

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CIPA
GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE
SPLENDOR HOTEL, KAOHSIUNG,
ON TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2008**

CIPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

James Pollard	President
Margaret Brooks	Vice-President
Norio Iwakata	Member
Lorraine Norton	Member
Nicola Genchi	Member
Olga Soto	Secretary/Interpreter

COUNTRIES PRESENT (20)

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, France, Germany, Gt.Britain, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, P.R. China, Portugal, Slovenia, (observers only), Spain, Switzerland, Taipei, Uruguay, USA.

Also present were :-

Yoshiro Noguchi	Life Member of FIRS
Val Leftwich	1 st Vice-President FIRS
Carlos Ferreira	President Pan American Confederation
Luis Munoz	Auditor

The President opened the meeting by thanking the Federation of Taiwan for organising these Championships here in Kaohsiung for the first time in particular to Mr. John and his team for all their work

He explained the problems with the floor that was due to the wrong sealer and the humidity in the rink, and the floor would be cleaned regularly throughout the Championships, and would also be resealed at least twice more during the week. He thanked everyone for their patience over this problem.

MINUTES FOR 2007

The Minutes of the meeting held in Australia in 2007 were approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dance

Margaret Brooks explained the papers given out to the Delegates on dance.

- a) A list of the dances for couples and solo dances were listed and this information is attached.

Please note that for Junior Solo Dance one compulsory dance that is new is the 14 Step Plus. The pattern for this is attached, and a DVD will be given to nations who would like it. There is very little change to this dance.

- b) Also you will find details of the music rhythms for the Original Dance next year "Memories of a Grand Ball". The rules stay the same but this documents contains notes to help with the different rhythms that can be chosen in order to help everyone.
- c) In 2010 the Castel March will be one of the Senior Compulsory Dances. This was demonstrated in 2007 and a DVD was given to all Nations of this new dance. It will be demonstrated again in 2009
- d) We hope to be able to demonstrate a new dance later this week called the Tango Delanco. This dance will be considered for 2010

Anyone wishing for more clarification should please come and see me during this week.

Europe

Margaret Brooks reported on activities in Europe for the 2008 season (copy in the documents given out). She pointed out that a Seminar will be held in Misano, Italy, for Judges. This is being run by the European Committee, CEPA, and will cover figures, free skating, pairs, dance couples, solo dance, precision, show.

Any Judge is welcome to take part from outside of Europe, and they should contact her before the end of February in order that hotel arrangements can be made. Trainers are also welcome. The date will be 2-5 April 2009.

Dates of the European Calendar are within the documents given out, and skaters are always welcome at the various European **Competitions** listed.

Free Skating

A paper was given with suggestions for a change to the Long Programme Free Skating.

PLEASE NOTE – THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN HOME BY THE FEDERATIONS FOR DISCUSSION, AND A DECISION ON THIS WILL BE MADE DURING THE 2009 CIPA EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY IN FREIBURG.

PLEASE REMEMBER – THERE ARE NO CHANGES FOR FREE SKATING FOR 2009

The Gussman Calculating System

If a Federation would like information on the calculating system used at the World Championships this can be downloaded from the FIRS Artistic web site.

Anyone who wishes for additional information should contact Richie Gussman during these Championships

WORLD GAMES 2009

In 2009 the World Games will be held in Kaohsiung at the same venue – details of how the skaters are selected are in the information given out. This information will be translated into Spanish and will be given out with the Minutes of the meeting.

It is important that those invited should make an effort to compete in this event as roller skating is being considered for the Olympics as everyone is aware and although this is for speed skating at the moment it is very important that a good quality competition in artistic is seen.

Portugal asked if solo dance will be included and France asked if Inline would be included, but neither of these disciplines are in the programme of World Games, only free skating and dance couples, with no figures and no compulsory dances.

The President reported also that in the near future there is planned a Junior Olympic Games from 14/17 years of age

PROPOSALS FROM ITALY

The President stated that these proposals cannot be voted on at this Assembly as they concern rules set by the FIRS Central Committee and they are the ones who can change the rules of the World Championships being held yearly, and also the ages of the skaters for Junior Worlds.

The opinion of the meeting was asked for and 7 countries were in favour of having the World Championships every two years and 13 not in favour.

For the age the President stated that back in 1981 the age was set by FIRS, and within the IOC Junior age is 14 – 17 years. He pointed out that when you increase an age by one year it is actually 2 years if they are born after 1 January and he personally felt that a 19 year old is not a Junior.

He agreed to take the two proposals to the FIRS Central Committee for discussion

The President pointed out that he had mailed 50 Federations for information on various items, such as how many clubs, how many female/male skaters, ages etc. and only 8 replied, and this is a big problem with the Federations when they do not reply giving the information requested by FIRS, in order for them to send the report to the IOC, about our affiliated federations.

He also asked the different continents to send in dates for their events as the European have given us. He wants this from Asia, Oceania, South America, and Pan American Games, so a complete Calendar can be put on the web site.

SKATERS REPRESENTATIVE ON FIRS

The President reported that a representative from the skaters is required from artistic and as you can see from the information given out there is a representative from speed for 2008-2009 and from Inline Hockey from 2010 – 2011, and therefore in 2012-2013 we should have a representative from artistic. Last year nations were invited to send a name of an athlete who has competed at World level during the last 10 years. If any Federations wants to recommend an athlete, please send information to the CIPA office.

2009 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The German Federation gave an excellent presentation on the 2009 World Championships and all information was given to Nations on the venues, hotels, etc.,and the new web site which will be working as from next week. The provisional programme was also given to all Nations.

This was an excellent, informative presentation and was appreciated by everyone.

F.I.R.S. REPORT

The President introduced Val Leftwich, 1st Vice-President of FIRS who was speaking on behalf of Sabatino Aracu, President of FIRS and reminded all Federations how important it is to contact their own National Olympic Committee Federations about roller skating in future Olympics.

The President then presented Mr. Noguchi, Life Member of FIRS and the person who really got roller skating started in Asia doing so much work in Asia for artistic skating, with a special award from the CIPA Committee for his 55 years in skating.

The President then introduced Carlos Ferreira President of the Pan American Confederation, and member of the FIRS Central Committee and said he would be a candidate for the Presidency of FIRS

Mr. Ferreira thanked the President of CIPA for giving him the opportunity to address the meeting, and he congratulated Mr. Noguchi for his dedication to the sport

He said that at a recent meeting in Switzerland of the IOC presentation were made of the sports that are being considered for the Olympics and one of these was roller speed skating and he reminded everyone how important it is to contact their Olympic Committees.

Also, in October at a PASO meeting in Acapulco, Mexico, Carlos gave a Presentation on speed skating showing a 2 ½ minute DVD produced by Roberto Ordonez Vice-President of Pan American Confederation and President of Mexican Federation. This DVD was personally given to all Olympic Committees in the Americas, as well as all

IOC members in attendance. Mr. Jack Rouge, IOC President had the opportunity to learn more about our Sport.

FUTURE BIDS

The President reported on the following World Championships:-

- 2009 Freiburg, Germany
- 2010 Portimao (The Algarve) Portugal
- 2011 Brasilia Brazil
- 2012 Adelaide, Australia (tentative bid)
- 2013 Paris, France (tentative bid)
- 2014 Spain (tentative bid)
- 2015 Open for bids from outside of Europe

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF CIPA

At this point the President handed the chair to the Vice-President Margaret Brooks

She advised the meeting that only one candidate had been proposed for President, Mr. James Pollard, and this showed the confidence of the Federations in his Presidency.

She said that he travelled all over the World and spent very little time at home and worked for artistic all over the different continents.

A show of hands confirmed him as President for the next 4 years and he would announce his Committee later.

Mr. Pollard thanked the meeting for their confidence.

The CIPA Committee for the next 4 years is attached.

He thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone great success.