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MINUTES

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CISS 23rd CONGRESS, LAKE PLACID, USA, 2 FEBRUARY 1975 at 9 a.m.

01. Speeches of welcome.

- a. The President of AAAD, John Buckmaster, welcomed the delegates and the CISS Executive Committee.
- b. The Chairman of the Organisation Committee, Simon Carmel, also welcomed those present and expressed the hope that they would enjoy their stay in Lake Placid. He presented CISS with a set of medals and said that CISS was being given a new flag plus 10 smaller flags with the same design.
- c. The President of CISS, Jerald M. Jordan, welcomed everyone to the 23rd Congress. He paid a tribute to the memory of HEINRICH SIEPMANN, who died on 22 September 1974, which was further marked by a 1-minute silence.

02. Approval of deputies.

The following were present:

Australia	AUS	J.M. Lovett and B.W. Bernal
Austria	AUT	H. Zingerle
Belgium	BEL	A. Dresse and H. Compere
Canada	CAN	W. H. McGovern and D. Wojcik
Denmark	DEN	L. Søndergaard
Spain	ESP	J.L.P. Bueno and N.P. Rubio
Finland	FIN	U. Lehtimäki
France	FRA	M. Alie and F. Cascales
Holland	HOL	R.H. v. Perlstein
Italy	ITA	F. Bonora and O. Zavattaro
Japan	JAP	T. Sakakibara and T. Yoneya
Norway	NOR	N. Bjørø and H. Nielsen
Portugal	POR	A.J. de Jesus and J.A.L. de Figueiredo
West Germany	BRD	W. Kliewer and F. Ullmann
Sweden	SWE	A. Larsson
Switzerland	SUI	U. Müller (E. Bitbol - observer)
Soviet Union	URS	S. Alexandrova
U S A	USA	J. Buckmaster and A. Kruger
Venezuela	VEN	P.A. Diaz
South Africa	SAF	M. Ordman and N. Beurain

Executive Committee:

J.M. Jordan - F. Rubino - C.-E. Martola - K. Søndergaard -
K. Diehl - O. Dahlgren and F. Waldow.

Turkey	TUR	K. Altinkaynak (normal hearing - therefore only as observer)
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All were approved.

03. Application for membership.

- a. Costa Rica had applied for membership - and had already paid the subscription for 1974. As the required information, statutes etc. had not yet been submitted, the congress could not at this meeting approve the inclusion of Costa Rica.
- b. South Africa was unanimously accepted as E.C. had recommended this course following amendment of the country's statutes to conform with the requirements of CISS.

04. Discussion concerning the countries which had not met their obligations to CISS.

The following countries had not paid their subscriptions etc.:

Argentina	40 §	India	75 §
Brazil	40 §	Roumania	70 §
Chile	200 § (1971-1974)	Turkey	10 §
Czechoslovakia	20 §		

E.C. proposed that countries be given a 3-month period of grace in which to pay, after which there should be an extra charge imposed of 10% per month for 3 months.

After 6 months, non-paying countries would be barred from participating in international events etc.

Approved by the congress.

05. The Rubens-Alcais Cup.

E.C. had decided to award the cup to FINLAND for the work done by this country in recent years.

It was reported that the cup would be put into CISS' museum in Rome and that future recipients of the award would receive a plaque instead of the cup as proof of the award.

The cup has so far been awarded to:

1. Italy
2. U S A
3. Belgium
4. Finland

06. Report of the 22nd Congress in Malmö 1973.

Approved unanimously without comment.

07. Report of the Executive Committee.

J.M. Jordan wished to call attention to the most important items in the report:

a. The technical committees.

It had proved difficult to get all committees to function as well as required, and there were several countries which did not allow their people to work for CISS and, at the same time, were not prepared always to pay their expenses. It is for this reason that it is later proposed in the agenda that a technical delegate be appointed instead of a committee.

b. CISS' finances.

CISS' financial situation is not what it should be and is not improved by the fact that not all countries pay their subscriptions etc. promptly.

It would help if more copies of the yearbook could be sold. To effect some savings E.C. also wishes to propose that the number of EC members be reduced to 8 again.

c. The deaf versus others.

It was reported that EC had dealt with a problem concerning a French tennis player who despite having good hearing took part in the Malmö games.

Her audiogram had been examined by a Danish and an American expert and both had issued an identical statement - namely that she could not be regarded as deaf. It was decided however not to take her medals away from her so long after the games, but France had been given a warning.

M. Alie, following on this matter, wished to have the question discussed of the setting of a hearing limit of, e.g., 50%, for participation in future games. He also wanted a ban on the use of hearing aids during the contests.

J. Jordan replied that it is impossible to set a limit - opinions as to when one can be regarded as deaf vary in the different countries.

He thought it better to make the recommendation that CISS be consulted in doubtful cases.

A ban on the use of hearing aids could not be recommended either - these particular sportsmen would then be handicapped in relation to their colleagues.

d. Notification of entry for the World Games.

At all the games - including the present ones - it had appeared that several countries were not keeping to the time limits. As will be seen from the proposals later on the agenda, EC is proposing a radical change in the method of registration and it is hoped that this will improve matters in the future.

The report was accepted unanimously.

08. Approval of the revised accounts.

After a brief remark from the Secretary-General to the effect that the accounts had been revised, these were approved unanimously.

09. Approval of world records in 1973 and 1974.

There were a couple of corrections to the circulated schedules:

The records for the 400 and 800 m race for men, 47.6 and 1.53.5 respectively, were not set in Malmö but in Washington, USA, on 14.6.1973 and 12.7.1973.

In addition, a new record in swimming had been approved:

400 m ind. medley 6.43.4 L. Svereva URS
30.07.1974 Warsaw POL

It was reported that it had not been possible to recognize a few individual records as they had not been set under the prescribed conditions.

10. Proposed amendments to:

A. The Statutes.

J. Jordan presented the proposed amendments which had been sent out together with the report etc. They were all unanimously approved with the following comments and remarks:

Art . 4 - § 1: .. 6 technical members ... was changed to ...
4 technical members ...

Art. 4 - § 4, 3): ... country was changed to
federation

Art. 9 - § 2: W. Kliewer proposed that correspondence with
the Secretary-General could be conducted in
German or other languages provided the
Secretary-General knew these languages.

The proposal was adopted.

B. Rules for the World Games.

J. Jordan continued the run-through:

Art. 7 - § 2: L. Søndergaard proposed that so far as the
winter games were concerned there need only
be participants from 3 countries - this
applying both to men and women - for an event
to be held.

Adopted by 30 votes to 2.

Art. 7 - § 4: Dropped.

Art. 9: The entire Article was gone through in detail.
It is to be added to § 3 that notification
of participation can be made by telegram and
that the forms shall be sent immediately
thereafter.

A. Larsson asked whether it could be accepted
that a whole team turned up without prior
notification, as happened in Mexico and Malmö.

No - the team would not be allowed to take part.

McGovern: One may often be in doubt as to
whether letters will arrive in time by ordinary
mail. Should one then send a telegram?

Yes.

K. Søndergaard pointed out that there was
willingness to print the forms in several
languages so that a number of misunderstandings
could be avoided.

J. Jordan drew attention to the fact that, with
the new rules for registration, delays would
under no circumstances whatsoever be tolerated.
The period of grace is already too long for
the organisers.

C. Rules for world records.

This whole section was approved, comments being assigned to
point 17.

D. Rules for CISS technical delegates.

J. Jordan explained the reasons why it had been suggested that
the committees be dropped in favour of a technical delegate.

H. Compere was of the opinion that it was OK for the individual sports but would prefer to keep the committees for the team events.

J. Jordan pointed out that a technical delegate could always seek the help of others but that, so far as CISS was concerned, they would have to keep to one only.

The proposal was adopted unanimously.

E. The Rubens-Alcais Cup.

The proposal was withdrawn.

F. The Dresse Cup.

J. Jordan reported that E.C. had declined to deal with the proposal as it had been submitted too late (less than 6 months before the congress).

11. Rate fixing.

A. Subscriptions:

It was reported that E.C. had suggested an amendment to the proposal:

1975:	1 - 10 clubs	50 US \$ (= 300 Dkr)
	11 - 30 clubs	75 US \$ (= 450 Dkr)
	Over 30 clubs	100 US \$ (= 600 Dkr)
1976:	1 - 10 clubs	60 US \$ (= 360 Dkr)
	11 - 30 clubs	90 US \$ (= 540 Dkr)
	Over 30 clubs	120 US \$ (= 720 Dkr)

Adopted by overwhelming majority (only 2 against).

Lunch break 11.45 - 14.00 =====

B. Charges for sanctions:

K. Søndergaard stated that the present rules should continue to apply. The host country would be responsible for claiming the fee - and the rates for international contests would apply as per participating foreign country.

The proposal was adopted. ~~WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS~~

World championships	100 US \$ (=600 Dkr)
Regional championships	75 US \$ (=450 Dkr)
International matches	15 US \$ (= 90 Dkr)
Club matches	5 US \$ (= 30 Dkr)

C. Fees for participants in World Games:

The proposal was changed to:

Fee per participant (also team)	2 US \$ (= 12 Dkr)
After expiry of last date for provisional entry (3 months)	3 US \$ (= 18 Dkr)

Unanimously adopted.

D. Fines for non-starting participants:

A. Kruger asked whether the proposed fines would also apply to sick or injured participants.

Yes - unless a doctor's certificate could be produced.

McGovern: What happens if someone changes his mind after entering?

J. Jordan: He'll have to pay of course!

A. Larsson asked whether it would be possible to transfer one's entry for one particular sport to another. The answer was no.

12. Election of 3 members to the Executive Committee.

J. Jordan suggested that after adoption of the proposal to reduce the number of Executive Committee members to 8, 3 members be elected this time. Then at the next congress in 2 years 5 members would be elected, but the one with the least votes being elected for 2 years - the others for 4. In this way it would be possible to get into normal rhythm.

Adopted.

In all there were 43 votes present (20 countries x 2 + 3 Executive Committee members who were not up for election = 43). 22 votes thus constituted a majority.

The elections gave the following results:

J.M. Jordan	42 votes	Elected for 4 years.
K. Søndergaard	42 -	ditto
F. Waldow	33 -	ditto

B. Petania	5 -	Not elected.

O. Dahlgren was the only one of the 5 members up for election who did not wish to be re-elected. The remainder all said they were willing to stand for re-election and this received the approval of the respective countries.

F. Rubino conducted the voting, while A. Dresse, O. Dahlgren and P.A. Diaz were chosen to count the votes.

13. Report of the Malmö Games.

O. Dahlgren presented a printed report and commented briefly thereon. There had been a surplus of 38,000 Sw.Kr. but it had proved necessary to hand this over to the municipality of Malmö to cover miscellaneous expenses (the authorities had in advance provided a grant of 300,000 Sw.Kr.).

The report was approved.

14. Time and place for the 9th Winter Games in 1979.

No written offers to arrange the next winter games had been forthcoming.

L. Søndergaard suggested NORWAY.

N. Bjørø confirmed that Norway would undertake to organise the games if there were no other suggestions.

H. Zingerle wanted the contest venues collected in one place - suggested France.

M. Alie supported Norway's candidature.

N. Bjørø promised that Norway would endeavour to arrange for the contest venues to be collected in one place. Oslo would be able to hold the games - but another smaller town was also considered for the games.

The Congress chose Norway as ~~XXXX~~ organisers of the next winter games.

15. The 13th World Games 1977.

J. Jordan expressed deep regret that Executive Committee member G. Miclea from Roumania was not present. He reported that it had been decided that Secretary-General K. Søndergaard would go to Bucharest in connection with the European championships in table-tennis in May. Together with K. Diehl and F. Waldow, he would negotiate and inspect the contest venues etc.

N. Bjørø suggested Munich if Roumania were unable to hold the games.

W. Kliever expressed the view that Miclea should have been told by letter that if he did not come to Lake Placid the games would have to be transferred from Bucharest - and added that they could very well be held in Munich.

K. Diehl suggested that a telegram be sent immediately to Roumania in order to obtain confirmation that they could take on the games.

J. Jordan asked that the responsibility be assigned to E.C., and he thanked the West Germans for offering to act as organisers if necessary.

Approval of the programme for the 1977 games.

Athletics: Addition of 4x400 relay for women approved.

Cycling: Approval of dropping of total points for all 3 events.

Gymnastics: Proposal adopted.
Entries to be notified 1½ years before the games so that it can be known in good time whether it is necessary to work out a detailed programme.

Shooting: The proposals to reduce the number of marksmen in each event to 2, and to cancel the 300 m shooting as well as adding air pistol were adopted by 12 votes to 2.

O. Zavattaro, however, raised an objection to the proposals which he found were not in agreement with CIO and UIT.

Table tennis: The proposal to exclude team contests from the programme was adopted.

Tennis: The proposal to hold the same programme as in Malmö was adopted.

Wrestling: An unchanged programme was approved.

Swimming: The proposal to enlarge the programme to correspond to the Olympic Games programme was adopted. However, there will be no semi-finals.

Weight-lifting: France suggested this sport as a new event at the games.

M. Alie justified this suggestion by saying that there were several countries known to have this sport in their programme.

N. Bjørø supported the suggestion, while K. Diehl rejected it.

Some expressed doubt that it would be possible to get 5 entries in all classes, and the proposal was rejected by an overwhelming majority (only 8 were for).

Judo: France suggested this sport, too, as a new event. Several countries had many people practising judo, and the proposal was adopted by 24 votes to nil.

Team sports:

K. Søndergaard stated that the Executive Committee had been in disagreement about writing to all entrants to ask them to confirm their enrolment, as it was going to be pointed out that there would be a fine for withdrawing from a contest individually - or for withdrawing an entire team.

Basketball: 2 groups with 6 teams in each in the finals (mens'). Approved. Only 2 women's teams had entered, and the women's event is therefore dropped.

Volleyball: J. Jordan reported that 2 groups with 6 teams for both men and women were being proposed.

Lene Søndergaard wished to know whether the decisions to drop events were made by the technical committees. She knew that 2 members of the volleyball committee each had his own proposal: Arcan proposed that all teams could go to the finals, while O. Faustrup suggested 8 teams in 2 groups of 4.

J. Jordan replied first saying that it was the TC decisions that had been proposed but then had to report that this did not apply to all sports as several decisions to drop events had come from EC.

Voting resulted in 6 votes for 12 teams - and 4 votes for 8 teams.

- Water polo: No problems with only 5 teams entered. All against all.
- Handball: Technical Committee suggested 8 teams - Executive Committee 10 teams.
Lene Søndergaard recommended 8 teams.
10 votes for 10 teams - 6 votes for 8 teams.
- Football: The Technical Committee suggests 10 teams - the Executive Committee 8 teams.
H. Compere found it incorrect that while only 3 teams were taken out in basketball - it was desired in football to take out 19!
Kliewer supported this view.
20 votes for 10 teams - 8 votes for 8 teams.

16. Information on the World and European Championships:

- WC in cycling - July 1975 in Belgium.
EC in table tennis - 18-21 May 1975 in Bucharest.
EC in tennis - 26 July - 2 August 1975 in Paris.
EC in swimming - 22-23 August 1975 in Kaposvar, Hungary.
EC in basketball - 3-5 October 1975 in Turku, Finland.
Pan -American Games 16-22 November 1975 in Caracas, Venezuela.
W. Kliewer stated that West Germany was willing to hold the EC in shooting in Munich in May 1976.
H. Compere asked whether there was a rule as to how few participants there could be in the European and other championships. For example, could 2 participants be accepted for a European Championship?
It was left to EC to discuss this question.

17. Miscellaneous.

- a. Lene Søndergaard suggested that it should be possible to approve European records in the same sports and events as in world championships.
Martola and Kruger were both against this suggestion - CISS should only approve ~~WR~~ world records.
Diaz mentioned that CISS should then also approve American records.
Martola was obliged to report however that IAAF approve WR - ER and OR.
The suggestion was adopted by 24 votes to 12.
- b. W. Kliewer complained that the organisers of the winter games (Carmel) had not kept the promises made in Adelboden and Malmö regarding combined travel and lodging arrangements, which is why they had been given the games in the first place.
This was left to be discussed with the organisation committee.
- c. R.H. v. Perlstein proposed that it should be compulsory in athletics and swimming for the starter to use a flag

at the same time as the pistol.

EC is looking into the question.

- d. H. Zingerle suggested that skittles be included in the programme for the games.

It was recommended that the proposal be submitted 6 months before the congress.

- e. Diaz talked about the Pan-American games in Caracas, 15-22 November 1975.

Asked whether CISS' flag could be used. No.

- f. H. Compere proposed that qualification requirements be imposed in athletics and swimming for participation in World Games.

This was found to be a problem to be left to the respective federations - But EC would anyway look into it.

- g. M. Ordman proposed that badminton be included in the programme for the games.

It was recommended that the proposal be submitted 6 months before the congress.

- h. N. Bjørø wanted the technical committee to approve the ski runs before the world games - and wanted handball to be played indoors during the 1977 games.

Yes - both are EC problems.

- i. A. Larsson proposed that the World Games venue be chosen 6 years in advance and not 4 years as it is now.

- j. J. Jordan stated that it is desired to ask all countries to make a contribution towards the furnishing of CISS' museum in Rome. This would entitle the name of the donor to appear on the item in question.

- k. J. Jordan also reported that A. Dresse had now stated that he would retire completely as CISS advisor.

18. Conclusion.

J. Jordan thanked the congress for having made it possible to finish the work in one day and looked forward to the next meeting in 1977.

The Congress ended at 17.30.