

## *DRAFT CONGRESS MINUTES*

### **2007 EUROPEAN MASTERS WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESS OF NATIONS – MINUTES OF MEETING Limassol, CYPRUS, 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

#### **Meeting Started – 19.15 hours**

#### **1. Words of Welcome**

The EMC Chairman, Bill Barton, welcomed all the delegates to the 2007 Congress of Nations, Limassol, Cyprus. He introduced Mr. Damianos Hadjidamianou and thanked him for taking on the responsibility of such a big championship with only 10 months to prepare.

Mr. Hadjidamianou replied by saying he was sorry if everything was not perfect in the first two days but now the competition is running smoothly with many World and European Masters records. He wished all the European Masters a happy and memorable stay in Limassol.

Bill Barton introduced Mrs. Denise Loizou, the Championship Manager, stating that that with only 3 year's in Masters weightlifting Denise was known to everyone and she had worked very hard to present a good championship.

Denise replied saying that it was a difficult job to organize a big championship with only 10 month's preparation but her only concern was to make a good championship for all the European Masters.

Bob Hemery, Australia, was introduced to Congress as a guest of the EMC. Congress was informed that he was a good friend, a member of the IWF Masters Executive Board, and an official of the Australian WL Federation. Bob said that the European Masters Championship was very different from most other Masters championships but more enjoyable. He hoped that many people will travel to WMG in Sydney, Australia, in 2009, and said that it would also be an opportunity to visit one of the World's greatest cities. He closed by thanking the Organising Committee and the EMC for inviting him to Cyprus and making him very welcome.

#### **2. Roll Call**

Countries present at Congress –

Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Malta, Poland, Russia, Scotland, Sweden, Ukraine.

20 voting nations

#### **3. Previous Congress Minutes from Heinsheim, Germany, 2006.**

Matters arising.

Bill Barton apologized because the minutes were missing from the papers put before Congress. He promised to mail them with the minutes from this Congress.

Acceptance of minutes

Acceptance was agreed unanimously subject to them being circulated with the 2007 minutes.

#### **4. Financial Report from the EMC Treasurer, Kurt Rosenberger**

Kurt Rosenberger explained that he had presented his financial statement to Denmark and the Czech Republic before Congress for them to apply checks and certification. The statement was supported entirely by receipts and showed exactly every item of expenditure in detail. The balance of income in the account showed in total €4,993.37.. The EMC Chairman thanked Mr. Rosenberger for the excellent work he does as Treasurer and asked Congress to approve the accounts. Cyprus proposed acceptance, seconded by Denmark, and accepted unanimously.

#### **5. Reports from other members of the EMC**

- 6.1. EMC Chairman, Bill Barton                      Typed report circulated to Congress.
- 6.2. EMC Secretary, Kurt Rosenberger              Typed report circulated to Congress
- 6.3. EMC Technical Officer, Jan Hinrichsen      Typed report circulated to Congress.
- 6.4. EMC Records Registrar, Rudi Seidel was thanked by Bill Barton for all the good work he does for the EMC and for the European Masters.

#### **6. Proposals**

Proposals to IWF Masters Congress

1. Rule changes to 2007 IWF Masters Rulebook.

The Chairman, Bill Barton, stated that this proposal was supported by a document compiled by Hans Ehlenz (GER) and it had taken a lot of time and effort to translate it from German into English, French, and Russian. He further stated that he had circulated all the documentation in advance of Congress but if anyone had not received all the documents he could only apologise.

The documents were contained as an appendix. All the items in the Hans Ehlenz document relating specifically to rule changes had been extracted and were also contained as an appendix.

Bill Barton asked if anyone had any questions or wanted to discuss any of the documentation. No questions were raised and Bill Barton asked for acceptance.

Acceptance was proposed by Cyprus, seconded by Denmark, and accepted unanimously.

Congress was informed that all papers would be mailed to Mr. W. Imahara, Chairman of the IWF Masters Committee, with a request to present to Congress in Kazincbarcika.

Proposal to this European Masters Congress

1. "To accept a new EMC structure to be put to 2008 Congress in Bohumin".  
The details of the new structure were contained in an appendix.  
Acceptance was proposed by Belgium, seconded by Germany, and accepted unanimously. All the EMC positions are open for candidature in

2008 and interested persons must apply before the 2008 championship in Bohumin.

2. Proposal **not** to accept the medical form circulated by the IWF Masters Committee on the basis that there has been no discussion or acceptance at Congress.

The Chairman stated that he did not receive an entry form **or** the medical document and obtained the entry form via the internet. Hans Ehlenz (GER) and Gerhard Peya (AUT) both stated that it was against the data protection laws in their country.

The proposal **not to accept** was made by Germany, seconded by Belgium, and accepted unanimously.

### **7. Women's Report (Gudrun Schmidberger (GER))**

It was a successful championship for the women with all the correct equipment available – bars and correct full size discs at 2.5 kg and 5 kg – and also very good organization.

There had been positive feedback from the women who all enjoyed the competition..

Only one very small problem. It would have been an improvement to show the the weigh in list outside the weigh in room.

Kurt Rosenberger added – “This championship had 9 women referees and all were IWF and good referees”.

### **8. European Masters Hall of Fame**

The Chairman reported that one man and one woman had been initiated into the European Masters Hall of Fame at this championship. He offered his congratulations to both.

Men	Matti OKSANIN	Finland
Women	Gaby FORSTER	Germany

### **9. European Masters Weightlifting Championships**

2007 Limassol, Cyprus.

Denise Loizou thanked all the EMC for their help and also the Cyprus WL Federation for their great support. She was happy with the championship and hoped that she did not disappoint anyone.

2008 Bohumin, Czech Republic.

Bill Barton said he had received a typewritten report from Karel Prohl and watched a DVD about the venue and surrounding facilities and it all looked very good.

Milo Gliz gave a report on behalf of Karel Prohl and said progress was going well to provide a good championship over 8 days 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2008. An up to date typed report was also submitted to Congress and circulated to all delegates.

Lev Nikiforev, Russia, bid for the 2009 European Masters Championship to be in St. Petersburg or Voronezh – St. Petersburg being the preferred venue. Bill Barton stated that Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Lithuania, traveled from East to West to every World

and European Masters Championship. It was now the time for the West to visit the East and show that the Masters is truly one family.

The bid was accepted unanimously.

Gerhard Peya, Austria, made a provisional bid for Austria 2010. He stated that it was only a concept and will take approximately 3 months to confirm. The concept was accepted by Congress.

## **10. Other Business**

### **Old Business**

There were no issues relating to old business.

### **New Business**

Denmark made a proposal to be put to Congress in 2008.

“In future elections there will not be a vote on the entire committee in the same year, e.g. it is wrong to elect, and possibly change, the Chairman and Treasurer in the same year. If both were not elected it would cause a problem with continuity”.

Bill Barton said he would include this proposal in the agenda for 2008 Congress.

**Congress closed at 20.15 hours**

**Minutes prepared by –**

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