

# MEETING MINUTES IVV CONGRESS of DELEGATES, AUGUST 23, 2022 IN GERMANY, NEURIED/KEHL, EUROPÄISCHES FORUM AM RHEIN

START: 09.00 hrs

# 1. Opening and welcoming

IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio warmly welcomed everyone to the beautiful premises of the European Forum. A special greeting was given to the organizer of the meeting, IVV-Germany, and its President Uwe Kneibert and the IVV Honorary President Horst Volkmer. He wished the conference a positive course and handed over the chairmanship of the conference to Walter Motz.

Walter Motz, who chaired the meeting, also welcomed all those present and hoped that the meeting would go well.

Following a justified suggestion by IVV-Germany, he asked the meeting to amend the agenda to include item 3 after item 5. This proposal was accepted by all.

Congratulations were extended to the newly elected President of IVV-USA Mr. Henry Rosales, the new President of IVV-Czech Republic Mr. Jiri Broz and the new President of IVV-Austria Mr. Leopold Hablesreiter.

#### Minute's silence for deceased

The IVV President asked those present for a minute's silence in memory of the deceased officials and members of the entire IVV family. On behalf of all, the President mentioned Mrs. Helga Volkmer (wife of the IVV Honorary President) who left us a few weeks ago.

## 3. Further greetings

IVV-Germany Vice-President Albert Huber spoke on behalf of the owner of the conference venue, Mr. Tietge from the Grossmann Group, and welcomed all those present and was pleased that the IVV was holding the conference at their premises. Therefore, they were very happy to make the theatre, which serves as the conference venue, available to the IVV free of charge.

The IVV Honorary President Horst Volkmer thanked for the invitation and was pleased to see former but also new functionaries again. The development is important for him and he sees in the proposed Strategic Plan a good approach in the continuation of the international movement.

IVV-Germany President Uwe Kneibert welcomed all participants to Neuried and addressed the problems of the federation and the clubs associated with the Corona pandemic. In this context, special attention should be paid to digitalization in order to remain competitive.

## 4. Establishment of the Delegates present and quorum

According to § 8 paragraph 5 of the IVV Statutes, the Congress of Delegates has a quorum if at least 1 delegate is present more than half of the delegates to be determined. 106 delegates plus 7 members of the United Presidium were invited, 32 delegates and 6 members of the General Presidium were present with a total of 65 votes. Therefore, the required quorum was not reached. In this case, the Statutes provide under § 8 paragraph 5: If at the beginning the Congress of Delegates does not have a quorum, a Congress of Delegates with the same agenda shall be held half an hour later, which shall in any case have a quorum. The Congress of Delegates was then interrupted for 30 minutes and then continued with the same agenda. This break was used by IVV-Finland to present its IVV Olympiad candidature.

#### Election of electoral committee and examination board

The nominees are Mr Konrad Teni from Austria, Mr Albert Huber from Germany and Mr Motohiro Kawauchi from Japan. No other candidates were proposed. As no secret ballot was requested, voting could be done by voting card.

Voting result: 65 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

The election committee was thus composed of.

# 6. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Altötting 2020

No secret ballot was requested, the voting result was as follows: 52 Yes votes, 0 No votes and there were 7 abstentions.

The 2020 minutes were thus approved.

#### 7. Reports

- a. President's report
- b. Vice President's report
- c. Treasurer's report
- d. Secretary's report

The aforementioned 4 reports were distributed to all national associations in advance. They are attached to the original minutes.

- e. Report of IVV-Asia representative Motohiro Kawauchi
- f. Report of IVV-Europe representative Romain Buschmann
- g. Report of IVV-Americas & Oceania representative Diana Marschall

The 3 representatives of the IVV Continental Associations reported on the development but also concerns in their continents. These were presented on PowerPoint and anyone interested can request this from the Continental Associations or the IVV Head Office.

#### h. Auditors' report

The 2020 and 2021 reports were distributed in advance and are attached to the original minutes.

## 8. Discussion of the reports

A delegate asked the treasurer about the amount of reserves and this information should be included in the next treasurer's report.

# 9. Approval

According to §4 paragraph 4 of the Rules of Finances and Dues, an auditor is responsible for submitting a motion on the approval of the Presidium. The auditor Konrad Teni proposed the approval. The result of the vote was as follows:

64 Yes votes, there was 1 abstention.

Thus the IVV Presidium was approved for the years 2020 and 2021.

## 10. Election of location of the next Congress of Delegates in 2024

There was a candidature from IVV-Australia. Diana Marshall explained the motion which, among other things, stated that the meeting should take place in Canberra on 20 March 2024. She hoped that the delegates would agree.

No secret ballot was requested and the motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned for a break from 12.00 - 13.30 hrs.

## 11. Election of location of the next IVV Olympiad 2025

One candidature was received from IVV Finland. During the interruption in the morning, the representatives of Finland were connected via video and they explained their candidature. The IVV Olympiad will take place from 14-17 August 2025 in Tampere, Finland, in the Kauppi Sports Park.

As there were no more requests to speak, a vote could be taken. A secret ballot was not requested.

The delegates unanimously accepted the candidature.

#### 12. Motions for the amendments of the rules

a. Amendment of Statutes: Deletion of §8, 9c – New addition of §9 (7)

This was already addressed at the 2012 IVV Congress of Delegates in China and the Rules of Finances and Dues were amended accordingly. The local court has now drawn our attention to the fact that the amendment to the statutes has not been voted on and that this should therefore now be done.

It will now be decided about deletion of §8 paragraph 9 c which states:

- (9) The Congress of Delegates decides on all matters, which are not exclusively the preserve of the Executive Presidium and/or United Presidium, particularly:
- c) Voting on the budget

Added is §9 (7) as follows: "A budget will be drawn up for each fiscal year by the Treasurer in agreement with the Executive Presidium. It will be approved by the Executive Presidium."

No secret ballot was requested and the result of the vote was as follows

60 Yes votes, 0 No votes and 0 abstentions.

Thus §8, 9c of the statutes is deleted without replacement and §9 (7) of the statutes is added.

#### 13. Other motions

#### Motion IVV-Europe (2)

IVV-Europe requests that a small amount (e.g. 1.50 Euro) of the income paid by the European member countries as annual membership fee to the IVV will be given to the Continental Confederation every year.

A controversial discussion arose about the imprecise wording of the motion. There was also discussion about the actual meaning of the request, mainly from the non-European national associations. For example, the delegate from Japan and representative of IVV-Asia announced with reservations that IVV-Asia does not want this grant. The so-called watering can principle was also discussed and it was pleaded that concrete applications should be submitted as before, which can then be discussed and decided on for financial aid.

Since the IVV is in any case aiming at equal treatment, all continental associations should benefit from the financial support if the motion is approved. The motion was clarified in the sense that it is not about e.g. 1.50 Euros but about precisely 1.50 Euros.

The vote resulted in 36 Yes votes, 25 No votes and 3 abstentions.

Thus, from 2023, all continental federations will receive 1.50 Euros per member.

# Motion IVV-Europe (3)

IVV -Europa withdrew this motion. The aim was to protect the denomination "IVV-Europa" in the entire IVV area.

# Motion IVV-Austria (4)

The ÖVV requested that the IVV Olympiad should only take place every 4 years (previously every 2 years).

The reason given was that there were only few applicants for major events and that there was too much to offer with the Europiades, Asiapiades and Americaspiades.

The result of the vote was as follows:

7 Yes votes, 54 No votes and there were no abstentions.

The motion was thus rejected by a majority.

## Motion IVV-Germany (5)

In this motion, the DVV requested answers to the following questions:

- 1. Which project applications were submitted by the time of the Congress of Delegates on 23 August 2022 for the calendar year 2022 and following. a) applicant, b) date of application, c) purpose of use in such detail that the concrete expenditure items can be identified, d) amount of application.
- 2. Which applications were approved by the IVV Presidium and for what amount.

After a short controversy between the applicant and the treasurer, the treasurer gave detailed answers to the questions asked. He used a large sheet of paper full of figures and the answering was so time-consuming that the applicant interrupted and expressed the opinion that one did not want to know it so exactly either.

In summary, IVV-Europe made requests amounting to 4,565.27 Euros. The IVV Presidium has approved 2,304.90 Euros of this to date.

Finally, the meeting agreed to propose to be informed about such requests to the IVV before the next Congress of Delegates.

This proposal was unanimously accepted.

# 14. Strategic Plan

Vice President Graham Fawcett was pleased to be able to present this document. However, he said, this had only become possible with the cooperation of many stakeholders who had contributed to the consideration process. He also thanked Tanja Müller from the IVV Head Office who was also a valuable help.

There were no requests to speak on this. No secret ballot was requested.

The Strategic Plan was adopted unanimously, which visibly moved Graham Fawcett.

#### 15. Honors

It was incumbent upon the IVV President to present a certificate and a gift to the President of the Luxembourg FLMP Mr. Romain Buschmann for the FLMP who are celebrating their 50 years of IVV membership this year. He wished the national association further all the best and much success.

#### 16. Miscellaneous

- The representative of IVV-China Mr. Jin Qiao thanked the IVV for its support since the beginning of the IVV membership 15 years ago. He is pleased to be a member of this international movement.
- Walter Motz asked the national associations that still publish a printed edition of the event book to send a copy to the Head Office.
- Mr. David Bonewitz gave information about the upcoming IVV Olympiad in San Antonio/Texas. He hoped that many Volkssport participants would attend it and each one was heartily welcomed.
- Uwe Kneibert reminded the IVV Presidium that according to § 13 paragraph 7 of the Rules of Order the reports of the Presidium meetings have to be sent within 8 weeks.
- Albert Huber explained the program of the IVV Europiad, which is organized by the DVV and the FFSP.

## 17. Closing of Congress of Delegates

At 16.30 hrs the IVV President closed the meeting. He thanked everyone and especially the conference chair Walter Motz.

IVV Secretary IVV President

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