Minutes (ver.1.0)

41st IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/The Netherlands

Saturday, 2 June 2018, 10:05 – 16:15 (break 12:25 – 13:15)
Hotel Mercure Amsterdam Airport, Oude Haagseweg 20
NL-1066 BW Amsterdam/The Netherlands.

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GBR Peter Carr (PC) IMSSC Member
GBR Keith Wright (KW) Short Track Expert
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GER Reinhold Marsollek (RM) IMSSC Member
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NOR Ragnvald Naess (RN) IMSSC Member
RUS Boris Repnin (BR) IMSSC Member
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SWI Hans-Peter Ambass (HPA) IMSSC Member

Distribution of the Minutes:

All Participants
Other IMSSC Members (BEL, BLR, CZE, KOR, LAT, UKR, USA)
Mr.Roland E. Maillard – Council Member of the International Skating Union
Agenda:

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2. Alterations of Members in the IMSSC
3. Election of the successors as IMSSC Statistician and IMSSC Treasurer
4. Approval of the IMSSC Records List 2018
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Session Opening

TS welcomed 23 participants from 16 nations for the 41st annual IMSSC Session. NL apologized via e-mail for the delay of his flight and joined the meeting during the discussion for item 5 of the agenda. Prior to the meeting, apologies were received from Andrew Love (USA) and Marty Haire (USA) for not being able to attend the Session. PG was appointed as Secretary (minutes) while TS continued the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, the number of valid votes were determined with a total of 16 (AUS, AUT, CAN, ESP, FIN, GBR, GER, ITA, JPN, KAZ, MGL, NED, NOR, RUS, SWE, SWI) corresponding to the Member Countries being present, out of 23 persons attending. As nominated Deputies, RP, NC and JW voted respectively for Canada, Italy and the Netherlands.

1. Approval of the Minutes 40th IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/The Netherlands 2017

The Minutes of the 40th IMSSC Session, version 1.0, was approved without modifications.

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2. Alterations of Members in the IMSSC

Proposal 3/ITA: new IMSSC Member for Italy.

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Nicola Condini has been welcomed as the new IMSSC Member for Italy.

Proposal 1/KAZ: new IMSSC Member for Kazakhstan.

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Leila Utegulova has been welcomed as the new IMSSC Member for Kazakhstan.
3. Election of the successors as IMSSC Statistician and IMSSC Treasurer

SAS announced last year his withdraw as IMSSC Statistician and MB proposed his candidature for that important task for the IMSSC. With the following voting results, MB has been nominated as the new IMSSC Statistician. Then TS thanked SAS for his 15 years involvement in IMSSC Statistics and all other work he carried out for the IMSSC/IMSSG with a flower presentation.

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BdV announced last year his withdraw as IMSSC Treasurer and AI proposed his candidature for that important task for the IMSSC. With the following voting results, AI has been nominated as the new IMSSC Treasurer. Then TS thanked BdV for his great dedication as IMSSC Treasurer with a flower ceremony.

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4. Approval of the IMSSC Records List 2018

SAS presented the various tasks the Statistician must carry out for a record recognition starting from the documentation requested by IMSSC in comparison to those requested by ISU and the necessary checks (time/points correct, races conducted according to ISU/IMSSC Rules, Age Group correct). SAS presented the IMSSC Record List 2018: 29 new records were achieved in 9 different tracks (1x Baselga di Piné, 1x Leeuwarden, 2x Geithus, 1x Milwaukee, 8x Inzell, 2x Groningen, 2x Moscow, 3x Heerenveen, 9x Kolomna). One record was not recognized at the Masters’ Sprint Games in Moscow (Alina Komarova) because she started twice the 1.000m in the inner lane and this is against IMSSC Rule 4.4.7 and ISU Rule 242. SAS showed also a typical timing problem for a skater that raced 5.000m where the automatic time keeping shows unexpected values so manual time keeping is required to recognize this record. SAS pointed out once again that it is duty of the IMSSC Member or the Organizer of the competition to report an IMSSC record. He reported that some nations are really prompt to report records and to deliver the correct documentation proving them but it is not the same for all the other nations and in particular for GER.

At the end of the discussion, the record list was approved unanimously and the list will be published soon on the IMSSC website.

5. Allround (AR) Games 2021 and Sprint (SP) Games 2021, Applications

Five candidates made proposals for the upcoming 2021 Masters’ Allround Games:

- **CAN**: Quebec City;
- **GER**: Berlin;
- **ITA**: Baselga di Piné;
- **MGL**: Ulaanbaatar;
- **RUS**: Kolomna.

Presentation were given by BR for Kolomna, NO for Ulaanbaatar and NC for Baselga di Piné. TS asked all IMSSC Members entitled to vote to assign a priority from 1 to 5 to all venues; at the end all “points” were counted (1st: RUS/Kolomna=40, 2nd: CAN/Quebec City=44, 3rd: GER/Berlin=45, 4th: MGL/Ulaanbaatar=52, 5th: ITA/Baselga di Piné =59) and the two best results were taken into consideration for the final vote.

The final voting result for the Allround Games 2021 was:

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Two candidates made proposals for the upcoming 2021 Masters’ Sprint Games:

- GER: Berlin;
- ITA: Baselga di Piné.

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6. Allround Games in Bjugn/NOR 2019, Nations’ Quota

The OC in Bjugn can manage 250 speedskaters and after short discussion, it was clear that no nations quota is required. Only Finland and The Netherlands will use a selection process prior to MAG (for NED deadline January, 1st 2019). Registrations will be open from October 1st on the IMSSC website and the deadline for standard registration as well as selection procedure is foreseen on January 31st.

7. Sprint Games in Leeuwarden/NED 2019, Nations’ Quota

TS has indicated that they can manage no more than 220 speedskaters. After short discussion, the nations’ quota has been agreed as follow:

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<td>The Netherlands = 77</td>
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Finland, The Netherlands, Norway and Russia will use a selection process prior to MSG (for NED deadline January, 1st 2019). Registrations will be open from October 1st on the IMSSC website and the deadline for standard registration as well as selection procedure is foreseen on January 31st.
8. Other International Masters’ Competitions in 2018/2019

The preliminary list of IMSSC and other competitions in 2018/2019 season is as follows. For a good planning SAS suggested that the dates for the Masters’ Games should be fixed one year ahead and not at the IMSSC Session preceding the current season. This is in most cases not possible because most ice rinks are not able to plan one year in advance.

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<td>Jan.11th…12th 2019</td>
<td>Yamagata/JAP (*)</td>
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<td>5th Masters' Short Track Games</td>
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IMSSC competition
Other competition

(*) National Event that allow foreign skaters to participate

9. ISU-IMSSC relationship and cooperation

TS reported that his contacts and discussion with Mr. Roland Maillard, ISU Council Member are always positive and effective. ISU made a donation to IMSSC last season that contributed to the budget for the two main IMSSC events (Masters’ Allround and Sprint Games) and cost of IMSSC office.

TS will travel to Sevilla/ESP to participate in the 57th Ordinary ISU Congress and will meet Mr. Maillard. Main topics of discussion with the ISU Council Member and other ISU officials will be, in addition to Masters’ speedskating development, the financial support of MIST Games 2019 (Masters International Short Track Games) and the support for the development of Masters’ speedskating in Japan also at the light to host a Masters’ Games event there (2021-2022 or later).

AI proposed to contact long track speedskaters from South Korea, China and Poland due to the development of the sport there. PC complemented that proposal suggesting to contact also South Korean short track skaters.

According to next WWMG 2020 (World Winter Masters’ Games) TS reported that he has spoken
with the organisation recently in Innsbruck (Florian Kotlaba, Hermann Philippic, Hannes Wolf). The idea is to define the details of the program and planning next June/July. Not only long track is on the program but also short track. WWMG 2020 will be held between January 10\textsuperscript{th} and 19\textsuperscript{th} 2020 in Innsbruck/AUT.

10. IMSTC: current status and future plans

FA reported about the 5\textsuperscript{th} MIST Games that will be held in Melbourne/AUS on 10\textsuperscript{th} to 12\textsuperscript{th} April 2019 where 120 athletes are expected. About half of them have already pre-registered. Previous location of the MIST Games was in USA, CAN and GBR. For this event the OC foresees about 20 officials and 40 volunteers; a hotel sponsorship will help the OC. The preliminary budget is about 53.000 AUS$ that also includes live streaming.

FA reported that MIST Games will be organized every two years and kindly request for a financial contribution of the IMSSC. PG pointed out that Short Track Regulations should be discussed, written and approved because currently nothing exists in IMSSC Constitution and Regulations for Short Track discipline and in particular about AG grouping, type of event & distances, etc.: FA replied that this will be worked out in the Short Track Working Group with KW and TS. FA expects that results can be reported in the next months.


The 2017 Financial Report was presented by BdV and approved unanimously by all Members present. The Treasurer was thanked for the work done and his good financial management.

BdV positively commented the financial results also at the light of ISU donation; currently a balance of € 28.000 is available to reimburse the travel expenses so at the end of the year around € 20.000 will be still available. Due to that positive situation BdV proposed for the 2018-2019 season to skip the payment of the IMSSC fee of € 6.-- per skater that participate in an IMSSC event. **No IMSSC fee will be requested from the skaters participating in IMSSC competitions in the 2018-2019 season.** BdV proposed also that the IMSSC fee can be changed each year at the IMSSC Session, according to the financial situation at that moment. These two proposals were unanimously approved by the Members.

12. New Proposals for changing IMSSC Constitution and Regulations

**Proposal 5/NED: Part I Constitution, Article 4 – Use of Names, Emblems and Graphics.**

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VS proposed to have the ISU and IMSSC logo only on the first page of an official document but PG replied that just from this year all IMSSC announcements contain these logos on all pages. The proposed text was approved and is reported below:

**Article 4.1: Use of Names, Emblems and Graphics of the IMSSC**

<Text as current Article 4>

**Article 4.2: Use of Names, Emblems and Graphics of the ISU**

In each document (for instance announcement, protocol, newspaper, news message) of a Masters competition that is listed as a formal IMSSC competition, the ISU logo must be used. The ISU logo must be included in the header or footer of every document and must appear on every page of the document.
Proposal 6/NED: Part I Constitution, Article 5 – Delegation of Tasks by the IMSSC.

The proposed text was approved and is reported below:

5.19 Preparation of Masters’ Sprint Games 2019 Leeuwarden/NED: Joke Wittenberg/NED, Tjeerd Smies/NED.
5.21 Preparation of Dutch Masters Cup 2019 (3 competition on 3 different tracks in the Netherlands)/NED: Tjeerd Smies/NED.
5.22 Preparation LONG DISTANCE RACES 2019 Heerenveen/NED: Tjeerd Smies/NED.
5.23 Preparation HEERENVEEN Sprint 2019 Heerenveen/NED: Tjeerd Smies/NED.

Proposal 1/USA: Part II Regulations, Modification to Rule 3 – Team Pursuit (TP) at MAG and Team Sprint (TS) at MSG.

Unfortunately MH was unable to participate in the 41st IMSSC Session due to flight cancellation so he was not able to present that proposal. Anyway a discussion by the participating Members was held: RP pointed out about time constraints especially in indoor tracks like Calgary or Heerenveen where the available timeslot is really limited; in Salt Lake has been held a Team Pursuit for Masters and it was a nice experience but anyway he proposed to have those kind of competitions only if there is time enough and at the end of the event. RN agreed and reported that also in Kolomna such a competition has been held and it was really fine but in any case the decision to organize is at the discretion of the OC. PC commented that the AG boundary (teams with skaters less than 45 or greater than 45 years old) in a country is not feasible for nations like GBR with small number of skaters. AI reported that is impossible to organize TP/TS in a MAG/MSG mainly for time constraints. TS proposed to have no AG boundary but open to all AG but anyway no mix between male and female skaters. While BR proposed to have 10 years AG. PG pointed out about organization and then economical issue organizing those type of competitions due to the fact you need double numbers of chronometers, possible use of transponders (not available in all tracks) as well as double photo finish system especially if we decide to recognize records on this kind of competition. At the end it was decided to ask USA to organize such an event as a try-out and report the results, recommendations and feedback at the next IMSSC Session in 2019.


PG pointed out that the last sentence of the proposal “For Masters Allround and Masters Sprint Games participants must comply with the minimum time limits as defined in rule 3.1.7.” is not necessary because this rule is just reported in Rule 3.1.6. The proposal with that modification was approved and the text is reported below:

3.3 Restriction of Participants

If the number of participants must be limited, the following rules apply:

1. If quotas are applied by the IMSSC for the competition, the organiser of that competition must regulate participation using these quotas;
2. Early entries have priority above late entries;
3. For countries that apply selection criteria (for instance for the MAG or MSG), the IMSSC country representative is responsible that the participants of his/her country are selected according to these criteria, including a list of substitutes;
4. The organiser of the competition can make exceptions, for instance using a wildcard for participants that were long time injured.
Proposal 1/NED: Part II Regulations, Rule 3.4 – Confirmation of Participation.

| Approved | Favor 16 | Against 0 | Abstentions 0 | Total 16 |

After a short discussion of the proposal the text was approved with some modifications and additions and is reported below:

3.4 Confirmation of Participation

Confirmation of participation must be defined in the Announcement of every competition. A competitor is obliged to confirm his participation in person at the latest one hour before the first Team Leader Meeting of the competition. If the competitor is not able to confirm in person, he must inform the competition organisation via email, phone, SMS or WhatsApp specifying first and last name at the latest 24 hours before the drawing of the competition.


| Approved | Favor 16 | Against 0 | Abstentions 0 | Total 16 |

The proposed text was approved with some modifications and additions and is reported below. The text will be added to the IMSSC Requirements and Advices to Organizers of International Masters’ Competitions:

Confirmation of Participation

A competitor is obliged to confirm his participation in person at the latest one hour before the first Team Leader Meeting of the competition. If the competitor is not able to confirm in person, he must inform the competition organisation via email, phone, SMS or WhatsApp specifying first and last name at the latest 24 hours before the drawing of the competition.


| Approved | Favor 15 | Against 0 | Abstentions 1 | Total 16 |

TS pointed out that the proposal is only related to the Sprint competitions so the 4th paragraph should not be skipped. PG proposed to add “For drawing of Masters’ International Allround Competitions, including Masters’ International Allround Games” at the beginning of 4th paragraph. The proposed text was approved with some modifications and is reported below:

3.4 Drawing and Ranking

Starting from 3rd paragraph

Drawing at Masters’ International Sprint Competitions, including Masters’ International Sprint Games, must be done according to ISU Rule 242, paragraphs 2 and 3, with two exceptions:

1. Drawing of the third and fourth distance will be done based on the overall ranking (independent of age group) on the first respectively the second distance.
2. All competitors will be admitted to the last distance.

If there are more than 100 participants at Masters’ International Sprint Competitions /Sprint Games, the participants shall be divided into two or more blocks of 5 year age groups. The first block completes their two distances before the next block, and so on. This will reduce the waiting time between the two distances.

For drawing of Masters’ International Allround Competitions, including Masters’ International Allround Games generally the age groups are drawn separately. ....
Proposal 3/JAP: Part II Regulations, Rule 3.5 – Drawing and Ranking

Withdrawn

The proposal was withdrawn but anyway TS and KT have filled in the forms to get the record "Oldest Competition Speedskater Ever" recognized and mentioned in the Guinness Book of Records.

Proposal 1/ITA: Part II Regulations, Rule 3.5 – Drawing and Ranking (Ref.: ISU Rule n.240 par.3)

Approved

The proposed text was approved and is reported below:

3.5 Drawing and Ranking

2\textsuperscript{nd} paragraph only

For drawing of Masters’ International Allround Competitions, including Masters’ International Allround Games, ISU Rule 244, Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 apply, as well as ISU Rule 240, Paragraphs 4.

Proposal 7/NED: Part II Regulations, Rule 4.3 – Applications.

Approved

The proposed text was approved and is reported below:

4.3 Applications

1\textsuperscript{st} sentence of the 1\textsuperscript{st} paragraph only

IMSSC Records (International Masters’ Records) are recognized only for times and points reached in International Masters’ Competitions approved by the IMSSC. This approval must be done at the preceding Session in May or June or by the Board if the competition was not yet known at the Session. All competitions must comply with the Rules and regulations of the ISU and the IMSSC.

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Approved

The proposed text was approved and is reported below:

4.4.8 Provisions

If the existing IMSSC Record is broken more than once on the same day in competitions at the same venue, only the best time obtained shall be recognized as a new IMSSC Record.


Withdrawn

The proposal was withdrawn after a short discussion about the responsibility of the referee. A lot of Members pointed to this responsibility, so to their opinion there is no need to include recommendations for overtaking in the rules.
13. Other Proposals

Proposal 1/JAP – 25th Anniversary of IMSSC.

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Year 2019 is 25th Anniversary of IMSSC, established in 1994. It was approved to celebrate this anniversary at MAG in Bjugn/NOR and MSG in Leeuwarden/NED. Also the IMSSC Honorary Members will be invited.

Proposal 2/JAP: Add the record set by the oldest skater.

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Proposal NED: Advices to Athletes for Antidoping.

TS reported that last year in Germany at the German Masters’ Championship doping control was held. It is very likely there will be doping control for all sports in WWMG 2020 in Innsbruck/AUT. TS distributed on April 17th 2018 a note about this issue and communicated that NED will propose a more detailed text at the next IMSSC Session to be incorporated in the IMSSC Requirements and Advices to Organizers of International Masters’ Competitions. This advice for the athletes will be also published on the IMSSC website and FB page.

Proposal 9/NED – Requirements and Advices to Organizers of International Masters’ Competitions – Entry Fee.

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The proposed text was approved and is reported below:

9. Entry Fee

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The Entry Fee (per competitor) will be decided by the Organizing Committee, with a sealing value of € 125.--.

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Proposal 2/ITA – Requirements and Advices to Organizers of International Masters’ Proposal Competitions – Free Ice Training and other minor modifications.

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The proposal was partially approved: free ice training was rejected (financially not feasible and impossible to arrange for example in The Netherlands) while the other proposed modifications were approved. The approved text is reported below:

15. Joined Age Groups

If the number of competitors in an age group is very small, neighboured age groups may be joined for drawing and skating. In these joined age groups the name of the competitor must appear together with his age group, e.g. “Mueller, Heinz 55” or “Heinz Mueller 55”, The final classification must again be split into separate age groups.

If the time schedule requires a restriction of participants in the last distance of the Allround competition, joined five year age groups have to be separated before the calculation of participants. The restriction has to be done for every five year age group separately. Afterwards five year age
16. Restriction Longest Distance
Please observe that there are IMSSC Rules for the restriction of participants in the longest distance at Allround Competitions.


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17. Diploma, Medal, Cup, Protocol, Souvenir (Masters Allround and Sprint Games)

14. Miscellaneous

- IMSSC Record Certificate: missing national flags.

PG commented that in the IMSSC Record Certificate some national flags are missing especially for the new nations that joined recently IMSSC (GBR, MGL). It was also pointed out that some nations are not IMSSC Members, at least Greece and Estonia. PG asked VS, that is owner of the original file, to add those flags to the picture in the IMSSC Record Certificate template.

- Next IMSSC Session.

Next 42nd IMSSC Session will take place in principle in Amsterdam on June 1st, 2019. The location of Amsterdam is under discussion. AI will come with an alternative also in the light of the 25th anniversary of the IMSSC in 2019.

Session closing

At 16:40 hours, TS as chairman of the meeting thanked the participants and closed the Session. He also invited everybody for a drink in the bar of the Mercure Hotel.
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