



## **Fédération Internationale de Roller Sports**

### **MINUTES OF FIRS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SAN JUAN - ARGENTINA 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

#### **Members in attendance:**

Sabatino Aracu	FIRS President
Roberto Marotta	FIRS Secretary General and CIC President
Valerie Leftwich	FIRS 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Fernando Claro	FIRS Vice President (Europe)
Patricia Wallace	FIRS Vice President (Oceania)
Wendy Gila	FIRS Vice President (Africa)
Gilbert Portier	CIRILH President
James Pollard	CIPA President
Harro Strucksberg	CIRH President
Laura Morandi	FIRS Vice Secretary General
FIRS Secretariat staff:	Simona Mercuri
Interpreters:	Alessandra Lunadei, Caterina Noto, Olga Soto
Guests:	Marcelo Martinez - CAP President

#### **1. Welcome of the President**

#### **3. Communications of the President**

President Sabatino Aracu greets and thanks Marcelo Martinez, President of the CAP for the very good organization of the World Championship of Rink Hockey, communicates the absence of the Vice-Presidents Carlos Orlando Ferreira and Shen Zhigou and renews the mourning of the assembly to the Vice-President Fernando Claro for the loss of his father.

The President communicates the new inclusion of the Roller Sports in the list of the sports, that will be included in the short list for the Olympics of 2020, that will be voted in Argentina in 2013, emphasizing that, this time, the absence of economic giants as rugby and golf could give much more possibilities to the Roller Sports. All will depend on how FIRS will work in this period through the mass media. The website of FIRS has been praised by Sportaccord during London 2011 like one of the best international sport websites and therefore FIRS must be able to update it continuously: the last Inline Hockey World Championships had 2.600.000 accesses. We must get moving in order to find sponsors and to create FIRS ambassadors, able not only to go to different countries as technicians, but also as manager, able to help in the creation and the development of Federations. Therefore a list of ambassadors FIRS will be published on the website. In order to make all this, money is necessary; therefore the importance of finding sponsors and the homologation of more and more facilities, that brings money to FIRS ( in Mexico \$5,000 have been paid for the homologation of a speed facility. For the World Championships of Roccaraso there have been about \$70.000 in contributions).

Regarding the statute the President considers its change as a political act: political drafts must be given to specialists, who will be able to develop them, but first of all FIRS must decide, if it wants to be a Federation or four Federations represented by the Technical Committees; the EB has no decisional powers because every Committee decides for itself, without communications to the EB, assemblies of Technical Committees are organized without the presence of the Presidents of the Federations, but only with technicians who understand nothing of political life. World Championships are assigned to the first one, who raises the hand, but this is a mistake; such requests must be analyzed at high levels because this involves the image of FIRS. Sponsors go close to images at high level and if such an image is not created, no funds will be found, therefore a deep change is necessary. Roller Sports make the same things at international level since 30 years and this is no more tolerable, FIRS must become a team because today it is not so.

## **2. Approval of previous Minutes FIRS EB Meeting, Portimao 2010**

The Secretary General asks for the approval of the minutes of the EB of Portimao 2010, that is the exact transcription of what has been discussed. The First Vice-President Leftwich does not agree on the precision of the translation about the discussion to organise the World Championships every two years.

A heated discussion brings out following: the majority of the EB members considers that, from the transcription, it emerges the will to maintain the World Championships every year until 2014 in order then to pass from 2015 to World Championships every two years. This would not correspond to truth, because the motion voted and approved unanimously in Portimao regarded the possibility only to discuss again in 2015 the organisation of the World Championships every two years. President Aracu considers to have clearly asserted that the feasibility of the World Championships every two years beginning from 2015 was not a fact, but a proposal that could be discussed again and subordinated to the opinion of all the National Federations. Pollard emphasizes the necessity of a commission that studies the calendar of the international competitions every four years, the eventual participation to the World Games and Asian Games with projects to be voted. It is decided therefore to send as soon as possible the audio track of the EB of Portimao regarding this point and the minute of Portimao is approved unanimously with the exception of this point, that will be approved in the next EB.

It is decided that the next minutes will be a report of the expressed concepts and the detailed lists of voting with, on proposal of Wendy Gila, the reports of the Vice-Presidents and the Presidents of the Technical Committees in attachment.

Voting for the approval of the minutes of Portimao 2010 with the exception of the above discussed point:

Against: 0

Abstainers: 0

In favour: all.

Approved unanimously.

### **3.Communication of the President**

The Secretary General gives to all the possibility to discuss the communications of the President (point 1) No speech.

### **4. Reports of FIRS Vice Presidents and Presidents of the Technical Committees**

President Aracu mentions that the reports of the Vice Presidents and those of the Presidents of the Technical Committees would have to be sent to Firs HQ at least one month before the meeting, to be able to sent them to all in due time to be analyzed before the EB meeting.

#### **- First Vice President Valerie Leftwich (Att. 1)**

Leftwich expresses strong perplexities on the problem of the IIHF, not still resolved. President Aracu asserts that hard measures will be taken regarding IIHF and the IOC will have to pronounce about the belonging of the Inline Hockey to FIRS as only governing body.

A discussion begins with many speeches: Portier (the IOC statute does not allow to a Federation of Winter Olympic Sports of being governing body of Summer Sports and vice versa. What we ask is the interruption of the World Championships), Martinez (difficulty in the participation of the National team of Argentina to the Worlds of Roccaraso for interference of the Ice Federation with the Olympic Committee. Possible confusion with a view to the Pan-American Games of 2015 and therefore it is important to send a letter that clarifies this point) Marotta (many Federations does not practice hockey inline in order not to remove money from other disciplines)

Marotta restates the necessity to vote about the eventuality to proceed against the IOC, considering all the risks in a moment in which the future of the Roller Sports depends on them and advises to proceed in three steps: 1. to write a hard letter to Fasel 2. to send it in copy to the IOC without writing directly to them 3. to see which are the developments.

Aracu restates that the EB must authorize the presidency to write such a letter, giving mandate to continue with phone calls and meetings up to write, eventually, directly to the IOC, if there is no answers.

The proposal is put to the vote:

Against: 0

Abstainers: 0

In favour: all

Approved unanimously.

**- President of the African Confederation Wendy Gila:** different stages of development of skating in Africa and difficulty to set the skaters in a recognized Federation. The greatest spread comes from Facebook and Twitter, that get in touch many people on the Roller Sports.

Successful African Championships with 5 nations present in speed, in hockey, a President's Cup in Angola. In the artistic skating, thanks to the CIPA and to Margaret Brooks, there was the participation of an Egyptian representative in Croatia in a competition for clubs without the approval of the Egyptian Federation, that is a very absent. In October Egypt will have the elections

and we hope of having in future better relations. Three African nations participate in the maximum hockey division.

Marotta is perplex on the great request for visa, coming from African clubs, on which there are no sure news and that, therefore, will be addressed to Wendy Gila in order to verify the reliability. Aracu wants to take information through the Foreign Office for the dispatch of sport material without the payment of the custom taxes and considers of great importance to send technicians for the sure spread of the roller sports in Africa.

Wendy Gila thanks for this opportunity and asserts that a solution could be the dispatch of sport material to the missions, because tax-free. The most important thing is to let understand how a Federation must be organized, the difference of the Roller disciplines, what is FIRS, what are the technical committees etc.....

**President of the Oceania Confederation Patricia Wallace: (Att.2)**

Marotta asks what you intend to do, to get more countries affiliated to FIRS in Oceania. Wallace says that it is very difficult to spread the sport as there is no external financial support.

**President of the Confederation of Europe Fernando Claro:** all disciplines had a championship and had increased the number of the athletes; coaches courses have been organized all over Europe and also the African continent has been assisted. The change of some rules has made rink hockey more dynamic and gave it more visibility. Given the severe economic crisis the European Union should try to maintain the same standard sports but with less economic resources.

**President of CIRILH Gilbert Portier (Att.3)**

**President of CIPA Jim Pollard:** The report for 2012 was already submitted in Portimao. In 2011 it was sent by mail to the Federations. In the folder an updated plan of the championships in Brazil and the financial report of 2010. Some difficulties in Brasilia for finding hotels, being it a big city.

**President of the CIC Roberto Marotta:** Championships in Korea with the participation of 40 countries, inferior number in comparison to the past because of visas and organizational difficulty of the Korean Federation regarding the hotels. 16 countries have won medals, for the first time there have been victories of countries of the Centre America as Ecuador and Mexico.

In 2012 the World Championships will be in Italy, in 2013 in Belgium and in 2013 there will be the World Games in Colombia in the city of Cali where speed is very diffused and this will increase the visibility of the Roller Sports in the WG.

In September 2013 in Buenos Aires the IOC will choose the city of the Olympic Games 2020 and the sports that will participate in these Olympics. The Roller Sports are for the second time in the short list, therefore necessity of many efforts to reach the Olympic goal. Some speed events must be organized in 2013 in Argentina in the period in which IOC members will be present. In 2014 Argentina will organize the Speed World Championships. There are also requests for 2015 and 2016, but to organize high-level World Championships it is necessary to have much money and not all the Federations are able to do it: for this reason CIC will send a memorandum of what it is required for an optimal organization, especially concerning televisions. Great importance to the antidoping control also because of the IOC and congratulations to Pat Wallace for the job she is developing. FIRS must intervene with heavy sanctions if this is not done by the Federations. FIRS will be present with Roberto Marotta at the PASO meeting to insist so that Inline Hockey could be inserted in the program of the Panamerican Games Toronto 2015. Pollard speaks about the opportunity to develop a great event in 2013 in Argentina: following the request of the PASO on

the opportunity to develop in 2013 a qualification Championship for the Pan-American Games of 2015, he is working with President Martinez on the opportunity to organize a multisports event with all the roller disciplines that would be of great impact on the IOC.

**Greetings of Marcello Girauo National Sport Manager of Argentina**: he brings the greetings of the Minister of the Social Development and of the Sport Secretary, he wishes great success to the World Championships of Rink Hockey and announces the birth of the ENAR (Ente Nacional Alto Rendimiento Deportivo) that forms the sporting secretariat offices and works in collaboration with the Olympic Committee of the country. ENAR supports the Speed World Championship in 2014 in Argentina and has given all the necessary guarantees for a perfect organization. He hopes that all this contributes to the entrance of the Roller Sports in the Olympic Sports. He underlines the importance of the improvement of the human resources and a great interest in the opening of sport schools that will always find a great support from the Argentinian institutions. President Aracu declares therefore that FIRS is available from immediately to create a school for trainers of international high-level for the whole Pan-American area.

## 5. Olympic Project

President Aracu faces those that, in his opinion, are the problem to be resolved for this project:

**Antidoping**: Aracu reminds the minimum disqualification given by the Colombian Federation to an athlete resulted positive in 2010 and who has won the World Championships in the 2011. It is necessary that Firs takes quickly and autonomously decisions about this, without waiting for the decisions of the national federations.

**World Championships**: lack in real time of communication of the results to be published on the website in almost all the disciplines (except the artistic one)

**Websites of the Technical Committees**: given the continuous control by the IOC of our website there cannot exist other websites but only a FIRS website, with the pages of the different disciplines managed by the Technical Committees. He asks therefore officially that all the websites are closed.

Aracu underlines besides that, to the detriment of the image, in many Worlds the FIRS brand is not present or not sufficiently enhanced, and his greeting is not always asked and/or published on the official brochure.

Importance in the use of the new headed paper with the logo Roller for Olympics that must be used by everybody as the new cards, the same for everybody.

It will be equally important to create mail addresses for all the technical committees and the members of the EB, that have only one domain name: rollersports.org. All the vice-presidents must collaborate in this way, but especially the Presidents of the Technical Committees must create mail addresses with the name FIRS followed by the acronym of the committee (ex. firscic@rollersports.org). It will be sent to all a detailed fac-similar of how to realize the headed paper and the cards.

This motion is put to the vote:

Against: 0

Abstainers: 0

In favour: all

Approved unanimously.

Moreover it is necessary to improve the FIRS brand along the fences of the venues of the international championships and for this reason the organizational protocol, that is delivered to those people who intend to organize a world championship, must be updated. Regarding this,

Pollard underlines the importance that all the technical committees send their own protocol to FIRS HQ, to create a common standard..

Aracu agrees and communicates that FIRS Secretariat will begin to write the common points for the organization of a championship that will be integrated with the specific ones of the single committees.

This motion is put to the vote:

Against: 0

Abstainers: 0

In favour: all

Approved unanimously.

Answering to the questions of Wendy about the probabilities and possibilities to become Olympic, Aracu answers that the choices of the IOC have clearly shown that all turns around money, sponsors, visibility, image, interest of the televisions. If we are not able in satisfying these requisites we are out. Great importance must be given to the skateboarding that all the National Federations should insert among their disciplines, avoiding the birth of separate federations.

## **6. Panamerican Games Toronto 2015**

Marotta reminds that, on invitation of the Canadian Federation, some formal letters have been sent to Vasquez Raña and the Organizing Committee of Toronto for the inclusion of the Inline Hockey in the program .

In London there has been also a meeting among all the members of the Committee with President Aracu in which there has been a further request. Marotta confirms that this is one of the reasons for his presence at the PASO meeting and that to remain in the Panamerican Games is fundamental, if we hope to become Olympic.

Pollard remembers that in the folder there are all the papers regarding meetings and exchange of mails and letters with Vasquez Raña and the organizers of Toronto 2015 with whom he will have a further meeting in Guadalajara. He was also in Toronto on invitation of the organizers to whom he has illustrated our disciplines, putting always in evidence the brand of FIRS as shown in the attached documentation. Speed and Artistic are confirmed in the Games, for the Inline Hockey we must wait some time, that allows them to analyze all the papers and the information about it.

In the Pan-American Games there will be also another sport that is present in the short list: the wakeboarding, that comes from water ski and that will occupy a space with a certain number of athletes. We must not forget, that our disciplines ask for a great number of athletes and that we have already gone down from 120 to 70 and then to 60; every new sport that enters, removes spaces and possibility to others. There was a first meeting in May, a second in August and the next one within one month; in Canada there are no problems of facilities: there is the speed track, the venue for artistic skating and for hockey. Pollard agrees with Aracu about the importance to take part at these events under the Firs brand, because the decision to be considered both for the Pan-American and for the Asian Games are those of the international federations. Then everything must have the stamp of FIRS; luckily in the Pan-American area FIRS is very known also by Vasquez Raña. Pollard highlights finally the enormous importance to be present at all the meetings in which there are representatives of the IOC and of the National Olympic Committees, because if you are not seen, you will be forgotten

Martinez communicates, that the city of Rosario presented itself as candidate at the 2019 Panamerican Games and this candidacy has been supported by the new President of the Argentinian Olympic Committee Wertheim, very sensitive to the smaller sports. If Rosario wins there will be all the specialties of roller skating, as it happened in Mar del Plata in '95.

## **7. World Artistic Games - Sportaccord**

Marotta describes shortly the initiative: within Sportaccord an initiative has been decided with the name World Artistic Games, games of all the artistic sporting disciplines. A new multisports event with clear financial aims, because Sportaccord is going to sell it; if the event will be successful, there will be also a feed-back for the Roller Sports, that would participate with the artistic skating. To sell such an event involves an economic feed back from the sale of the television rights. FIRS has given its approval and Pollard has been involved in the communication of the necessary information for the artistic skating. Sportaccord is looking for the host city. Marotta asks Pollard for prompt answers to possible requests, that will come in the next months.

Aracu reports also about the arrival in Rome of two representatives of Sportaccord, who have asked in the name of Verbruggen also for a political help for the choice of the location that could be Rome and asks Pollard for a coordinated job between FIRS and the Artistic Technical Committee.

Pollard says, that the athletes must be prepared to such an important event, that will involve some expenses and that must be insert in an international calendar already crowded with appointments. It will be therefore very important to find the correct date. The hypothesis of Sportaccord about the month of November could be correct.

## **8. Venue and date of the next World Championships**

See the attached schedule (**Att. 4**)

## **9. New affiliations**

Marotta remembers the provisional affiliations approved in Portimao of Greece, Malawi and Turkey, but none of these three countries has sent at least the FIRS form duly compiled. Moreover Ghana, Cyprus and Sri Lanka have asked for the provisional affiliation, but also without carrying out the requests. Marotta proposes to maintain the provisional affiliation to let them at least participate in our championships; it is important, even if often very difficult that these countries get the recognition of their Olympic Committee, that, in this way, would come to knowledge of the presence of our sport in their country.

Aracu proposes to anticipate point 12 because point 10, related to the Statute, will ask for much time. The proposal is approved.

## **10. Approval of financial statements 2010 and budget 2012**

Marotta underlines that in the budget it is present only the situation up to 31/12/2010 because for 2011 there is yet not an updated situation. The budget in the folder is not consolidated with all the disciplines, but it concerns exclusively FIRS EB. (**Att.5**)

Aracu highlights that the incomes related to the affiliation fees of the Federations are 21.984,39 \$. The rest are contributions as that of ARISF ( 12.000 \$) and of IOC, that besides the ordinary contribution of 19.000 \$, gives an extraordinary contribution of 30.000 \$ in one year, just for the Olympic project; all this thanks to the relationships based on credibility with the international organizations. Considerable contribution of FIHP and sponsors.

Portier expresses disappointment about the presentation of FIRS budget that, changing every year, makes difficult to conform it to the budgets of the Technical Committees; to facilitate this Marotta proposes to mark every voice with a letter or a number so that it becomes simpler for all.

The budget 2010 is put to the vote:

Against: 0

Abstainers: 0

In favour: all

Approved unanimously.

Optimistic expectations on the budget 2012 because of possible bigger incomes from the sponsors; more expenses are expected both to be able to support, with dispatch of materials, the developing federations and for the Olympic project.

Leftwich wishes to know how to monitor the payments of the affiliation fees of the Federations to receive them eventually during the World Championships; she would want that before a World Championship the technical committees send to FIRS the list of the nations participants for a control on the payments.

Marotta highlights that on the website every President of Technical Committee, through his/her own password can check if the federations are in order or not with the payments. It is a form of collaboration with FIRS: we cannot forbid the athletes to participate in the championships, but we must let them and their manager notice the missed payment of their Federation and this becomes a strong deterrent. The control of the website allows to have the situation of the payments always updated.

Aracu proposes to give these passwords also to the Vice-Presidents to allow them the control of the countries of their own area.

Mercuri takes the floor and explains again how to enter the website and to check the status of the payments; it will be sent again username and password to the technical committees to be able to enter and to check.

## **11. Antidoping**

Before giving the floor to Pat Wallace Marotta underlines the importance of a great diffusion of the culture of the antidoping and reminds the negative example of Colombia. FIRS has however its responsibilities having had 21 days of time to apply a different sanction, but it has not done it, not knowing of the terms established by WADA, that will appeal to the TAS for a more serious sanction.

Wallace: (see the attached report **Att.6**)

Aracu underlines the complexity of the job of Pat Wallace and the eventuality to create a disciplinary commission that, as Pat Wallace says, has never been done and that would be desirable, to allow directly FIRS rather than the National Federations to apply sanctions.

FIRS is, however, already able to give some sanctions that must be observed and can be published at national and international level.

Marotta believes that an agreement must be stipulated with the Federations organizing the World Championships, so that they can begin the antidoping procedure, bring it to conclusion and communicate the positive cases to the belonging Federations for the sanctions to adopt. FIRS must only reserve for itself the right to modify this sanction in the terms provided by WADA rules, if the sanction is not corresponding to the gravity of the used drug. Wallace is very sceptic on this solution, because she believes that the Federations do not often observe the confidentiality of the procedure, publish news and results on the web pages, before the trial is finished. It would be simpler if FIRS would manage the procedure of the results according to the analyses of the A and B samples and would delegate the following trial to the Federations with the audition of the athlete and the decision of the sanction to take; FIRS will be able to supervise everything with possibility of appeal or to be seat of the trials. This last solution seems to be more difficult, because it would need to have contemporarily all on the same place with very high costs for the federations. An economic penalty for the athlete can be adopted but it is not necessary.

Marotta asks Wallace for a mail with the steps to follow on what to do and what to communicate to the federations; the proposal will be approved by the EB and possibly shared with WADA with an exchange of mails, with a procedure simple and understandable by everybody.

Wallace believes that the first thing to be done is to submit this idea to Wada, that can also suggest the legal way to FIRS to follow.

Wallace's proposal is voted:

Against:0

Abstainers: 0

In favour: all

Approved unanimously.

Aracu affirms that FIRS is ready to sustain Pat in the case in which she needs to make a meeting with WADA to have definitive rules on the matter.

All recognize the importance of the antidoping to become Olympic.

## **10.Statute**

President Aracu and the Secretary General Roberto Marotta open the discussion underlining the necessity to discuss the followings points inherent to the Statute:

- a) simplification of the Statute in comparison to the bylaw
- b) greater cohesion and collaboration between the Technical Committees and the EB
- c) consolidated FIRS balance enriched by the budgets of the Continental Confederations
- d) more importance to the role of the Presidents of the National Federations
- e) role of the new disciplines inside the Technical Committees and the EB
- f) organizational procedures of the World Championships
- g) television rights

The majority of the presents believes that the new Statute must be simpler, of easy consultation and understanding, while the bylaw must contain specific indications.

President Aracu complains about the little collaboration between FIRS and the Technical Committees that often act in total independence without keeping FIRS know about decisions and choices that, on the contrary, should be discussed and shared. The Presidents of the Technical Committees could be named and not elected, as it happens in a lot of other multisports Federations or elected by the Presidents of the National Federations during the Congress. This would also avoid to the Presidents to be present at four different elective Congress of specialty and it would give them the correct political role that they must have.

Claro agrees with this proposal and underlines also the little consideration of the role of the Vice Presidents. FIRS should have a pyramidal structure that departs from the vertex, while the contrary is happening: the decisions arrive on the table of the EB already taken by the Technical Committees.

Pollard and Strucksberg believe that this would be acceptable for the great Federations, but not for the majority of them, whose Presidents do not understand often anything of the technical aspects of the different specialties. It is better therefore that to vote are the technical delegates of the various Federations.

Portier underlines that a lot of Federations do not have all the specialties and this would make even more difficult the role of the Presidents.

Speaking of the presence of a lot of new disciplines inside FIRS the General Secretary Marotta asks the presents what they think about the possibility to insert them in the existing technical Committees or to make them autonomous with a representative in the EB.

The opinions are several:

Pollard: further representatives in the EB would make even more difficult the decisions to be taken. On the other hand it also important to appraise the importance of these specialties and to avoid that they organize themselves in a independent way.

Marotta: a representative for every new discipline in the Technical Committees, but for the skateboarding a representative in the EB

Strucksberg: the new disciplines must commit themselves to recognize FIRS and WADA rules and therefore they must belong to the National Federations, to have a proper Technical Committee and eventually a representative in the International Technical Committees.

To belong to FIRS they must be present in a minimum number of National Federations

Gila: the new disciplines must be able to maintain their own identity. To insert them in just existing technical disciplines and committees risks to move them away.

Listened all the opinions Marotta proposes that a new discipline must be present in a minimum of 20 affiliated federations and two continents. All the athletes must belong to their own federations, respecting FIRS and WADA rules. In this way they can have earlier a representative in the International Technical Committee and then in the EB.

Strucksberg proposes to bring this proposal to the next EB and then to let it vote at the Congress.

Concerning the assignment and the organization of the World Championships Marotta believes that these must be assigned by the EB, on suggestion of the Technical Committees, on the base of an equitable continental division and of political evaluations and economic affairs. Strucksberg thinks that the Technical Committees know more deeply the organizational aspects of their own championships and for this reason they view with wide advance the designate facilities. Portier believes that when you have only one candidacy, you need to accept it, even if the conditions are not optimal, because you cannot let a World Championship be cancelled

President Aracu doesn't intend to exclude the collaboration of the Technical Committees, that must, without doubt, express their preferences, but the final choice must be of the EB. He adds besides that, that FIRS should send to all the Federations notifications for the organization of the Worlds, to publish on the website, with all the duties and the rights for the organizing Federations. Also this point will be resumed and discussed in the next EB.

Strucksberg proposes again the necessity to involve the president of the technical committee and that of the organizing committee of a World Championship in the signature of the contract for the television rights.

Aracu confirms that part of the incomes coming from the televisions could be paid to the Technical Committees on the base of their job and their necessity against the presentation of the consolidated budgets.

After ample discussion Marotta reassumes the fundamental points: FIRS deals the television rights at international level and not at national and therefore to avoid misunderstandings that risk not to allow the national televisions to be able to freely transmit the events, this must be put in the future contracts. The signature on the contract however is that of the FIRS President as the only legal representative.

The involvement of the host Federation and of the technical Committee in the layout of the contracts for the television rights is put to vote.

Against: 0

Abstainers: 0

In favour: all

Approved unanimously.

It is established that the 2012 Congress will take place in the first months of 2013. Concerning the next EB the President will communicate the date and the location. Pollard asks that it does not

take place during a world championship to allow the Presidents of the involved Technical Committees to take part in a more untroubled way.

Not being other items in the agenda, the meeting ends at about 6.30 p.m.



Roberto Marotta  
Secretary General



Sabatino Aracu  
President