

International Powerlifting Federation

2003 Congress Minutes

4 November 2003

Vejle, Denmark

1. Roll Call of Nationals and Delegates: 32 nations present, 6 members of the Executive, for a total of 38 votes.

Nations: Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Ukraine, U.S.A., Venezuela, Japan.

E.C. members present with voice and vote: Detlev Albrings, Larry Maile, Gaston Parage, Arnulf Wahlstrom, Norbert Wallauch, Susumu Yoshida, Robert Wilks.

2. Presidents Report, accepted with 37 votes: Please see attached report.

a. Mr. Wallauch discussed the following two items:

1. That there are still no clear criteria for IOC recognition. These are to become available early next year and the IPF is prepared to apply as soon as possible.
2. It is necessary to adopt, formally, the WADA Code, to be in compliance with the guidelines of the IOC and GAISF. IPF participation in the World Games in 2005 may depend on adoption of the Code, and on adequate performance of the guidelines stated therein.

b. Questions from the floor:

1. Mr. Bogatchev, Russia, asked for information on specific progress on formal application and what specific steps have been taken to gain IOC recognition. Mr. Wallauch reviewed bids which have been made historically, and further detailed future plans including brochure, video and application letter being worked out for this purpose.

3. Minutes from 2002 Congress: Adopted unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report (Please see attached report): Accepted unanimously.

5. Finance Secretary's Report (Please see attached report): Accepted unanimously.

6. General Secretary's Report (Please see attached report): Accepted unanimously.

7. Committee Reports: The following committee's reports were read and accepted unanimously:

- a. Technical Committee
- b. Medical Committee
- c. Disciplinary Committee
- d. Appeal Committee
- e. Law and Legislation Committee.

8. Regional Reports: The reports of each of the Regions, with the exception of South America, which presented no report, were accepted.

9. Election of IPF Officers: The following were reconfirmed in election by the delegates for a further four year term:

- a. President: Norbert Wallauch, Austria.
- b. Vice President and Board Member for Europe: Arnulf Wahlstrom, Norway.
- c. General Secretary: Detlev Albrings, Germany.
- d. Treasurer: Gaston Parage, Luxembourg.
- e. Board Members:
 - 1) Alan Ferguson, Africa
 - 2) Susumu Yoshida, Asia
 - 3) Larry Maile, North America
 - 4) Robert Wilks, Oceania
 - 5) Julio Conrado, South America
- f. Committee Chairs:
 - 1) Technical Committee: John Stephenson, Great Britain (elected after he claimed he was willing to stand for re-election).
 - 2) Disciplinary Committee: Ditemar Wolf, Norway
 - 3) Appeal Committee: Lars-Goran Emanuelsson, Sweden
 - 4) Medical Committee: Bernie Miller, U.S.A.
 - 5) Law and Legislation Committee: Jean-Claude Verdonck, Belgium

10. The following non-Executive Officers were announced, as decided by the Executive Committee:

- a. Finance Committee: Gerhard Geissler, Germany and Jean-Claude Verdonck, Belgium
- b. Media Officer: Robert Keller, U.S.A.
- c. Newsletter Editor: Dennis Unitt, Great Britain
- d. Records Registrar: Jari Tahtinen, Finland
- e. Championship Secretary: Gaston Parage, Luxembourg
- f. Doping Control Officer: Detlev Albrings, Germany
- g. Internet Officer: Wim Wamsteeker, Netherlands
- h. Referees' Registrar: Goran Gunarsson, Sweden
- i. As a members of the Disciplinary Committee: Larry Maile, U.S.A., Stephane Hatot, France
- j. As a member of the Appeal Committee: Jean-Claude Verdonck, Belgium.

11. Proposals regarding the Constitution and Technical Rules were postponed to the appropriate Constitutional (2006) and Technical Rules (2004) Congresses. The following dispositions were made of the proposals submitted for Congress consideration:

- a. South Africa, proposals regarding changes of Technical Rules: These proposals were tabled in lieu of discussion among IPF nations following the Congress with possible submission to the Constitutional and Rules Congresses in appropriate years.
- b. The proposal that the IPF adopt the World Antidoping Code in principle with specifics to be determined by the IPF Doping Commission (as appointed by the E.C.) was passed unanimously. The IPF Doping Commission will consist of the following individuals:
 - 1) Robert Wilks, Australia
 - 2) Alan Ferguson, South Africa
 - 3) Kalevi Sorsa, Finland
 - 4) Larry Maile, U.S.A.

The Doping Commission will plan for such program developments at a Therapeutic Exemption Committee to address athletes use of medications for legitimate physical conditions, as well as implementation of standards for doping control throughout the IPF.

- c. Final Nomination of lifters and officials to international championships must be received (by the Championship Secretary and the Meet Director) no later than 21 days prior to the start of the championships. The nomination must also include the Reserve lifters, to a maximum of 5.

- d. Modifications to Technical Rules: per the IPF Constitution, minor changes in the Technical Rules may be submitted between Rules Congresses such that consistent application of the IPF rules may be completed in all competitions. Technical Chair, John Stephenson requested the following change, which was accepted unanimously:

- 1) The distance from the buckle end of the belt to the belt loop will be extended to a maximum of 25 cm from the previous 15 cm. The reason for this is to limit extra belt length from hanging loose and obstructing the view of the referees.

12. New member applicant: Nigeria was accepted as a provisional member of the IPF.

13. Delinquent Nations: There are several nations that are delinquent in payment to the IPF. They will be surveyed by the General Secretary for continued interest in membership and billed for the appropriate membership fees.

14. Hall of Fame: It was announced that Mr. Bill Jamison, Canada was inducted to the IPF Hall of Fame. Mr. Jamison was a founding member of the IPF, and has served as referee for more than 30 years. He has hosted regional and world championships, and is an exemplary member of the IPF. Congratulations to Mr. Jamison and the thanks of the IPF for his years of dedication and service.

15. World Championships bids: The following bids were confirmed for 2006:

- a. World Bench Press Masters: Miami, Florida, U.S.A., 19-23 April.
- b. World Bench Press, Open: Budapest, Hungary, 24-28 May.
- c. World Masters Powerlifting, Killeen, Texas, U.S.A., 4-8 October.
- d. Men's and Women's Open Powerlifting, Stavanger, Norway, 5-12 November.

Several bids have been received for 2007, but will be discussed further at the Congress in 2004.

Close of business: The Congress adjourned to a roundtable discussion of technical rules and weight class issues. Delegate opinions will be summarized and sent to the 2004 Congress as recommendations.