

WORLD POWERLIFTING FEDERATION

8th ANNUAL CONGRESS MINUTES
DATE: 23RD November 2006 at 20.00 hours.
VENUE: Kilmurray Hotel, Limerick, Ireland

Roll Call: Erik Butzelaar HOL – President
Jorg Rodiger GER – Vice President
Gerhard Hollietner AUS – Treasurer
Martin Karius – Germany
Peter Malfa - Germany
Robert Campbell – Great Britain
David Carter – Great Britain
David Tickle – GB
Jaap Fahner - Holland
Shane Brodie – Ireland
Thomas Dillon – Ireland
Victor Gomez - Mexico

Apologies: Frank Engel - Luxembourg

Presidents Address:

After welcoming everyone to the meeting the President informed all present that Brian Clement, former WPF/EPC Technical Officer, had died in hospital earlier in the week.

This very sad news was followed by a minute silence.

Continuing the Presidents report, it was confirmed that the WPF had been finally registered in Holland; a copy of the Constitution shall be posted on the WPF web site.

This same process of registration has been applied to the EPC. The constitution shall be posted on the new forthcoming EPC web site.

Minutes of 2005 Congress: Approved

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer confirmed the current balance of the WPF/EPC is €1155 due to the cost the registration of both organisations. It is proposed that all European National organisations to be affiliated to the EPC only, whilst the EPC and non European Countries to be affiliated directly to the WPF. This is considered to be the correct membership protocol with the pending full formation of the EPC.

Irrespective of this change, all countries will still pay the same affiliation fees. The amount payable shall be reviewed outside of this WPF congress meeting and circulated to all affiliated countries.

The Treasurer confirmed that the Ukraine and Poland have paid their affiliation fees.

The Treasurer is to provide the Finance Officer and President with all the books, bank receipts and transactions, for approval. On this approval full details of the account status shall be available.

The secretary shall submit his invoices to the Treasurer directly to cover ongoing administration costs.

The Treasurers report approved subject to account approval by the Finance Officer.

Secretary's Report:

No specific items to report, other than continued communications with a number of countries expressing an interest in joining the WPF, Nigeria being very interest, requesting an application to join the WPF. The secretary shall continue in this task.

7. Committee Reports:

None reported.

8. National Reports:

Mexico: Reported their readiness for the 2007 World Championships as part of their centenary celebrations. They are anticipating that the Championships will be held over 4 days, 22nd to the 25th, November 2007, in Torreon.

Holland: Reported every thing is ok

Germany: Reported every thing is good. Martin Karius has supplied the IPO with a new score sheet.

Austria: Reported every thing is good. They are currently promoting raw bench press competitions for cash, initially only a few competitors from the WPF & EPC but are confident in the growth of this type of event.

Ireland: Founded 12 months ago by Shane Brodie and Tommy Dillon are who have put in a lot of hard work in promoting the 2006 World Championships extended their best wishes to all competing nations.

Great Britain: Everything going well, a new BPO web site ton be launched in the New Year and excited with the size of the GB team at these Championships.

9. Resolutions:

1 – Lifting Apparel Definitions - Proposed by GB

After lengthy discussions regarding the definition of what constitutes single ply

material, taking into account the various methods of construction used to increase the relative thickness, including:

- Interwoven layers
- Composite layers bonded together

A proposal was made by EB on whether the current definition should be changed.

It was unanimously agreed to keep the existing definition

It was proposed that for lifting suits the following definitions shall be applied:

- The criteria for approving suits shall be based upon a maximum material thickness of 1.3mm measured at various point on the suit.
- In the case of squat suits with stitched straps, the maximum ‘stitched down’ length shall not exceed 50mm.

Unanimously agreed

An approved list of lifting apparel will be issued as part of the rule book and posted on the web site. If it is not on the list it is not legal and therefore cannot be worn in any sanctioned WPF/EPC championships or any National Championships operating under WPF rules.

Unanimously agreed

The definition of under garment briefs is to be amended to read the maximum waist band height is to be no higher than navel level.

Unanimously agreed

The definition for all supportive lifting apparel is to be amended to read that the following shall not be allowed on any part of any garment:

- No Velcro (or similar)
- No canvass

Unanimously agreed

10. New Member applications:

No new member applications presented for approval.

11. Future Championships

2007 European Championships – Mark Jordan. Venue: Mind and Body Gym, Port Talbot, South Wales, GB - Dates 22nd - 24th June

2007 World Championships – Torreón, Mexico, 22nd to the 25th November

2008 European Championships – Bid: Peter Malfa, Bavaria, Germany – Dates TBC

2008 World Championships – Bid: Gerhard Holleitner, Vienna, Austria – Dates TBC

2009 European Championships – Bid: TBC – Dates TBC

2009 World Championships – Bid: Erik Butzelaar, Emmeloord, Holland – Dates TBC

2010 European Championships – Bid: TBC – Dates TBC

2010 World Championships – Bid: Greg Ashford, Bath, GB – Dates TBC

12. AOB

Due to the untimely death of Brian Clement, the election of a new Technical Officer was required.

Robert Campbell (GB) was proposed and unanimously agreed.

For future Championships the WPF/EPC Secretary will be responsible for sending Championships details which are to be returned, fully completed to the secretary 6 weeks before the event. A further 2 weeks shall be allowed for checking for completed details before issuing to the promoter. This is to ensure all of the relevant details are issued before the Championship closing date.

13. Adjournment

President closed the Congress meeting at 22.25 hours.

Foot note report:

International Referees Exam Invigilators David Carter GB reports to following:

Candidate: Eory Konrad, AUS, passed with 90%

International Referee Exams can only be conducted at World, European and International Championships by trained invigilators, who are also international referees.

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