



## Plenary Assembly 2012

### Minutes

Approved

Meeting date and time	25/02/12	09:00-18:00
Meeting venue	Olympic Stadium, Amsterdam	
Participants	IFSC Executive Board IFSC National Federations (see details below) IFSC Staff	

#### Members present or represented

COUNTRY	FEDERATION	REPRESENTATIVE
Austria	ÖWK	Delegate – Eugen Burtscher
Azerbaijan	AAESF	Delegate - Hussein Baghirov
Belgium	CMBEL	Delegate – Tuur Ceuleers
Bulgaria	BCMF	Delegate – Dora Marinova
Canada	ACC/CEC	Delegate – David Dornian
China	CMA	Delegate – Ding Xianghua
Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Delegate – Chung-da Ho
Cyprus	CMCF	Delegate – Pavlos Georgiades
Denmark	DKF	Delegate – Niels Staun
Finland	FCA	Proxy – Pontus Axelsson (SKF)
France	FFME	Delegate – Pierre Yu
Georgia	GCNF	Proxy – Dmitriy Bychkov (CFR)
Germany	DAV	Delegate – Guido Köstermeyer
Great Britain	BMC	Delegate – Graeme Alderson



Hong Kong	CHKMCU	Delegate – Frederick Yu
Hungary	MHSSz	Delegate – Peter Farkas
Indonesia	FPTI	Proxy – Anthony Seah (SMF)
Iran	IRI MF	Delegate – Hadi Saberi
Ireland	MI	Proxy – Graeme Alderson (BMC)
Israel	IOSC	Delegate – Ariel Kunik
Italy	FASI	Delegate – Ariano Amici
Japan	JMA	Delegate – Kobinata Toru
Kazakhstan	MCFRK	Delegate – Kazbek Valieyv
Korea	KAF	Delegate – Kim Jaewook
Latvija	LAA	Delegate – Normunds Reinbergs
Macedonia	MSCF	Delegate – Vladimir Trpovski
Mexico	FMDMYE	Proxy – David Dornian (ACC)
Nepal	NMA	Delegate – Deebas Biram Shah
Netherlands	NKBV	Delegate – Abel Schooleman
New Zealand	CNZ	Proxy – Graeme Alderson (BMC)
Norway	NCF	Proxy - Niels Staun (DKF)
Peru	FEPADI	Delegate – Sophie Bordet
Pakistan	ACP	Delegate – Abu Zafar Sadiq
Poland	PZA	Delegate – Arkadiusz Kaminski
Portugal	FPME	Delegate – Carlos Gomes
Romania	FRAE	Proxy – Dora Marinova (BCMF)
Russia	CFR	Delegate – Dmitriy Bychkov



Singapore	SMF	Delegate – Anthony Seah
Slovenia	PZS	Delegate – Tomo Cesen
Spain	FEDME	Delegate – Joan Garrigós Toro
Spain	FEEC	Delegate – Jordi Merino Urbano
Sweden	SKF	Delegate – Pontus Axelsson
Switzerland	SAC	Delegate – Hanspeter Sigrist
Thailand	SCAT	Delegate – Parkpoom Ratanaroianakool
Turkey	TDF	Delegate – Murat Salim Seren
Ukraine	UMF	Delegate – Serik Kazbekov
USA	USAC	Proxy – David Dornian (ACC)
Venezuela	FEVME	Delegate – Rodolfo Dominguez

#### Other Attendees

Andrea Barabino	IFSC Auditor
Paolo Orione	AD Officer
Ian Alderson	IFSC Disciplinary Commission
Maud Ansade	IFSC Athletes Commission
Paola Gigliotti	IFSC Honorary Member
Sang-Tae Cho	IFSC Honorary Member
Reindert Lenselink	IFSC Honorary Member
Yury Skurlatov	IFSC Honorary Member
Alberto Marcos	Top 30
Nacho Álvarez	Top 30



## Members of the IFSC Executive Board and Staff

Marco Maria Sclaris - MMS	President
Pierre-Henri Paillason – PHP	Secretary General
Helmut Knabl - HK	VP Sport/Events
Debra Gawrych - DG	VP Finances and Treasurer
Alexander Piratinskiy – AP	VP Communication
Muriel Sarkany – MS	Athlete Representative
Wolfgang Wabel - WW	European Council
Keith Ferguson - KF	PanAmerican Council
Li Zhixin - LZ	Asia Council
James Maguire - JMA	Oceania Council
Jérôme Meyer - JM	Sport Manager
Francesca Jengo - FJ	Sport Administrator
Anne Fuynel - AF	future Communication and Marketing Officer

## Greetings of the Authorities

The IFSC President opens the meeting welcoming all delegates and the NOC\*NSF (Dutch Olympic Committee\*Dutch Sports Federation) President, Mr. André Bolhuis. The new IFSC impact video is shown. Mr. André Bolhuis makes an introductory speech, wishing all the best to the IFSC and the sport.

### 1. Call to order

#### a. Members present and voting rights

Members present: 36



Members present with voting rights: 34

Members represented: 9

Total members with voting rights: 43

Quorum: 33

Special Quorum: 29

**b. Scrutineers Appointment**

David Dornian (ACC) and Graeme Alderson (BMC) are appointed scrutinizers.

**2. Minutes Plenary Assembly 2011 Rome**

No comments on the PA 2011 Minutes

**Vote on approval of the minutes of the PA 2011**

In favor: 43

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

**Approved**

**3. Membership**

**a. Statutes amendments**

PHP proposes to amend Art. 6 of the IFSC Statutes.

Mike Watson (BMC) does not agree with the different levels of membership, he asks about the criteria to establish the different annual fees.

PHP explains that the new fees will be:

- Regional Members - 250 €



- Associate Members - 500 €

DG says that the problem is that some NFs never pay their annual fees.

Maria Izquierdo (ACC) asks if Associate Members are entitled to organize Continental events and MMS replies that this kind of decision shall be taken by the relevant CC.

David Dornian (ACC) asks if there is a policy to regulate past debts of NFs which pass from Full to Associate Membership. DG says that regulation of past debts is to be decided case by case and working on a continental level.

#### **Vote on amendment of Art.6 of the IFSC Statutes**

In favor: 39

Against: 2

Abstained: 2

**Approved**

#### **b. New Members**

##### **Macedonia**

Vladimir Trpovski (Macedonian Sport Climbing Federation - MSCF) says that the old Federation (Macedonian Mountain Sport Federation) decided to cut costs for sport climbing so they decided to create a new Federation.

#### **Vote to exclude MMSF**

In favor: 43

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

**Approved**

DG remarks that MMSF had some debts (around 8000 €) to the IFSC.

**Vote to accept MSCF as new IFSC member if they pay part (1000 €) of the old debts and the Annual Fee 2012**



In favor: 43

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

**Approved**

#### **Pakistan – Alpine Club of Pakistan (ACP)**

Report on the Alpine Club of Pakistan by PHP.

Speech of the ACP Secretary General, Mr. Abu Zafar Sadiq.

#### **Vote to accept the Alpine Club of Pakistan as new IFSC Full Member**

In favor: 43

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

**Approved**

#### **Philippines – Sport Climbing Association of the Philippines (SCAPI)**

#### **Vote to change the status of SCAPI from Full to Associate Member**

In favor: 43

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

**Approved**

Pavlos Georgiades (CMCF) proposes to change the status from Full to Associate Member if a NF does not pay the fees for at least two years. MMS suggests that he elaborates a proposal to be presented to the PA.

#### **Spain – Federació d'Entitats Excursionistes de Catalunya (FEEC)**

FEEC asked to become IFSC Observer member and has the support of FEDME.



Speech of the FEEC President, Mr. Jordi Merino Urbano.

**Vote to accept FEEC as IFSC Observer Member**

In favor: 43

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

**Approved**

**5. Governance and Statutes Improvements**

**a. Illegal and Irregular Betting and Match Fixing**

Due to the importance of establishing some rules over Illegal and Irregular Betting and Match Fixing, the Swiss lawyer formulated new Art. 10 of the IFSC Statutes

**Vote to accept new Art.10 of the IFSC Statutes**

In favor: 43

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

**Approved**

Following the new Art. 10, Ian Alderson formulated the Bye-law to art.10

**Vote to accept Bye-law to new Art.10 of the IFSC Statutes**

In favor: 43

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

**Approved**





#### **b. Internal Functioning Improvement**

With amendment to Art. 38 payment for Officials' and not only services is possible.

Lode Beckers (CMBEL) proposes making more transparent EB reimbursement policy. MMS suggests that he formulates an amendment.

##### **Vote on amendment of Art.38 of the IFSC Statutes**

In favor: 41

Against: 0

Abstained: 2

**Approved**

#### **c. Honorary Members Candidacy**

##### **Vote to accept Bye-law to Art.12 of the IFSC Statutes**

In favor: 41

Against: 0

Abstained: 2

**Approved**

#### **6. Finances and Growth**

Presentation of the 2011 Financial Reports and Audit by DG. Discussion to be run after lunch.

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

**President's Report by MMS**



IOC Timeline.

Maria Izquierdo (ACC) asks which kind of connections can be established with IOC members. MMS suggests using the tools that we have.

Paola Gigliotti says that the IFSC has gone through a very fast process up to where it is at the moment; many actions were taken starting from 2003.

MMS remarks that the IFSC needs to deal with the resources it has while trying to achieve the 2020 dream. Passion is fundamental to carry on.

KF suggests developing connections with NOCs and also with the other sports. It is important to showcase sport climbing in each country.

## **7. Media and Communication and Marketing**

### **a. Webcasting 2011 and 2012**

Report on the webcasting activities in 2011 and on 2012 plan by JM. Webcasting is an important tool to achieve the 2020 Dream.

David Dornian (ACC) asks how these changes will affect the relations between IFSC and EOs. JM says there must be someone in the EOs in charge of coordinating webcasting with Horizon.

Eugen Burtscher (ÖWK) asks if there will be any improvement of the live streaming. JM replies that improvements will be done at least on finals and semifinals.

MMS says that starting from this year webcasting will be better organized not only because there will be better equipment and more Horizon staff at the events but also because communication will be managed internally.

### **b. Marketing**

Report on new directions and plan by JM.

**Lunch break**



## 6. Finances and Growth

### a. 2011 Financial reports and Audit

Presentation of the 2011 Balance Sheet.

Maud Ansade (Athletes Commission) asks why in 2010 there were no current Year Earnings and DG replies that the reason is that the IFSC accountancy passed from a cash to an accrual system in 2011.

Guido Köstermeyer (DAV) asks more detailed information on the Accounts Receivables.

Report on the Accounts Receivables by year by DG.

DG says that some of the investments made in 2010 were disinvested in 2011 due to the high number of AR.

Lode Beckers (CMBEL) asks if there were any provisions in 2011. DG explains that in 2010 there were 120000 € of provisions because the IFSC got back many of the old AR, but the same did not happen in 2011.

Auditor's Report

#### **Vote to approve the 2011 Audit**

In favor: 37

Against: 2

Abstained: 2

**Approved**

Fee system 2013 and Beyond

DG presents the Annual Fee Revision (starting from 2013):

- 250 € Regional Members

- 500 € Associate Members

Guido Köstermeyer (DAV) asks about the estimate with the new annual fee system.

David Dornian (ACC) asks if the IFSC has any plans to write off the past debts. MMS repeats that this will be done case by case and only subject to the PA vote.



The new annual fee system will be effective starting from 2013.

**Vote to approve the new Annual Fee revision**

In favor: 41

Against: 0

Abstained: 2

**Approved**

**b. 2012 Provisional Budget**

Presentation of the proposed budget 2012 by DG and MMS. For this year the IFSC tried to have a more realistic budget to put the IFSC in a safer position. The EB decided to give priorities to two areas: 2020 Dream and competitions.

DG underlines that some expenses could not be cut (e.g. Insurance, salaries). Therefore the EB decided to cut on CCs and IT development.

David Dornian (ACC) asks if the new sponsorship (yellow line) is viable. MMS answers affirmatively and that the IFSC needs to be able to sell. The EB could have also put 60000 € but they decided to be more conservative.

Guido Köstermeyer asks why EO contribution to webcasting increases in 2012 provisional Budget; MMS replies that it increased because the quality of webcasting increased, as well, and this in line with the new EOA.

Pontus Axelsson (SKF) asks for more detailed figures.

Arkadiusz Kaminski (PZA) asks about the results of Amadeus

Abel Schooleman (NKBV) complains that the 2012 provisional Budget was received too late by the NFs.

Pontus Axelsson (SKF) proposes an amendment to Art. 21 of the IFSC Statutes (see slide).

**Vote to add proposal to amend Art.21 to the PA 2012 Agenda**

In favor: 41

Against: 0

Abstained: 2



**Approved**

**Vote on amendment of Art.21 of the IFSC Statutes**

In favor: 37

Against: 0

Abstained: 5

**Approved**

**Vote to approve the Budget 2012**

In favor: 29

Against: 3

Abstained: 10

**Approved**

On the management of Marketing and Communication, following the conversations occurred over lunch time, MMS confirms that the EB decided not to continue the collaboration with Amadeus Holding. In response of the question regarding the sponsor income described by Amadeus Holding in Rome (see question above), MMS is afraid to say that none of those incomes has been confirmed over the year, and that this is one of the reasons why the EB decided not to continue with Amadeus. MMS informs also that Amadeus is claiming money in excess of what was approved by the PA in Rome and there is the possibility that IFSC will have to go to Court. BMC asks if this possible cost has been included in the 2012 budget, that was confirmed.

**8. Sport Department**

**a. 2011 activities**

Report by JM (events and SD structure). 2011 Figures Report (World Cups and World Championships)

**b. 2012 Plans**



Report by HK. The EOH 2013 will be available before closing of the online applications (18/03/12).

**c. Paris Bercy**

WCH 2012 – Paris Bercy. Report by PHP. HK remarks that it is important also to have NFs Presidents attending the WCH.

**d. Singapore WYCH preparation**

Speech by Anthony Seah (SMF). The location will be outdoor in any case. By two weeks a final confirmation on the venue will be given. Proposal to extend it of 1 day.

**e. World Games 2013 in Cali**

72 athletes will be allowed to participate in the WG.

**f. New rules for 2012 season and on**

**g. Election of the 2014 WCHP**

HK reminds that for WCH speed consists in 2 different disciplines: speed and team speed.

Sophie Bordet (FEPADI) asks if it is possible to combine the dates of the two possible WCH to facilitate travels of the teams.

There are three candidates for the WCH 2014:

- FEDME – Gijon (L&S). Report by Lluís Giner (FEDME). Speech by Mayor of Gijon.

- DAV – Munich (B). Report by Guido Köstermeyer (DAV)

- CMA – Changzhi (L&S). Report by Ding Xinghua (CMA). In a first moment CMA submitted application for all disciplines. SMF asks if any accommodation will be available for Solidarity project, the answer is affirmative.

HK says that after the decision on the WCH is made by the PA, the Event Commission will take care of the exact dates.

Eugene Burtscher (OWK) asks about feasibility of the WCH in Spain. Lluís Giner recognizes there were some mistakes in 2011 Barcelona WCs but they are committed to improve step by step.

Pontus Axelsson (SKF) asks if there are any recommendations by the Event Commission. HK says that the Event Commission saw the application only one week before the PA. Anthony Seah (SMF) says that the Event Commission had asked for extended time.

JM says that the SD did not receive the WCH applications on time and is giving the floor to the PA to decide what to vote for the WCH.



#### **Vote to accept Munich as candidate for Boulder WCH 2014**

In favor: 37

Against: 3

Abstained: 1

**Approved**

#### **Vote to select the host city for Lead and Speed WCH 2014**

Gijon (ESP): 21

Changzhi (CHN):18

Abstained: 1

**Gijon Approved**

#### **h. Election of the 2014 WYCH**

MMS informs that the Oceania Council informed the EB that they would not be able to run the 2014 WYCH. However, a candidature to host WYCH 2014 in Noumea, New Caledonia was received.

New Caledonia is a French Territory and the EB requested the Oceania Council to include this territory.

Presentation by FFME.

Noumea will be the host city of the WYCH 2014.

#### **9. Continental Councils – Reports on Activities**

- a. **Asian Council** - Report by Li Guowei (CMA)
- b. **European Council** – Report by WW
- c. **Oceania Council** – Report by JMA
- d. **Pan American Council** – Report by KF



## **10. Athletes Commission**

Athletes commission report 2011 by MS and Maud Ansade.

## **5. Governance and Statutes Improvements**

The proposal made by CMCF and MSCF (see slide) needs to be better reformulated and presented at the next PA.

## **11. Office and Other services Growth**

Presentation of the New Communication and Marketing Director, who will start working for the IFSC in the following months.

## **12. Anti Doping Commission**

Report by AD Officer Paolo Orione.

## **13. Disciplinary and Appeal Commission**

Report by Ian Alderson, Director of the Disciplinary and Appeal Commission.

## **14. Paraclimbing Commission Reporting**

Report by Alexander Piratinskiy, IFSC VP Communication and President of the Paraclimbing Commission.





## 15. PA meetings

Location of the PA 2015 will be voted in 2013 PA.

## 16. Vote Honorary Members

The IFSC received two candidatures for the Honorary Members:

- Mr. Sangtae Cho (KAF)
- Reindert Lenselink (NKBV)

Both are welcomed as new IFSC Honorary Members by the PA.

## 17. Any Other Business

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