masters WL Federation highly about Mr. Huber.**

#### **8. Proposals to this European Masters Congress:**

**Women's competition day back to Sunday:** Denise Offermann explained that she received numerous complaints and requests from various nations to return the women's competition day back to the first Sunday of the championship. Either women have to take too many days off work, or the days are mixed with the ones from the World Masters Championship, which have led to confusion. Comparing the situation of couples who travel together and compete, it is fair to say that not too many couples lift on days that far apart and generally most of the women come alone or are independent but working.

**8 votes for, 5 are against, 7 abstained.**

The women's day is declared back to the first Sunday of the Championship.

#### **9. Proposals: to World Masters Congress**

None.

#### **10. Women's Report by Denise Offermann**

We have seen new faces from Azerbaijan, with some good lifting. Unfortunately there was not enough big size 2.5 + 5 kg discs available. There was a huge discussion during the first days with the Turkish supplier WERKSAN of the equipment, who asked the older men and the women not to drop the bar with those weights. It created an uncomfortable atmosphere, which the committee and every organizer have to address rightly and make sure that this is settled and checked before the competition starts. Other than that the warm-up area, the pre scale and all facilities, as the venue were top. Yvonne Meier and Marga Jörgensen will be representing the women at the European Masters Championships as women spokesperson.

M. Jörgensen emphasized that we pay to lift and we are therefore entitled to receive the appropriate equipment.

## 11. European Masters Hall of Fame

No men and no women were initiated into the Hall of Fame in 2012.

In 2011 (4) four woman and (4) four men had been initiated into the European Masters Hall of Fame at the championship in Heinsheim and unfortunately Sandra Smith was not included when the Hall of Fame was discussed at 2011 Congress and we apologise to Sandra for this omission.

As a reminder, they were -

Woman            **Sandra Smith-Vorkoj (GBR)**

                    Ute Hehl                    (GER)

                    Jitka Stolfova                    (CZE)

                    Martina Dosquet                    (GER)

\* Chairman's award for the organization of two European Masters Championships.

Men                Gurdawer Dhesi                    (GBR)

                    Don Walker                        (GBR)

                    Hans Ehlenz                        (GER)

                    Holger Worm                        (GER)

- Hans Ehlenz and Martina Dosquet also received special achievement awards from the European Masters Committee.

## 12. Future European Masters Weightlifting Championships

### 12.1. 2013 KUSADASI, Turkey

The Turkish representative Mr. Gürsel Dedeoğlu made a presentation, showing a short DVD of the new chosen area in Turkey. Kusadasi is a tourist area on the Aegean sea. Izmir is the nearest airport, only 70 Km away. Visas will be obtained upon arrival on all airports/borders for € 15 per person. The area is well known as the birth place of HERCULES. Mr. Dedeoğlu stated that the Turkish WL Federation supports the championship.

## 13. 2014 Bids:

13.1. As Pilsen (CZE) has withdrawn, Hungary, who gave also a bid last year for

Kazinzbarcika, will take over as they celebrate their 60 years Anniversary.

BB explained that the place is familiar to Weightlifting from the EM 1998 and WM 2007 held in the same venue.

**2014 European Masters Championship will be held in Kazinzbarcika, Hungary.**

13.2. Jean Paul Belmas (FRA) announced that the next European Masters Games (EMG) will be held in 2015 in Nice. There is little information available on the website.

BB explained that we have to see which month and under what conditions the Championship can be held. It certainly should not clash with the 2015 World Masters Championship or the 2015 European Masters Championship unless an agreement is reached to run the championship within the EMG.

## 14. Other Business

### 14.1 Old Business

The 2011 European Masters Games in Lignano. A brief report was made by Denise Offermann

### 14.2 New Business

A) The 2012 Vienna Cup has been announced.

B) The 2013 World Masters Games in Turin – Italy:

BB announced what Walter Cerrati (ITA) has given him information:

22 Sports will participate, maybe it will increase to 28 Sports, meaning 6 are on discussion at the moment. The decision will be made until the end of June. The Games will be held over 8 – 9 days; Date; 2<sup>nd</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> August 2013. Early bird prices are available if you register and book accommodation together. The prices are a bit lower than in Sydney 2009.

Walter Cerrati asked if the European qualification standard can be used to attract enough athletes. 2 medals should be given: World Masters Games and World Masters Championship, Bill Barton replied that this was not a possibility.

### **Congress closed at 20.55 hours**

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