



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2001
Minutes of the IPF Congress 2001 in
Sotkamo Finland
Wednesday 14th of November 2001
FROM 10.00 AM TO 15.00 P.M.
HOURS

AGENDA

1. The President opened the congress and gave the floor to the Meet Director, Heikki Piirainen, to speak about the details of the championships.
2. **Roll Call of Nations** and Delegates Presentation of Credentials of each Nation. Certification of Athletes and Referees. Representatives from 26 Nations present. Start 10 p.m., end 11 p.m.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST CONGRESS** taken as sent out, no written complaints, no objections

4. TREASURERS REPORT

The financial situation is very good. Never in the history of the IPF has the financial situation been so good. We have more income in the budget than foreseen and so we can close the books with a profit. This success we have achieved due to the good collaboration between the EC and our sponsors.

Because of this situation it was possible to give some free bars to help national federations. Money need not always be collected from the athletes and referees as done in past years. In the future, all attempts at World Records in all age categories as well as on fourth attempts will be free to athletes if they are not previously drawn by the jury. Because of the fiscal surplus, we can work in a more professional manner than before and can send members of the EC, TC or DC to do the work of the IPF at our championships. Our ambition for the future is to relieve the athletes and officials from fees. The only fee that we must raise for 2003 is the membership fee for federations, because this fee is far too low. In the future, surpluses will be applied to implementing a more professional newsletter format, and to raise the calibre of our World Championships.. This year we have more than covered our costs, making a profit from doping control fines. Of course, I hope that in the future, we have less income from doping positives, as to realise this is bad for our athletes and the reputation of the our sport.

I thank all the EC members and the sponsors who have helped us to reach this financial situation. Together with the Assistant Treasurer Gerhard Geissler it also has been possible to collect a number of outstanding debts, from delinquent membership fees (1998,1999 and 2000).

I want to thank Gerhard for his help because he is in large measure responsible for the increasingly positive financial situation, and in the increased. professionalism of the Treasurer's Office.

Accepted unanimously

Treasurer

Gaston Parage IPF

2. PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

Dear IPF members,

I would ask that all members share with me a moment to express our sorrow at the terrible tragedy that occurred in New York on September 11th. I am sure I speak for all of us as I send to the people who have lost ones near and dear to them our heartfelt sympathies. I propose that the IPF 2001 Congress observe one minute of silence in honour of those people who perished by the hands of such an outrageous and inhuman act .

Soon we will be in Finland for the 2001 IPF Men's World Championships and the IPF Congress. I hope to hear the reports from the various Vice Presidents about the progress in advancing the sport of powerlifting in their regions. I am happy about the growth of the sport and bigger and better championships. Of course there is lots more to do and the sport needs all our help to continue to grow. When I had some health problems during this year I was pleased to see how some of our officials in the executive or other committees - as the Vice Presidents Arnulf Wahlstroem and Larry Maile, the Treasurer Gaston Parage, the Chairman of the Technical Committee John Stephenson or the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee Detlev Albrings - showed initiative and let by their excellent working forget the president's temporary indisposition. That encourages me to restrict my activity of what is the real duty of a president, to provide input once in a while and for the rest of the time, to represent this organisation in other important affairs. I think it would not make a better

president out of me if I would interfere in every trifle.

My administration has been true to its agenda. We are moving closer to our Olympic recognition status. Many good things are happening but there is much more to be done. General Secretary Heiner Koeberich is working very hard providing a great deal of the necessary detail work for the IOC recognition project. The IPF may be the very first sports organization to sign on with WADA for out of competition testing. Most of that work is done and we are waiting for our contractual agreement with WADA to be signed. The 2001 World Games in Akita City, that were so well presented by Susumu Yoshida and his team and enjoyed the many influential representatives from IOC, GAISF, IWGA and other international sports federations who attended our two day competition as interested spectators, reported positive impressions of our sport.

I am pleased that after 18 years, IPF World Championship events are again scheduled in the USA, the home of powerlifting. The IPF Master's Bench Press World Championships in April 2002 will be held in Texas. A special thanks goes to John Inzer for removing the Ernie Frantz Judgment from the IPF. Mr. Inzer, and his company Inzer Advance Designs, have been the biggest and most consistent sponsor of IPF competitions for many years. Quietly, behind the scenes, Inzer's company and representative, Mr. Peter Thorne, have acted in many ways to ensure that the organisation of some of the contests were successful.. At the request of the IPF and meet directors this company has quietly stepped in and possibly saved several IPF world championships.

The IPF is a democratic organization. The IPF has a democratic forum for the expression of differing views. Issues are voted on by a constitutional procedure. Members invest time and money to be present to take part in this democratic process. This democratically expressed will of the IPF congress is what governs the IPF. So this year the congress has to discuss a number of proposals which shall help to make the IPF's structure more efficient.

On the other hand I have been very much saddened to see attacks that are personal, have ethnic references and are full of unfounded accusations. I was, as were many others, deeply concerned when IPF property IPF.COM was registered in a member's name. Many times there was a promise for the return of IPF.COM. to the IPF. But the person who had it wrote that IPF.COM would be sold „to teach the IPF a bit of a lesson“. This behaviour is unfortunate to all IPF powerlifting members. It is unfortunate and it is an unpleasant distraction to our sport. In other areas things are working well. There are many good things to report. Federations, Regions and the Executives have been working well together. The Olympic recognition movement is going forward more smoothly than anticipated. The World Games in Akita were a wonderful showcase for the sport of Powerlifting. The upcoming GAISF meeting in Singapore will have a strong IPF presence and holds more promise of further advancement of the sport. I am also in positive continuing discussions with Eurosports. Eurosports may commit to showing our world championships on Eurosports television. Eurosports is affiliated with ESPN. The progress towards TV coverage is very encouraging. I look forward to the IPF Men's World Championships in Finland. There the democratic IPF Congress will vote on the issues being presented. That is the proper forum to express our ideas and differences. The will of the majority of the IPF Congress of nations will continue to be the will of the IPF.

I am pleased with the results so far but there is much more to do. Our sport has much to accomplish. We make the task far easier by working together. It is quite simple to state that this or that is "impossible" and then nothing will be accomplished. We should take the less simple task. All the good things for powerlifting are possible.

Accepted unanimously.
President

Norbert Wallauch, IPF

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The last year after the 2000 Congress was an especially hard year as, during that time, the IPF had 4 new World championships; more then ever before. World Championships now include: the 1st Bench Masters Worlds in Luxembourg, the 1st Students Worlds in St.Petersburg, both in April, the World Games in Akita-City and the 1st Subjuniors Worlds in Sochi. Because of this busy schedule, I was did not spend more than one week out of every month either home in Frankfurt, or in Prague.

But in any case it was a pleasure to serve at all of these championships. I could see that the standard of each of them continues to increase, especially as I am now not the only IPF officer present, except at the 1st Subjuniors Worlds, where I had to manage it alone. I have minimum two other officers of the IPF with me at each championships. This is going to show the outside world that we have very well organised championships. This all was only possible because of the signing of contracts with suppliers like Inzer, Ivanko, Titan, Crain, Nippyo and others, who gave the IPF the money for travel costs for more than two IPF officers.

Often I was asked how much the IPF me pays for my work, they were very astonished when I told nothing. I am a volunteer like the other IPF officers. The only ``salary`` I've received in the past 4 years is 50 DEM per day for using my computer at a World championship. I've never asked for money from the IPF for my computer hardware, although I bought 7 desktops during the last ten

years. At home, most of the time, I have two computers are running, at my own expense. During the same time I had to buy six notebooks as the dust of competition has destroyed them after a short while.

Often in the last two years I have written that the IPF needs a fully paid Sports Director. I was very much surprised to hear that people supposed I want to create this position for me. This is totally wrong, as in this case I would risk losing my pension from the German state. These were only rumours spread out by some people who want to harm me. For years, I have been a volunteer like all the other IPF officials. My income comes from the German government. It is only because I am a pensioner that I have the time to do so much for Powerlifting.

The Sports Director shall be a fully paid position besides all the volunteers to support them, a person who is doing the necessary daily work and is always available. This is especially important now as we are near to IOC recognition. The IPF will not always be so fortunate to have a pensioner like me as GS. A GS who is employed full time will need such a Sports Director, as will our volunteer President. Such a professional position will provide continuity given that volunteer IPF officials may change with each election.

My workload is now very large, but my new partner, Leona it is she is helping me to complete the work of the IPF, very much like an assistant secretary. In terms of time, my **number one** duty now is responding to the **e-mail correspondence to the IPF**. Some days I spend up to 5 hours reading, writing, and answering emails. I think in on the one hand, e-mails are a very great thing, but on the other hand e-mails can also be very dangerous. Often as it is so easy to write and send them. They are written to quickly and sometimes with forethought. I also receive many e-mails from lifters around the world, which come to me instead of to their national offices. They tell me I am the only one who is answers them quickly enough. Many ask me to send a confirmation of having received it, especially if it is a nomination, but that I cannot and do not want to do, as it would increase my workload by another 10 to 20 percent. Some people measure the value of an officer of the IPF by their response to email. For some, that is the most important task, but there is other important work to do as well.. To save time, and to allow for other important work, please look at the IPF Nominations page to see if your submission has been received. I will not confirm directly

For me the workload is never a negative thing, I like to work. What I hate are attacks especially if they are in the Internet, like this year from Andrey Butenko or Mike Armstrong on the Canadian powerlifting forum, against Russia and the IPF.

I want to thank all my colleagues from the IPF who helped me and the nations who support me in my duties for powerlifting. I also hope that this can be raised to a higher standard in the next years. I have prepared a bid for IOC recognition. The outcome was, that the World Games in Akita City, a number of IOC members watched how Powerlifting was organised, and enjoyed the competition. Now I am going to submit the 2nd bid, requested by the IOC, which hopefully will have recognition for our sport as the final result.

Accepted unanimously

Heiner Köberich

6. A. MEDICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Matthias Ritsch is not any more available for this position, so there has been no report.

A new Chairman; Dr..Bernie Miller, USAPL has been appointed from 19 November 2001.

6. B TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

It is with pleasure that once again, on behalf of the Technical Committee I submit the annual report to Congress.

With the minor changes made to the rules of competition at last year's Congress and brought into force on the first of January this year, quite a number of calls and correspondence has been received asking for clarification and definition on many of the amendments. Consequently in accordance with 5 - 11 Constitution and By - Laws an "Interpretation" was produced, published in International Powerlifter magazine, and may be viewed on the IPF web site. Incidentally, it will be noted that foot placement and foot movement (definition of) for inclusion in the rule book forms part of T.C. proposals to-day.

The unofficial position of Referee's Registrar held by Goran Gunnarsson (who has excelled in his duties) is on the agenda to-day to be made official. We, the T.C. feel the position warrants credibility, and urge delegates to vote - YES.

Goran informs that 22 category two and 6 category one have been added to the list this past year.

Category two :

Czech Republic	4
Spain	3
Italy	1

Category one:

Sweden	1
Germany	1
Great Britain	2

Finland	3	Ukraine	2
France	2		
Denmark	1		
Russia	3		
Canada	1		
Sweden	1		
Italy	1		
Iran	1		
USA	1		

The current list of referees now numbers 420.

The introduction of a more comprehensive exam and four years period as category two, no doubt explains the lack of applications received for the category one exam. The committee have found it preferable (and in the interest of candidates) that category two examinations are conducted at national championships or clinics, where they may be examined in their own language. At all major World Championships this past year members of the committee have been in attendance selecting referees and Juries, briefing referees with updated rules, running the competition secretariat, and generally overseeing with the help and guidance of General Secretary Heiner Koberich. The committee express their gratitude to the IPF treasury for the financial help given towards expenses. A regular newsletter from the T.C. has been published on the internet, and within the pages of International Powerlifter, courtesy of Wim Wamsteeker and Dennis Unitt. Thanks to them both.

The T.C. are experiencing problems at World Championships when nominated referees fail to attend. Referee/Jury lists drawn up for announcement at the technical meeting often become completely worthless. It is appreciated that most referees incur their own expenses and may find difficulty fulfilling the appointments. But the committee would like to thank all of the referees who have made themselves available.

Personally I would like to thank members of the committee most sincerely for their continued support. In the near future the committee must once again try to address the subject of limited range of movement in the bench press. A cause of much discontentment. To introduce the same method of "attempts" as in weight lifting where lifters will not be disqualified for failing to nominate the next attempt within a minute is also a consideration.

Finally the committee shall continue to uphold the good name of the IPF and carry out all duties entrusted in us.

Accepted unanimously
STEPHENSON

JOHN

6.C DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Disciplinary committee consist of the following members:

Pavol Müller (Slovakia), Dietmar Wolf (Norway), Larry Maile (USA), Susumu Yoshida (JAP), Detlev Albrings (Germany). Since the DC was installed at the Congress in Akita last year, the DC has done a lot of work (see enclosed suspension list).

We had to decide **15 doping cases** and we examined and discussed each of this cases in detail.

Furthermore we had two cases, in which lifters had competed against IPF-suspended lifters. These lifters got a warning for their first offence.

We had to found out, that many of our paragraphs in the section "Penalties" aren't defined well enough to give the DC a basis for defendable judgements. Therefore we have made proposals in co-operation with the IPF-EC to solve these problems. I thank all the members of the Committee for their good co-operation and I hope, that the DC will not have to decide so many cases in future. The DC normally should be the committee, which has the least work.

I wish you a successful Congress and a good World Championships. Best wishes.

Accepted unanimously
Albrings

Detlev

7. REGIONAL REPORTS

Report from Region 1 - EUROPE. 2001 IPF Congress.

General. The powerlifting activity has been good in Europe this year. The quality of our championships is a mirror of how well the powerlifting sport is administrated, and the EPF Executive gives priority to assisting the organisers by sending two representatives to most of the European championships.

Members The European Powerlifting Federation (EPF) has 31 (31*) full and 3 (3*) provisional member nations. The yearly EPF Congress took part in Syktyvkar, Russia in May with delegates from 15 (19*) member Nations present.

Hall of Fame were honoured at the EPF Congress to Jan Wilczynski, Poland and Wym Elin, Belgium

(lifters).

EPF Powerlifters of the Year 2000 were honoured to Marina Kudinova from Russia and Jaroslaw Olech from Poland (top ranked lifters).

EPF Executive members are: Arnulf Wahlstrøm, Norway (pres.), Klaus Broström, Denmark (v.pres. and law & legisl. com. chairm.), Heiner Köberich (gen. sec. and treasurer), Myriam Busselot, Belgium (technical com. chairm.), Pavol Müller, Slovakia (finance com. chairm & disciplinary com. chairm.) and Kalevi Sorsa, Finland (Appeal com. chairman) Jari Tähtinen, Finland is appointed as Record Registrar and David Hinchley, GB is appointed as Internet Officer.

General view of activities The European Region has been active in organising international championships and cups in 2001. This includes 6 out of 7 World championships (Masters Bench, Women's, Juniors, Subjuniors, Masters and Men's), 7 European championships (juniors, seniors, women, masters and bench press for seniors and masters), 3 Nordic championships (Women's, juniors and Benchpress), Danube cup, European Union cup and St. Petersburg cup.

European championships.

- Senior European Champ. Syktyvkar, Russia with 67 (114*) lifters from 15 (22*) nat.
- Women " " Luxembourg (2000) with 72 (73*) participants from 17 nations.
- Junior " " Pontrieux, France 37 (43*) women and 74 (76*) men from 15 (16*) nations.
- Master " Bratislava, Slovakia 28(25*) women and 121 (110*) men from 16 (16*) nations.
- Benchpr. " " Jurmela, Latvia with 86(97*) men and 55(47*) women from 19 (21*) nations.
- Benchpr. Masters " Gönyü, Hungary 35 (23*) women and 118 (101*) men from 17(15) nations.

Regional Championships and Cups.

- Nordic Championships by Finland (juniors + youth), Denmark (senior men) and Norway (bench press).
- Slovakia hosted the Danube Cup ,Ireland the European Union Cup and Russia the St. Petersburg cup.

* means numbers in year 2000.

Accepted unanimously

Arnulf

Wahlstrøm

REPORT FROM S-AMERICA

Unfortunately the year 2000 report did not arrive in time, due to the little lapse between the last contest of South American calendar and the presentation of that report to the IPF Congress. Personally, I think it was the most productive period because of the attainment of sites for the 3 Worldchampionships 2002 Juniors (Venezuela), 2002 Masters (Villa Maria-Cordoba, Argentina), and 2004 Mens open (Peruibe-Brazil), also that the powerlifting and benchpress championships of South America were the best we have had.

This year, 2001 the Southamerican championships of powerlifting were held in Venezuela and the recent benchpress championships were held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It was not a remarkable year in quantity of lifters, even though the venues of the championships were of the highest quality. The difficult economic period that this South American countries are passing through did not allow the more distant countries to attend all championships, and caused other ones to send reduced delegations. However, the groups that are working for the 3 future Worlds in South America are doing so in an efficient way in order to host very good events.

I expect that the IPF Congress may approve this brief but realistic report due to the situation which we are stubborn enough to get through successfully.

Accepted unanimously

Jose

Puentes

REPORT FROM AFRICA

Once again the major problem of distance, communication and lack of interest were the main factors that have prevented meaningful co-operation to the establishment of a greater African Powerlifting Federation.

Dialog was opened with the president of the Congo Powerlifting and Fitness Federation as well as maintaining contact with the Kenyan, Ugandan and Botswana representatives.

The South African Powerlifting Federation once again opened their national championships to encompass the All Africa Championships and the invitation to nations to participate was circulated through the IPF web site and the newsletter. Unfortunately nil response was received and no African nations participated.

If one has to analyse the reasons for the negative interest and involvement it will be found that not

only is there a major communication problem throughout Africa there is a general lack of training and coaching facilities and obviously finances play a major role.

Having said this, a meeting was held with the South African Department of Sport and the National Olympic Committee to get some ideas and input on the structure and communication. A few suggestions were made and one of these was contact through the All Africa Games committee to the various countries concerned.

Unfortunately as Powerlifting is not an Olympic sport The All Africa Games committee does not have contact with Powerlifting Federations in African countries and are not in a position to assist.

Another suggestion was that a meeting of interested parties be arranged in a central location in Africa in order to structure a federation however once again finances play a role and monies need to be made available in order to achieve this. Constructive input/ideas from experienced members of the IPF would also be welcomed on this issue. On the positive side, good contact has been established with Botswana and an International competition has been arranged between Botswana and a South African development team for December this year.

It is my belief that even with the problems of Africa there must still be a vast potential to develop our sport and a search for the solution will continue.

Accepted unanimously

Alan

Ferguson

REPORT FROM NORTH AMERICA.

This marks my completion of one year as Vice President of the IPF for North America. It has been a busy year, but in some ways, has not shown much forward movement in terms of development of a regional powerlifting movement on this continent.

First the bad news: the scheduled North American Championships was cancelled due to the poor decisions of the meet promoter in extending himself financially without following through with the arrangements. A number of lifters were scheduled to attend, but had to change plans. The promoter disappeared owing the competition hotel a great deal of money which they are seeking through the legal system. We will try again to generate interest in regional powerlifting in the coming year through by inviting lifters to attend USAPL Nationals as guests, and when legally advisable, with parallel competition for North American Championships.

Apparently as a result of dissatisfied members of IPF affiliate nations in this region, South and Central American regions are attending the World Championships of another organization in the Caribbean area. While there attendance has not, historically, been high at IPF World Championships, they are a vital part of the North American Region. It is our hope that they will return to the IPF when World Championships are more accessible as they begin returning to the U.S. in 2002.

This year marks the return to the USA of the IPF. The first Pacific Cup was staged, with small attendance, but with interest for the future. It will likely be staged again in 2002 as the Pacific Rim Nations extended travel budgets attending the World Games in 2001. Guests are always welcome at competitions in Hawaii and Alaska, however. We are also working on an IPF Bench Competition in New York City if the tragic events of September 11 do not make travel and arrangements impossible. If security renders this impossible at this time, we will work to reschedule it in 2002.

Competitors, coaches, and spectators from the USA visited Russia as guests of the Russian Federation and Mr. Bogatchev in March. Good friendship was enjoyed by all, and we look forward to future exchanges of athletes and officials. At least one international friendship competition between regions is planned for 2002, and lifters from North America have been invited to participate in a number of events in Europe and other regions.

Plans are underway for future IPF World Championships in North America. The 2002 Master Bench Championships will be held in Killeen, Texas, with the 2003 Women's Championships to be held in Chicago. Bids for several competitions will be submitted at this year's congress, for Men's, Jr., and Bench Championships in 2004 and beyond.

Canada hosted a very successful Master's World Championships in Moose Jaw, Alberta in late October. Attendance was high, and the quality of the organisation was exceptional.

Some progress has been made reactivating referees from other organizations who had earned National and IPF credentials in the past. The IPF position with regard to athletes competing in other organizations against banned lifters has been strengthened in 2001 as well. Finally, we would like to extend an open invitation for lifters from IPF affiliate nations to visit the U.S., lift as guests in our competitions, and share training and tourist experiences. You are always welcome as our guests.

Accepted unanimously

Larry Maile

Annual Report from Asian Region

This year Asian Powerlifting Championships were very impressive. The Championships was held in New Delhi, India by the strong and complete directorships of Mr.Subrata Dutta, the President of

Asian Powerlifting Federation

The weather in India in early May was very hot but the auditorium was completely air-conditioned and the lifters had no difficulty in the competition.

We had 6 different classes. Open class, Junior class, Sub Junior class both for Men and for Women. Specially, International Sub Junior class was the first meet in the world.

Our host country India was very impressive, with many talented lifters. Iran was also very strong, especially in the heavy weight class. Kazakhstan was strong as usual. In the Women's division, the team from Taiwan was, as, always very strong, and proved that they are the top of this class in the world. 2002 Asian Powerlifting Championships will be held in Korea. The President of Korean Federation, Mr. Cho has already started to work to organise this big meet next year.

The next memorable event was the World Games in Akita City, Japan.. IOC members and GAISF members were present at the powerlifting venue and they enjoyed the outstanding performance of the best lifters in the world.

IPF executives had the chance to talk with some of the IOC members and started what will be a good relationship between the IPF and the IOC.

In Japan, the World Games were televised nationally, with many people watching powerlifting. Japanese national TV, NHK televised the World Games every night, and many national level newspapers reported the World Games everyday with wonderful colour photos.

This year, Asian Powerlifting Federation welcomed a new country, Nepal. Now we have 16 countries. The progress of Asia may not be fast but it is steady. We have a bright future in the Asian Region.

Accepted unanimously

Susumu

Yoshida

REPORT FROM OCEANIA

Membership: The following Oceania nations have paid their 2001 full OPF/IPF fees -Australia, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tahiti, Tonga, Tuvalu This has meant a static number of nations in the OPF, relative to 2000. It also means that American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Northern Marianas & Wallis & Futuna can be considered to have dropped out, having not registered for two years. This is disappointing as most of those nations still, I believe, have powerlifting activity, as do still other Oceania nations, which have never joined the IPF. In our region high costs of travel over large distances, poor communication infrastructure and economic difficulties continue to make integration of powerlifting a challenge.

Administration: The Annual General Meeting of the OPF was held in Townsville on 27th July.

The Committee for the coming year was elected as follows -

President	R Wilks	(Aus)
Vice-President	G Fong	(NZ)
Secretary/Treasurer	D Pomana	(NZ)
Committee	T Burley	(Aus)
	R Atchison	(Aus)
	B Armstrong	(NZ)
	A Tano	(Niue)
	R Kun	(Nauru)

The Oceania website has been setup by webmaster Tony Burley, as has been a Powerlifting Australia site. These both became fully operational in 2001 and have been a great aid to communication in the region.

Oceania Championships: The 2001 Oceania Championships were held in Townsville, Australia 27-29 July, in conjunction with the Australian Championships. Seventy lifters from four nations took part, in a successful event. Best lifters were Julie Deakin Australia 500kg 82 ½ kg and Bradley Horne 910kg 125+kg.

The 2002 Oceania Championships are scheduled for Christchurch, New Zealand in December. In 2003 there will be a South Pacific Games, to be held in Suva, Fiji, hopefully with powerlifting included.

Doping Control: Australia and New Zealand continued to run effective government controlled in and out of competition testing programmes in 2001. Australia recorded one positive and New Zealand two, with the general belief being that doping is well controlled in both nations.

As far as is known, the Island nations were only exposed to testing at the 2001 Oceania Championships. Hopefully the IPF's involvement with WADA will allow for world-wide testing in the future.

Accepted unanimously

Robert Wilks

It was pointed out that in Oceania and in Africa there are similar problems with the long distances between the member federations and the very poor communications. Often the federations do not reply on Faxes or e-mails and are not to be reached by phone.

8. PROPOSALS AND RULE CHANGES.

Proposals from the Danish Powerlifting Federation

1. "The official agenda for the IPF congress must be received by all members at least 21 days before the congress takes place. If not in the agenda can not be voted for. "

Withdrawn

Amendment: to follow the ByLaws 8.01 (that specify 30 days before the IPF Congress) and to correct the Constitution 505.6.c to be in line with the ByLaws 8.01 (30 days prior to Congress instead of 60 days).

Accepted unanimously

2. "Doping suspended lifters cannot report for any competition before the two years of suspension expires"

Motivation: Lifters that are suspended should not be in any kind of communication with the IPF. They are suspended and do not exist before the suspension expires. Therefore to accept a report for a meeting is to cut off part of the punishment.

Withdrawn in favour of the proposal no. 12-(4).

3. "All doping suspended lifter should be displayed on the IPF homepage during their suspension period"

Motivation: It should be easy for anyone to see if a lifter by mistake is reported for a meeting.

Withdrawn

Proposals from EPF Congress 2001

- 4 Organisers of World championships and cups shall provide for the referees and the IPF officials free meals during the competition. Free meals should preferably include at least two servings of food and non-alcoholic drinks each competition day served in the competition area. Only referees and IPF officials that work with official duties during a competition day shall be granted such benefit from the organiser.

Accepted unanimously

- 5 Any nation participating with more than 4 lifters in IPF championships or IPF cups should include at least one international referee among their team officials available for refereeing or being jury member. In combined championships/cups (Men and Women) the 4 lifters include the total number of lifters from one nation.

If a referee from that nation is not present or, if present, is not available to act in the capacity of either referee or member for jury during the championship/cup, then the lifters are allowed to take part but a fine of DM 500 has to be paid by the nation. Such payment must be in the hand of the IPF Treasurer before lifters from that nation are allowed to take part in any further IPF or regional championships or cup.

Not accepted (2 yes, 21 no, 3 abstention)

- 6 Change the IPF Constitution 404A.5 Duties (b) (5). To read: "To represent his Region at the IPF Executive Meetings and the Congress with *vote and voice.*"

Withdrawn.

Amendment: Add in the *ByLaws Group I the Congress* to read: All IPF EC officers, by virtue of their attaining officer status in the IPF, be allowed admission to the Congress in its entirety with vote and with voice.

Only one vote per person is allowed as the officer can not represent both his nation and the IPF Executive committee.

Accepted (24 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention)

7. IPF shall reinstall on 2001 Congress the Law and Legislation committee to prepare proper all proposals for the IPF Constitutional Congress in 2002

Accepted unanimously.

Appointed by the IPF EC as chairman for the L&L is Detlev Albrings, Germany

8. No one, who has been involved in drug offences, or has been suspended by drug abuse shall be proposed for Hall of Fame.

Accepted unanimously

9. "Amateur" and "Professional" (IPF)

Delete all references to amateurism and professionalism from the Constitution, By-Laws, Technical Rules and any other official IPF documents.

Accepted unanimously

10. From Disciplinary Committee Constitution 404A.2 Executive

Changes are in bold letters. Proposed by the German Federation Detlev Albrings

(All the below to be voted on in block.)

(B) Powers of the Executive:

(6) To conduct disciplinary hearings: The Disciplinary Committee is the appropriate committee for these.

(7) To conduct appeal hearings: The Appeal Committee is the appropriate committee for

these.

(b) Appeal hearings

The **Appeal** Committee shall receive all documents relating to any appeal. Such appeals must be lodged with the general secretary within one month of the written notification of the decision on which the appeal is based. A copy of the appeal must be sent to the president.

The **Appeal** Committee shall within one month of receiving all documentation relating to the appeal examine and investigate the matter and decide on an appropriate penalty.

Appeals lodged with the **Appeal Committee** and appeals to the Congress must each be accompanied by payment of **€ 300** if they relate to suspensions or fines for drug offences, or **€ 150** for other appeals. If the appeal is successful no claim may be made against the IPF but half of the fee paid for the appeal will be refunded.

An appeal against any decision of the **Appeal Committee** may be made to Congress. Such appeal must be lodged with the general secretary within one month of the written decision of the Appeal Committee, and not later than six weeks before the date of the Congress. The appeal shall be lodged with the general secretary who shall then include the appeal on the agenda to be considered by Congress.

Within a one month period following the decision of Congress on an appeal, there shall be a final right of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne / Switzerland.

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The **Appeal Committee** may, in its absolute discretion, waive or vary the time limits contained herein.

Constitution Article 606.3

Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary committee (DC) shall be entrusted with the examination and decision of all disciplinary cases within the IPF. The mandate will be specified in the various parts of the Constitution and By-Laws.

The Disciplinary committee consists out of the Chairman elected by Congress and 2 members.

All suspensions must be decided by the disciplinary committee or disciplinary committee chairman.

The procedure to deal with doping cases will be following:

1) All relevant papers regarding a positive doping sample shall without delay be sent to the DC chairman by the General Secretary.

2) The DC shall inform the Federation, in which the lifter that tested positive is a member, to ask for any explanation or comments regarding the positive sample. The Federation shall be given a time limit of a maximum 1 month to answer the request of the DC.

3). If appealed by the Federation in which the lifter that tested positive is a member, to have the B-sample analysed, the DC will organise with the laboratory to have this carried out. The fee for appeals are € 500 to be paid to the IPF-Treasurer prior to any analyses of the B-sample.

4). After examining all facts and documents the committee makes its decision and send this to the IPF-Executive and the concerned Federation of which the suspended lifter is a member. The judgements must be published in the IPF-Newsletter.

If in doping cases in which the IPF-Constitution or IPF-By-Laws have no guidelines, the IOC Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code in the current version is valid.

New: Constitution Article 606.4

Appeal Committee

The Appeal committee consists out of the Chairman elected by Congress and 4 members. The members must not be simultaneous a member in the Disciplinary Committee.

Duties are described in the in the IPF-Constitution 404A.2 (b) „Appeal Hearings“.

After examining all facts and documents the committee makes its decision and send this to the IPF-Executive and the concerned Federation. The judgements must be published in the IPF-Newsletter.

ARTICLE IX: PENALTIES

Constitution 909.1

Federations which neglect to request the required IPF permit for an international competition and do not pay the required fee, shall be fined an additional **€ 200**. A warning letter shall be sent to them by the IPF General Secretary. If the fee and fine are not paid within thirty (30) days of sending the warning, the federation shall be suspended until such time as the total amount has been paid. Sanction fees for world championships must be paid at the time of application for the event.

Constitution 909.6

Full doping control results shall be sent to the IPF General Secretary by the national or regional federation which sanctioned the contest. All nations must report annual national doping results to the General Secretary not later than 31st March of the following year. Required doping results are those relating to active registered lifters within each national federation.

The report must give the total number of samples tested together with the number of resulting positives and/or negative analyses. Annual reports are required even if no positives were found to exist among the years analyses. A failure to report such results by the **specified date disqualifies** offending nations from scoring team points at all World Championships until the time **when** the results are report

Constitution 909.7

The following penalties shall be imposed on a federation that has lifters or officials suspended for drug offences at or in connection with any World Championships. (open, restricted or single lift)

1. For the first offence in any twelve month period:

(a) A fine **of maximum € 300** shall be imposed.

(b) 909:8 hereunder shall be imposed. 2. For the second offence in any twelve month period

If the offence relates to banned substances listed under 5.02 (e) (1) of the bylaws the fine shall be **maximum € 600**

If the offence relates to banned substances listed under 5:02 (e) (2) of the bylaws the fine shall be **maximum € 300**

Where the offence relates to banned substances under both 5.02 (e) (1) and 5.02 (e) (2) of the by-laws the

fine shall be **maximum € 1.500**

3. For the third offence in any twelve month period:

(a) All the penalties imposed by 909.7 (a) 2 shall apply.

(b) The national federation shall be subject to OCT (out of competition testing) for all its members for a period of twelve months. The full cost for this shall be borne by the federation.

The above fine shall be reduced by 50% of the amounts stated (but subject to a **maximum amount of € 300**) if the lifter's federation has an OCT testing program approved by the IPF Executive. The provisions relating to 909.8 and out of contest testing shall also not apply.

(e) **The appeal committee may reduce, increase (according to the maximum fines described in 909.7) or remit any fines or sanctions imposed.**

New Constitution 909.8 / renumbering the following articles

If the A-sample is positive, the President or the General Secretary has the right to temporarily suspend the lifter. The concerned member nation must be informed about this with the reasons and a notice, that the federation can make a contradiction about this decision at the Disciplinary Committee within 3 weeks.

The Disciplinary committee decides definitely about the temporarily suspension.

Constitution 909.9

A federation which is fined for drug offences committed by one or more of its members at a world championship shall only be permitted to enter a team for future versions of that world championship if the team is selected from a list of lifters (maximum 20), nominated in writing to the General Secretary at least six months prior to that world championship. All such nominated lifters may be subject to out of competition doping control. The restrictions shall be removed if there are no drug offenses committed at any world championship by members of that federation for a period of two years. ***A failure to report this list by the specified date disqualifies offending nations from scoring team points at all World Championships until the time when the list is reported. Furthermore the federation must not send more than 4 lifters to World Championships until the time when the list is reported.***

Constitution 909.10

If a national federation defaults on a competition engagement with another country or countries, the **Disciplinary Committee** may, in the case of disagreement between them, make a decision or impose penalties if the IPF Constitution or rules have been ignored.

Constitution 909.11

If a lifter or official is penalised by his federation, the **federation** must notify **this to the** IPF General Secretary **within two weeks**. In the case of lifters or officials suspended for drug offenses at world competitions, they will have their names published in the IPF Newsletter. Lifters or officials suspended for drug offenses at other levels of competition and at "out of competition" testing, or for other reasons, shall be reported to the General Secretary by their national or regional federation. The General Secretary will record the names and length of suspension. Upon request, member federations may be provided with information from this file.

A failure to report this penalties by the specified date disqualifies offending nations from scoring team points at all World Championships until the time when the list is reported. Furthermore the federation must not send more than 4 lifters to World Championships

until the time when the penalties are reported.Constitution 909.12

If a lifter or official commits any form of violation during an international contest in another country, the organising federation must send a detailed report to the IPF General Secretary. He in turn will inform the **Disciplinary Committee** which will impose appropriate penalties. The organising federation cannot penalise lifters or officials from other countries.

Constitution 909.13

Any affiliated federation which violates the Constitution or rules of the IPF shall be suspended **by recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee** for a period to be decided by the Congress. The issue of false amateur certificates shall be deemed a serious offence.

Constitution 909.14

All federations, lifters and officials have the right to be heard before the **Disciplinary Committee** decides upon the penalty to be imposed.

Delete: Any decision must be made before the start of the competition in which the person concerned may be participating. The only exception being in the case of drug offenses when the suspension shall take place immediately.

Delete if we have no valid Drug testing Procedure booklet: Refer also to "Drug Testing Procedure" item 14.

Constitution 909.15

Any lifter or official who considers that he has been wronged has the right to file a written complaint stating his reasons for complaining. This must be done through the intermediary of his national federation. If another person is implicated, the latter must be heard if at all possible. If the complaint is not made to the organising federation, it may be made to the Jury before the start of the competition. It must be examined immediately and if possible a decision taken.

A copy of the complaint and the decision of the Jury must be in writing and must be sent to the Disciplinary Committee.

Constitution 909.17

A lifter or official cannot participate in contests or competitions if:

- (a) He is under temporary or permanent suspension.
 - (b) There is any lifter or official participating in such contests or competitions who has been expelled from the IPF (or any national federation affiliated to the IPF) or who is under suspension.
- (This paragraph is only valid for a lifter, who starts in the same weight-class against a IPF (or any national federation affiliated to the IPF) suspended or expelled lifter).**

If a lifter or official receives a national suspension of a lesser term than the IPF suspension, then upon the expiration of such national suspension, that lifter or official may participate in contests and competitions (other than IPF international contests) within his own nation.

- (c) He competes against professionals.

Penalties

A warning for the first offence.

Up to a maximum of 6 month suspension for the second offence.

Constitution 909.19

The following may be subject to suspension or expulsion:

- (a) Any lifter properly entered for a competition who without acceptable reasons does not attend.
- (b) Any lifter who is deemed guilty of violating the rules or disobedience towards his national federation or any official in the execution of his duties.
- (c) Any lifter convicted of agreement to alter his best effort.
- (d) Any lifter, who by words or gestures, threatens referees or any other officials in the execution of their duties.
- (e) Any lifter who participates in a contest with other countries without permission of his national federation.

Penalties

Up to a maximum of 6 month suspension for the first offence.

Up to a maximum of 12 month suspension for the second offence and a maximum fine of € 250.

Constitution 909.20

For offenses such as false accusations of dishonour or dishonesty against a lifter or Official.

If the offenses happen at a championship, the Jury decides in these cases (see Constitution 909.21 and 909.24).

Delete: second word: "serious" and the sentence "permanent expulsion may be decided by the person's national federation or the IPF by a majority vote."

Penalties

First minor offence: up to a maximum of 6 month suspension.

Second minor offence: up to a maximum of 12 month suspension and a maximum fine of € 250.

First serious offence: up to a maximum of 12 month suspension.

Second serious offence: up to a maximum of 24 month suspension and a maximum fine of € 500.

Constitution 909.21

In absence of a Jury an ad hoc Jury (delete: "The sanctioning federation") may exclude a lifter from a competition for reasons of his misconduct. In such a case the **Jury or ad hoc Jury** must inform the lifter's own federation, who in turn must decide what punishment to impose upon the lifter.

In absence of a Jury an ad hoc jury must be arranged by the IPF Official, who is the official representative of the IPF at this championship. The decision of this Jury must be sent to the Disciplinary Committee.

New Constitution 909.23

The concerned member Federations are responsible for the payment of all fines that the Disciplinary Committee has imposed.

New Constitution 909.24

The Jury has the right to act as Disciplinary Committee, but only in cases which are connected to the championship and which need an immediate decision. The decision of the Jury is definite for this championship. The President of the Jury must send a copy of all decisions with all related documents to the Disciplinary Committee.

Accepted in Block. (24 yes, 1 no, 0 abstention)

11 from IPF Executive Group III: Finance

3.02 IPF Subscription and Fees

NEW OR BETTER CHANGED TO EURO

(a) National affiliations (annually) **Euro 200 (2003) Amendment 100 EURO (24 yes, 1 no)**

(b) All referee examinations **Euro 30**

(c) Referee card renewal **Euro 30**

(d) Sanction for international matches : **Free**

(e) Tie **Euro 15**

(f) Sanction for Men's Open World Champ **Euro 600**

(g) Sanction Women's Open World Champ **Euro 600**

(h) Sanction for Junior M/W World Champ. **Euro 400**

(i) Sanction for Master's M/W Champ. **Euro 600**

(j) Sanction for Bench Press M/W Champ. **Euro 600**

(k) Sanction for Bench Master's M/W **Euro 600**

(l) Sanction for Sub-junior's M/W Champ. **Euro 400**

(m) Sanction for Student's Cup M/W **Euro 400**

The participating federations shall pay a drug test fee of **Euro 30**.

In addition to the drug test fee, participating federations shall pay a participation fee of **Euro 15 Amendment Euro 15 (24 yes, 1 no)** per lifter for each lifter entered and taking part in any World Championships

3.07 The hotel bills of the (President, General Secretary, Treasurer and Technical Chairman) **amendment to replace the text in the () to read : maximum 4 EC Members as decided by the EC** shall be paid by the promoter of the championships on the basis of room and breakfast only for a maximum of 10 days. When a world championship is combined with a regional championship, the promoter shall pay the hotel bills **for these 4 persons** room and breakfast only for a maximum of four days.

3.11 Video Fee; Any person making videos of world championships for commercial reasons, i.e. resale to the public at large, shall pay not less than **Euro 400** for the privilege. The income to be shared equally between the organiser and the IPF. The organising federation will however, have the right to its own video coverage with the income to be shared as for commercial video with a free copy for the IPF files. If no commercial contract for videos exists, then individuals may be given permission to video separate bodyweight classes in which a member of their family or club is competing. In these circumstances the IPF will issue a permit at a nominal fee not exceeding **Euro 30**

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5.02 (g) The host nation will not be responsible for analysis costs. A fee of **Euro 30** will be paid by a nation for each of its lifters entered in the championships. These fees will be put into a drug testing account and can only be used for drug testing expenses.

5.03 (a) The Congress is empowered to suspend or fine a nation whose team arrives to take part in championship without prior nomination being by the Secretary. A similar penalty may be passed upon a nation who fails to attend a championship after having nominated a team. They may also be required to compensate the promoter for any financial loss suffered due to their team being absent.

Entries that arrive in the hands of the promoter less than 21 days before the opening date of the competition shall be subject to a fine of **Euro 40** per entry, lifter or official and payable to the promoter.

(b) Each participating nation at a world championship must be provide if required, a national flag approximately

1.5m x 1.0m in size. Any nation failing to meet this obligation will be fined the sum of **Euro 30** in order to reimburse the promoter for any loss and inconvenience suffered.

Accepted unanimously including the amendments.

NEW!

12. From the Technical Committee.

(1) The position of the IPF Referee's Registrar be made official under the section Part B NON-EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES. IPF Constitution and By-Laws Page 7. The title Referee's Registrar shall be included in 404 B.1. Titles. And under 404.3 Duties.

(h) Referee's Registrar

(i) Maintains a complete register of all referees registered by their respective affiliated national federations.

(ii) Administers examinations for Category One and Category Two international referee status.

(iii) Provides each national federation with a current list of accredited referees. Updated annually.

(iv) Provides each national federation with a list of referees who need to re-register in order to remain accredited.

If passed:

Delete (b) 606.1 Technical Committee –

The General Secretary shall maintain a complete register of all referees registered by their respective affiliated national federations. Re-letter items accordingly.

The current "unofficial position of Referee's Registrar is held by Göran Gunnarsson who has excelled in the Duties numbered/outlined in the brief during the last two to three years.

Therefore, we the T.C. recommend that he continue in this post up until election or re-election as necessary.

It is appreciated that the above is a Constitution and By-Laws issue but of such importance to be considered at the forthcoming Congress.

ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY

(2). Order of Competition.

Page 21 item (j). Change text to read:

(j) A lifter is permitted one change of weight on the first attempt of each lift. The change of weight may be higher or lower than that originally submitted and the order of lifting in the first round will change accordingly. If he is in the first group, this change may take place at any time up to within five minutes before the start of the first round that lift. The following groups are accorded a similar privilege up to within five attempts from the end of the previous group's last round of that lift. Prior notice of at least one minute of these deadlines shall be announced by the speaker. If proper notice of these deadlines is not given, then an announcement authorising such change shall be made and a lifter may make a change within one minute of such announcement.

Reason:

As the rule now stands, the case is that if the speaker forgets to announce the 5 minutes limit, then the lifters are given another 5 minutes to make the change from the time that the announcement is made. This means that the competition will be delayed if the lifters wait another 5 minutes to give change. If the speaker forgets to make the announcement it is not reasonable that the lifter is given another 5 minutes to make the change. It is sufficient that he will be given one minute only.

Accepted unanimously

(3) General rules of powerlifting.

Page 31 (e). Change text to read:

If two lifters register the same bodyweight at the weighin and eventually achieve the same total at the end of the competition, the lifter making the total first will take precedence over the other lifter.

Where awards are presented for best squat, bench press and deadlift, the same procedure

will apply.

And to confirm with the above:

World Records All Other Competitions. Page 32 no. 8 to read:

In the event of two lifters breaking either a current individual or total record of the same weight, the lifter with the lowest bodyweight at the weigh in will be declared the new record holder. If both lifters register the same bodyweight at the weigh in, the lifter breaking the record first will be the record holder.

Reason:

This was a suggested rule change by the ex. Chairman of the Medical Committee Dr. Richard Herrick a few years ago. It was on the grounds of health. The dangers associated with dehydration by lifters probably attempting to reduce weight prior to a re-weigh.

The added paragraph which follows is that of the T.C.:

The present rule causes a lot of extra work for the referee's/jury and is not always fair to the lifters because one lifter may remember to go to the toilet before re-weighing while the other does not etc.

The new rule should be that the first lifter (of two with equal body weight) that make a total or a new record will take precedence over the other lifter that make the same afterwards. This will in all respect be fair because the second lifter has a higher lot number and as he lifts afterwards then he can raise or lower his required weight dependant of if the first lifter is successful or not.

Accepted (14 yes, 2 no, 4 abstention).

- (4) Addition to item 7 page 4 or and (e) of 909-16 Constitution and By-Laws.

A lifter cannot produce a qualifying total via his national federation for entry into World International or Regional championships while he is under suspension by the IPF or Region, even if his national federation/country accepts shorter national periods of suspension.

In order to participate in World or Regional championships a lifter must present a total made in an official competition i.e. at national or international level in the previous twelve months after the IPF or Regional suspension has elapsed.

Reason: The suspension period set by his nation may indeed be less than set by the IPF or Region.

It is farcical that a lifter may e.g. lift in his national championships after a one year suspension by his federation and forward the total / bench press made for entry into the World/Regional championships when the required IPF / Region period may be two years.

Accepted (14 yes, 2 no, 4 abstention)

- (5) Bench Press. Page 16.

To include in item 2 after the sentence ----His hands and fingers must grip the bar positioned in the rack with a thumbs around grip. The following: - His head must be over and above the bench surface i.e. not to one side or hanging over the end of the bench.

Accepted unanimously

- (6) Bench Press. Page 16.

To include in item 3 a continuation of the sentence. Slight or very minor foot movement is allowed for both on the platform and on the blocks, i.e. the width of the foot laterally, and half the length of the foot forward or backward.

Reason: Both to ensure correct interpretation.

Accepted unanimously

13. HALL OF FAME

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| 1. John Stephenson . Great Britain (official). | Elected unanimously |
| 2. Alexey SIVOKON (lifter) | No 2/3 vote |
| 3. Sirashutin Bazaev (lifter). | No 2/3 vote |

Proposed by the EC Executive: "From 2002 on the EC decides prior the Congress, after having

received bids from the nations, whom will be awarded Hall of Fame. The appointed persons will be honoured at the Congress.

Accepted unanimously

The confirmed Calendar including changes of the Congress for the years 2002 to 2004 will be published separate.

4 bids for organising World championships in 2005 have to be voted for and confirmed at the next years Congress:

Mens World: Australia (Brisbane) and USA,

Benchpress Open: S. Africa (Santon city) and USA (Ohio)

Bids for organising World championships can only be accepted from countries that have previously taken part in IPF World championships by sending lifters.

Accepted unanimously

Disciplinary action against Mike Armstrong, Canada.

The IPF EC has brought a case against Mike Armstrong to the Disciplinary Committee. The reason was that Mike Armstrong did not hand over to the IPF the domain name "ipf.com" when he resigned as IPF web editor in August 2000. Later, Armstrong sold this name to a third party in spite of strong objections from the IPF EC.

Due to lack of written documentation that the domain name belongs to the IPF the DC decided the following:

"The DC recommends that the IPF Congress should decide for a strong reprimand against Mike Armstrong for his not sportsmanlike behaviour in this case and the fact that he sold the domain name ipf.com to a third party and not to the IPF.

The IPF-Congress shall also decide whether IPF shall try to get the ipf.com back by bringing the case to a civil court. The DC recommends, that in view of the lack of evidences and the possible high expenses for taking a lawyer and go to court in Canada, the IPF should give up the domain name ipf.com."

The case was discussed at the Congress and voted on.

The IPF Congress took up the issues surrounding Mike Armstrong. The IPF Disciplinary Committee could not find a constitutional basis for suspending him but recommended he be reprimanded for his behavior. The IPF EC also took up the issue of Mike Armstrong's behavior and his selling the IPF.COM domaine name for his personal gain. The EC could not find a basis for legal charges. But Mike Armstrong's moral and ethical behavior was considered and the EC recommended to the congress that he be reprimanded for his behavior. The IPF congress heard both the DC report and the EC report which included the comment from the EC that Mr. Armstrong be voted into the 'Hall of Shame. Mr. Bill Jamison presented a defense of the legal issues surrounding his fellow Canadian's behavior. Mr. Jamison cast the only vote in support of Mr. Armstrong. However prior to his vote Mr. Jamison addressed the IPF Congress stating that personally he did not approve of Mr. Armstrong's moral and ethical behavior in this matter. The entire congress cast the vote to repressing Mr. Armstrong for his past behavior and the sale of IPF.COM.

Part of DE recommendation the fully wording went to all parties so here only the recommendation is reported.

"In the view of these facts the DC recommends, that the IPF-Congress should decide for a strong reprimand against Mike Armstrong for his not sportsmanlike behaviour in this case and the fact, that he sold the domainname ipf.com to a third party and not to the IPF.

Furthermore the members of IPF-Congress must keep in mind, that we do not have any rules in our constitution or By-Laws for such cases.

Accepted in virtual unanimously by one no from Canada.

Accepted against one vote (Canada) for DC Decision