

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CIPA
EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE
GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA, ON
TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2007**

CIPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

James Pollard	President
Margaret Brooks	Vice-President
Norio Iwakata	Member
Lorraine Norton	Member
Nicola Genchi	Member
Olga Soto	Secretary/Interpreter

COUNTRIES PRESENT (21)

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Gt.Britain, Israel, India, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, P.R. China, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Taipei, U.S.A. Uruguay.

There were no apologies for the meeting.

MINUTES FOR 2006

The Minutes of the meeting held in 2006 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President report on Seminars he had held in Shanghai, China, and Chinese Taipei, for Coaches, Judges, Skaters which was sponsored by CIPA together with assistance from these two Federations.

At the same time he visited the site of the 2008 World Championships to be held in Kaohsiung City, who will also be hosting the 2009 World Games.

The Asian Olympic Committee has approved our sport to be included in the Asian Games which is a very important decision for the future. Our aim is to try and get roller skating into the Olympic Games and this is an important step towards our goal.

The Pan American Games was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil this year where 5,000 spectators watched the figure skating. It is important to note that some Olympic Committee Members were present to see this. A new speed skating track was built inside a new velodrome, in the hope that for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, speed skating will be included.

The CIPA Calculating programme Licence is available for a further 18 months free of charge to all registered Federations and we thank Richie Gussmann, Chief Calculator for this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Information was given to all Nations on all the disciplines included in the World Championships.

Figures – it was pointed out that there were diagrams within the information on the major/minor parts of loops (for clarification).

Free Skating – The new rules that were adopted for this year will not be changed and these were again included in the information given out, including information for Inline Free Skating.

Dance Couples – The new rules that were adopted for this year will not be changed for Original Dance and Free Dance and these were given out again. In addition to this information Margaret Brooks had prepared a document explaining the Rhythm for Original Dance for 2008 (Spanish Melody) to help Nations understand the different choices of music.

A CD of compulsory dance music for both Junior/Senior Couples, and Junior/Senior Solo Dance will be given to all Federations doing dance, at the end of the meeting, which they should sign for.

Two years ago the CIPA Executive Committee invited all Nations to provide new dances for both Junior/Senior Championships and this is being worked on at the moment.

Margaret Brooks reported that the the Italian Coaches Cinzia Bernardi and Lorenza Residori have worked on a new dance called the Castel March, (which was discussed at the European Seminar held in April of this year where alterations were made), and this will be demonstrated during the week, after which CIPA Executive Committee will decide if this should be a new dance included in the Schedule for the future.

Solo Dance – Junior Solo Dance was included in the World Championships for the first time and will continued as a separate discipline. In addition for 2008 there will be Senior Solo Dance (all information in the documents given to nations).

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FOR SENIOR SOLO DANCE SKATERS WHO ARE AT LEAST TWELVE (12) YEARS OF AGE AND NOT YET THIRTY FIVE (35) YEARS OF AGE AS OF JANUARY 1 IN THE YEAR OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS, WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART.

Two (2) skaters per country maximum in Junior and two (2) skaters per country maximum in Senior.

SKATERS CANNOT SKATE BOTH JUNIOR/SENIOR COUPLES DANCE AND SOLO DANCE IN THE SAME CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Precision Skating – the same rules apply and it should be noted that **EACH TEAM CAN CONSIST OF 12 MINIMUM/24 MAXIMUM SKATERS INCLUDING RESERVES**

Small Show Groups – the same rules apply and it should be noted that **EACH TEAM CAN CONSIST OF 6 MINIMUM/12 MAXIMUM SKATERS INCLUDING RESERVES.**

Large Show Groups – the same rules apply and it should be noted that **EACH TEAM CAN CONSIST OF 16 MINIMUM/30 MAXIMUM SKATERS INCLUDING RESERVES.**

General Information

Deduction Sheet – A deduction sheet had been drawn up for easy reference for Judges/Referees, and this is included in the information to all Federation, as additional information for Coaches/Skaters.

Coaches Information – During the Championships, in the Ready Area only the skater of the event and their Coach are allowed.

Please would all Coaches remember that shouting or instructing skaters at the side of the rink during any competition is not allowed.

If this happens, the Coach involved will be removed from the rink and the skater may be penalised. **It happened during the Junior event and it is not “professional” for any Coach to act in this way during an event.**

Web Site – the FIRS web site - www.rollersports.org. is up and running and it is possible to download the following documents

Skaters official entry forms for all disciplines in the World Championships In both English and Spanish **(these must be completed by each country when entering their skaters, and not put on a blank piece of paper. If a country does not complete this form the entry form will have to be completed when they arrive at a Championship and this takes up a great deal of time for registration.**

CIPA Official rule book both in English and Spanish.

Please note that alterations to this book will be included in the web site at the end of November, and the alterations/additions will be in red to easily identify any changes required.

Dance patterns are also on the web site.

Nicola Genchi, member of CIPA who puts information for CIPA on this site, stated that he welcomes information from Countries that can be included on on this site. He reported that a Colombian Judge had done a lot of work on the CIPA Rule book by preparing it all in Spanish.

This site should be where we can all share information on the sport of artistic roller skating.

On the evening of the Show Championships there were 11,000 hits on this site.

F.I.R.S.

The President reported that at the FIRS Central Committee Meeting the previous day the question of an athlete representing skaters was discussed. Last year CIPA asked all Nations to nominate a skater who had competed within the last 10 years in a World Championship, to forward names to CIPA by March 1st, and only one country had done this.

He asked that ALL nations consider this and put forward a name by 1 March 2008, and at the next World Championships the Senior athletes at the Worlds would vote for their representative (one person only being elected for the position and if it was a female, then automatically the next male skater in the voting would be appointed as a deputy and visa versa – if a male was elected, then the next female skater in the voting would become the deputy).

ANTI DOPING

The President reported that these procedures were becoming more strict, but in artistic we were lucky that over the past 20 years only two athletes had been tested positive and both of these were given medicine for colds. It is very important Coaches/Parents/Skaters are very careful they check any medicine they may take for any allergy/colds etc.

Remember that random drug testing can take place at any time during training sessions in their own countries and at any time during a World Championship. There may also in the future be blood testing, so please everyone be careful what medicine is given to skaters.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

The World Championships in 2008 will be held in Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei, from 8-22 November, and a DVD was shown of the City.

Much information was given out to all Nations by the Organiser of the Championships and he said by the end of the year a web site will be working with more information on about transport, hotels, etc.

Visa are required for Taipei, and a list of countries requiring these would also be put on the web site by the Organisers.

The rink would be 25 x 50 metres (possibly of wood with a plastic coating but this to be confirmed).

The President thanks the Organisers for their information and said that we were all looking forward to the 2008 World Championships.

2009 World Championships

These were confirmed for Freiburg, Germany from 10-21 November.

2010 World Championships

Portugal, Italy, and Spain have asked for these, but under the FIRS rules the country who had not held a World Championship would have the first refusal, and then the one who had one earlier, and therefore the order should be Portugal, Italy and then Spain.

Portugal said they hope to be able to hold these in Nazare or if this is not possible, in the Algarve, but more information would be given at a later date.

2011 World Championships

Brazil and Argentina had requested this, and according to FIRS rules the first choice would be Brazil.

2012 World Championships

An application from Australia, in the City of Adelaide, had been received for these.

2013 World Championships

France had applied for these to be held in Paris.

2014 World Championships

At the moment this was open for Europe to apply.

The President said we have never been in a situation before when we have application so far ahead for the World Championships, and it was a good situation.

**THIS MEETING IS DEDICATED TO CAMILLO MARTINI – MEMBER OF
CIPA FOR 25 YEARS WHO DIED IN JANUARY 2007 AFTER A SHORT
ILLNESS.**

**HE WAS A VERY SPECIAL PERSON WHO WORKED CONTINUOUSLY
FOR THE CIPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND WAS HIGHLY
REGARDED BY EVERYONE - HE WILL BE VERY MUCH MISSED BY US
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