

MEETING IVV PRESIDIUM with CVA

Shenyang, 21 February 2016, 9 – 10 am

Present: IVV : Graham Fawcett, Raymond Claude
CVA: Jin Qiao, Cen Chuanli (Vice-President), Billy Guo (Chief Operating Officer)

Jin Qiao welcomed the IVV guests in Shenyang and expressed thanks for the help of the IVV Presidium at the IVV Olympiad in Chengdu which was a great success and helped IVV and CVA to be better known in China. CVA had contacts to the government of Shenyang who are interested in organizing an IVV Winter Olympiad.

The IVV Presidium approved the project „IVV Winter Olympiad“ in Shenyang on condition that the IVV Statutes and Rules are met and details approved by the IVV Presidium.

The following items were discussed during the meeting to be submitted to the Shenyang government:

1. A contract to organize the winter Olympiad is to be worked out by IVV and signed by both parties, CVA and Shenyang.
2. An Organizing Committee is to be established with representatives of CVA, Shenyang and one or two representatives of the IVV Presidium.
3. The date of the event will be end of 2017, as the end of 2016 is too early for organizing the Olympiad. The preparation period and period for international advertisements are too short. Starting in 2017, it is also possible to put the IVV Winter Olympiad on the list of the events to be chosen for the IVV/IML Cup. This would motivate IML walkers to attend.

Before November 2016 a first draft of the program is to be worked out and presented to the Congress in Brazil. The delegates could give their opinion and the Winter Olympiad could be better advertised by the national associations.

VISITING of different VENUES for WINTER OLYMPIAD

Shenyang, 21 February, 10 am – 12 pm and 2 – 5 pm

Shenyang, 22 February, 10am – 12 pm

Skating- and indoor pool, 10 am – 12 pm

The indoor pool is in the centre of the city and suitable for the Olympiad. Skating can be done in two halls, shoes can be rented for a cheap price. The pool is 50 m long and relatively wide.

Ski slopes, 2 – 5 pm

The first venue which is about one hour away from the centre of Shenyang is not suitable as the longest run is only 1,200 m and there is no opportunity to do other kinds of sports. Furthermore, there is no hall where people can meet and relax after the sports.

The other venue with a run of 1,600 m is located near an artificial lake with beautiful scenery and a huge hall where start and finish points could be established after 10 and 20 km winter walking around the lake.

At the river in the middle of the city there is a beautiful park, here the 10, 20 and 40 km walks could be organized with all necessary infrastructure for start and finish points. 40 km could only be organized when the weather is good.

MEETING IVV, CVA and SPORTS BUREAU SHENYANG

22 February, 2 – 7 pm

The date of the Winter Olympiad must be in 2017 as it is foreseen in the budget of the regional government. December is not a good month as the climate is too warm. Shenyang is located in a height of 500m. Finally, the date was fixed on a three day event from 12 – 15 January, 2017.

The following sports activities are planned: Winter walking 10, 20 km for two days and 40 km on one day, skating, swimming indoor and skiing. Participants can rent the equipment for skating and skiing there for a low price.

Besides these sports activities, others could be offered mainly for domestic participants.

An Organizing Committee should be established as soon as possible consisting of representatives of CVA, Shenyang and one or two representatives of the IVV Presidium. An Olympiad contract, worked out by the IVV Presidium, will be signed by the parties. As the Olympiad will take place in less than one year, we need to start the announcement and promotion to motivate as many international participants for Shenyang as possible. On 22 February a press conference will be held in Beijing where the national press will be informed.

PRESS CONFERENCE in NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE in BEIJING

25 February, 10 am – 12 pm and 1 – 5 pm

There were several press conferences, organized by CVA. Representatives of the IVV were Graham Fawcett and Raymond Claude who answered reporters' questions and gave interviews for newspapers and the TV. The hall was fully occupied by reporters of the Chinese press and TV, a good promotion of the IVV in China.

The following press conferences were held:

- The Fifth (China) International Walking Forum - Leisure Walking Tourism Resources of the Great Beauty of the Quiandorgnan Region
- The Quiandorgnan Opening Ceremony for the International Event of the hundred Cities and Million Walkers in China 2016 - The First IVV (Kaili) International Walking Carnival
- The Program Launching Ceremony of Kanas - Chinas First Walking Tourism Resort Certified by IVV
- The first IVV (Shenyang) International Winter Olympiad

MEETING IVV and CVA NANNING

27 February, 8.45 - 9.30 am

The aim is to help the sport bureau of Nanning to build a „Sports Industrial Park“. The local government has written a letter to the IVV Head Office which was forwarded it to the CVA. Aim of the IVV/CVA support is to give the park an international character, only on condition that the IVV promotion is supported in the area of Guanxi by an IVV information booth, permanent trails and IVV events.

Shenyang demanded an official letter of the IOC that confirms the IVV's permission to use the name „Olympiad“. This is not necessary, as the association „IVV Olympiad“ was legally founded and has nothing to do with the IOC.

MEETING IVV, CVA, SPORTS BUREAU NANNING

27th February, 9.30 am – 12 pm Nanning

Present:

IVV: Graham Fawcett, Raymond Claude

CVA: Jin Qiao, Guo Xiaowei (Executive Director), Guo Xin
(Managing Director)

Nanning: Luo Yantian (Sportsadministration), Ma Jitong (Director of
International Exchange), Li Jianhua (Director of Nanning
Sports Bureau)

Mr. Ma Jitong welcomed the guests and presented a video of the region Guangxi Zhuang and Nanning. Mr. Luo Yantian pointed out that Nanning had an excellent sports infrastructure and organized numerous international sports events. In the field of sports science the city did excellent work and therefore the idea was born to create the „Guangxi Sports Industrial Park“.

In this park with great sports infrastructures, such as a football stadium, a building is to be built including an office for the CVA for IVV promotion, to be finalized in 2018. IVV events should be organized, too, for which they need the support of the IVV and CVA.

Graham Fawcett promised the support of the IVV Presidium but the CVA is the representative of IVV in China and the direct contact person for the Sport Bureau of Nanning.

Raymond Claude pointed out the important role of permanent trails and suggested to organize some of them in the city as the parks are beautiful, and these could be an example for other cities. The IVV Head Office will send the rules for permanent trails.

Visit of most important sports sites of Nanning

2 – 5 pm

- Nanning Sport Park: Unique in the area and China. Residents can participate the sports events for a low entry fee, such as badminton, tennis, swimming and so on. Youngsters can be supervised by trainers.
- Li River Park: A nature park at the Li River, 8 km walks could be organized, this park is frequently visited by residents and could be a good publicity for IVV.
- Visiting the place where the „Sport Industrial Park“ will be built with great sports infrastructure such as a football stadium for 60,000 people, indoor pool, tennis hall and other kinds of sports. It will be inaugurated in 2018.

Raymond Claude
IVV Secretary