

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Meeting of the Executive Presidium March 7, 2013, Wolkenstein**

#### **1. Welcome and Introduction :**

Giuseppe Colantonio thanked the Olympiad Organizers for the cordial reception and welcomed the Presidium in Wolkenstein. He very much regretted the exclusion of Brazil from the elections for the Olympiad 2015 during the IVV Congress in Zhaoqing 2012. This had been a mistake that mustn't happen again in future.

#### **2. Summary of the IVV Presidium meeting with Olympiad 2013 Organization Committee March 6**

The Presidium members had the feeling that the works for the Olympiad were proceeding well. The local authorities, mainly the tourism office of Selva, are well integrated. The walking routes and labeling were well planned and the infrastructure for the opening and closing ceremonies are very suitable for such a big event.

The IVV Presidium asked the organizers to check the flags and Walter Motz will buy a new IVV Olympiad Flag and hand it over to the organizers.

The IVV Presidium decided to revise the rules for the opening and closing ceremony and present them at the IVV Congress in Hamburg in 2014.

#### **3. IVV Congress in Zhaoqing 2012: Summary and conclusion**

The Congress was well organized with an interesting program framework, and located in a beautiful hotel. The IVV Presidium thanks the Chinese association for their cordial welcome.

Unfortunately, several countries were not represented in China even if the Chinese association had offered free accommodation for one Delegate per country. The IVV Statutes § 5, par. 2d rule that the associations are bound to attend the IVV Congresses. As for Zhaoqing the IVV Presidium decided to refrain from taking punitive measures, but in future will ask for the reasons for the absence of the associations.

As for the election of the Olympiad by the Congress, future applications have to be better examined and checked by the Presidium if IVV rules are met, to avoid such unpleasant situations similar to the one in Zhaoqing.

#### **4. Organization of IVV Olympiad in Chengdu 2015**

During the Olympiad in Wolkenstein, the Olympiad Contract with the organizers of Chengdu will be signed. With regard to the contract, there are no proposals for amendment by the Chinese. The IVV Presidium will welcome the Chinese Delegation in Wolkenstein and discuss the global organization of the Olympiad.

Giuseppe Colantonio and Raymond Claude will stay in close contact with the organizers to check if the organization of the Olympiad meets IVV rules, and they will assure themselves in Chengdu in early 2014. At the end of 2014, a meeting of the Executive Presidium with the Organizers will take place.

#### **5. Financial Report**

Walter Motz explained the travel costs for Wolkenstein. He reported of the sales, inventory and paid but unredeemed record books of Europa Cups I and II, Pacific Cup and World Cup. For paid but unredeemed cups, accruals have to be made every year. It is guessed that some sold cups will never be redeemed. Walter Motz tried to give a number. He confirmed that the trademark „IVV“ is no longer copyrighted by the patent office. The DVV asked if the IVV would pay for additional property expenses for the DVV Head Office in Altötting. The IVV pays no rent for rooms, office, store room, social room. Meetings were also held in the DVV Head Office. The IVV Presidium decided, as suggested by Walter Motz, to pay a monthly amount of 150 € to the DVV. Walter Motz reported on the costs of the IVV Event book and that there were no orders by South Tyrol, Finland, Brazil and Canada for 2013. Most books, 700 copies, were sold to the DVV.

Walter Motz handed out a list of the financial means by the end of 2012. He reported on unpaid invoices. It was decided that some unpaid invoices need not to be paid anymore. For new invoices a time of payment of 4 weeks will be given. For membership fees, the time of payment is always 31<sup>st</sup> March. Emil Dannemark asked in China if the cash report could be sent to the Delegates in advance. Walter Motz and the IVV Presidium don't see a problem with it. The Budget 2013 was handed out, discussed and accepted by the IVV Presidium. As for the financial investment CS Eureal, Walter Motz reported that this investment will be collapsed successively. Instead, he suggested a new investment of 40,000 € which was accepted by the IVV Presidium. Walter Motz is in contact with his bank consultant who will make the investment without any risk for the IVV. Walter Motz reported about obvious financial problems of some member associations. Invoices are not paid, reminders are disregarded. Walter Motz asked Michael Mallmann if a speech was possible in Hamburg in 2014 with the topic: „How can financially weak members gain earnings – by walkers, clubs, sponsors, country“. Another topic is: Is there a budget plan? How much does the

supervision of the clubs and the walkers cost? Can members help other members with administration/supervision? The question is also if IVV can/is allowed to help members financially? Michael Mallmann will hand over the speech to the IVV Presidium for their statement.

## **6. The International Event book**

The International Event book will no longer be published in 2014. The information of national associations who agree to participate will be published on the IVV Internet site. These news will be e-mailed to the National Associations and published in "Just One Minute" and the World Report.

The Continental Confederations have the opportunity to publish their own „Continental Event book“.

## **7. Announcement of Olympiad 2017**

The IVV Presidium accepts Uwe Kneibert's suggestions for the announcement of the IVV Olympiad as well as the checklist for the preliminary check of Olympiad applications and thanked him for his excellent work.

Tanja Müller is to make a suggestion and send it to the members of the Executive Presidium and Uwe Kneibert. The announcement is to be sent to the National Members soon.

## **8. Communication**

The IVV Presidium decided that meeting minutes of the IVV Presidium and IVV Congress, which will be published on the IVV website and are accessible to everyone, will only be published as a summary. Details of the financial situation and other internal decisions will only be accessible to the National Associations.

The IVV web site received 10,000 visitors in the first four and a half months since it opened, and a total of 25,000 is expected for the year. Visitors from some 88 countries around the world have looked at our site. In order of number of visitors, Germany has the greatest number, then the USA and Canada. These three countries count for just over half of all visits.

One disappointment has been how little discussion has taken place in the Forums for this purpose. The Forum is where we can find opportunity to learn from each other and find solutions to our common problems. Please consider adding your questions and ideas when you visit the site.

The next issue of Just One Minute will be published on March 21, on schedule. The World Report will be published at the end of the month.

Since the IVV Presidium has decided to no longer publish the IVV World Calendar of Events as of 2014 (see item # 6, above), countries that wish their information made available electronically will have that opportunity through the IVV web site. A full plan for this online information will be made in the March IVV World Report.

Links to an important new survey on electronic information will be included in Just One Minute! and the World Report. If participants wish, they may enter their names to be included in a draw for a beautiful IVV souvenir pen. Three pens will be given away.

## **9. IVV Promotion**

The TAFISA survey to their member associations, as to whether they are interested in a cooperation or an IVV membership, was answered by 8 associations. Tanja Müller sent an email from the IVV Head Office to these associations and informed them that they will receive further information from us soon. We will send them the IVV statutes with information about our Volkssport aims, about the Olympiads, Europiads, Asianpiads and the Continental Confederations. Raymond Claude will prepare this information and send it to the Presidium members for their assessment. Of course, the Continental Confederations will be included in this promotion work. In August, the TAFISA World Congress will take place in Holland, and this will be the opportunity to meet the responsible persons of the interested associations and to discuss further details.

There are two new associations from Austria and South Korea that wish to apply for membership, but two associations already exist there. Competition must not arise from this, therefore both associations have to be informed and included in the negotiations.

## **10. Suggestion for amendment of the IVV Statutes regarding number of Delegates of member countries at the IVV Congress**

At the IVV Congress in York, based on the suggestion of the USA and Canada, the minimum number of Delegates for small countries (less than 150 clubs) was fixed at 3 Delegates and for each 150 more clubs one additional Delegate for the country. The maximum number of Delegates is 8. Consequently, countries with e.g. more than 1200 clubs are disadvantaged compared to small countries. After controversial discussions, Walter Motz suggested to work out a draft for the next Presidium meeting.

## **11. Cooperation IVV and IML**

The IVV is willing, despite the current trouble with IML, to continue the cooperation and to build a common awards system, relating to IVV Olympiad, Europiad and Asianpiad.

Walter Motz favors keeping the existing awards system. An additional IVV/IML awards system could also be introduced.

The IVV Presidium accepted and authorized Raymond Claude to work out details of the IVV/IML Awards system with Marc Müller. A coordination of both calendars is planned that big IVV and IML events will not be on the same date. Raymond Claude will attend the IML Congress in France in May.

## **12. Miscellaneous**

The IVV Presidium answered different questions from Graham Fawcett in the name of IVV Americas regarding the Continental Confederations:

1. New associations can only be accepted by the IVV Congress as the Statutes don't instruct them to necessarily become member of a Continental Confederations.
  2. The IVV keeps its financial revenue and supports financially single projects of the Continental Confederations according to its financial budget. The Continental Confederations are to develop new financial revenues and to work out a continental awards system (e.g. IVV Europe: Europa wandert)
  3. The IVV Arbitration Board treats all circumstances when IVV single member clubs, member countries or Continental Associations break IVV rules. If members of Continental Confederations break rules of the Continental Confederation's Statutes, these cases will be treated by the Continental Confederations, of course.
  4. The IVV Head Office continues to execute the administrative works regarding the different Cup programs, and can take over different administrative works if inquired and possible.
  5. The IVV Head Office sends out IVV stamps for walks according to IVV rules for countries that are not IVV member countries. If a club wants to walk in an IVV member country, the IVV Head Office always refers the inquirer to the contact person of the member country for the stamp.
  6. The formation of the Continental Confederations and cooperation of IVV and these Confederations is only in the initial phase. Of course, the cooperation will be developed and increased in the following years and new important decisions will be made. We are in a learning phase and understanding each other is important.
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- Graham Fawcett will revise the IVV organigram and present it at the next meeting for statements.
  - IVV Olympiad in Wolkenstein: The IVV Presidium will be accommodated in the Hotel Tyrol from 23<sup>th</sup> June until 30<sup>th</sup> June. Prior to the Olympiad, an IVV United Presidium meeting will take place, as well with the organizers of the Olympiad in Wolkenstein and Chengdu. A special award for their work will be given to Reinhold Bernardi and Friedl Ploner. Walter Motz will make a suggestion what this award could be, but it will be beyond the existing IVV awards system.
  - As for the IVV Presidium meeting in Halifax, Canada, from 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 Graham Fawcett will give details of the meeting during the Olympiad in Wolkenstein.

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