

Draft Minutes

IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Sport Congress

Hotel Preferace, Tbilisi, Georgia

Saturday 10th November 2018,

1. Welcome & Opening

Introduction of IWAS wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee (IW FEC) in attendance.

Chairman: Pal Szekeres (PS) **Secretary General:** Udo Ziegler (UZ), **Members at Large:** Arno Schneider (AS), Peter Huggins (PH), Pascal Godet (PG)

Also present;

IWAS President: Rudi Van Den Abbeele,(RVD)

IWAS Sport Manager: Hilary Sahota

1.1 Opening Address by the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Chairman

The Chairman gave over the opening speech to the IWAS President.

1.2 Roll Call of Member Nations present

Chairman Pal Szekeres announced that with 37 countries in good standing at the date of the Congress, the quorum needed would be 20. (50% + 1) He then carried out a roll call of Nations present.

Nations: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Korea, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, USA.

PS confirmed that a quorum for official business had been reached.

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Discussion	PS confirmed that the Agenda had been published and all should have copies, asked if the agenda could be accepted.
Decision (s)	Motion for acceptance of the agenda approved unanimously

2. Minutes of the Previous General Assembly

2.1 Adoption of the minutes of the IWAS wheelchair Fencing sport Assembly held in Pisa 2016

Discussion	To approve the minutes of the previous Sport Assembly. No questions of amendments
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Decision (s)	To receive the minutes as a true record Motion agreed by a majority vote. Minutes accepted
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2.2 Matters Arising

Decision	None – item passed
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3. IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Reports

3.1 Report from the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Chairman

Discussion	<p>A report by power point presentation was given by the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Chairman PS</p> <p>GBR asked who had made the decisions regarding the new Sabre distance and if there were any plans to change it. PS gave the reasons for the introduction of new distance and that it had been approved by the Coaches Council, Athlete Council and then the IW FEC.</p> <p>AZE asked for clarification regarding Referee Seminar and examinations, and whether examinations can be done at Satellite competitions. PS will take the questions to the Referee Commission for consideration and any proposals and then reply back to the Nations.</p> <p>IRQ asked about future Referee Seminar venues and dates. PS advised IRQ to apply to the Office for information and any specific request for Seminars in Host countries. All Referee Seminars are published on the IWAS website.</p>
Decision (s)	<p>Referee commission to consider new proposals for Examination procedures and to report back to IW FEC for any decisions to be published.</p> <p>PS moved to have the report accepted. Motion agreed unanimously Motion approved</p>

3.2 Report from the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Head of the Classification Committee

Discussion	<p>The new Head of the Classification Committee has been appointed by the IWAS Executive board, Anita Laszlo. (AS) AS gave a power point presentation regarding the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Classification and its development.</p> <p>AUT requested that the presentation be available on the website or given to AUT. PS asked that PS contact IWAS HQ, or that it will be put on the website.</p> <p>A general request for information regarding future courses and a request from KOR for hosting was made.</p>
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	PS directed these enquiries to IWAS HQ. All Classification courses are published on the IWAs website
Decision (s)	PS moved to have the report accepted. No abstention or objections. Motion approved.

4. IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Finances

Discussion	PS confirmed that the report showing the IWAS wheelchair Fencing finances and the IWAS Annual Report had been distributed to all Nations. GBR asked why there were no Financial Directors present at the meeting. PS explained the absence of the IWAS Treasurer and personal circumstances of the IWAS CEO who were both unable to attend the meeting.
Decision (s)	PS moved to have the Financial Report accepted Motion agreed by a majority vote. Motion approved

5. IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Calendar 2019 to 2020

Discussion	PS Explained the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing 2019-2020 Calendar. GRE and BLR enquired about the budgets and registration fees for the competitions. GBR asked for clarification on the fees. PS explained that Nations can now find their own accommodation, that a guideline for maximum fees had been sent to Organisers and budgets were requested from LOC's. PS asked for the competition fees proposal email to be distributed to the Nations again for IWAS HQ IRQ mentioned problems getting visas in many Countries and the problems with payment of participation fees. PS responded that the LOC's can be asked to assist with VISA requests and requests to make payments made directly to LOC's should be directed to the Organisers. FRA enquired when the venue for competitions for 2020 will be confirmed. PS asked that more Host Nations come forward to offer to organise competitions so that the planning and decisions can be made more easily, and more Nations are active.
Decision (s)	The Published IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Calendar will be updated as soon as 2020 Competitions have been confirmed. IWAS HQ to recirculate the Proposed Competition Fee Guidelines to all Nations.

6. Tokyo 2020 Qualification Criteria Explained

Discussion	UZ gave a presentation to explain the Tokyo 2020 Qualification Criteria. Questions from the floor were answered individually and these included questions on rankings and slot allocations.
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Decision (s)	UZ advised that the ranking system and results will be available on the website soon and that the Presentation shown at the Congress will be available for Nations.
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7. Motions received from Member Nations and IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee

7.1 Brazil Paralympic Committee Motion

Discussion	<p>Motion 7.1 Restructure the World Ranking competition lists. Suggestion that the last 6 World Cups (disregarding the worse result), plus the Last world championships and Last Regional Championships from each continent be used.</p> <p>BRA explained that they wanted to limit the number of competitions. (to not have more than 6 world cups in one year)</p> <p>PS explained that the Paralympic period is already agreed. However, we can change the wording to World Ranking after the Paralympic period. This motion will be supported by the IWFEF, to start after 2020.</p>
Decision (s)	<p>To approve the Motion from Brazil Motion approved by a majority vote. Motion approved.</p>

7.2 Brazil Paralympic Committee Motion

Discussion	<p>Motion 7.2 The location of the six World Cups should rotate through the continents. Each continent should have a limited number of competitions per season.</p> <p>PS explained that this is now being done and supports this. The wording 'continent' should be modified to 'Zone' BRA agreed to the modified wording. GBR asked for clarification for the Zones eg Africa and Australia. PS explained that currently we have 3 Zones which include these, 5 Zones can be developed in the future. AUT asked if instead of limited number, it should instead be equal. PS explained that this would not be a practical solution.</p>
Decision (s)	<p>PS asked for the motion to be agreed Voting: agreed 8 Against 6 Abstain 1</p> <p>PS announced that as we have no longer a quorum present the motion cannot be passed.</p>

7.3 Brazil Paralympic Committee Motion

Discussion	Motion 7.3 The World and Paralympic ranking should be for individual weapons
Decision (s)	Brazil withdrew this motion

7.4 Brazil Paralympic Committee Motion

Discussion	Motion 7.4 A new qualification method for the Paralympic games should be introduced which includes one or two slots given by continent for Paralympic rankings, beyond the direct ones.
Decision (s)	Brazil withdrew this motion

7.5 Brazil Paralympic Committee Motion

Discussion	Motion 7.5 Paralympic Games qualification should include direct qualification from the Regional championships.
Decision (s)	Brazil withdrew this motion

8. Any Other Business

Discussion	<p>GBR asked why IWAS used Sport80 and who's decision this had been. GBR was unhappy with the system and raised concerns about its data protection.</p> <p>PS explained that the system is used by the IWAS Games and other sports as well as Wheelchair Fencing, and that the Ophardt system was also used. PS will inform the office regarding her concerns and try to find a solution or other system</p> <p>AZE enquired about the competition fees at Georgia and why they are different between the competitions. PS explained that all hotels and venues vary and that we now have different packages available where alternative hotels and transport can be used.</p> <p>AUT informed the Congress that they have a new training centre and AUT would like to have coaching and classification courses there. PS asked for the information to be sent to the IWAS Office.</p> <p>RUS informed the congress that they had a meeting with NPC regarding tournaments in Russia. Moving forward their number one task is to re-join with IPC. There may be a possibility for an IWAS Games in 2021.</p> <p>PS asked for formal proposals to be submitted to IWAS, so that we can move forward.</p>
Decision (s)	Any formal proposals for competitions or requests for Seminars should be submitted to the IWAS Office.

9. Closing Remarks

The IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Chairman PS, asked the IWAS President RDV to Officially close the Meeting.

RDV thanked the IWAS WFEC for their work and thanked all delegates attending the meeting for a constructive meeting.

RDV Officially closed the meeting.