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**Approved**

## Plenary Assembly 2011 Saturday 26, 2011 Minutes

Opening of the meeting by MS welcoming the attendees in Rome and highlighting the symbolic alliance with the city of Rome, bidding for the Olympics.

### 1. Call to Order

#### **Announcing of voting rights**

35 voters present (including proxies)

Majority 18

Special Quorum 24

#### **Scrutineers Appointment**

David Dornian

Lluís Giner

Graeme Alderson

### 2. Minutes Approval

Bali Minutes Approval

In favor: 31

Abstained: 2

Against: 0

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### 3. Membership

#### **Amendment of Art IV**

Introduction of the proposed amendment to Art IV on Associate Membership.

BMCF – Dora Marinova: she thinks the Statutes should not be amended.

**Vote on the proposed amendment to Art IV**

In favor: 23

Against: 7

Abstained: 2

**Rejected**

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#### Membership Issues

##### South Africa

Presentation by PH

Barros Basto (FPME) enquires which kind of communication was sent to MCSA. PH highlights that the non responsiveness of the old NF has been happening since three years.

MS also explains that MCSA will be offered the possibility to be an Observer for historical reasons.

#### **Vote on accepting SANCF as Full Member of the IFSC**

In favor: 33

Against: 1

Abstained: 0

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##### Georgia

The dossier is supported by the Ministry of Sport in Georgia, it is complete and Statutes are in compliance with IFSC requirements.

The delegate of the new Federation is present – Lado Gurchiani. He introduces the federation, stating its willingness to comply with IFSC Statutes and with its fees.

#### **Vote on excluding the current member MCAG**

In favor: 33

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

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#### **Vote on accepting GNCF as IFSC Full Member**

In favor: Unanimous

Against:

Abstained:

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#### Late arrivals - Voting Rights Update

#### 36 voting Federations

Majority 19

Special Quorum 24

#### Lithuania

Ratification of the decision taken by the EB of accepting the request of Lithuania to become an Associate member.

Alderson (BMC) asks which kind of investigation was conducted.

PH replies that financial information was provided in support of the request.

#### Vote on accepting Lithuania as Associate member

In favor: 33

Against: 0

Abstained: 1

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#### Vote on accepting Latvija as Associate member

In favor: 34

Against: 0

Abstained: 1

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Further explanation by PH on ongoing issues concerning membership: Costa Rica, Colombia, Belarus, Pakistan.

Dornian (ACC) reports that the Bolivian Federation sent good wishes to the PA and has expressed its desire to become an IFSC member. The PAC will follow up on their dossier.

#### Enforcement of Article 10

Exclusion from competitions of those federations that have not paid all invoices until February 2011.

Requests of explanations on the principles adopted to create the list.

Barros Basto complains that FCMP is present in the list. It is explained that NF have time to pay before the season start

#### Vote on enforcement of Article 10

In favor: 26

Against: 2

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| Abstained: 6<br><b>Approved</b> |
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## **Golden Members Awards**

The IFSC 2010 Golden Members are awarded for their support in 2010. CMA, DAV, FFME, FASI and HKMU.

CMA contributed with a double quota for Golden Membership.

## **4. State of the Art**

By MS. The President comments that Olympic expectations are pleasant, but he says that a lot of us may be dreaming, hence sleeping; the NFs must wake up and understand what needs to be done in concrete.

There is no guarantee that the IFSC can enter the Olympics soon, but it is also clear that the Olympics need fresh sports.

The IFSC delegation was received on Friday 25 by Mario Pescante, IOC Vice-President, who suggested that now the IFSC needs friends, needs contacts, needs relation-building.

MS announces that a media-kit will be prepared soon, as a tool to use for promotion and relation building with Olympic Committee members around the world.

The IFSC will also provide a list of people that can be contacted. The 2 World Championships are the key for entering the Olympic short list for 2020. It is important that countries make all the efforts possible to attend the Championships, and the IFSC needs all the support possible from the Continental Councils.

A good test on the NF collaboration will be the IFSC webcasting. It'll be easy for NF to advertise the IFSC webcasting on their home web pages, prior to each event. The IFSC will provide the logo, to be published and linked to ifsc.tv.

## **World Championship 2011**

Presentation by Arco delegation

Coffee Break

## **5. Webcasting Report**

Report on 2010 by EC and presentation of the 2011 project.

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#### 6. Marketing Plan

Introduction by Dragana Clarke. The aim of the marketing plan is the growth of the sport, through growing revenues.

The marketing plan is built to integrate National Federations.

Open discussion on the Marketing plan – no comments.

Matthew Clarke introduces the Global Partner proposal process and outcome. He clarifies that the relationship is a “partnering” one.

Recommendation to the IFSC EB:

To choose 3 endemic and 3 non endemic Partners. The contacts Amadeus had indicated that non-endemic partners may have an actual interest in partnering with the IFSC.

VIK for 2011 was not looked after to account for existing agreements NFs or Organizers may have.

Larsson (SKF) asks for an example of how Amadeus proposes to integrate possible conflicts between IFSC and NFs sponsors.

Dornian (ACC) asks for correct estimates of the investment requested by the plan (Communication managers, Mkt manager etc).

MS informs that the plan will have to be accommodated to suit the IFSC's possibilities, but he is most interested in how the concept is being received by the NFs.

MS also explains that the present period is clearly a transition period, but that for the first time the IFSC feels understood in its goals.

NKBV asks further clarification on how conflicting brands can be integrated.

Matthew replies saying that he would encourage NFs to communicate to the IFSC which its goals would be in terms of product category.

A structure will be put in place, reflecting the hierarchy of investments and level each sponsor is operating in.

A good strategy is certainly to communicate on these issues.

SKF asks which could be the best way to identify non-endemic sponsors.

Amadeus replies that brand and values are the most important thing.

Pierre You (FFME) asks what happens if the one NF could get more money than the amount offered to the IFSC by the Global Partner?

Matthew replies that there are many cases where the IF has a lower level of sponsorship than the NF, and that those cases must be worked out.

Dragana adds that the IFSC is currently more a coordinator of the NFs rather than a leader; all NFs should contribute in strengthening the IF, because they will get a return for that. Some change needs to be foreseen.

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**Vote on Marketing Plan**

In favor: 31

Abstained: 1

Against : 0

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### 7. Finances and Growth

Report by DG on IFSC Finances.

Compliment on the timing and level of details of the financial documents by Ian Elleby (DKF) and NKBV.

Andrea Barabino, the Auditor, reads the audit.

**Vote on Budget 2010 and Audit**

In favor: 36

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

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**Turkey has arrived**

**Voting: 37**

**Quorum: 19**

**Special Quorum: 25**

Report by DG on the 2 provisional budgets – one including, the other excluding the Marketing plan provisions.

Ian Elleby asks how the IFSC will finance the loss, to which DG replies explaining that the amount will be financed through an increase in the Annual Fee. Actually the PA had decided to increase the Annual Fee already in 2011 (see PA Bali), but due partly to a mistake the EB did not invoice NFs for 2000€ as was decided in Bali.

MS also explains that there are times where certain risks can be taken. If the IFSC touches now the reserves, there must be a certainty somewhere that the money will come back.

JMA explains why the Annual Fee is being increased.  
The increase to 2500€ is being proposed for one year only.

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Dornian asks if it was considered to invoice NFs for the missing amount in Annual Fee 2011 (it should have been 2000, so +500€).

Marinova (BMCF) reminds that a lot of countries have problems in paying the Annual Fee; if the Annual Fee is increased the IFSC risks receiving more and more applications for Associate membership.

Kaminski (PZA) asks whether if the marketing plan works the Annual Fee may be lowered again.

MS replies that this is the aim, then sums up the proposal to invoice the remaining 500€ for 2011, and to keep the Annual fee at 2000€ in 2012.

Marinova (BMCF) complains that not only Bulgaria but other Federations think that the IFSC has one of the highest Annual Fees among Sports Ifs. Her NF is member of three different Ifs and they cannot afford the three payments (where the IFSC is the highest).

Dornian adds that bringing the fee at 2000€ would simply mean being in line with a decision already taken, and reports that ACC had already budgeted for that. He would prefer that the Fee is set at 2000€.

Sweden agrees with Dornian.

WW adds that such a decision would guarantee the possibility to implement the marketing plan.

**Motion by the PA to issue the invoice for the missing amount of 500€ (for 2011) and to keep the Annual Fee at 2000€ for 2012.**

**Vote on the motion**

In favor: 27

Against: 7

Abstained: 1

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The invoice will be sent out by the Office after the PA.

### **Budget 2011**

Reduce in requirements for reserves by 35.000€

If the PA approves the budget, it should expect the IFSC will use the reserves for up to 41.000€.

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### **Vote to approve Budget 2011**

In favor: 26

Against: 6

Abstained: 1

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### **Continental Council**

### **Vote on establishing a base funding at 3500,00 € per year**

In favor: 29

Against: 3

Abstained: 1

**Approved**

## **8. Speed**

Report by EC on the Speed project.  
Questions and answers by the PA.

### **Lunch Break**

## **9. Africa**

Report by Paola Gigliotti .

## **10. Structure review**

Review of the Statutes according to suggestions of FFME's lawyer.

Comment by Barros Basto on FCMP presence in the Statutes Bye-law.

### **Vote on amendment of the Statutes as presented in the slides, excluding bye-laws.**

In favor: 35

Against: 0

Abstained: 1

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Bye-laws. Barros Basto complains that FCMP should not be present. FCMP is not present, not active in its own country, it never cooperated.

FPME presents a motion to exclude FCMP from mention in the Bye-laws (Art. 6). MS calls for assistance by Ian Alderson.

MS is concerned that deleting them without a vote by the PA, the IFSC would be exposed to a legal action.

Elleby says that the documents sent out for the PA did not include FCMP in the bye-laws.

Vote on bye-law to Article 6 is suspended. The issue will be resumed at the next PA.

### 11. Sport Department

HK introducing the structure and work of the Sport Department.

SD integrates the Technical Commissions and Continental representatives to solve Sport Issues.

WYCH 2013 – presentation of the candidature of Central Saanich (Canada) by David Dornian.

**Vote by secret ballot on holding the WYCH 2013 in Central Saanich, Canada**

In favor 31

Against 1

Abstained 0

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**Approved**

### Report on season 2010

#### Events 2011

Season 2011 has a high number of events, mainly because the Event Commission had no clear criteria in their hands to select one and discard another.

The SD will present later its proposals to solve the issue.

JM illustrates the event management system within the Sport Department, including the criteria to evaluate applications.

Burtscher (OWK) asks what may happen in case Europe starts running Continental Cups. JM replies that the Continental Cup project will be studied by the SD and it will be integrated in the event portfolio.

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Larsson (SKF) points out that from an Athlete point of view the best option would be to be able to plan 2 years ahead; the schedule for the upcoming year are issued late in November and makes it difficult for athletes to plan their season.

MS welcomes the suggestion, asking NFs to motivate climbers in joining in the AC work.

JM explains that it clearly is a goal of the SD to release the calendar as soon as possible, ideally in the summer or before.

### **Presentation of WCH 2012 in Paris, Bercy, by Damien You.**

**World Games 2013** – the process is ongoing, it presupposes the recreation of the federation in Colombia. The IFSC is working in close relationship with the PAC to study options for the wall etc.

### **Technical Commissions restructuring**

Presentation by JM. The aim of the restructuring is to reform the commissions to make them smaller and more efficient.

JM reminds that March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline, and that the new commission will be announced by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

HK reports on the Officials situation and on the courses and seminars; he also reports on changes in Rules and regulations.

## Coffe Break

### **12. Continental Councils**

Reports by Anthony Seah, ACC

Report by Wolfgang Wabel, ECSC

Main announcement: youth bouldering events in 2011

Report by Keith Ferguson, PAC

Report by James Maguire, OCSC

Likely location for WYCH under consideration for 2013

### **13. Athletes Commission**

Report by Muriel Sarkany.

She reports that athletes are pleased by the live streaming and also by the willingness of NFs to organize competitions.

MuS reminds not to forget about sport, and about athletes. Planning of the competition is important, and consideration about warm up zone is extremely important.

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### 14. IFSC Office and Staff

### 15. Anti-doping

Report by Paolo Orione on Anti-doping issues

Explanation on WADA structure, changes in management etc.

Explanation of RTP and IRTP.

The most important innovation for the next years is the IFSC RTP, requiring a 1-hour testing slot. PO highlights that RTPs are dynamic, subject to change during the year.

The principle is "smart testing": picking up cases that can point out to doping offences.

PO also plans to start working with NFs to account for existing TUES.

Exploring possibilities of grants for RTP athletes.

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| <p><b>Vote on Anti-doping Rules 2010</b></p> |
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| <p>In favor: 34</p> |
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| <p>Against:</p> |
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| <p>Abstained: 0</p> |
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### 16. Disciplinary and Appeals commission

Update. No disciplinary issues in 2010.

### 17. Paraclimbing

Report by AP on Paraclimbing WCH and on the classifications of disability.

### 18. IT

Presentation by MS.

### 19. 2012 PA

Presentation by Vrijlandt and video.

### 20. PA 2013

Candidatures for PA 2013 and 2014.

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Beijing would welcome the IFSC PA for 2013, while Paris would host the IFSC PA in 2014.

**Vote on PA 2013 to be held in Beijing, China**

**Vote on PA 2014 to be held in Paris, France**

In favor: 28  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 3  
**Approved**

### 21. Honorary membership

PH reports on CFR proposing Yuri Skurlatov as Honorary Member. The candidature is supported by a letter of the Russian NOC. Barros Basto asks whether the candidature should not have been proposed 6 weeks before the PA, and why Reindert Lenselink, who did a lot for the IFSC, was not proposed for such an award.

MS replies that no procedure and regulations currently exist, and that is why the EB decided to set this procedures to be voted by the next PA.

Burtscher from OWK says he thinks that it would be better to wait for criteria to be set, and then proceed with the vote. Austria presents a motion in this sense. Dornian says that whichever criteria may be found, Skurlatov makes a great candidate, as he was committed to the sport even before sport climbing existed. Dornian cannot imagine anybody more suitable for an Honorary membership.

OWK retires the motion.

**Vote to accept Yuri Skurlatov as IFSC Honorary member**

In favor: 34  
Against: 0  
Abstained: 1  
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Skurlatov thanks after his appointment as Honorary Member.

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Alderson (BMC) proposes that all former Presidents of CEC-CICE and ICC be similarly considered Honorary members.

### **22. Presentation of the IFSC Global Partner**

Two year contract, 40.000€ cash per year.  
Presentation by Alberto Marcos.

### **23. Tribute to Chloé Graffiaux**

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