



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BARCELONA, 2nd JULY 2019

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- SABATINO ARACU - PRESIDENT
- ROBERTO MAROTTA - SECRETARY GENERAL
- LAURA MORANDI - VICE SECRETARY GENERAL
- FERNANDO CLARO - FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT OF WORLD SKATE EUROPE
- ALBERTO HERRERA AYALA - VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT OF WORLD SKATE AMERICA
- KAREN DOYLE - COMMISSIONER OF WORLD SKATE OCEANIA
- GUOYONG LIU - VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT OF WORLD SKATE ASIA
- NICOLA GENCHI - CHAIRMAN OF THE ARTISTIC TECHNICAL COMMISSION
- JORGE ROLDAN - CHAIRMAN OF THE SPEED SKATING TECHNICAL COMMISSION
- SIGFRIED ZISTLER - CHAIRMAN OF THE ROLLER ALPINE AND DOWNHILL TECHNICAL COMMISSION
- CARMELO PANIAGUA - CHAIRMAN OF THE RINK HOCKEY TECHNICAL COMMISSION
- GARY REAM - CHAIRMAN OF THE SKATEBOARDING COMMISSION
- ANDREA FONZARI - CHAIRMAN OF THE INLINE HOCKEY TECHNICAL COMMISSION
- OLIVIER PASCAL - CHAIRMAN OF THE ROLLER FREESTYLE TECHNICAL COMMISSION
- KELVIN KOO - CHAIRMAN OF THE INLINE FREESTYLE TECHNICAL COMMISSION
- FERNANDO REGUEIRO - CHAIRMAN OF THE ROLLER DERBY TECHNICAL COMMISSION
- PATRICIA WALLACE - CHAIRMAN OF THE SPORTS MEDICINE COMMISSION

WORLD SKATE STAFF ATTENDING THE MEETING

- ELISABETTA MARIANI - OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
- ALAIN GIORGIO ECONOMIDES - INSTITUTIONAL LAISONS OFFICER
- FRANCESCO ZANGARINI - SPORTS DIRECTOR
- SIMONA MERCURI - COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR
- FRANCESCO JACOPO D'URBANO - LEGAL COUNSEL
- ALESSANDRA LUNADEI - PROTOCOL DIRECTOR
- SERGIO FRANCESCO SACRIPANTI - GENERAL AFFAIRS
- CATERINA NOTO - ANTIDOPING DPT.
- LINA MARIA LIZCANO - GRAPHICS DIRECTOR
- MARTINA AIELLO - OPERATIONS DPT.
- MARIA GRAZIA DI VALERIO - DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION
- MASSIMILIANO TALE' - CONSULTANT

GUESTS ATTENDING THE MEETING

- FRANCESCO RICCI BITTI - ASOIF PRESIDENT

President Aracu greets all those attending the Executive Board Meeting, as well as the Spanish Federation hosting the second edition of the World Roller Games; he also thanks the President of the Spanish Federation Carmelo Paniagua for the work that is being done.

President Aracu introduces the new Commissioner for Oceania, Karen Doyle, World Skate Vice-President, and thanks Patricia Wallace for the extraordinary work during her mandate and her great present contribution as Chair of the Sports Medical Commission and Anti-doping.

Aracu introduces Andrea Fonzari as new Chairman of Inline Hockey Technical Commission, replacing Alberto Lastrucci that Aracu warmly thanks for his passion and commitment during the several years within the Technical Committee. The President also welcomes Kelvin Koo, new Chairman of Inline Freestyle replacing Eddie Chua whom Aracu thanks for his contribution to the discipline and for the work carried out; the President also welcomes ambassador Alain Giorgio Economides, the institutional liaison officer in charge of International Relations.

Aracu introduces the staff of World Skate, and thanks each one of them for contributing to the growth and the quality leap achieved by World Skate of the last few years.

The video of Barcelona 2019 is shown to EB members, and Aracu thanks once again for the organizers for their hospitality.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS EB MEETING

Aracu asks to vote on the approval of the minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting sent to all EB Members via email in compliance with the provisions laid down by the Statutes.

The minutes are unanimously approved

REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT

At the beginning of his report, President Aracu mentions the Statutes and the changes drafted to adapt them to the fast growth of the Federation as well as to the changes that the world of sports and the society in general are experiencing: the Statutes need to be modernized to better meet the requests of the IOC. President Aracu recently participated in the IOC session in Lausanne, and noticed an increasing interest towards World Skate; in Barcelona there will also be Francesco Ricci Bitti, President of ASOIF and Kit Mc Connell, IOC Sports Director. Skateboarding will be in Tokyo 2020 with 96 athletes; it will almost certainly be confirmed in Paris 2024, and will be included in the voting process for Los Angeles 2028, whose organizing committee will propose two sports: surfing and skateboarding.

During the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires, Speed obtained a great success, although some of its aspects need to be reviewed; skateboarding was also present in Buenos Aires, showing that our sports are increasingly *urban*.

Roller Freestyle is positively valued, and it might be in Dakar 2022 together with speed and skateboarding.

The 2021 edition of the World Skate Games (the name has changed, they will include the 11 World Skate disciplines) will be held in Buenos Aires, a city that will certainly give an *urban* approach to the WSG.

Aracu underlines the importance to set up schools in which our disciplines are taught, and in this regard underlines that the World Skate Academy is being established, creating new jobs for coaches and technical staff that will set up sports schools in their Countries. A specific handbook will be drafted, and it will act as a guideline to this end.

Technical seminars were held for Artistic Skating, Rink Hockey, Speed and Inline Hockey. Seminars were organized in Kenya and Greece, and the next step - also thanks to the support of ambassador Giorgio Economides - is to involve the Olympic Solidarity to establish a skating school in Africa. This project is very interesting also for the IOC.

The number of National Federations is rapidly increasing in all Continents, and will continue to grow in the next few years. For this reason, we need a team that works together with great commitment and professionalism. For the first time the World Championships of Skateboarding were held in 2018, Park in Nanjing and Street in Rio de Janeiro: 48 Countries were present,

registering an increase as compared to the past. Several internationally renowned organizations, like Dew Tour, are investing in high-level facilities in which holding the Olympic qualification competitions, such as in Long Beach.

World Skate is fully in line with this investment process; the proceeds are used to increase the prize money received by athletes, to organize training courses for judges, and for the gender equality courses as it happened in Turkey, Italy and China.

As regards the World Championships, Aracu clarifies that they were held for all the disciplines of World Skate, exception made for Roller Derby, which will be organized in the future. The Downhill Skateboarding and Luge World Championships will be organized for the first time in Barcelona. World Skate is also present in the competitions of Asian Games, Beach Games, Urban Games, East Asian Games and probably also European Games.

World Skate can organize through the World Roller Games - that the Spanish Minister of Sports defined as the major event in Spain after the Olympics - a multisport event that no other international federation can organize.

In the end, President Aracu underlines the importance of the draft statutes that will be submitted to the Congress for approval; it is a completely new Statutes laying down, among other things, that the Countries with more than one Federation are invited to establish a single Federation encompassing all the disciplines; this process will be long and difficult, and will start after the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, and the laws in force in the single Countries shall also be taken into account.

Another important topic is represented by the International Technical Commissions, which shall include as members the representatives from all Continents, sided by the persons in charge of training for judges and coaches; the International and Continental Technical Commissions shall be fully aligned because the quality standards will have to be the same. International chairmen shall, therefore, be involved in continental events to help them in their growth.

REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Secretary-General Roberto Marotta announces that his report is very short as all the items were already tackled by the President. Over the last three years, a marked growth occurred both in the number of countries and in the structure of the Federation, with an increase in World Skate staff. Sometimes the replies to e-mails are not prompt, but the number of e-mails daily received by the office is huge.

In recent months, several official documents were amended, such as the Statutes, the Bylaws, and the Code of Ethics; there is for sure room for improvement, but they show a new approach and a change that needed to be undertaken.

Marotta underlines that any financial support was received, neither from the IOC nor from TV rights; World Skate has grown because it has become an Olympic Federation, without however receiving the financial support from the IOC, and to which it is not entitled as skateboarding is

a new discipline; the hope is that since it is almost certain that skateboarding will be confirmed in Paris 2024 as well, some financial support can be received.

In the end, the Secretary-General asks everyone to comply with the deadlines set, and asks the Chairmen and the Continental representatives to circulate this information in their countries. The deadlines include biddings, participation in events, the payment of fees, and the dates of Championship, because the calendar has to be published and disclosed by the end of the year. With 11 disciplines, the overlapping of some events will be unavoidable.

REPORTS BY CONTINENTAL PRESIDENTS

Fernando Claro asks participants to refer to his previously sent report, also included in the EB meeting folder at the participants' disposal on page 27/28.

Karen Doyle underlines how in Oceania there are only two Federations, and hopes that other ones will be established in the future, although underlining the difficulties in her continent due to the huge distances and the existence of several small insular states. Nonetheless, an Artistic Seminar and an Inline hockey seminar were organized, and several coaches and judges had the opportunity to take their examinations.

President Aracu takes the floor to notify the development of a project with the support of ambassador Giorgio Economides to increase the number of Oceanian countries setting up their federations.

Alberto Herrera Ayala takes the floor and reminds that in 2015 he was elected in Toronto as the President of the Pan-American Confederation, and as from that moment the 22 Countries being part of the Confederation have resumed their substantial contribution to the development of sports. Several EB meetings were held, three in Bogotá and one will be in Lima next August, as well as three Congresses, one of which to change the name of the Pan-American Confederation into World Skate America in compliance with World Skate Statutes, and to amend the Statutes accordingly. The calendars were drafted; America has a peculiar situation, as there are 4 organizations regulating sports events in the Continent: ODEBO managing the Bolivarian Games, ODESUR the South American Games, ODECABE the Central American and Caribbean Games, and PANAME SPORT that deals with Pan-American Games. Three Confederations are present in the American Continent: the Central American Confederation, made up of the six Central American Countries, the South American Confederation, with 10 Countries, and World Skate America with 22 Countries.

The Pan American Games include artistic skating and speed skating; this year skateboarding was included as well, but unfortunately it was then taken out. The Central American Games and Bolivarian Games include speed skating and artistic skating, and the South American Games will include skateboarding in the event scheduled this year in Rosario, Argentina.

The Pan-American Games are organized every two years, in even years to avoid overlapping with the events of territorial organizations. In 2016 we organized the Speed Championship in Colombia with 1800 athletes from 18 Countries; in 2018 in Monterey, Mexico, with 700 athletes

from 12 Countries. As regards Artistic Championships, two events were organized in the last four years: in June 2016 in Brazil with 1200 athletes from 16 Countries, and in August 2018 in Bogotá, Colombia, with 1400 athletes from 16 Countries. The Rink Hockey Championships (men and women) in 2018 involved 8 countries. Chairman of Rink Hockey, Carmelo Paniagua, the Chairman of artistic skating Nicola Genchi, and the Chairman of Speed, Jorge Roldan, attended the events of their disciplines. Two other Pan-American events were held in 2017 in Colombia, and in 2019 in Lima, with the participation of 120 athletes from 18 countries.

A new momentum was given to Continental events at the club and Country level.

Ayala believes that the Continent, in the last four years, achieved its goals with a great activity in terms of development and recovery of all disciplines, and hopes that the new skateboarding federations join this process, so that the 11 disciplines of World Skate are all involved in the Continental events of Pan-America, with the support of National Olympic Committees and World Skate.

Guyong Liu introduces the new Secretary-General Zhang Na, and gives the floor to her to describe the continental activity.

The new Secretary-General of World Skate Asia states she is honored for the mandate she was given during the Congress held in Korea, and lists all the Vice-Presidents of World Skate Asia elected with her.

In 2019 a meeting was held in China during which the new Secretary of the Confederation was elected, and the calendar of events was set: the Asian Cup is scheduled for 2019 in Tsian; the 2018 Championships were a great success with 11 disciplines, and many athletes representing 16 Countries. In October 2020 there will be the Championships for all the disciplines of World Skate, representing a continuation of the World Roller Games experience.

The Organizing Committee of the Asian Games has supported all the activities at best; events were broadcasted live, and this allowed a broad audience to know our disciplines. As to the Asian Games 2022, the disciplines included will be artistic, skateboarding, speed and freestyle, and new facilities are being built to such end. World Skate Asia, together with the Organizing Committee of the Asian Games and the Chinese Olympic Committee, are trying to promote these sports. Inline freestyle was part of the University Games in Taipei, and obtained a great success. The next University Games will be in Chengdu, and any possible effort will be made to try and obtain the inclusion of all roller disciplines.

Furthermore, promotion is being made for all the Olympic qualification events, through the support of World Skate.

Zhang Na highlights that World Skate Asia relies on promotion events: in July and August 2019 China will host an Olympic qualification event, and training camps will be established to improve the level of athletes.

World Skate Asia will also try to increase the number of its member Countries.

Hopefully, several athletes will participate in Tokyo 2020, but it is extremely important to consider the promotion of Inline freestyle; to this end, Kelvin Koo will be supported in the best possible way in promoting this discipline at the continental level, where it is not yet widespread.

President Aracu, at the end of the reports by Continental Presidents, congratulates Guyong Liu, Director General of “Sport for All” within the Chinese Olympic Committee, and underlines that the agreement that World Skate signed with China is among the most important ones in the history of the International Federation. In terms of number of activities and votes within the Congress, Asia is only outperformed by Europe.

Aracu thanks Vice President Ayala for his important work, and regrets skateboarding is not included in the Pan American Games. Some misunderstandings occurred, mainly due to the difficulties in organizing some meetings that would have allowed to talk about important topics in person.

It is also necessary to invest in the staff working in World Skate offices in the five Continents, and allow such offices to be interconnected. It is not possible anymore to organize Continental Championships without obtaining the opinion of the International Technical Committee and without taking care of the image of the event in minute details, as China is presently doing in the organization of its events.

Furthermore, professionals and investments in marketing and communication are needed.

REPORTS BY THE CHAIRMEN

The Secretary-General gives the floor to Gary Ream, Chairman of Skateboarding, the Olympic discipline of World Skate.

Gary Ream thanks and underlines that skateboarding has been included in the Olympic program for the passion in the hearts of the athletes. This sport is not backed by the money of governments, but supported by mass-media and fans, and through the involvement of brands that avail themselves of young skateboarders as advertising media by investing billions and obtaining an extraordinary success in terms of spreading of their products, such as Red Bull, and becoming successful in terms of marketing.

World Skate presently has a huge responsibility: work actively and allow the further development of the passion of these guys. Boardsports are becoming incredibly widespread; it is sufficient to think about snowboarding and surfing, besides skateboarding. There are very few other sports that take to the Olympic Games already successful athletes with an incredible number of fans and that represent an important channel for the companies that sponsor them.

It is important to take care of such guys and follow their track, otherwise we risk losing them. There have been fundamental events for skateboarding, which marked its history, but in Tokyo we will have to outperform such events and do better than XGames, Dew Tour, All Gravity Games etc.

Skateboarding shall make its appearance to the Olympic with the same spirit it had from the very beginning in California, with its culture and history.

It is important to win over the spectators from all over the world, but attention must be paid to the images and videos displayed, as only some of them are truly effective with skateboarders, that is to say the ones that come from them.

This is the reason why skateboarders need to have a say on how to organize and manage skateboarding.

Aracu agrees with Gary Ream that athletes have to be the ones that make statements and provide contributions. The lessons taught by skateboarding should also inspire the other disciplines.

Jorge Roldan takes the floor and asks Gary Ream about the situation on the development of skateboarding in the world, and why is skateboarding mainly widespread in three Countries - USA, Brazil and Japan - and almost completely absent for instance in Africa. Roldan believes that the support of World Skate is fundamental for a massive spreading of skateboarding in other Countries as well.

As regards Speed, Roldan mentions the great success that this discipline obtained during the Youth Olympics 2018 in Buenos Aires, and that will probably be included in Senegal 2022, where countries like Benin and Ghana will be present, showing the spreading of Speed in Africa.

The organization of World Championships 2018 in the Netherlands was perfect; it was not just sports, it was also a show. Movable tracks represent a great innovation that allows to organize events with this discipline in extraordinary locations and therefore attract a lot of spectators and sponsors.

Nicola Genchi takes the floor and tanks Alberto Herrera and Karen Doyle for the work they are carrying out for his discipline. Traveling all over the world allowed the Chairman of Artistic Skating to witness the great changes and the evolution of Roller Sports, as stated by Aracu. Genchi mentions the seminars organized all over the globe, the constant increase in the number of athletes participating in World Championships, which this year exceeded one thousand. In the end, he thanks Aracu for believing in this development and for the efforts made to obtain it.

Carmelo Paniagua thanks all the Chairmen for their presence and wishes, as President of the Organizing Committee of Barcellona2019, that the organization is in line with everyone's expectations. As regards Rink Hockey events were organized in Africa, America and Europa, in some cases for the first time with a record of participation, and therefore agrees with Nicola Genchi on the important and positive changes introduced. This shows the fundamental role that the World Skate Academy can play. Paniagua underlines that in Barcelona there will be 26 Countries participating in the Rink Hockey competitions, and this is unprecedented.

Kelvin Koo underlines that inline freestyle is certainly easier to promote, as there is no need for a venue, but a level ground is sufficient to perform this sport. He intends to launch a global

promotion so that this discipline may become widespread in several countries; in China there are several coaches that might go to other countries to promote inline freestyle.

Sigi Zistler reminds that everything started 25 years before in the street, and now there are two disciplines (inline alpine and downhill) and two international organizations. Differently from skateboarding, these disciplines do not have too much money, but they certainly have many athletes; being part of World Skate has therefore been very positive, and thanks World Skate for its continuous support. The two disciplines are different from one another, and therefore proposes to appoint a Chairman for Downhill as well. Zistler hopes that Lebrun, presently in charge of Downhill, may become Chairman the next year. 16 Countries are represented in Barcelona, and this has to stimulate understanding what it can further be done to promote the two disciplines. Skiing competitions may represent an important inspiration, and efforts are in place to try and organize a big event next year.

Olivier Pascal underlines that the Roller Freestyle World Cup had three events: Hiroshima, Montpellier and China. These are not single events, rather they are linked to UCI, parkour, climbing and gymnastics events, all activities that are part of the Olympic context. This raised an important interest in media, and Roller Freestyle has become part of *multi-action sports*. At the moment there are 70 athletes in the various stops of the World Cup and nearly 20 women, whose number is increasing. In Barcelona there will be 85 athletes competing, representing 26 countries. 4 Continents are represented; Africa is absent, but a major tool for inclusion might be the Youth Olympics in Senegal if Roller Freestyle were added, as several young people practice this sport. Furthermore, a training course for judges might be organized as well.

Andrea Fonzari states that many things were done to achieve a recognition of the figure of coaches at an international level also in Inline Hockey, and agrees on the idea to uniform all Technical Committees internationally. As to Inline Hockey, there is an attempt to develop a more attractive format for this discipline, able to involve more and more young people.

Fernando Regueiro underlines the huge growth of Roller Derby and thanks the Countries that supported such growth. Roller Derby is essentially a women's movement, nearly cultural, although an increasing number of people see it as a true sport, and this led to a growth of men's groups, especially the young ones. The one in Barcelona is the first high-level event with the participation of men and women. It is necessary to go to the different countries, organize meetings and speak to the community to propose good reasons why these groups should join World Skate; there is a strong opposition at this moment, and some countries cancelled their participation due to the threats received by athletes. The help of Federations is important for this reason, and Regueiro states he intends to personally speak to several Presidents in Barcelona to identify the right strategy and increasingly promote this discipline. In August Regueiro will attend the World Cup organized outside of World Skate, where he is invited to promote World Skate as a concept.

The President thanks all the Chairmen and underlines that a summit for each discipline should be organized in the future during the World Championships

Aracu introduces the President of ASOIF Francesco Ricci Bitti, and gives the floor to him.

Francesco Ricci Bitti greets and congratulates all participants for the high number of disciplines falling under the umbrella of World Skate. The IOC understood the high number of urban sports present, and drafted some guidelines that now have to be implemented. This is a very particular moment; the importance of World Skate disciplines is growing, and expectations are high. Although the procedure for the inclusion of skateboarding in Paris 2024 is not yet completed, skateboarding will be present unless something truly negative happens in Tokyo. The Urban Games have the right characteristics to allow the full exploitation of the potential of World Skate and its member federations.

Governance has to be improved, and Ricci Bitti undertakes to provide the right guidelines. World Skate started the right pathway, but a lot still has to be done. The right control has to be put on the *business* side as soon as the time of success comes, as well as in the collaboration with public authorities.

STATUTES

President Aracu and Secretary-General Marotta, after highlighting that the Statutes were already analyzed and approved during the Executive Board meeting held on 30th April via video-conferencing call, mention the problem linked to the presence in some Countries of more than one Federation. Patience is needed to try and allow these Federations to merge by however keeping their internal models and provisions; conflicts have to be avoided within the Federations. “Double” federations will be no longer accepted in the future. This is the essence of the amendment to the Statutes that will be submitted the day after to the Congress for approval.

The Secretary-General reads the amendments to Art. 3 of the Statutes.

President Aracu further clarifies that the Countries that already have more than one Federation may continue with such structure, although World Skate recommends that they become a single organization. It must be clear however that new federations in Countries in which a member Federation of World Skate already exists will not be accepted anymore.

Some members debate on the risk that World Skate interferes with the sport’s laws in force in some countries and with their organization, as Herrera underlines, but both Aracu and the first Vice-President Claro reiterate that for World Skate it is important to have a single interlocutor, although internally Federations may become organized as they deem it suitable, according to the laws of their countries. A single *governing body* however needs to be established. After Tokyo, solutions allowing such autonomy will be identified.

Gary Ream wishes to compare the Statutes and the Bylaws in force to the new draft Statutes in order to better understand the amendments proposed and the reason for such changes. President Aracu stresses again the importance of a single Federation per Country, on the open approach that the existing Federations have to adopt towards the new ones, and the new disciplines to be included although keeping their autonomy.

Regueiro asks how the IOC support devoted to an Olympic discipline is received by such discipline if a Federation governs several disciplines. President Aracu makes the example of the Italian Federation and guarantees that the funds are always received by the Olympic discipline; Federations however also need to learn to improve their organization without always expecting to receive support.

Gary Ream underlines that the IOC President Bach stressed the motto “skateboarding to skateboarders”, and therefore also the financial support allocated to the discipline has to be managed by skaters, so that their passion is protected; he fears that what exists is destroyed, namely the passion that animates skateboarders.

Aracu reminds that the Statutes, as amended, were already voted and approved during the Executive Board meeting of 30th April. Gary Ream states that he abstained on such occasion, and Aracu underlines that in a democracy the majority rules, and that World Skate will be in charge of monitoring the regularity of the entire process, as well as the management of funds allocated to skateboarding. This amendment is lighter than the one approved on 30th April, as it does not oblige but only suggests the merger with already existing Federations.

The voting procedure is therefore opened on the approval of the amendment to Article 3 of the Statutes previously read by the Secretary-General, relating to the possibility for the Federation of a Country to join in a single Federation.

The amendment is approved by majority, and Gary Ream abstains.

Roberto Marotta underlines that on the occasion of the latest EB meeting a total change of the Statutes had been proposed, voted and approved; in this meeting, an amendment that makes it lighter the need for member Federations to merge, as the existing ones can continue to operate independently. Consequently, the Bylaws already received by the Executive Board members have been amended according to the amendments to the Statutes, and needs to be voted because the Bylaws are approved by the Executive Board only.

According to the Secretary-General, this approach meets Gary Ream’s requests, as it allows the already existing Skateboarding Federations to remain separated from one another. The amendments to the Statutes therefore comply with the requests made by Gary Ream.

These changes, however, according to Gary Ream, are not sufficient to protect the kids skating in the streets, and therefore declares that he abstains.

Marotta underlines that the Bylaws sent to EB members reflect the same rationale as the Statutes and have to be voted with the amendment included in the folder.

Some EB Members (Paniagua, Wallace, Herrera) state they have not received the Bylaws, but the Secretariat gives evidence that such document was sent and received.

Herrera believes that requesting Federations to send an annual report is an interference by World Skate in sports and administrative regulations of the Countries; the Secretary General underlines that such document, which has been sent to all National Federations for several years, only asks for general information aimed to facilitate communication between World

Skate and the Federations. Unfortunately, there are Federations, including Colombia, that have not sent such reports for years.

Patricia Wallace is sorry she has not received the documents in her capacity as Executive Board member with no voting rights; she then thanks Aracu that clarifies that she is an integral part of the Executive Board with all rights exception made for the right to vote, and therefore she is entitled to receive information about the activities of the Executive Board.

Roldan asks if the Code of Ethics complies with the one of the IOC, and such compliance is confirmed. He also asks how the accreditation procedures may be in line with the provisions of the Code, and asks for a written clarification.

As there are no more remarks on the Bylaws and the Code of Ethics, the voting procedures on the two documents to be considered jointly are opened.

The Bylaws and the Code of Ethics are approved unanimously.

Marotta clarifies, upon request by Paniagua, that the Statutes will be submitted to the Congress article by article, and voted according to such procedure.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Aracu informs the EB members on the Olympic qualification agreements signed with China, SLS and Dew Tour and their circuits, as well as with STU in Brazil. The President also states that Tokyo will cost to World Skate over 400,000 USD, and therefore hopes that the IOC takes into account the costs that World Skate has to incur. Aracu also asks Simona Mercuri and Massimiliano Talè to make an internal communication on the activities of the different offices.

PANAMERICAN GAMES

Aracu says that thanks to an agreement signed with the Panamerican Sports authorities, in 2023 World Skate will participate in the Games with skateboarding through qualifications.

2021 WSG - ARGENTINA

President Aracu informs that the World Skate Games 2021 will be held in Argentina, in two different cities: Buenos Aires and San Juan, the former being the capital of Argentina, the latter the world capital of rink hockey where several important events were held and over 20 clubs in this discipline are established. The urban style, conferred to the events in Buenos Aires, has to be considered extraordinary. There will be Roller Freestyle, Inline Freestyle and Skateboarding, all in a single cluster close to the sea in Porto Madeiro.

World Skate shall monitor the situation and check that the organization is of the highest professional standards, and that the political authorities are involved with the LOC to be sure

that the image of the International Federation is safeguarded. The WSG represent the Olympic Games of World Skate disciplines, and deserve particular attention.

The political and sports authorities of both Buenos Aires and San Juan will be at the Congress the day after to present the edition of WSG 2021.

World Skate shall in any case be able to organize similar events also in Countries in which the Federation is not present. There are Countries like Qatar that have huge financial resources but no *know-how*, and that is where we can intervene with our experience and make a difference.

Paniagua takes the floor to confirm the extraordinary passion of San Juan for rink hockey, and the strong contribution of authorities to organize top-level events.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ACTIVITIES

A calendar of events is included in the folder handed out to Executive Board members.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Secretary-General refers to the documents handed out to EB members as regards the financial report and the Auditor's report, and reads the amounts by specifying that World Skate's balance sheet is based on a cash accounting and not on an accrual accounting principle.

The most significant revenue derives from the membership fees of National Federations, the IOC contributions, the registration fees in World Championships, the participation fees in Seminars and workshops, the organization of events, and the revenue from sponsors.

The most considerable expenses include those incurred for the Olympic project and the organization of seminars, the prize money and judges in competitions, the staff and consultants' costs. Other expenses include the Web page and the Web TV.

The 2019 budget is similar to 2018, but the revenues from Olympic qualification events are higher. Revenues are expected to exceed 2 million USD. In addition to such amount, there are the revenues from the Roller Games, overall amounting to over 3 million USD. Expenditures include the promotion for Tokyo 2020, the organization of events, the Barcelona Roller Games, the staff and consulting costs, totally exceeding 3 million USD. The 2019 budget is positive by over 100,000 USD.

Aracu underlines that the budget has doubled, and consequently World Skate takes on more responsibilities.

Gary Ream asks information about the amount of expenditures vs. the income linked to skateboarding, and why a cash accounting only is available.

Marotta replies that the cash accounting is linked to the need to have a balance sheet in real and not virtual figures. The main expenditures are linked to the staff and collaborators of World Skate.

The balance sheet and the budget are put to the vote:

The financial report is approved by majority with the abstention of Gary Ream.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Marotta lists the new Federations that will have to be ratified by the Congress the day after, and Aracu invites the offices not to accept names with double designations.

MEDICAL COMMISSION

Pat Wallace refers to her previously sent report, thanks national federations for their collaboration with World Skate, and World Skate staff that extraordinarily collaborate with her.

The WADA Code Compliance Questionnaire includes six sections with 300 questions on privacy, policies, procedures etc.. Several weeks and sleepless nights were needed to draft this questionnaire through which WADA assesses the activity of Federations. Out of 309 antidoping organizations, 27 only have correctly completed the questionnaire, and World Skate is one of them. 13 audits were carried out in 2019, but World Skate was never included.

The limiting factor is represented by the financial aspect, as hosting federations have to take on such burden.

The tests performed during competitions represent a method to detect intentional cheating. Sometimes money is spent for the controls during competitions, whereas according to Pat Wallace the out-of-competition controls are very important. As to the hematological passport, a check should be performed one month before competitions, but often there is no control of athletes and their competitions although such check is compulsory. The financial situation of World Skate as regards antidoping is not suitable, it certainly needs to be reviewed. As to the tests requested by National Federations, according to the new rules the results shall not be managed by such federations anymore; all the tests made by national federations have to be channeled to World Skate and all data must be included in a database. Pat Wallace is in charge of checking the tests made during the year.

Another aspect concerns the 11 disciplines and the form that has to include the name of the discipline. Some errors were however detected; for instance, Spain wrote Inline Freestyle instead of Inline Speed, and these errors cause a waste of time. Things should therefore be easier for everybody.

As regards the Medical Commission, several activities were carried out with the IOC, especially as regards the stress of skateboarding athletes and the problems involving transgender athletes.

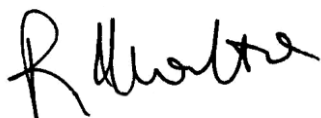
ARACU underlines that the money spent for antidoping is important, and for this reason a 30% budget increase was introduced. Patricia Wallace is highly considered at the Olympic level, and this allows World Skate to enjoy great credibility at an international level.

MISCELLANEOUS

Marotta says that World Skate received from the Continental President of Africa, Koty, the request to include French in official communications. This is not possible, because the decision was made to use two languages (English and Spanish) only for the Statutes and for official events such as the Executive Board and the Congress, whereas for the daily activity the working language is English. A communication will therefore be sent to Koty, underlining that his request cannot be accepted

The team of Mozambique asked to be exempted from the registration fee to the WRG 2019 for the rink hockey team. The reply was that such option is not included in the Statutes, but having considered the flood that occurred during the winter, World Skate decides to give its financial support by allocating to Mozambique a contribution amounting to the registration fee.

President Aracu invites all participants to work as a team to make progress together. He thanks everyone and closes the meeting at 2.30 p.m.



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