

# **MINUTES** MEETING FIRS EXECUTIVE BOARD **GOLD COAST- NOVEMBER 5. 2007** Crowne Plaza Hotel-Warath Room

## Meeting begins at 08h30 am

Presences:

Sabatino Aracu

Valerie Leftwich Fernando Claro

Simon Wilkins Guo Min

George Pickard

James Pollard Harro Strucksberg

Roberto Marotta

FIRS Vice Secretary General

**FIRS President** 

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Observer

Emilio Gasbarrone FIHP Secretary General

Apologies:

Carlos Orlando Ferreira

Nabih El-Alkamy

FIRS Vice President FIRS Vice President

### Agenda:

- 1. Communications of the President
- 2. Approval Minutes of Central Committee Meeting, Murcia 2006
- 3. 2006 Balance and 2008 Budget
- 4. CIRH Status
- 5. Membership fees- Pending fees

- 6. 1st World Skateboarding Championships- 2008
- 7. Examination candidatures and assignation World Championships
- 8. Status of the African Roller Sports Confederation (FARS)
- 9. World Games- 2009
- 10. Asian Games -2010
- 11.Report Pan American Games, Rio 2007 and Pan American Games 2011 (Guadalajara?)
- 12. Olympic Project
- a. Presentation of the logo "Roller for Olympics"
- b. Sport Accord ATHENS 2008
- c. IOC Session ,Copenhagen 2009- World Roller Sports Day
- 13. Report of Media Communications
- a. FIRS INTERNET SITE
- b. Roller.tv
- 14. Proposals of alterations Statutes and Rules
  - a. "Central Committee" in "Executive Board"
  - b. Spanish Federation
  - c. Medical Rules (Leftwich Wallace)
  - d. Rules of the World Championships
  - e. Proposal of FIRS President
- 15. Admission of Representative of Athletes at FIRS Central Committee
- 16. Venue of the next Elective FIRS Congress (2008)
- 17. Venue of the next meeting of FIRS Central Committee (2008)
- 18. Miscellaneous

#### 1. Communications of the President

President Aracu welcomes all participants and thanks Skate Australia, Valerie Leftwich and Simon Wilkins, for the warm hospitality in Gold Coast.

He asks for a changing in the Agenda, to discuss point 12 after point 3. The request is accepted. Furthermore the Presidents of the Continental Confederations and Technical Committees will submit their reports.

The President wants to change immediately Central Committee in Executive Board because he esteems that CC is obsolete.

"Today is important to FIRS, being the beginning of a new era, with a new project. Mr. Emilio Gasbarrone, Secretary General of the Italian Federation is together with us because the Italian Federation is offering us assistance with staff and offices. I want to introduce you the persons composing the new FIRS structure by a slide with the organigram of FIRS Secretariat.

There are 6 persons working full-time for FIRS, all English speaking, others speaking Spanish and French. They will help Vice Presidents and Technical Committees, being of assistance at every moment.

Laura Morandi acts as Vice Secretary General coordinating the structure.

The structure is composed of 3 sections:

- 1. General Affairs (Daga, Nadin, Minelli), charged of relationships with the IOC and all international bodies. All national federations and continental confederations may have support from this area in order to solve their problems.
- 2 e 3 Marketing and communication, for FIRS future development ( Giordani and Mercuri).

The year 2007 has been important for preparing our future work, for reaching high quality. I assure you that it is important for the international relationships and to be appreciated by the IOC milieu. We began in checking a policy for coaches, for speed skating first, by organising a clinic in Rome last February, with the participation of trainers from several countries. We are instructing our coaches who must be our ambassadors in the world. In 2008, we shall organise a clinic for artistic.

In April, we were at Sport Accord in Beijing, a very important meeting point. We got in touch with René Fasel in order to have one inline hockey commission, managed by FIRS.

We need preparation to participate at those meetings.

We met the President of the Master Games, Mr. Holms, for our participation at this event.

We had an important meeting too with Mr. Killian, President of the University Games.

Together with Marotta I attended the Pan-American Games in Rio, meeting Vazquez Raña who had a positive opinion of our competitions (speed and artistic).

FIRS presence is basic for giving importance to those events. We must remember that the Pan-American Games are important for reaching the Olympic goal. Another big success is our admission at the Asian Games. It is a work of many persons: I met the President of the Asian Games Sheikh Al Sabath and I had the support of many IOC Members. The work of the Chinese Association that will host the next Games in Guangzhou was important too.

We must go on, in past years we did not offer a good image, we could not even pay GAISF fee. We intensified our relationships with the IOC.

In Guatemala City I spoke with President Rogge and Mario Pescante for about 45 minutes about our Olympic dream.

We must improve our events, we must show that Roller Sports are of high quality and we need the support of all of you. We must decide all together if we want one big federation or several small federations within one only.

This structure is for FIRS development, all together. For the first time in 2007, FIRS invited IOC Members at the Worlds in Cali, Colombia, by offering them board and lodging and flight in business class. For some days, the IOC Member from Panama,

Mr. Melitón Sanchez, was our appreciated guest and he liked our sport, stating that we deserve to become Olympic and he will offer us his support.

To be successful we must offer a good product.

The Olympic Project represents FIRS future, we must work on projects. Several small projects create ideas and projects. We have a Project for Africa too, to be dealt later. FIRS cannot develop in the African continent with ghost federations"

# 2. Approval of the Minutes, Murcia 2006.

Strucksberg requests to insert the following alteration: "FIRS World Championships Regulations – Paragraph 2 -2.a page 21 Amendment Paragraph 2.- 2 a

2. a) .....country as evidenced by possession of valid national passports.

A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect.

A competitor who has represented one country in a national team, may participate his new country provided that at least three years have passed since the competitor last represented his former country.

2. b) As concerns Macau, Hong Kong and Andorra...... "
Unanimously accepted.

President Aracu deals about Communication Vademecum, enclosed in the folder, being a part of what will be created for a good organisation of the World Championships.It concerns only relationships with media.

### 12. Olympic Project

President Aracu deals about the Olympic Project by using slides. Logo has been created by professional graphics because in the next 2 years we shall use this logo that will be our flag, to be used on name cards.

A CD on how to use this logo is in the folder. The five wheels to remember the five Olympic rings, we may use their colours as colours of the five continents.

We created a new image and an ad hoc identity, being of appeal for media and stakeholders.

Then he deals about the increase of FIRS staff and different tasks.

We are using a managerial organisation, by giving tasks and responsibilities with deadlines and with a control of quality of all activities.

We decided to appoint a General Director for this Olympic Project, Dr. Luciano Barra. He was the General Director of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games (Turin, Italy), IAAF Secretary General and one of the most well known men at international level. Now he has retired from the Italian NOC, he worked for the candidature of London for the Olympic Games, we asked him to be part of our Team.

3 are the instruments to be prepared for voting at Copenhagen. In 2008 they will choose new sports for the Olympic Games. We must do public relations with all IOC members, promoting all the disciplines of roller sports. We want to be admitted with sports for youth. Speed skating will be the key for having all our disciplines accepted.

(Pickard: is afraid that they may think we want to be included with all the 4 disciplines and that this could create some problems).

Public relations: we must continue in having relations with the IOC( Rogge, Al Sabath, Vazquez Raña). The same Director Barra will visit all the IOC Members in 2008. Our Olympic Project is very expensive. We must attend all meetings organised by the IOC, I shall often go to Lausanne with Mario Pescante.

In the Communication Vademecum you will find all details on how to organise a World Championship. There will be a commission of FIRS professionals who will support organisers.

Valerie Leftwich underlines that Italy luckily may have the financial support of the Italian Government, while Australia had serious problems in organising this world event because at the last minute the governmental and local supports lacked. Of course, the vademecum must be considered as what we should like to have in the future, it cannot be mandatory.

Marotta: it is necessary that organisers change their mind, they must find some sponsors. We must talk of quality, of organisers having good relationships with politicians and military people, otherwise we shall have events at family level. We must fly high. It is necessary to think about what we have to do in the future. If we want sponsors we need TV coverage and not too often we are successful in it. We must change our mind.

Pickard: we need selected and reliable managers to whom assign the organisation of our events, not only friends. For example, in Australia this year this is the best they can offer us.

Aracu: we cannot die without fighting. We must think about our future.

He underlines again that the Vademecum is not mandatory, it is the basis for the work of tomorrow if we want to become Olympic sport. He wants to work and to dream. FIRS staff is composed today of 6 persons, tomorrow maybe they will be 10 and we shall have a building as FIRS HQ. We need power.

Claro: he congratulates for the work carried out until today. It is necessary to go on in fighting. Of course, the Olympic Project concerns all our 4 disciplines, to be promoted at the same level. In Europe, Italy-Spain and Portugal, are doing their best not to let rink-hockey die, trying to submit new technical rules so to be of more appeal for TV and spectators.

The European Confederation (CERS) updated its Statutes and technical rules and it is working on Disciplinary Rules to be submitted as soon as possible. He agrees with Mr. Aracu in having updated FIRS Statutes. We must invert today for a tomorrow revenue.

Marotta: dealing again about the Olympic Project and Vademecum, he underlines again that we must fly high, we must promote events and asking organisers for sponsors, to sell event and gain money. As concerns roller speed skating, in Korea we had a World Championships of very high level, of Olympic quality.

Colombian organisers came to Korea, they tried to do their best but the sports venue was finished only in the last days. Next year we shall be in Spain and we shall have the support of the Government and Local Administration. Without the support of politicians it is impossible to organise world events. We must help organisers in having good relationships with politicians.

Wilkins: he agrees with Marotta that this may involve a reduction of countries that may organise such events. We must be more selective.

Marotta: the Vademecum is for the EB Members, not for nations.

Aracu: I want to be clear. Today, I did not want to submit this vademecum, because it is only a part of what we have to do in order to have a big organisation, but relationships with media are too important to reach the Olympic goal in the next 2 years.

Marotta: we must work hard, there will be a vote in Copenhagen 2009.

Aracu: if we started working 15 years ago, today things will be different. Wilkins is right when he says that we must be selective, we must change our mind. We have to remember that, as communicated by GAISF, many mayors of important towns are interested in organising events.

Pickard: at international events we must offer the best skaters, the best judges and the best sports venues.

Aracu:" we need strong relationships with media and organisers of important events. In the next 2 years we must take care even more of media because media establish the success of events. For example, NBC is the best supporter of the IOC and what NBC decides is imperative to the IOC.

At the beginning of 2008, Marotta and I, we shall meet the NBC President together with Alex Giladi who is the Responsible of IOC TV Planning besides to be the NBC Vice President.

The NBC wants skateboarding and I believe it will be the first sport to be included in the Program of the Olympic Games. There are millions of dollars around this sport. Giladi, 2 years ago in Rome, told us about his interest for skateboarding, being included in the UCI and he asked us to affiliate with the latter in order to achieve our Olympic dream. At London 2012 they want skateboarding. We want to find the right strategy and do everything on our own.

For the Worlds in Cali we negotiated with TransWorld, that broadcasted our images. We need to produce our images, these will be our promotion. We need something to submit to NBC, we need professionals also for our web TV. It is something important because every IOC Member, in opening his laptop, may see our videos.

Lobbying will be necessary in all our meetings. 2008 will be more important than 2009. We shall arrive at Sport Accord in Athens with a good visibility. We shall have advertisements at the airport, a panel 6 x 3 mt with written "Roller for Olympics" and one balloon near the IOC hotel. We shall try to organise a marathon too, being a business. The European company that bought WIC is too strong. In 2009 the World Speed Championships are scheduled in Zurich, Switzerland, and we shall invite all IOC Members (Kelly Fairweather, Felli, Dubi etc.). We are also thinking about the organisation of a Roller Day in Copenhagen on the voting day.

We must increase the number of countries and skaters. We need people. We created a Project for Africa, because we need new countries and athletes. We shall create a FIRS branch in Angola, with the total support of the Local Government. It is sufficient to have some ideas and to make these true. We must be all together in order to be powerful.

We need image, participation, sponsor to have money for our projects.

I wan to organise a meeting with all the producers of items for roller sports and ask them money to carry out our projects. We shall decide the project all together and we shall spend money all together. It is necessary to involve them.

I do not know if with this project we shall arrive at the Olympic Games, but we must try. If we are more considered at international sports level and in sponsors' world we shall sell better our product with a jump of quality.

About skateboarding: we are planning an international event in Rome, in December. We sent a letter to all national federations requesting them to take care of this discipline. When the IOC informed that most probably this discipline had to be integrated in the program of the 2012 Olympic Games in London, FIRS sent IOC a letter stating that all Roller Sports are under FIRS control. If we want to become Olympic sport we want to do it by the main door, with all the disciplines.

It is important to get in touch with all IOC Members, asking for their support. We must do everything"

### 3. 2006 Balance and 2008 Budget

Marotta: underlines that all documents are in the folders with all info, still missing CIPA documents. He esteems no explications are necessary for 2006 balance.

As concerns the 2008 budget, it is a dream because in income we put a big lot of money for the Olympic Project. President Aracu wants to collect money from producers. Money will be spent with the agreement of producers, it will not be in our hands.

Unanimously approved.

## 5. Pending fees

It is stressed the problem that several federations still have to pay affiliation fees to FIRS. After long discussion, it is decided that FIRS Secretariat will sent at January 1 the invoice and FIRS Statutes will be observed, with all additional costs for delayed payments. The updated list will be available to Technical Committees that will be charged to request money, if necessary, before allowing the participation of a country at a world championship, otherwise Technical Committees will be responsible of such fees to FIRS.

In circular letters a reminder on such matter will be inserted.

#### 4. CIRH Situation

Marotta: Strucksberg sent FIRS a letter asking why there is no more support for Rink-hockey at the World Games, Pan American Games and Asian Games.

FIRS may be a big federation only if all disciplines are together. It is sufficient to think about our battle to maintain artistic at the WG. Between the two disciplines of hockey, IWGA selected inline because more spectacular; to be considered too the non participation of rink-hockey at the edition in Lahti and following fine to FIRS. Rink-hockey must actualise its rules.

Two weeks ago FIRS received a letter from Uruguay informing about the organisation of an international rink-hockey competition in Recife (Brazil) with the participation of South American countries and Catalonia's team. This matter will be dealt later.

Strucksberg: asks if it is possible to have a turn over between rink-hockey and inline hockey.

Marotta: unfortunately this is not up to FIRS but to IWGA. We shall try to obtain this through organisers.

Claro: he understands the positions of Harro and George, unfortunately rink-hockey has not good chances since the WG in Akita. It is necessary to have new rules

Marotta: underlines that the final decisions will be up to IWGA Board.

As concerns the 2009 World Games, IWGA Board and Organisers selected inline hockey. If the EB agrees, we may submit them a list of our disciplines. He is against a turn over between rink-hockey and inline hockey because it could create some confusion.

Aracu: the market will decide about it.

Strucksberg: asks to vote about the turn over.

Aracu: does not accept the vote because he wants both sports.

Voting: 2 YES, NO all the others.

Claro: underlines that when voting there is a selection. This is not good for our disciplines.

Guo Min: this is the second year that he attends our meetings and he esteems that all disciplines must have the same treatment. The development of each discipline cannot be decided by FIRS as well as the participation of these at events. Later he will deal about the Asian Games.

Marotta: "as just said, on October 26 I received a letter from E. Cajaravilla, President of Uruguay's Federation, with the info of the organisation of a rink-hockey Tournament, named "Coppa America" in Recife, Brazil, with the participation of national teams and of the Catalan regional selection. I was very surprised because at the Pan American Congress, Aracu and I, we were invited on such occasion to explain everybody that FIRS will never authorise international events among regional and national teams. I sent a letter to all South American Federations, not being aware of the invitation sent to USA and South Africa, stressing again what just stated and fines.

I received an email from Strucksberg, sent to all federations participating at such event, telling that FIRS President and Secretary General had a secret meeting with South American federations in Rio and that our decisions about the "Coppa America" had not to be taken into account and to ask FIRS reimbursements for expenses or damages.

The presence in Rio was only to participate at the Congress of the Pan American Confederation and Pan American Games".

Marotta reads some press releases "Catalonia conquering America", a statement of Ramon Basiana "it is important that we were allowed to participate normally...". Venezuela sent us a letter saying it was a big mistake to allow Catalonia to

participate at this event as a country of the South American Confederation. The President of Chile wrote that FIRS decision will be examined by lawyers.

Art. 21 6 i) establishes that the federations of one continent may participate in another geographical area only with the agreement of the EB, exception made for Israel that participates in Europe.

Marotta asks Strucksberg if he wants to obey FIRS rules or create another federation.

Strucksberg: answers that this is not his intention. That he followed the Statutes and Rules of FIRS and CIRH in the past and that he will follow them in the future.

Ad again, he points out that a lot of Members in his Committee have the feeling that they do not belong to FIRS family anymore.

Aracu: Catalan people are following a political goal through sport. We solved the problem at the Sports Arbitral Court and at FIRS Congress in Rome. Now we have South America and immediately the Secretary General carried out his tasks.

It is serious that a FIRS member states that what the FIRS Secretary General wrote is not true and not to be observed, it is bad for the image of our sport. It is not a technical decision. This may involve a gap in our organisation, it is not possible.

Marotta: underlines again that at FIRS Congress in Rochester it was decided to recognise only one Confederation for America, the Pan American one. The South American and North American Confederations do not exist for FIRS. The matter is not the organising Confederation but that a regional team cannot participate with national ones. The EB is responsible of FIRS management between the two Congresses. Trying to stop the attempt of Catalonia in legitimating itself through events with national teams, it is decided a fine of one thousand US dollars for South American countries, because even if informed by the Secretary General they participated at the event.

Aracu: Strucksberg wrote a "bad" letter to all the world against FIRS Secretary General. He asks Strucksberg to send a letter of apology to Marotta, with copy to all the addressees of his previous email.

Strucksberg: asks the President to understand his position at this time. He never received any information, minutes or phone-call regarding the Pan American Confederation Congress held in Rio.

After a long discussion, Mr. Strucksberg accepts.

#### Mr. Simon Wilkins 'report

He underlines that all disciplines are well promoting in Oceania.

## Mr. Guo Min's report

He handed his report at the beginning of the meeting.

# 7. Candidatures of World Championships

2008

Inline Hockey

July 5-12

Düsseldorf, Germany

Speed

September 4-12

Gijon, Spain

**Artistic** 

November 8-22

Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipe

Hockey

October 5-11

Yuri-Honjou (Japan) ladies

Oct. 23- Nov.1

Johannesburg, SA Group B

2009

Speed

Zurich, Switzerland

Artistic

Freiburg, Germany

Hockey

Vigo, Spain

Inline Hockey

Italy

2010

Speed

Venezuela

Hockey

Spain ladies

Artistic

Portugal

Candidatures

2011

2011

Korea

Speed Hockey

Spain, Chile, Portugal

Group A

2012

Speed

Italy

Artistic

Australia

2013

**Artistic** 

France

The organisations are assigned until the year 2010, from 2011 to be considered as options.

#### 8. African Confederation

Marotta: makes a short summary of what happened from the last CC meeting in Murcia up today.

FIRS wrote to all federations, whose addresses were provided by Nabih El-Alkamy. Most of these voted at the Congress in Rome and of course did not reply us because these do not exist. We have few federations in Africa: Mozambique, Angola, South Africa and Egypt. We request Morocco's NOC to host us for a meeting, federations did not reply us even if FIRS paid the air tickets.

In October, we got in touch with the Vice President of Angola's Federation, Mr. Damasio dos Santos. We invited him to Rome in order to reach all Federations in Africa and create new ones thanks to his support and that of the Government of Angola. We requested the President of Angola's Federation, Mr. Pinto, to become our Representative for Africa to create a new Confederation. He accepted our proposal.

Unfortunately, the relationships FIRS/Nabih El Alkamy do not exist. He sent his family at the World speed championships, as skaters or judges, and he organised a clinic for judges in past years. He did nothing and we cannot loose time.

Pinto, with this task of FIRS, will obtain money from his Government for the project. We have nothing to loose, only the possibility to have more countries. We ask authorisation to the EB in going on.

Nabih El -Alkamy will no more represent FIRS in Africa. A letter will be sent him.

Aracu: at the beginning of 2008 I will go to Angola because I want a FIRS branch in that country. We shall prepare a FIRS Project for Africa, a first part of this protocol in your folders. Mr. Pinto will act as Commissioner and when we shall have a certain number of countries we shall convene an Assembly of the African Confederation.

The EB accepts this proposal. It is a very important decision because for the first time an Executive Board decides to remove a President of a Continental Confederation and substitute him with a Commissioner.

### 9. World Games, 2009

Marotta: they are preparing the venue for artistic and inline hockey at the I-Shou University.

Pollard: he hopes these will be scheduled in the same venue of the 2008 Artistic Worlds

Marotta: underlines that artistic must present the best skaters in the world.

Pickard: deals about the 2009 schedule. He needs one more day for inline hockey, five days like in Germany.

Marotta just wrote to IWGA to obtain more details about venue and the possibility of one more day for inline hockey.

### 10. Asian Games, 2010

We must clarify with OCA which disciplines and how many athletes. Furthermore, we must select persons in Asia who may help FIRS from the technical point of view.

#### 11. Pan American Games.

A success for artistic and speed. We had Vazquez Raña at our competitions and he liked it a lot. We must do all our best to maintain our presence at the Games in Guadalajara, 2011.

## 13. Relationships with Media.

Internet. The situation is good, but we need info, news, etc. Very good the collaboration from Gilbert Portier for inline hockey and Nicola Genchi for artistic. Roller.tv :we need video of high quality to broadcast.

## 14. Proposals of alterations of Statutes.

- a. change the word Central Committee to Executive Board: to be proposed to the next FIRS Congress. Accepted.
- **b.** Spanish Federation. Unfortunately the text is in Spanish only. The Spanish Federation will be requested to translate it into English and it will be sent to all the EB for remarks and commentaries. It has been made to underline the position of national federations, always as concerns Catalonia. To be submitted at the next FIRS Congress.

#### c. Medical Rules

Marotta: underlines that FIRS needs a good Medical Commission if we want to be successful with the IOC and we must observe WADA rules. At present, this Commission is composed of: Dr. Wallace, Dr. Marino and Dr. Kleiman.

Dr. Wallace prepared a draft with alterations to Antidoping Rules in order to be updated with Wada Rules. Furthermore, we must increase the number of tests.

Dr. Wallace deals about WADA and the confidentiality of anti-doping tests, as well as all points of alterations in FIRS rules, the text has been forwarded in advance to FIRS EB.

FIRS must be updated with WADA Code.

Unanimously accepted.

Then she talks about the problem of tests carried out at the 2007 World Speed Chs in Colombia with spread of news on various websites from Carlos Orlando Ferreira, without waiting for the counter analysis of sample B.

Furthermore, the Colombian Federation has not paid the antidoping tests. It is necessary that FIRS write them on such matter.

Dr. Wallace underlines that it also necessary to carry out blood tests starting from 2008.

The EB authorises TC in carrying out antidoping tests not only on urine but on blood too.

Marotta: points out that what done by Carlos Orlando Ferreira is too serious and that the concerned French skater asked FIRS an official communication to all the world in order to rehabilitate his morality. FIRS risks legal actions.

Strucksberg sent a proposal of alterations to rules as concerns TV rights. We need to discuss it in order to integrate it, if necessary, in our General Rules, notwithstanding that TV rights belong o FIRS.

Aracu: asks for some months to prepare a Vademecum on how to organise a world championship, on how prepare an agreement.

He agrees with Strucksberg in sharing TV rights in the next future and he hopes to have a partner like Media Partner and a contract for a big sum money. Today FIRS has one person charged of communication and in the future contacts between this person and Organisers of our events must be continuous.

# e. Proposal of FIRS President.

World is changing rapidly and we need a modern Statutes. The proposal at the next Congress is that every alteration to Statutes can be approved by majority. After a long discussion, it is decided to discuss it again, being an important matter.

# 15. Representative of athletes.

There are two elected athletes: Gregory Duggento (Italy) for speed and Joy Garvey (USA) inline hockey. Duggento is drawn for the period 2008-2009 while Garvey for the following two years.

### 16. Venue of the next Elective FIRS Congress (2008)

Tbc

### 17. Venue of the next meeting of FIRS Central Committee (2008)

Tbc

### 18.Miscellaneous

Having no more matters to be discussed again, President Aracu thanks all participants, especially Valerie Leftwich and Simon Wilkins for the warm welcome reserved to all the Executive Board.

Dr. Roberto Marotta FIRS Secretary General

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