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World Powerlifting Federation
10th Annual Congress Minutes
Date: 14 November 2008, 2000 hours
Venue: Maxx Sports Centre, Vienna, Austria

Roll Call: Erik Butzelaar, Holland – President
Jorg Rodiger, Germany – Vice President
David Carter, Great Britain
Ed Fennema, Holland
Shane Brodie, Ireland
Gerhard Holleitner, Austria
Steve Denison, USA
Johanna Eiriksdottir, Iceland
Zinkno Pavlo, Ukraine
Frank Engel, Luxemburg
Victor Gomez, Mexico, Absent
Adolfo Roman, Mexico

Present: Jaap Fahner, Holland, EPC President
Peter Malfa, Germany
Alan Aerts, USA
Robert Campbell, Great Britain
Herman Haraldsson, Iceland
Franz Seul, Luxemburg
Mario Hernandez, Mexico

Apologies: Courtney Stanley, WPF Secretary

Acting Minute Secretary: Steve Denison, USA

President's Address:

He welcomed everyone to the 10th Annual Congress meeting and recognized the new faces of Iceland and Ukraine.

Minutes of 2007 Congress: Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Question from David Carter: Have all affiliation fees been paid?
All countries were reported paid except Poland and Russia. Both will pay on Saturday, 15 November. Report Approved.

Finance Officers Report - Due to the duration of championships, the activities of

the Treasurer and Finance Officer at these championships, there was no time to audit the WPF accounts.

The Treasurer has agreed to produce the WPF and EPC accounts at the 2009 EPC Congress in Amsterdam, Holland for inspection and report

Secretary's Report:

Statement from Courtney Stanley was read by Steve Denison and approved.

Committee Reports: None held

Nationals Reports:

Great Britain: David Carter-2010 WPF Worlds, proactive to European Championships and next year to 2009 WPF Worlds.

Germany: Preparing for German Nationals

Ukraine: Growing members

Austria: None

Ireland: Successful year. Increased membership by 73 members.

USA: Increased membership by 750 members, 15 states promoting USPF, 2009 WPF Worlds in Vegas.

Mexico: Two Championships—Regional and Nationals, mentioned having Pan AM or North American Championship with USA, Mexico, and Canada as well as any Central American countries that wished to participate.

Luxemburg: None

Iceland: 15 lifters at 2008 WPF Worlds, 100 total members, strong competition, looking forward to future with WPF.

Holland: Expect to double lifters, looking forward to Vegas in 2009.

Election of WPF President:

Nominations Erik Butzelaar HOL and David Carter GB. Erik Butzelaar elected 8-2 WPF President for 4 years.

Resolutions:

1. **Holland** proposes replacing Reshel formula with the Wilks Formula for Open Powerlifting. **Passed 6-3**
2. **Holland** proposes installing the McCulloch formula for Masters Competition. **Passed 10-0**
3. **Holland** proposes instituting a computer based program to score and run meets. **Passed 10-0**
4. **USA** proposes age groups for Teen/Juniors: 13-15, 16-17, 18-19. Seconded LUX. **Lost 8-2**
5. **USA** proposes that a Sub master's age group, 35-39 be added. **Failed.**

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- No 2nd.
6. **USA** proposes that we recognize a Men's 52Kg and Women's 44Kg wt classes. **Failed**. No 2nd.
 7. **USA** proposes that a Standard for the Oversized Squat Bar be established with the weight to be 25Kg. **Passed 10-0**
 8. **USA** proposes that a T-shirt must have sleeves unless an erector shirt is used. **Tie 5-5 Failed**.
 9. **USA** proposes that Baby Powder be accepted for use in the Dead lift. **Tie 5-5 Failed**.
 10. **USA** proposes that lifters be allowed to go up or down a weight class if they are too heavy or too light. **Tie 5-5 Failed**.
 11. **USA** concurs with Holland proposal regarding Wilks and McCulloch formula. **Passed**.
 12. **USA** proposes that a lifter must wear one pair of knee length socks in the dead lift. **Passed 10-0**
 13. **USA** proposes the addition of the 'Start' command in the Bench press. **Tie 5-5 Failed**.
 14. **USA** proposes allowing 2 changes in the 3rd attempt dead lift, as we have now, but no changes in the 2nd attempt dead lift. **Failed**. No 2nd.
 15. **USA** proposes a change of language in the use of personal spotters as outlined in the WPF rules. **Withdrawn**. Follow up discussion with all countries agreeing that if you want to use personal spotters you must notify the meet director with the spotters being placed in the 'pool of spotters' for use by the meet director at any time.
 16. **Great Britain** proposes that any Nation not having paid their WPF affiliation fees by the closing date for athlete's entries and fees for the World Championships, the athletes from that Nation are allowed to lift as Guest Lifters only. That Nation's referees are suspended from duties and any WPF Officers from that Nation are automatically exempt from office and that Nation will have no voting rights at Congress. **Passed 6-4**
 17. **Great Britain** proposes that no athlete be allowed subsequent entry into Powerlifting, Bench press, and/or Dead lift after bombing in the Powerlifting, Bench press, and/or Dead lift. **Passed** .

18. **Great Britain** proposes that the WPF adopt the existing dead lift records as the single lift dead lift records in order to be the starting point. Seconded IRE. **Failed 8-2.**
19. **Great Britain** proposes that each affiliated Nation shall provide at least two referees to adjudicate during World and European Championships. **Passed 9-0**
20. **Great Britain** proposes that no Velcro be allowed on bench shirts. **Failed 5-4**
21. **Great Britain** proposes that lifters cannot lift in the Open class and Master class at the same championship. **Passed 9-0**
22. **Great Britain** proposes that lifters can claim records from either Open and Master category or Open and Junior category if successful, irrespective of what category they enter and lift in. That this be retrospective if approved. **Passed 9-0**
23. **Great Britain** proposes that all Championships must have a visual display of the weight on the bar, where announcements are not made in English. **Passed 9-0.**
24. **Great Britain** proposes that briefs used under the squat suit be allowed legs, but they must not be seen protruding outside the squat suit. **Passed 5-4.**
25. **Great Britain** proposes that the WPF rules are grammatically amended. **Passed 9-0**
On each page 1 to 29 top right hand corner, delete “2003” and insert “2007”
Page 3, Rule 2.1 second line delete “insure” insert “ensure”
Page 4, Rule 2.2.3, b), delete “discus”, insert “discs”
Page 4, Rule 2.5, second line delete “lights”, insert “light”
Page 9, Rule 4, 6 third line, delete “notice”, insert “noticed”
Page 13, Rule 6, 2. Second line delete “to”, insert “two”
Page 15, Rule 7.1,4 second line delete “be”, insert “the”
Page 15, Rule 7.1,4 second line delete “h”, insert “Rule 7.4.5 a to h”
Page 15, Rule 7.1,9, sixth line delete “of” between referees – WPF, insert “or”.
Page 16, Rule 7, 15 first line insert “a” between of – single.
Page 18, Rules 7.4, 3, first line delete “weights in kilograms and the

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barbell must be multiple of 2.5 kg”; insert “the barbell. Weights must be in kilograms and in multiples of 2.5kg”

Page 18, Rule 7.4, 3, a) first line insert “loaded” between the -----barbell

Page 28, Rule 11, 25-11-2004, page 6, delete “3.9.1”, insert “3.10.1”

26. **Ireland** proposes that the WPF World and European championships hold the Powerlifting in the beginning. For example a 4 day championship starting on Thursday and ending on Sunday should start with Powerlifting on Thursday and Friday and end with the Single lift Bench press and Dead lift championship on Saturday and Sunday in order to have a shortened day on Sunday and not have to go late in the night. **Passed 7-2.**
27. **Mexico** proposes to replace the Reshel Formula with the Wilks. Passed by Holland proposal item 1.
28. **Mexico** proposes to allow a lifter to go down a weight class if he or she is too light at weigh-in. Failed on tie vote 5-5 by USA in proposal item 10.

New Member Country Application received from Iran. Approved.

Future WPF World Championships:

2009 WPF Worlds: Las Vegas, Nevada, USA: Mr Steve Denison

2010 WPF Worlds: Bath, England: Mr David Carter

2011 WPF Worlds: Germany: Peter Malfa

2012 WPF Worlds: USA and Mexico put in bids. Will be decided at 2009 Worlds. Must have firm location for bid.

2008 World Championship Officials:

The following Referees were approved for these Championships:

Germany: Peter Malfa (Int) Jorge Rodrigger (Int)

Great Britain: Allison Seabright (Int) Dean Drury (Int) David Carter (Int) Adam Willis (Nat) Ken Williams (Nat)

Holland: Jaap Fahner (Int)

Mexico: Francisco Gomez (Int) Mario Hernandez (Int) Victor Gomez (Int)
USA: Steve Denison (Int) and Gordon Santee (Int) Joe Dentice (Nat)
Austria: Gerhard Holleitner (Int) Sonja Herzig (Nat) Eroy Konrad (Int)
Ireland: Shane Brodie (Int)
Luxemburg: Frank Engel (Nat) Franz Seul (Nat)

2008 World Championship Technical Officers:
Robert Campbell

International Referee exam: Proctor—Robert Campbell
Candidate: Joe Dentice, USA, passed with 95%.

Closure:

President closed the Congress meeting at 23.40 hours.