

2017 FIRS Executive Board Meeting - Conference Call
Rome - June 21, 2017 at 12:00 GMT

Minutes

EB Members attending in Rome:

SABATINO ARACU- President
ROBERTO MAROTTA- Secretary General
LAURA MORANDI – Vice Secretary General
CARMELO PANIAGUA – Chairman RHTC

EB Members attending in CALL CONFERENCE:

RICCARDO GRIN – FIRS First Vice President
GUYONG LIU – FIRS Vice President
PATRICIA WALLACE- Firs Commissioner for Oceania and Anti-doping Manager
OLIVIER PASCAL – Chairman of the STC
ALBERTO LASTRUCCI - Chairman of the IHTC
NICOLA GENCHI – Chairman of the ATC
JORGE ROLDAN – Chairman of the STC
EDDIE CHUA – Chairman of the IFTC

Firs Staff attending in Rome

SERGIO SACRIPANTI – General Affairs
CATERINA NOTO – General Affairs
MARTINA AIELLO – General Affairs
ALESSANDRA LUNADEI – General Affairs
FRANCESCO D'URBANO – General Affairs

ELISABETTA MARIANI – Roller Games Project Manager
FERNANDO GRACA - Guest
DORIS GENTILE – Interpreter

The Secretary General Roberto Marotta, ascertained the attendances, declares that the quorum has been reached and asks for the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes is approved unanimously.

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Herrera highlights that both Oceania and Asia have a Statutes complying with the one of FIRS, and also the Pan-American Confederation; Marotta replies that this Statute will be analyzed and Herrera will be informed about it.

Review of the Statutes

The Secretary General informs that everyone has previously received a copy of the Statutes by mail with the amendments and that these amendments will be analyzed separately and considered unanimously approved unless there will be objections.

In all articles instead of FIRS, we must understand WORLD SKATE.

Art-1: It has been included the recognition of the World Skate (ex FIRS) by two international bodies such as ASOIF and ARISF.

Art. 1.5: All ordinary communications shall be made only in English, the two languages only being used in Congresses and official documents.

Herrera does not understand why the name of the Federation should be changed by removing the word "Federation" because this could bring the ISF to become in the future part of our world with its associations, and to adopt what FIRS has built over the years.

Both Aracu and Marotta reassure Herrera saying that although the change of the name was dictated by the need to support the IOC in its request concerning the agreement between FIRS and ISF, it is anyway necessary to renew and modernize the name of our Federation removing an obsolete acronym. The structure of the Federation will not change and the skateboarding representative will be part of the EB just like other chairmen.

ART.2: All affiliated Federations must recognize the WADA Policy, and it is specified that in case of conflict between the International WADA Policy and the policy of a nation, the International one prevails.

ART.3.5. The Anti-Doping Policy must be respected.

ART.4c: It is well explained that if a nation has two affiliated Federations, the right to vote belongs to the Federation which controls the largest number of disciplines and in case of tie to the oldest Federation.

At 15.05 EDDIE CHUA joins the meeting.

ART. 7: The General Affairs item was deleted in the organizational chart because it is part of the Secretary General's duties.

Art.8: This article has been erroneously deleted.

Art.8.5: The order of the Agenda of the Congress is prepared by the President according to the needs of each Congress.

Some agenda items are deleted because the auditor's report has been added to letter **(g)**

Herrera wants to add the word "approval" to "financial report".

In addition to letter **m**, the appointments of the Secretary and Vice Secretary-General by the President in the Ordinary Congress should be "ratified" and not "approved", meaning that the Congress recognizes but does not approve because the appointment is a prerogative of the President.

Carmelo therefore proposes to remove this point because it is superfluous since it is a nomination by the President.

At 15.15 Jorge Roldan joins the meeting.

Art. 8.9: It is completely canceled because it has created confusion in the last Congress and has been better explained in other points.

Art.9: The timelines for convening and sending the Agenda for the Extraordinary Congress that were previously missing, are now specified.

Art.10: It clarifies that among the prerogatives of the President there is the appointment of the Secretary and the Vice Secretary General.

Art.11.3. The EB operates with a quorum of 5 members that constitute the legal number: that because the EB has the possibility to set specific technical commissions. There are often urgent decisions to be taken, being understood that the definite approval belongs to the Congress.

Art. 11.4: The EB shall have the power to establish Commissions and Departments where necessary.

About the change of the name of the Confederations contained in **Art.11** Herrera does not understand why WORLD SKATE must be inserted at Continent level.

Aracu says this must be explained well: our Federation needs to be modernized, to be similar to a multinational company like many other Federations such as FIBA where the Continents are areas of a single central body. For this reason, there must be only one brand that will be WORLD SKATE Asia, Africa etc., thus giving more strength to the Continents through its representative.

Herrera disagrees because a Confederation gathers countries affiliated to FIRS but is an independent organization and not a FIRS branch, although respecting its laws.

Carmelo believes that a Confederation is also a Vice-Presidency of the WORLD SKATE, its right arm and must therefore comply with the FIRS Statutes and nothing changes if the name changes

Aracu proposes to go immediately to art. 24 and then to go back.

MAROTTA proposes to suspend this point and continue on art. 11.8 specifying that the Continental Vice-Presidents are representatives of the geographical area of competence; this is because there are some countries that operate in different geographical areas (see Israel) and this is the reason why we must speak of geographic areas rather than of Continents.

Art. 18.2 Each candidate must have the support letters to confirm his candidacy. However, it may happen that no candidate has these requirements and in this case the Secretary General communicates it to everyone and whoever wants, can submit his/her application within 24 hours before the Congress with the sole support of his/her Federation.

Art.20.3 just a clarification: Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress.

Art. 21 clarifies that if a Technical Committee controls more than one discipline, the nr. of the Members of that Committee can be increased as it already happens in Alpine and Downhill. According to the IOC's express request they will be called Commissions and no more Committees.

Art.23 Fees for international events and accreditation fees to international events are added to the WORLD SKATE Revenue Funds-

Herrera asks for clarification and Marotta explains that an event with more than one nation attending is to be considered international.

Art.24: It has been completely deleted and rewritten to avoid confusion.

Aracu states that in this article it is written how one would like to see the WORLD SKATE united with the Continents.

The most important point is selling a single brand. Strange acronyms like CERS, CARS are not understood outside our world and are not identified in the Federation brand.

HERRERA says that in point 6 is written that international events need to be approved by the EB, but the Confederation has its own organization chart approving continental events, EB approval is a procedure that leaves it perplexed.

Marotta replies that now should be the same too: Calendars are to be discussed in the EB.

GENCHI agrees with this change and believes that all international activities should go to the screening of the EB because, especially in the artistic skating, there are overlapping championships within the same Continent and this must not happen. (*He leaves the meeting*)

PANIAGUA argues that the problem is that technical committees are not informed about continental calendars and this creates confusion and therefore believes that this article is to be clarified. He then proposes instead of WORLD SKATE EUROPE, SKATE EUROPE.

ARACU reiterates that we are looking for the best solution but it must be clear that the family is one. The IOC will delegate to FIRS the Olympic qualification of the Continental Confederations, and organizing Confederations in a different way as only one family, the Federation will become stronger.

HERRERA says that important is now to change the name of the International Federation, but with the name WORLD SKATE it would be more logical to have for example America Skate, without World that creates confusion.

MAROTTA believes that everyone has the same concerns and perhaps it would be better to reflect before the Congress on 3rd September. He then proposes to leave this theme in question and to propose a name that helps and does not create confusion; he therefore proposes to wait for communications in this regard so as to present a document shared at the next Congress.

LASTRUCCI wonders how to let respect the needs of the Technical Committees by the Confederations in case of objections.

MAROTTA replies that the Vice President of a Continent is part of the EB as well as the Chairman, so all the objections are discussed within the EB and it is clear that there are events that cannot coincide and there may be decisions that have to be taken by the EB.

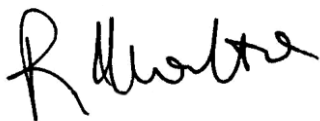
The amendments examined today will be proposed in September during the Congress. ART. 11 remains suspended for the name to be assigned to the Continent and therefore MAROTTA asks, if possible, to submit a proposal by July 15.

Before closing ARACU speaks of the scam that went around and has damaged somebody.

HERRERA: Regarding Art. 12.3 he asks and gets clarifications about the possible replacement of the Vice Presidents and the First Vice President.

ARACU thanks everyone for the participation and wishes all good work

The meeting ends at 4.30 pm.

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Roberto Marotta
Secretary General

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Sabatino Aracu
President