Minutes (ver.1.0)
36th IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/The Netherlands
Saturday, 25 May 2013, 10:00 – 18:30 h (break 13:00 – 13:45)
Hotel Mercure Amsterdam Airport, Oude Haagseweg 20,
NL-1066 BW Amsterdam/The Netherlands.

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CAN Brett Arnason (BA) (IMSSC Member and IMSSC VP)
CAN Wim Kok (WK) (Candidate Master Games 2016)
ESP Marcello Bresin (MB) (IMSSC Member)
FIN Matti Kilpeläinen (MK) (IMSSC Member)
FIN Dr.Ulla-Maj Björses (UMB) (Assistant)
GER Volker Serini (VS) (IMSSC Member, *Honorary IMSSC Member)
GER Reinhold Marsollek (RM) (Assistant, *IMSSC Member)
ITA Paolo Gemme (PG) (Deputy and IMSSC Secretary)
JAP Kenji Takai (KT) (IMSSC Member and IMSSC VP)
KAZ Azamat Ismailov (AI) (IMSSC Member)
NED Bram de Vries (BdV) (IMSSC Treasurer)
NED Tjeerd Smies (TS) (IMSSC Member and IMSSC Pres.)
NED Joke Wittenberg (JW) (Assistant)
NOR Sven-Åge Svensson (SAS) (IMSSC Member)
RUS Boris Repnin (BR) (IMSSC Member)
SUI Hans-Peter Ambass (HPA) (IMSSC Member)
USA Marty Haire (MH) (Deputy)

* = from Item 2, Alterations of Members in the IMSSC

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3. Approval of the IMSSC Records List 2013
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Session Opening

The meeting was opened by TS, who welcomed the participants. Apologies received from Hubert Kreutz (AUT), Jan Landelius (SWE) and Antonio Nitto (ITA). TS then appointed PG as secretary and himself as chairman of the session. The agenda of the meeting rev.1.0 is available as input document n.1.

1. Approval of the Minutes 35th IMSSC Session in Krefeld/GER 2012

The Minutes of the 35th IMSSC Session is available as input document n.2. VS made some comments to item 10 of the Minutes of the 35th IMSSC Session where at the beginning it is described the issue related to the Russian IMSSC Member: he suggested to modify the sentence “…so Mr. Repnin was appointed new Russian IMSSC member.” as follows: “so Mr. Repnin was appointed new Russian IMSSC member instead of Mr. Vladimir Tkachenko; thanks to Mr. Tkachenko were expressed by the delegates for his efforts for so many years”. Afterwards the Minutes of the 35th IMSSC Session in Krefeld were approved unanimously.

2. Alterations of Members in the IMSSC

The following proposals were presented and discussed:

Proposal 1/GER - Exchange of the IMSSC Member Germany. An exchange of the IMSSC Member Dr. Volker Serini against Reinhold Marsollek is proposed. Reinhold Marsollek is the new IMSSC Member for Germany.

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 12 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 1 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 2/GER - Vote for an IMSSC Member for Ukraine. Oleksandr Symonenko is proposed as IMSSC Member for Ukraine. VS presented the candidate as active organizer for the participation of skater teams of the Ukraine in Masters’ International Speed Skating Competitions; he speaks English language. Apologies for his absence were presented by BR. Oleksandr Symonenko is the IMSSC Member for Ukraine.

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |
Proposal 4/NED - Appointment of Volker Serini to IMSSC Honorary Member. The proposal is the appointment of Volker Serini of Germany to honorary Member of IMSSC. TS thanked VS for his huge support to IMSSC development and his continuous involvement for more than 20 years.

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Proposal 5/NED - Appointment of Bram de Vries to IMSSC Honorary Member. The proposal is the appointment of Bram de Vries of the Netherlands to honorary Member of the IMSSC. TS thanked BdV for his great cooperation as IMSSC Member for years and then as IMSSC Treasurer and also for the development of Masters’ Speed Skating in NED.

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Proposal 1/RUS - New IMSSC Member for Belarus. Konstantin Lukashevich is proposed as IMSSC Member for Belarus. BR presented the candidate as active and good organizer for Masters’ competitions (for example that one in Minsk); in Belarus a large group of Masters’ skaters is available. AI supported the candidature of Konstantin Lukashevich and added that he doesn’t speak English language. VS pointed out that it is not useful to have a Member who doesn’t speak English language and SAS proposed to give him a year to learn English language as strong recommendation. Konstantin Lukashevich is the IMSSC Member for Belarus.

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Proposal 3/GER - Voting out of the IMSSC Members for Estonia and Romania. It is proposed to vote out the IMSSC Members of ESTONIA, Indrek Aarna, Ph.D., and of ROMANIA, Miklos Jenei. VS explained that those IMSSC Members did not take part at IMSSC Sessions in the last 4 years in minimum and did not show activities in promoting Masters’ Speed Skating in their countries for this time. According to Art.2 of the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations and the relevant votes, the seats for Estonia and Romania are declared OPEN; all the Members thank Indrek Aarna and Miklos Jenei for their past active time in the IMSSC.

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Additional discussion on IMSSC Members participation. AI pointed out that China and South Korea are big countries but no Members of those nations participate to IMSSC Session; AI proposed to contact those country due to their high number of Masters’ skaters; VS explained that Jae-Seok Choi is Member of his federation and Member of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee and it was proposed to be Member for Asia. BdV added that flight costs participating to IMSSC Sessions for Mr.Choi are high. KT proposed to remind Mr.Choi the 2 years IMSSC inactivity and request him for a possible substitution.
3. Approval of the IMSSC Records List 2013

SAS presented the IMSSC Record List 2013 available as input doc n.3; 73 new IMSSC records were recognized as follow (after the Session 1 record was recognized, total=74):

- Erfurt Criterion: 1
- Milwaukee US Single Distance: 2
- Stavanger Int'l Single Distance: 10
- Inzell Sprint Classics: 8
- Inzell Allround Games: 17
- Kearns/SLC Sprint Games: 29
- Heerenveen Sprint: 1
- Heerenveen Long Distance: 2
- Kolomna Russian Single Distance: 3 (+1 recognized after the Session)

Other 4 records (1xMilwaukee, 3xStavanger) were not recognized due to missing documentation. SAS reported also about positive (+) and negative (–) experiences recognizing IMSSC records:

- (+) Many records – lots of work;
- (+) Faster access to documentation because of Internet;
- (+) Easier check of age, etc. because of Internet;
- (+) Easier to file documentation electronically;
- (+) Very fast communication with some organizers/ IMSSC members;
- (+) Competitions generally sufficiently staffed;
- (–) Organizers neglects rules, especially manual timing/protocols;
- (–) Some records could not be recognized because of missing doc;
- (–) Looks like some organizers have slight timing problems;
- (–) Some organizers/ IMSSC members respond slowly.

TS, together with all other delegates, thanked SAS for his huge work on IMSSC records especially this year with the high number of records achieved; PG then distributed to all available and interested Members the relevant Record Certificates 2013 (input document n.4) signed by the IMSSC Statistician and President; IMSSC Record Certificates belonging to nations not available at this IMSSC Session will be delivered via normal mail. The IMSSC Record List 2013 will be published on the IMSSC web site.

KT asked if a record remains in the IMSSC Record List when the relevant skater becomes afterwards a member of the national Senior team: SAS replied positively.

4. Master Games Allround 2013 in Inzell – feedback to the Organizer

During the Master Games Allround 2013 in Inzell some problems or errors affected negatively the competition despite the generally good organization found in past years in Inzell. SAS reported about all those issues and in particular:

- speakers difficult to hear and understand;
- results late or totally missing and, when available, placed in reception; times disappeared from scoreboard too quickly;
- several errors in start lists; no start lists for 4th distance distributed;
- wrong use of rules or use of outdated rules; IMSSC Rules for minimum skaters on last distance neglected; pairing on last distance not according to ISU Rules; only one lap scorer for both pairs in a quartet not according ISU Rules;
- some disqualifications were wrong or questionable; many disqualifications, not announced properly;
- head of the organizing committee and referees with arrogant attitude;
- organizer refused to show adjusted start times after ice preparation, on scoreboard.
AI stated that Kazakhstan tried in good faith to alert the organizers about the skaters who will be missing the Games as soon as the details were emerging. AI also expressed a big disappointment that the Kazakhstan female skater who was removed from the participant list by mistake, was not added to the starting list despite being present in Inzell and despite the organizers being informed about this 3 days before the Team Leaders meeting. AI reported that we have to learn from those things while MB proposed to add a clear check list in the “Masters’ Sprint Games and Masters’ Allround Games, Requirements and Advices to Organizers” document to be followed by the Organizers. After the discussion it was approved that SAS will draft a letter to be sent to the Organizer in Inzell and to the DESG representative signed by TS as IMSSC President, reporting the main issues found.

5. IMSTC – report of the 1st MIST and IMSTC activities

MH reported about the 1st MIST held in Cicero/USA on April 6th and 7th 2013: it was a very good experience and a really exiting weekend also if the participation was not so large (28 Ladies and 53 Men for a total of 81 participants coming from 4 nations). Two Short Track celebrities participated to that event: Jim Linch/AUS, 1st World ST Champion in the late 70’s and Michael Murray/CAN a former National Team Member. Participants were split into 5 year classes. There were a couple of disqualifications and no injuries.

FA announced that due to the great success in Cicero/USA, the 2nd MIST will be held in Ottawa/Ontario/CAN on April 5th and 6th 2014. He also proposed to establish a group for drawing the competition guidelines inside IMSSC.

6. Allround Games 2016 and Sprint Games 2016, Applications

The following applications for hosting the Master Games 2016 were received within the deadline of May 18th:

- Master Games Sprint 2016 – Baselga di Pinè/ITA (input document n.5);
- Master Games Sprint 2016 – Fort St.John/CAN (input document n.6);
- Master Games Allround 2016 – Baselga di Pinè/ITA (input document n.7);
- Master Games Allround 2016 – place to be defined/NED (input document n.8);
- Master Games Allround 2016 – Milwaukee/USA (input document n.9).

**Master Games Sprint 2016** - Mr.Wim Kok, Vice President of the Fort St.John Club, presented the application for the MGS in Fort St.John/CAN: the application was also presented on 2012 but not accepted; the date could be just before or after the Final of World Cup in Calgary with the possibility to be spectator also there; the 400m track is covered and located at 680m above sea level; community of 20.000 inhabitants with a dedicated group of volunteers and officials; 7 hotels nearby and airport at 10 Km with 3 airlines from Calgary at about 400$ for a return ticket and group discount available; ice free for trainings. After Mr.Kok’s presentation, VS suggested that is better to assign MGS to Baselga on 2016 and to Fort St.John on 2017; Mr.Kok replied that reasons to apply for 2016 are also good also for 2017. SAS added that on 2015 the MG are in Calgary so no possible to have again in Fort St John on 2016 but anyway he suggested to see MGS and MGA in conjunction and not separately. The voting gave the following results:

- Baselga di Pinè/ITA: 8 votes;
- Fort St.John/CAN: 5 votes.

Master Games Sprint 2016 were then assigned to Baselga di Pinè/ITA.
Master Games Allround 2016 – Discarding the application of Baselga di Pinè due to the just assigned Master Games Sprint, the voting results were the following:

- place to be defined/NED: 9 votes;
- Milwaukee/USA: 4 votes.

Master Games Allround 2016 were then assigned to a location in The Netherlands and the candidate locations are Almere, Heerenveen or Leeuwarden.

The dates of the Master Games 2016, Sprint and Allround, will be jointly chose by the two Organizers in close relationship.

7. Allround Games in Stavanger/NOR 2014, Nations’ Quota

The Master Games Allround 2014 will be held in Stavanger/NOR from March 7th to 9th 2014. A preliminary quota proposal (input document n.10) was distributed containing the desired quota for the EU nations. According to the past experiences in the two registration methods (1st method=number of entries (number of participants + 15%); 2nd method=number of participants (number of participants with possible substitution until a certain deadline)) and after detailed discussion, it was decided the following:

- The registration will be based on 242 entries (220 participants + 10%) with possible substitution;
- two deadlines were defined:
  - 1st deadline for the registration of all the entries: December 10th 2013;
  - 2nd deadline for the possible substitutions: 1st Team Leader meeting.
- management of the waiting list for all the Nations and Other Nations in order to allow substitutions;
- registration prepaid 100% within 1st deadline (electronically, via the IMSSC website or other dedicated website);
- the remaining free entries will be distributed among the Nations having more entries than quota in relation to their quota;
- the number of participants from the individual Nations of Other Nations should be based on their share of prepaid entries.

The quotas agreed are the following:

- Finland    12
- Germany    25
- Italy       9
- Netherlands 65
- Norway      73
- Russia      16
- Others      42

Total 242

The following proposals related to quota issue were withdrawn:

Proposal 3/RUS - Quota for the Games.
Proposal 1/CAN - No quota for W65+ and M70+.
Proposal 7/GER - Quota Allround Games and Sprint Games for Germany in 2014.
Proposal 8/GER - Quota Allround Games and Sprint Games also for BLR, CAN, JAP, KAZ, USA (besides FIN. GER, ITA, NED, NOR, RUS).
8. Sprint Games in Astana/KAZ 2014, Nations’ Quota

The Master Games Sprint 2014 will be held in Astana/KAZ on February 1st and 2nd 2014. AI briefly presented the main points:

- no quota foreseen, organizer doesn’t want to limit the participation; anyway please communicate in advance to AI the participant number for each nation;
- flexible deadline but prepaid 100%;
- VISA needed with a cost of about 35€ (pay attention of agencies requesting higher costs for VISA issue !!!);
- flight cost from Amsterdam to Astana is 530€ with UIA airline;
- hotel in the venue but limited to 45 rooms; anyway other hotels nearby available with free shuttle bus;
- participants and companions have to specify to AI if they would like to participate to a pre or post sightseeing event in Amati (1200 km by night rain at 50€ fare) or Medeo;
- additional events will be organized in Astana, for example at the indoor cycling track or at the frozen river.

9. Other International Masters’ Competitions in 2013/2014

The list of the IMSSC competitions in 2013/2014 (input document n.11) is the following:

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Type: A=Allround, S=Sprint, SDR=Single Distance Races
Status: C=Confirmed, P by O= Planned by Organizer, P by I=Planned by IMSSC

10. Features presentation of IMSSC web site

The new IMSSC web site www.imssc.org has been online since August 10th 2012. MB, designer and webmaster, presented the available features by means of videos. All IMSSC Members (or their deputies and assistants), are able to publish articles & news, as well as to enter & manage speedskating competitions; registered members can also publish articles, use the forums or register to competitions. The first video showed how to publish an article together with one or more optional pictures or pdf files: it will be possible to add the article in any of the sections of the website. The second video showed how a registered user is able to register to any of the listed speedskating events: a new feature recently implemented shows the updated participants list immediately after the registration process for a particular event: AI and PG asked to add the column “Nation” and “Age Group” on that participants list.

It was suggested that the forums should be more utilized. It was proposed by MB to implement a limited access forum for a user group of IMSSC Members: that Forum could help the preliminary discussion of important issues prior to IMSSC Sessions, or simply for
discussing issues of any importance. It was request by BR to split the “Results & Records” menu item into two different menu items. It was requested by BR to add the section “Pictures and Videos”, currently partially implemented in the articles. PG asked cooperation to all Organizers or IMSSC Members for publishing articles or results on the IMSSC website, in fact the website will be “alive” only if enough fresh news are published on a regular basis; to encourage organizers or country members to publish news and articles themselves, or to send a few lines (10 are enough !!!!) and at least one nice picture to the IMSSC Secretary, who will publish in the website immediately.


BdV as IMSSC Treasurer presented the Financial Report 2012 (input document n.12) and the Financial Preview 2013 (input document n.13) previously sent to all IMSSC Members via e-mail. No comments or requests from the IMSSC Members: the financial statement was unanimously approved. BdV commented that the good incomes received allows to pay the travel expenses for the IMSSC Member or Deputy (one each nation) for this Session; he will investigate if it will be possible to pay travel expenses also for assistants for the next Session. BdV pointed out that doping control, if introduced, will need a lot of money for the tests.

12. New Proposals for changing IMSSC Constitution and Regulations

All the received proposals (input document n.14) are listed below sorted according to their relation with the paragraphs order of the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations. For each proposal it is reported the original title (highlighted in grey), short description or discussion (if available), proposed text (if applicable) and a table with the status of the proposal and the voting result (if applicable).


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Proposal 2/ITA (from IMSSC Secretary) - Art.2: Substitution of a IMSSC Member that resigns. If an IMSSC Member resigns in between two IMSSC summer sessions, the country that he/she represents is not able to submit any proposal to the next summer session. The original proposal was little modified and approved as follow:

“An IMSSC member should appoint a successor that, in case of his death or resign, will act as an interim IMSSC Member for that country. The successor is officially appointed or voted out at the next IMSSC yearly Session.”

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Proposal 4/GER – Art.2: Simplification for Voting Out and Changing IMSSC Members. The approved proposal cancels the rule that an IMSSC member should stay in charge for 4 years and also the voting out of a IMSSC member misses 2 years worth of meetings in a row.

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Proposal 2/ESP – Art.3: IMSSC winter session. Despite some economical advantages described by MB for an IMSSC winter session, other members stated their negative experiences when you have to participate in both IMSSC Session and Master Games, or preparing/studying a lot of documents for the Session. In addition SAS pointed out that the Record List for that season is obviously not yet ready. The proposal is rejected.

| REJECTED | Votes in favor = 3 | Votes against = 7 | Abstentions = 3 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 11/GER - Addition in IMSSC Constitution Article 3: Constitution and Decisions of the IMSSC. This late proposal (input document n.15) was discussed due to the acceptance of 2/3 majority. The proposal, approved with minor modifications, states that proposals can be made only through IMSSC members. Change at Art.3, § 2, sentence 2 as follow:

“Such decisions can only be based on proposals through the IMSSC Members that have to be made by written word…”

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 11 | Votes against = 2 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 3/ITA (from IMSSC Secretary) – Art.4, Art.5 and others: evaluation of the removal of ICEVAL references. The proposal was approved and all the Iceoval references will be removed from next editions of the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations.

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 5/GER – Art.5.: Alterations in “Delegation of Tasks by the IMSSC”. The following modifications at Art.5 were approved:

Article 5.11: Information of the ISU Council, ISU TC Sp Sk and ISU Office by the IMSSC (IMSSC Session Minutes, etc.): IMSSC President, IMSSC Secretary.
Article 5.14: insert “Klaus Reuter” instead of “Dr. Volker Serini”.
Article 5.17: insert “Hans-Peter Ambass/SUI” instead of “Dr. Volker Serini/GER”.
Article 5.21: insert “Klaus Reuter” instead of “Dr. Volker Serini”.
Article 5.23: substitute „Inzell/GER 2013..” with the data for Stavanger/NOR 2014.

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 1/NOR - Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC – Modification of the introduction. The proposal to modify the text of the introduction was approved an modified text is the following:

“Masters’ International Speed Skating Competitions have been organized since 1991 in several countries (CAN, FIN, GER, ITA, NED, NOR, SUI, USA) generally by speed skating clubs and since 1994 promoted by the International Masters’ Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC). The outstanding annual events are the Masters’ International Sprint Games (the unofficial Masters’ World Sprint Championships) and the Masters International Allround Games (the unofficial Masters’ World Allround Championships). Determination of the host countries is through planning and voting of the IMSSC Members.”

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 11 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 2 | Total = 13 |
Proposal 2/NOR - Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC – Modification of the introduction. The proposal to modify the text of the introduction was approved an modified text is the following:

“Generally the Masters’ International Speed Skating Competitions are held under the Rules of the International Skating Union (ISU). Since there are no special rules for Masters in the ISU Rules and the existing rules are not always applicable, here shall be issued additional rules for Masters’ International Speed Skating Competitions. The establishment of uniform rules throughout the global Masters’ community has become a pressing obligation. The initial rules were implemented from the beginning in 1991. Since then they have been continually developed and practiced in all Masters’ International Competitions promoted by the IMSSC.”

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 11 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 2 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 3/NOR - Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC – Modification of Rule 1: Relations to ISU Rules. The proposal was approved in order to update ISU reference as follow:

“The mentioned ISU Rules in this document refer to the 2012 Edition of the ISU Constitution and General Rules and also the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules.... “

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 1/JAP - Rule 2: Masters Definition.

| WITHDRAWN | Votes in favor = | Votes against = | Abstentions = | Total = |

Proposal 1/ITA – Rule 3: Minimum number of skaters at the Master Games. The proposal suggests to request a minimum number of skaters (300…350) to an Organizer of the Master Games in order to satisfy the increasing participating demand of those competitions. Of course this could be join if quartet starts are foreseen for all distances, start time for each competition day should be planned early in the morning and finish time late in the evening, double Juries are foreseen in order to deal with all those skaters. VS commented that only Baselga and Calgary are able to accommodate more than 300 skaters otherwise that number it could be joined with 2 different competitions like in athletics (for example AG30…AG50 in one weekend and AG55+ in next weekend); SAS said that it is no possible to wake up early each day and also double juries are difficult to put into operation. Proposal was rejected.

| REJECTED | Votes in favor = 2 | Votes against = 10 | Abstentions = 1 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 2/JAP - Rule 3.1.1: Competitions. The proposal to modify Rule 3.1.1 was approved with one minor modification: §3 and the table are modified as follow:

“The Masters International Allround Games shall be organized over two or three days, at the option of the organizer in consultation with IMSSC. The distances may be run according to one of the following programs at the option of the organizer in consultation with IMSSC. Each Age Group is considered separately, which means that it is not needed to run all Age Groups in a category (e.g. men 30-60) according to the same program. The organizer needs acceptance of the IMSSC for the selected programs.”
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Proposal 1/ESP – Rule 3.1.1: Assignment of the WMG.

WITHDRAWN
Proposal 4/NOR - Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC – Modification of Rule 3.1.1: Masters’ International Allround Games. The modification of the Rules 3.1.1, § 1 was approved as follow:

“The Masters’ International Allround Games shall be held every year with rotating country and location. They may be organized by a club, cooperating clubs or a National Speed Skating Association.

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 5/NOR - Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC – Modification of Rule 3.1.2: Masters’ International Sprint Games. The modification of the Rules 3.1.2, § 1 was approved as follow:

“The Masters’ International Sprint Games shall be held every year with rotating country and location. They may be organized by a club, cooperating clubs or a National Speed Skating Association.”

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 1/NED - New Chapter 3.1.4. The proposal is similar to Proposal 6/NOR so it is withdrawn.

| WITHDRAWN | Votes in favor | Votes against | Abstentions | Total |

Proposal 6/NOR - Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC – New Rule 3.1.4: Duties of the local IMSSC Representative. The purpose of this new rule is to reduce the possibility of organizational flaws. BA and VS commented that the proposal is interesting but difficult to put into operation in CAN and GER. The proposal is approved with the following new text:

“The IMSSC Representative of the country where Masters’ International Allround Games, Masters’ International Sprint Games and other Masters’ International Competitions are held, is responsible for providing the organizer with updated versions of “Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC” and “Requirements and Advices to Organizers” for each competition. Further the IMSSC Representative must follow the preparations of the event to ensure that the organizer understands the mutuality of ISU and IMSSC Rules and practices them in the right way before and during the competition.”

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |


| WITHDRAWN | Votes in favor | Votes against | Abstentions | Total |


| WITHDRAWN | Votes in favor | Votes against | Abstentions | Total |

Proposal 1/KAZ - Revision of Article 3.3.

| WITHDRAWN | Votes in favor | Votes against | Abstentions | Total |
Proposal 1/USA – Rule 3.3: Qualifying for Masters Sprint & Allround Games. The proposal together with the attachment (input document n.16) tries to solve the problem of those excellent skaters that are sometimes excluded from the Master Games due to the registration procedure (first come-first served). It is proposed to give a registration precedence to those athletes who have skated a time within 108% of the current IMSSC record in a distance for the previous season. TS commented that he is not in favor if it is mandatory for all nations; SAS reported that is not a good proposal if the concept is to push it on everyone and added also that the proposal is for SDR and asked about the possible implementation for total of points case. MH replied that he is available for gathering info & suggestions in order to submit a better proposal for the next Session. The proposal was withdrawn.

WITHDRAWN

Proposal 6/NED - New chapter 3.2.1 Substitutes. The proposal for a new chapter is approved with some modifications as follow:

“If a participant cancels the entry it will be possible to replace him/her by a substitute of the same Nation and if there is no substitute of the same Nation by another substitute. This can take place at the latest on the Team-leaders meeting.”

APPROVED

Proposal 4/JAP - Rule 3.5: elder to younger. The proposed starting order “elder” to “younger” is not suitable for various reasons: TS commented that older women will start first early in the morning each day while SAS said that it could be an obstacle making an acceptable time table.

REJECTED

Proposal 5/JAP - Rule 3.5: age mix in day 2 in Sprint Games.

REJECTED

Proposal 2/NED - Addition to chapter 3.7 before the first sentence.

WITHDRAWN


POSTPONED


POSTPONED
Proposal 7/NOR - Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC – Modification of Rule 4.2: Single Distances and Allround Competitions. The proposed modification to Rule 4.2 was approved as follow:

“IMSSC Records will be registered by the IMSSC for the following single distances (times) and three and four distance competitions (points).

Single distances: 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m, 5000 m, 10000 m (Ladies and Men)

Three and four distance competitions (total of points):

- **Sprint**: 500 m, 1000 m, 500 m, 1000 m (Ladies and Men)
- **Allround Mini**: 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m (Ladies only)
- **Allround Small**: 500 m, 1500 m, 1000 m, 3000 m (Ladies and Men)
- **Allround**: 500 m, 3000 m, 1500 m, 5000 m (Ladies and Men)
- **Allround Big**: 500 m, 5000 m, 1500 m, 10000 m (Ladies and Men)”

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 4/ITA - (from IMSSC Secretary): modification to the Rule 4.3 (Applications for an IMSSC Records). The proposed modification to Rule 4.3 was approved as follow:

“...Applications for IMSSC Records must be made by the IMSSC Member of the Country, where the Competition has taken place, or by the Organizer of this Competition by sending one set of the necessary documents via e-mail to the IMSSC Statistician (svensven@online.no) and to the IMSSC Secretary (info@imssc.org). If the documents are not written in English, the text in these documents additionally has to be translated into English by the applicant.

Applications of IMSSC Records are possible for competitions in the competition year (July 1st – June 30th of the next year). Latest application preferred date for IMSSC Records of every competition is 6 weeks after the competition date (arrival of the application at the IMSSC).”

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 8/NOR - Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC – Modification of Rule 4.4.5. The proposal was approved in order to update ISU references as follow:

“The conditions of ISU Rules 226/227 (track), 248 (watches), 250 (manual time keeping), 251 (automatic time keeping) and 252 (split times and times for individual laps) must be observed. Automatic timekeeping must have been used (see ISU Rule 221 § 2-e) – but not necessarily with a photo finishing system.”

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 9/NOR - Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC – Modification of Rule 4.4.7. The proposal was approved in order to update ISU reference as follow:

“... and changed starting lanes on the second day (see ISU Rule 242).”

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |
Proposal 10/NOR - Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC – Modification of Rule 4.4.8. The proposal was approved in order to update ISU reference as follow:

“... considered as a separate competition (see ISU Rule 221 § 2 h).”

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |

13. Other Proposals

All the received proposals (input document n.14) are listed below sorted according to their arrival order to IMSSC Office. For each proposal it is reported the original title (highlighted in grey), short description or discussion (if available), proposed text (if applicable) and a table with the status of the proposal and the voting result (if applicable).

Proposal 3/ESP - Short-Track sub-committee.

| WITHDRAWN | Votes in favor = | Votes against = | Abstentions = | Total = |

Proposal 1/AUS - IMSSC investigation about the formation of a ST Committee to oversee the development of the ST component of Masters. After the great success of the 1st Masters International Games in Cicero NY/USA on April 5th…7th 2013 with almost 100 skaters taking part, FA propose the creation of a group that will investigate about rules and competition guidelines for Short Track in order to adapt them to the Masters. The initial group is formed by FA and AI but other members with Short Track knowledge are welcomed. IMSSC supports that new group; the proposal is then approved.

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 11 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 2 | Total = 13 |

Proposal 4/ESP - Anti-doping program. The Spanish proposal to create a new internal anti-doping commission to oversee the matter was approved. MB will contact H.Kreutz and A.Love in order to establish a new commission with also the help of BA; The goal of the new anti-doping commission is to create and implement an anti-doping program by the next Master Games Allround in Stavanger/NOR on 2014 and no later.

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 7 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 6 | Total = 13 |


| WITHDRAWN | Votes in favor = | Votes against = | Abstentions = | Total = |

Proposal 11/NOR - Masters’ Sprint Games and Masters’ Allround Games, Requirements and Advices to Organizers – Change of the document name. The proposed new name for the “Requirements and Advices to Organizers” document was approved as follow:

“Requirements and Advices to Organizers alternatively Requirements and Advices to Organizers of International Masters’ Competitions”

| APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13 |
Proposal 12/NOR - Masters’ Sprint Games and Masters’ Allround Games, Requirements and Advices to Organizers – New paragraph: Communication between organizer and participants change. The proposed new paragraph in the “Requirements and Advices to Organizers” document was approved as follow:

“Besides the normal Team Leader Meeting before the drawing, we recommend a Team Leader Meeting before the competition start every morning. This will serve the purpose of exchanging information and solving possible problems that have arisen.

If offered, please accept an appointed IMSSC Coordinator during the competitions. The IMSSC Coordinator will be a skilled person with knowledge of ISU and IMSSC Rules as well as Master Speedskating matters. The coordinator will act as “sparring partner” for the organizer and a formal link between the organizer and the participants and their team leaders, passing information and giving advice.

The idea of the Morning Team Leader Meeting and the IMSSC Coordinator is to facilitate the accomplishment of the competition to the benefit of all.

APPROVED | Votes in favor = 13 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 0 | Total = 13
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Proposal 4/RUS - Games requirements. The Russian proposal was discussed and then with minor modifications will be add to the “Requirements and Advices to Organizers” document as follow:

- timely (not later than 30 minutes before the start) publishing start list in designated areas;
- priority English language before the local (the language of the Games), both in writing and orally;
- IMSSC logotype on medals and awards, applied by casting or stamping (not a sticker).

APPROVED | Votes in favor = 10 | Votes against = 0 | Abstentions = 3 | Total = 13
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Proposal 2/RUS - ISU-IMSSC contacts. More than a proposal, it is a request to publish the results of the ISU-IMSSC contacts. TS highlighted that all the available IMSSC Members were informed during the informal meeting in Inzell so also the Russian Member. IMSSC will continue to inform ISU about all Masters’ activities sending invitations, minutes, calendar, record list, etc.. IMSSC stated also to ISU that the conditions to receive the ISU contribution of 15,000 € for one Master competition a year, were not acceptable (age limits, exhibition only if less than 4 participants in a AG, no records, etc).

WITHDRAWN | Votes in favor = | Votes against = | Abstentions = | Total =
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Proposal 5/RUS - Single Distance Games.

REJECTED | Votes in favor = 4 | Votes against = 4 | Abstentions = 5 | Total = 13
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Proposal 1/SWI - Competition in Davos.

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Proposal 2/SWI - Competition in Davos.

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Proposal 2/USA - Registration process for Masters International Events.

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14. Miscellaneous

- **5000m for AG 65/70** - SAS reported that in NOR there are some requests to have 5,000m back for AG 65 and 70.
- **ISU contact** – MB request for a new group of person to contact ISU again. PG informed that he regularly sends info to ISU Officials (invitation, minutes, record list, rules, calendar, etc.).
- **IMSSC Address List 2013** – PG distributed the current IMSSC Address List (input doc.n.17) in order to get feedback & corrections. PG will publish soon the 2013 edition.
- **Next IMSSC Session** – 37th IMSSC Session will be held in Amsterdam/NED on May 31st 2014.

Session closing

At 18:30 hours, TS as chairman of the meeting thanked the participants, especially VS and BdV, now both IMSSC Honorary Members, for their continuous efforts and service to IMSSC, and then proceeded to close the session.

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Vittuone, June 18th 2013

*Paolo GEMME*

(Deputy for Italy and IMSSC Secretary)

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