

DRAFT CONGRESS MINUTES

2009 EUROPEAN MASTERS WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESS OF NATIONS – MINUTES OF MEETING Togliatti, Russia 23rd – 30th May 2009

Congress Started – 19.00 hours, 27th May.

Before going through all the subjects at Congress Bill Barton informed everybody of the death of our beloved and good friend Tony Flood, who has served for many years as Doping Control Officer with Melvin Barton at our European Masters Championships. Congress paid their respect through 1 minute silence.

Bill also read out a brief message from Bob Hemery, the new elected IWF Masters chairman, to all European delegates and with Bob's best wishes for the success of this championship.

Finally he spoke about a new opportunity for the Masters to move forward in unison and for individuals to lay aside their own agendas entirely for the benefit of the Masters.

1. Words of Welcome

The EMC Chairman, Bill Barton, welcomed all the delegates to the 2009 Congress of Nations, Togliatti in Russia. Although there were some difficulties before the start of the championship and the change of the original venue, where the championship was supposed to be held, the championship has started off smoothly in a smaller than usual venue and it is running well and continuously without any problems.

2. Roll Call

Countries present at Congress –

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

16 voting nations

3. Previous Congress Minutes from Bohumin, Czech. Republic 2008.

3.1. a) Gerhard Peya has not agreed to point 7.9 .

Bill Barton has agreed to read it again and correct it if necessary. If it is corrected it will be sent out with the minutes from Togliatti.

b) B. Barton pointed out that an ex EMC official called him a liar. He promised at Congress 2008 to produce evidence of this which can be found as Appendix B with the previous minutes.

3.2. Acceptance of minutes (Proposal – Cyprus)

Acceptance was agreed unanimously with one vote 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 € 7,244.26.

Gerhard Peya (Austria) expressed that he could not understand this account. Both nations who checked the account, verified the accuracy of this account so that B. Barton had to ask Mr. Peya what it was that he could not understand. He then asked him to overview carefully the financial statement that every National delegate received with the agenda in order to follow and to check for themselves.

The EMC Chairman thanked Mr. Rosenberger for presenting the accounts and asked Congress to approve the accounts unanimously. (Proposal Russia – seconded by Scotland)

The financial statement has been accepted unanimously.

5. Reports from other members of the EMC

- 5.1. EMC Chairman, Bill Barton Typed report circulated to Congress.
- 5.2. EMC Vice Chairman, Jan Hinrichsen Typed report circulated to Congress.
- 5.3. EMC Records Registrar, Rudi Seidel, although not present, 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.

6. Proposals

- 6.1. Proposal to this European Masters Congress
No proposal.

7. Women's Report (Denise Offermann - CYP)

Generally everything has gone well and it had been a pleasure to compete. Although the test scale and the official weigh-in scale were one and the same, everybody managed. The Eleiko equipment was all in new condition, there was enough warm-up area and platforms and most importantly well isolated so that no training sessions or spectators could interfere.

8. European Masters Hall of Fame

The Chairman reported that one man has been initiated into the European Masters Hall of Fame at this championship. He offered his congratulations to him.

Men

Heinz KUHN Germany

Sandra Smith asked for better explanation about the points of the Hall of Fame.

B. Barton explained: for Bronze - 2 points, for Silver - 3 points and for Gold - 6 points. In order to enter the Hall of Fame one must collect between 45 – 55 points.

B. Barton also pointed out that the awards are very heavy and he is the one who has to organize and carry them. More support is needed here!

All information about the European Masters Hall of Fame can be found at the following websites -

www.rudi-seidel.de

<http://www.everyoneweb.fr/Mastersweightyves>

9. European Masters Weightlifting Championships

9.1 2010 LINZ , Austria

Gerhard Peya handed out reports and leaflets with all the information needed.

The dates of the championship will start earlier next year: **May 15th - May 22nd** .

Entry forms will be available soon and the entry fee is € 70.

Hotel prices vary from € 20 – € 80 , breakfast included. Women's lifting will be on the Wednesday. Social events and entertainment will be organized and the standard will be high!

There are flights to Vienna and also directly to Linz (check Ryan air) or online.

There is every hour a shuttle bus from and to Linz Airport and costs € 2,50 per trip.

There is tramway running between the hotels and venue and for 1 person costs € 11 per week or € 1.70 per trip.

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9.2. 2011 Bids

9.2.1. These are bids to be voted on.

a) Heinsheim, Germany - hosted 2006 European Masters.

b) Kazincbarcika, Hungary – hosted European Masters 1999, World Masters 2007.

Result of vote: 15 votes for Heinsheim (GER).

The European Masters Championship 2011 will be held once again in Heinsheim organized by Martina Dorsquet.

9.2.2. 2012 Bids will be voted at Congress 2010.

a) Kazincbarcika, Hungary - Geza Patrovics

b) Limassol, Cyprus – hosts 2007 European Masters Cyprus Weightlifting Federation and Denise Offermann-Loizou.

10. Other Business

11.1. Old Business

There were no issues relating to old business.

11.2. New Business

Bill Barton spoke in behalf of the EMC: As we have lost our Doping officer Tony Flood he is asked Congress to vote and accept Jozef Lazou (BEL) to replace Tony and to fulfill this duty.

Voted unanimously by Congress.

B. Barton expressed also the need for more support for all the secretarial work and translations that must be arranged and provided during an entire year before and after every championship.

Kurt Rosenberger and B. Barton have been doing all the work normally carried out by the General Secretary. It is time for the EMC to appoint a General Secretary and as Denise Offermann-Loizou has been doing a lot of this work at the Chairman's request, and because she speaks many different languages, he recommended her appointment to Congress.

He asked Congress to vote in Denise Offermann-Loizou (CYP) for the position of the General Secretary of the EMC.

15 votes for and 1 abstained.

Congress closed at 20.15 hours

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