Minutes (ver.1.2)

38th IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/The Netherlands

Saturday, 30 May 2015, 10:10 – 16:50 h (break 13:00 – 14:00)
Hotel Mercure Amsterdam Airport, Oude Haagseweg 20
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Participants:

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ESP Marcello Bresin (MB) (IMSSC Member)
FIN Pertti Kiiskinen (PK) (IMSSC Member)
GER Reinhold Marsollek (RM) (IMSSC Member)
ITA Rossella Sardi (RS) (IMSSC Member)
ITA Antonio Nitto (AN) (IMSSC Honorary Member)
ITA Paolo Gemme (PG) (IMSSC Secretary)
JPN Kenji Takai (KT) (IMSSC Member and IMSSC VP)
KAZ Azamat Ismailov (AI) (IMSSC Member)
NED Bram de Vries (BdV) (IMSSC Honorary Member and Treasurer)
NED Tjeerd Smies (TS) (IMSSC Member and IMSSC Pres.)
NOR Sven-Åge Svensson (SAS) (IMSSC Statistician)
NOR Ragnvald Naess (RN) (IMSSC Member and Deputy for Lasma Kauniste/LAT)
RUS Boris Repnin (BR) (IMSSC Member)
SWE Nils Larsson (NL) (Deputy for Jan Landelius/SWE)
SWI Hans-Peter Ambass (HPA) (IMSSC Member)
USA Marty Haire (MH) (Deputy for Andrew Love/USA)

Distribution of the Minutes:

All Participants
Other IMSSC Members (AUS/AUT/BEL/CZE/KOR/UKR)
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Session Opening

TS welcomed 18 participants from 14 nations for the 38th annual IMSSC Session. Prior to the meeting, apologies were received from Volker Serini (GER), Hubert Kreuz (AUT), Jan Landelius (SWE), Lasma Kauniste (LAT) and Frank Anderson (AUS). PG was appointed as Secretary (minutes) while TS continues the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, the number of valid votes were determined where the number is 15 (BLR, CAN, ESP, FIN, GER, ITA, JPN, KAZ, LAT, NED, NOR, RUS, SWE, SWI and USA) corresponding to the Member Countries being present or represented, out of 18 persons attending.

1. Approval of the Minutes 37th IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/The Netherlands 2014

The Minutes of the 37th IMSSC Session, version 1.1, was approved without modifications.

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2. Alterations of Members in the IMSSC

No proposals were submitted at this IMSSC Session.

3. Approval of the IMSSC Records List 2015

SAS pointed out and presented again the procedure for the IMSSC record recognition and in particular the necessary documents well specified in the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations and the deadline of 6 weeks to send the application and all relevant documents. Among the various quality checks the Statistician carries out, there is that one related to the Officials. According to ISU Rules only ISU Referees (highest level) and International Referees are qualified to officiate at International Competitions. IMSSC practice is that a minimum of one International Referee is required for IMSSC Records to be accepted. IMSSC Records may also be recognized at National Masters Championships, and BdV informed about additional IMSSC Records made during the Dutch Masters Championship this season. He remarked that ISU seems to require only National Referees at National Championships. SAS responded that BdV might be right about that and said he would investigate the matter. He said that it might be necessary to make clarifications by proposing additional IMSSC rules next year, e.g. that International Referees are required anyway for IMSSC Records to be recognized.
Two issues arose during the last season:

- No International Referees for the 11th Masters’ Criterion in Erfurt/GER: for that competition SAS asked for the list of the Officials but no reply has been given so the records can not be officially recognized.
- At the 24th Masters’ Allround Games in Calgary/CAN the distances for Age Groups 65-80 were not run according to the competition programs specified in the IMSSC Rules. So, accordingly two records over total points should not be approved. However, according to the same rule the final results in Age Groups 65-80 would also be invalid. Since the winners are announced and the prizes presented, to cancel the results and recall the prizes would be too dramatic. Consequently SAS recommended that the two records in question should be recognized (as the least of two evils). AI commented that to run according to the program in Calgary was more difficult, so it meant no advantage to the competitors and their records. Then followed a discussion about why this could happen and how to prevent it from happening in the future. SAS pointed out again that the IMSSC Rule 3.1.4 states that it is the duty of the IMSSC Representative (IMSSC Member) to inform the organizer and follow up the preparations. BdV and PG suggested to include the competition program in the announcement but SAS and RN commented that it is not possible to do that because at the time the announcement is published (October 1st) no one knows the number of participants in each Age Group. The referees of the competition, who decides about the competition program, may not even be appointed yet. HPA highlighted that we have to write clearly in the announcement that the program should run according to IMSSC Rules.

At the end of the discussion, the record list was approved according to the recommendations of the IMSSC Statistician. BdV promised to provide documentation about the records made during the Dutch Masters Championship.

SAS presented also a collection of new statistics concerning Masters Games. It is compiled by the Norwegian statistician Magne Teigen and afterwards checked and completed by SAS. The new statistics are expanding the existing which shows only the name, place and date in that it will contain all results from all Masters Games, Allround and Sprint, for Ladies and Men separately. SAS will do some more checking and editing before the statistics are published on the IMSSC website. SAS encourages all IMSSC members and others to look for possible corrections and improvements to the new statistics.

4. Allround (AR) Games 2018 and Sprint (SP) Games 2018, Applications

Five candidates made proposals for the upcoming 2018 Masters Games. MH briefly informed the delegates about the logistic in Milwaukee while BR and PG held a presentation respectively for Moscow and Baselga di Pinè.

The candidates for 2018 are:
- Baselga di Pinè (Italia) proposed for either Sprint or Allround Games;
- Milwaukee (USA) proposed for either Sprint or Allround Games;
- Moscow (Russia) proposed for Sprint Games.

TS remembered that on 2017 Masters’ Sprint Games will be held in Inzel/GER while the Masters’ Allround Games in Fort St John/CAN. AI pointed out that usually we host the Master Games once in America and once in Europe but TS replied that most of the skaters are located in Europe so we are not obliged to keep this rules.
The voting result is:

- for Masters’ Sprint Games

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- for Masters’ Allround Games

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5. Allround Games in Leeuwarden/NED 2016, Nations’ Quota

BdV has indicated that they can manage 200 speedskaters as a maximum. Historically, approximately 10% will register but will not participate, so the quota can be based on 230 participants. The following nations’ quota list was defined and confirmed by the IMSSC Members:

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BdV informed the IMSSC Members about the following:

- the amount of the entry fee is of 150 €;
- the train easily connect Schiphol airport to Leeuwarden;
- hotels are available nearby the ice rink and hotel packages will be proposed to the skaters.

RN asked to have a diploma only and not waste money in medals or other trophies.

6. Sprint Games in Baselga di Piné/ITA 2016, Nations’ Quota

RS indicated that no nations’ quota is required. All are welcome at Baselga di Piné, Italy where Masters’ Sprint Games are scheduled on February 26th, 27th, 28th 2015 with the following schedule:

- Friday February 26th: Age Groups A
- Saturday February 27th: Age Groups A and Age Groups B
- Sunday February 28th: Age Groups B

The amount of the entry fee is of 110 € and the entrance at the Ice Rink Piné is free for all the skaters; hotel packages offered by the local tourism office will be proposed in the announcement.
7. Other International Masters’ Competitions in 2015/2016

The tentative list of IMSSC competitions in 2015/16 season is as follows.

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<td>Fujikyu Highland (JAP)</td>
<td>16th All Japan Masters * SD TBC K.Takai</td>
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<td>??? Astana (KAZ)</td>
<td>5th Allround Trophy AR TBC</td>
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* National Event that allow foreign skaters to participate

8. IMSTC: organization chart, regulations and status

AI apologized about the missing results of the task assigned to him at 37th IMSSC Session. RS proposed to organize the next Master Short Track Games in Baselga di Piné/ITA where the Organizer Committee proposed to shift the date respect the Masters’ Sprint Games: RS will go further with the investigation.


The 2014 Financial Report was presented by BdV and then approved unanimously by all Members present in person or represented, who discharged the Treasurer for the work done and the management policies adopted.

BdV confirmed that all the OCs paid the increased IMSSC fees of 12 € except the OC of the Master Cup in Berlin that paid 10 €/participant despite the IMSSC fee was correctly stated in their announcement. SAS asked about the half IMSSC fee for the participant of the LDR in Heerenveen and BdV replied about the fact that LDR is held in one day only in comparison to all other competition held in two or three days. After some discussion the conclusion is that also for a one day event the IMSSC fee must be € 12,-- per participant.

BdV confirmed that all the travel expenses for the 38th IMSSC Session will be fully reimbursed. TS thanked BdV for his good work.
10. New Proposals for changing IMSSC Constitution and Regulations

Proposal 1/USA - Part I Constitution: Modification to Article 1 - Objectives.

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PG asked for a modification in the text: the new approved text is defined below:

**Approved text:**

Founded in 1994, the objectives of the International Masters’ Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC), are to promote, encourage development of, and standardize masters’ speed skating in all possible manifestations throughout the world. This includes, but is not limited to, Masters’ International Speed Skating Championships and other Masters’ International Speed Skating Competitions. Through the committee based development and application of uniform rules and regulations for masters’ speed skating competitions, and in cooperation with the International Skating Union (ISU) and national associations, the IMSSC strives to create a safe and fair environment in which masters speed skaters the world over may enjoy competition in the great sport of speed skating.

Proposal 2/USA - Part I Constitution: Modification to first part of Article 2 - Appointment, Status and General Tasks of IMSSC Members.

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PG asked for some modifications in the text due to some incorrect interpretations of the Deputy role; some other delegates pointed out of the complexity of the written text and asked MH to review it. The proposal is then withdrawn.

Proposal 4/USA - Part I Constitution: Modification to Article 3 – Sessions and Decisions of the IMSSC.

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With a minor modification of the text, the proposal was approved: the new approved text is defined below:

**Approved text:**

Part of the annual IMSSC income shall be used to cover travelling expenses for the IMSSC Members to the Session and back. The amount is decided by the IMSSC at the Session. If the decided amount is not sufficient to cover all travelling expenses, the travelling expenses of each IMSSC Member who participated, will be reimbursed partially at the same percentage of the expense incurred.

Proposal 1/NOR - Part II Regulations: Modification to Rule 1 – Relations to ISU Rules.

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**Approved text:**

The mentioned ISU Rules in this document refer to the 2014 Edition of the ISU Constitution and General Rules and also the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules. If any ISU Rule should be renumbered after the issue of this document, the reference herein should apply to the corresponding renumbered ISU Rule until next update of this document.
TS said that no Master in the AG25 are allowed in NED while PG supported MH and reported
that in Italy there are AG20 and AG25 for Masters indicating the problem related to those skaters
that have no good results and for that will leave speedskating because there is no possibility to
compete. HPA and BdV commented that lowering the age at the end will include also young
skaters in the Master and it was also stated that it is up to the National Federation or Association
to create opportunity for this AG and it is not the responsibility of the IMSSC to bridge the gap.
Note of the IMSSC Secretary: anyway it is allowed to include non IMSSC recognized AGs in a
Master's competition according to local national rules; that is not suggested for Master Games
where quota are defined. For SAS is then ridiculous to have AG25. The proposal is then rejected.

Proposal 2/NOR - Part II Regulations: Modification to Rule 3.1.3 – Masters’ International
Competitions.

Approved text:
Masters’ International Competitions will be held in different countries. They may be organized by a
club, cooperating clubs or a National Speed Skating Association. The valid combinations of
distances for Sprint and Allround Competitions are the same as in paragraph 3.1.1 but without
regard to Age Groups. The competition program may also contain Team Pursuit, Relay Races,
Team Sprint Races and Mass Start Races according to the relevant ISU Rules.

Proposal 5/USA - Part II Regulations: Modification to Rule 3.1.4 and 3.1.5.

A brief discussion was held about the title of IMSSC Representative that is reported in Rule 3.1.4
and 3.1.5: this term creates confusion and it was decided to change it into IMSSC Member (4
occurrences). For Rule 3.1.4 the original text, instead of the proposed one, will be kept with few
modifications while for Rule 3.1.5 the proposed text with few modifications was approved: here
below the approved text.

Approved text:

3.1.4 Duties of the local IMSSC Member
The IMSSC Member 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 the “Requirements and Advices to Organizers” for each competition. Furthermore, the IMSSC
Member 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.

3.1.5 Responsible for Communication
For each IMSSC competition, the IMSSC Member is responsible for communication. His/Her role
is to provide news, images, and an accounting of race results for publication on the IMSSC
website as soon as possible but no later than one week of the close of the subject competition.
This information may be published directly on the IMSSC website (www.imssc.org) in the form
of a News Article or by emailing the News Article to the IMSSC Secretary.

Other information and/or news that is of a time sensitive or urgent nature shall be communicated
by the IMSSC Member to the IMSSC Secretary immediately upon discovery.
AN pointed out that the Master movement should not be a copy of the ISU expert skaters group so each Nation can select the participants to the Master Games according to its own rules. RN reported that we are not speaking only about quality but also security. BdV supported RN but also added the laughable part of their speedskating when a skater is not also able to skate a turn. RS said that she doesn’t want to shadow the quality of the best skaters but we have not to laugh about the participation of the other skaters. TS said that he expected a request to lower the time limits instead to cancel them at all. The proposal was rejected.

MH reported the issue of how to inform the Organizer if a participant is allowed or not to participate to a Master Game. BdV replied that the responsibility should be given to the IMSSC Member while RN reported that he had some difficulties to get results from the skaters of his Nation. The proposal was rejected.

PG asked for a modification of the proposed text related to the entry methods: the new approved text is defined below:

**Approved text:**

The official entry form of the competition is sent through the IMSSC registration system (available on the IMSSC website) or through a designated website to the organizer or the National IMSSC Member (as specified in the announcement) by the competitor or through representation of the club/association to which the skater belongs. Every competing skater must be licensed in his/her own country.
Proposal 8/USA - Part II Regulations: Clarification of Rule 3.7. – Participants in the last distance.

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PG asked for a modification related to the possibility to have pairs: the proposal was approved and the text was modified as reported below:

**Approved text:**

Only if the time schedule requires limitation of participants in the last distance of an Allround Competition, a minimum number of skaters of every five year age group must be allowed to skate according to the following table. In the case where a participant limit must be imposed, the starting list shall include the top general classification skaters in that age group. If a start listed skater withdraws from the last distance, his/her starting position will be filled by the next lower ranked skater in that age group. Adjustments to the table below should be made to fill a quartet.

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Approved text:

IMSSC Records over all distances may be recognized also for times achieved in quartet starts (see ISU Rule 278 § 1, §2b, § 3a-d, §4 and §5).

11. Other Proposals

Proposal 1/ESP – No speedskates rule.

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MB briefly explained the issue then BdV said that anyway the skates have not to ruin the track (for example ice hockey skates). RN affirmed that in NED you are allow to use only clap skates while NL reported that in SWE skates with separate boot are allowed. After brief discussion the proposal was approved.

**Approved text:**

Except Masters Games, athletes should be able to participate in events with fitness/non racing skates.
After brief discussion and the request for minor modification, the proposal was approved and the text was modified as reported below. The text will be incorporated in the appendix of the Constitution and Regulations of the IMSSC.

**Approved text:**

**Guidelines for Appointment of Honorary Life Members**

to the International Masters' Speedskating Committee (IMSSC)

The IMSSC Members can appoint IMSSC Honorary Life Members as a tribute to outstanding accomplishments in the promotion of Masters' speedskating and dedicated services to IMSSC.

1. **Criteria**

Honorary Life Members to the IMSSC may be nominated or proposed for appointment at the annual Session on the basis of the following criteria:

- Has carried out a significant role or roles on a voluntary basis for the benefit of the masters speedskating community.
- Has made a significant and lasting contribution to further the mission and goals of the IMSSC through interaction with international organizations and committees on behalf of the IMSSC over the course of their career.
- Has exhibited high ethical standards of conduct on behalf of the IMSSC.
- Has retired from being official IMSSC Member.
- The appointed must be made by a three-quarter (3/4) secret ballot decision of the IMSSC Members or Deputy Members in attendance.

2. **Entitlements**

No specific or implied entitlements result from an appointment as an IMSSC Honorary Life Member.

3. **Nominations**

Anyone may nominate a person as an IMSSC Honorary Life Member. A nomination shall be submitted in writing as a formal proposal to the IMSSC Secretary prior to the deadline for proposals for the annual Session of the IMSSC in accordance with [IMSSC Rules and Regulations] with detailed motivation and justification information to fully support the nomination. It is recommended that the nomination proposal come with the endorsement of the national IMSSC Member of the nominee, as this person will be sponsoring the nomination at the Session.

These guidelines shall be made known Masters Speedskaters via the IMSSC website.

4. **Removal from IMSSC Honorary Life Status**

The IMSSC Members may remove an IMSSC Honorary Life Member from such stand with due reason at the annual Session if it is learned that personal acts committed by the individual shed negative light on their character or integrity. A secret ballot of three-quarter (3/4) majority is required to do so.
5. Current IMSSC Honorary Life Members

The IMSSC proudly holds the following persons status as IMSSC Honorary Life Members:

- Aris J Dijksman, Netherlands
- Dr. Harry G Falke, Netherlands
- Roland Hagemann, Germany
- Antonio Nitto, Italy
- Peter Reimann, Switzerland
- Volker Serini \(^1\), Germany
- Bram de Vries, Netherlands
- Dominik Wehling, Germany

note 1: Honorary Life Member, President

Proposal 1/NED – Requirements and Advice to Organizers of International Masters Competitions v.1.1 – additional text to point 5 announcement.

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With a minor modification to the text, the proposal was approved and the text was modified as reported below:

Approved text:

In the announcement the time limits must be published as defined in chapter 3.1.7 in the Constitutions and Regulations 2015-2016 of the IMSSC (v.1.0).

Application of masters for the Masters Allround Games and the Masters Sprint Games of the following countries must be done via the IMSSC country representative:

- Finland
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Russia

Late Proposal IMSSC Board – nomination of Dr. Volker Serini to IMSSC Honorary President.

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After a brief discussion among the delegates where other forms or recognition were proposed (gift, award, etc) the late proposal was approved and now Dr. Volker Serini is the first IMSSC Honorary President, congratulations!!!

12. Miscellaneous

- How to create and manage an event on the IMSSC website: PG held a presentation on how to create and manage an event on the IMSSC website. The available tool is quite simple and useful for all the Organizer Committees of Master Games and International Masters’ competition because they can freely create and manage themselves their events, specifying all the information the participants need and receiving all the registrations automatically at the e-mail address they specify during the registration of the user. In any case the support for this tool is assured by Marcello Bresin, our web master, that is fully available to help the OCs in all the issues they may suffer. The complete instructions of that tool will be sent to all IMSSC Members.

- Only few ice preparation in Inzell: RN pointed out that only few ice preparation were foreseen in Inzell during the 18\(^{th}\) Sprint Classics and asked what is possible to do in those cases: TS replied that normally is the IMSSC Member that, together with the local OC, has to fix those kind of problems.
• **Single Distance Master Games:** RN asked if it possible to arrange a Single Distance Master Games. The issue was just presented at the 31st, 32nd and 33rd IMSSC Session and some interest arose from few Nations: TS will investigate about a possible proposal for the next IMSSC Session.

• **Artificial or natural ice for Master Games:** RN asked for the possibility to host in North Norway a Master Games on a track with natural ice. TS replied that there is no objection to held a Master Games on natural ice providing that the ice condition are quite stable and the event is not jeopardize by climatic conditions as for example in Davos/SWI.

• **Next IMSSC Session:** next 39th IMSSC Session will take place in Amsterdam on May 28th, 2016.

**Session closing**

At 16:50 hours, TS as chairman of the meeting thanked the participants and then closed the session.

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