

WORLD ARMWRESTLING FEDERATION

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Minutes of the World Armwrestling Federation Annual Congress Meeting Tuesday, November 29, 2011

1. Welcome and Attendance

Fred Roy – WAF President
Willy Deneumostier – WAF General Secretary
Assen Hadjitodorov – WAF 1st Vice President – European President
Humberto Panzetti – South American Vice President
Mukhamedollah Agzamov – Asian Vice President
Joey Costello – North American Vice President

Leonard Harkless – Referee in Chief
Igal Gorelaskvili – Israel
Juan Pedro Garcia de la Torre – Spain
General Osman El Ghany- Egypt
Erekle Gurchiani - Georgia
Danenberg Cor – Netherlands
Ronny Ceder – Sweden
Janusi Piechowski – Poland
Anssi Ainali – Finland
Shmyto Dmitry - Belarus
Zanna Cingule – Latvia
Mohammad Reza Tafreshian – Iran
Alexander Filimonov – Russia
Kukutidze, Djamal – Russia
Claudio Rizza – Italy
Zurab Baschtiyarov – Azerbaijan
Mauro Pascoe – Brazil
Rick Pinkney – Canada – Referee Panel
Lise Blanchard – Recording Secretary

Igor Mazurenko – Poland
Jean-Frédéric André – Belgium
Camilla Kattstrom – Germany
Ueli Buhler – Switzerland
Zuzana Svobodova – Czech Rep
Li Aleksander – Kyrgystan
Vydas Mikelionis – Lithuania
Veronika Bonkova – Bulgaria
Anne Melin Finland
Volodymyr Petrenko – Ukraine
Kikrat Kerimov – Uzbekistan
Hideki Ohmura – Japan
Andrei Petrov – Russia
Marian Capla – Slovakia
Niyazi Kurt – Turkey
Paulo Sabioni - Brazil
Hashim reza Zabeth – India
Elizabeth Costa – neutral observer
Hogeul Moon South Korea

Congress called to order at 7:05 pm

Total voting ballots – 30 votes

Mr. Roy welcomed to the 33rd World Armwrestling Championship in Almaty, Kazakhstan. He asks that everyone sign the attendance sheet and also review the minutes of the 2010 World Championship that were sent to everyone 2 times prior to the Championship.

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Mr. Deneumostier asked everyone to raise their Congress voting ballots so they could be counted. At this point discussing ensued in regards to the eligibility to vote for **Mr Pantelis Filipikis** from Greece. Mr. Hadjitodorov insists that he is the representative for Greece and Mr. Deneumostier explained that he had a letter stating that he was not. Discussion ensued at which time Mr. Deneumostier left the meeting saying that his word and his duties as the WAF General Secretary were being questioned and he would not stand for it.

2. Approval of 2010 Annual Congress Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved by: Canada Seconded by: Belgium - Carried

3. Affiliation of New Members:

Mr. Roy presented Mr. General Osman former member of the World Armsport Federation to say a few words. Mr. Osman thanks Mr. Roy for inviting him to come to the World Championship in Kazakhstan. Mr. Osman explains that for many reasons the Egyptian Armsport Federation has decided to join the very strong World Armwrestling Federation and Mr. Fred Roy WAF. And he announced in front of congress that he came here to cooperate with Mr. Fred Roy and all WAF members, hand by hand to arrive together at the Olympic Games.

4. Approval of Reports

All reports are included in the Congress package received by each Country.
Reports were approved by: Belgium Seconded by: USA - Carried

Doping Control Committee – Frédéric André wanted to inform all competitors that they needed to bring the passport with them to the tournament hall as they would need them should they draw a control card during doping control.

5. Business from previous meetings

- a) The new format of the competitor holding pens were successful and we have had some learning curves. Mr. Harkless has agreed to have the junior referee's help with this process. Mr. Roy feels that this is a very good learning opportunity for the Junior Referee's
- b) Application to Sports Accord, we continue to reach out to all countries for the information required. India presented us with a booklet which contained all information requested. The elections, tournaments held for the year, pictures, number of sportsman, etc... If we could get a report such as this from each Country, we could in turn go to Sports Accord and impress them with the information we have gathered.

6. Approval of WAF World Championships and Other Sanctioned Championships

- a) Each Country has received a package from the Brazilian Federation with an invitation to attend the 2012 World Championship in Sao Vicente, September 9 to September 17, 2012. You are asked to fly into San Paolo Airport (100 kl to the hotel). We have some great shows planned for everyday during the competition.
- b) 2013 World Championship will be held in Gdnya, Poland in September 16 to 22, 2013. Mr. Mazurenko invites all countries to come to Gdnya, Poland where they hosted the 2001 Championships.
- c) 2014 World Championship bids from Slovakia and Lithuania. Each Country was asked to address congress and explain their plans for the Championship.

Lithuania – Vidas Mikelionis - would like to host the Championship in September, they have support from their National Body and invite you to vote for Lithuania and visit his country.

Slovakia – Marian Capla asked for the support of Congress in voting for Slovakia as the host of the 2013 World Championship. Since joining WAF in 1994, they have successfully organized 18 Senec Championship and a European Championship. We have learned that the most important thing for a successful Championship is a high level of organization, hospitality and friendship. **FOR:** Lithuania - 24

FOR: Slovakia – 10
Championship

Lithuania will be the host of the 2014 World

Modifications of statutes, bylaws and rules

- a) Discussion of the dates for the World championship

As it stands now in the Status state the World Championship are to be held in late November to 1st week in December.

Motion: Fred Roy

Seconded: Leonard Harless – USA

That: The World Championships should be changed to be hosted the last two weeks of September

FOR: 30

AGAINST: 4

ABSTAIN: 0

CARRIED

7. New Business:

- a) **India Armwrestling Federation**

Ask that the host countries make certain that they have a separate decent place for the head of each Country to sit during the Championship. They would also like to ask that the Host Countries consider giving the heads of each country a memento of the Championship in appreciation for the hard work and efforts of the country heads.

8. Review of Audited accounts and Appointment of 2010 Auditors

The auditors will be Frederic Andre and Volodimir Petrenko

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:35 p.m.

Fred Roy
WAF, President

Willy Deneumostier
WAF, General Secretary