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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD IN ROME, ITALY
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MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Rome, Italy 30 November 2008

Participants:

- José Perurena López,
- Istvan Vaskuti, Richard Fox
- Shoken Narita, Luciano Buonfiglio
- Seifudin Patwa, Belén Sánchez Jiménez,
- Charles H. Yatman, Xin Qunying, Albert Woods,
- Helen Brownlee, Cecilia Farias, Victor Ruiz, Anthony Chan,
- Maree Burnett, Halina Pikula, Irina Siraeva, Branko Lovric,
- Frank Garner, Jean-Michel Prono, Jorn Cronberg,
- Jens Perlwitz, François Ryffel,
- Joao Manuel Da Costa Alegre,
- Greg Smale, Lluís Rabaneda i Caselles
- Donald McKenzie, Simon Toulson

Guests:

- Ms Nao Miyawaki
- Csaba Szanto
- Brandi Derksen

Item Description	Responsible:	Deadline:
<p>ICF President Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ICF President welcomed the new BoD to the meeting following the ICF Congress. He hoped that the BoD under his leadership would be fruitful and worthwhile - The new members of the BoD were welcomed and congratulated on their successful election. - The President outlined that he wanted everyone to work together as a team to discuss issues relating to the ICF and Canoeing and to move the Federation forward. The Canoe disciplines should be able to speak and make their points at the BoD in order that a - The President stated he wanted to create a positive relationship with the other paddling Federations during his term of office. He wanted the BoD members to play an active role in the ICF activities. - It was highlighted that the ICF had the right to organise its World Championships especially for Dragon Boat. 		
<p>ICF Congress Conclusions and Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don McKenzie requested that in the future Congress proceedings must follow normal Congress rules and proceedings in order that the Congress progresses correctly. - The use of Proxy vote was raised as a concern and also the voting process was seen as unreliable as it was seen that some voters did not understand what they were voting for. The process would be examined for the next Congress. - For the next Congress an electronic voting system would be available. In addition, it was agreed that late proxies, changes in proxies or votes would not be allowed once the Congress had commenced. 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A formal closure of the next Congress was proposed and approved. - Women and Canoeing was discussed and proposed to be a Committee, however as there had not been an election it was decided that it would remain as a Commission but given an operating budget to progress its work. - The situation of Sea Kayaking / Ocean Racing was discussed this was seen as something the ICF needed to investigate more and perhaps consider sanctioning competitions. - The ICF staff were thanked by the BoD for their excellent work in preparing the Congress and their professional nature during the Congress. - The ICF Licence programme had not been discussed during the Congress. The BoD confirmed the project and gave the consent for the HQ to progress with the logistics of the programme. 		
<p>ICF Committee Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sprint Canoe Committee The BoD approved Dr Jens Kahl (GER), Elly Muller (NED), Risto Lehtinen (FIN), Toshihiko Furuya (JPN). Special advisor was Cecilia Farias. - Canoe Slalom Committee The BoD approved Sue Natoli (AUS), Thomas Schmidt (GER), Eric Lokken (USA), Helen Reeves (GBR). - Canoe Marathon Committee The BoD approved Ruud Heilselaar (NED), Alan Laws (GBR), Stefan Gustavsson (SWE), Pedro Arrizabalaga (ESP). Special advisor was Robin Belcher (AUS) and Tim Cornish (RSA). - Wildwater Canoeing Committee The BoD approved Tomislav Crnkovic (CRO), Libuse Roleckova (CZE), Aleix Faurat (ESP) and Francois Beauchard (FRA). - Canoeing for All The BoD approved John Edwards (CAN), Thomas Konietzko (GER), Gina Sanchez (USA), David Gentis (GBR) and Diego Doga (ITA). - Athletes Committee The BoD approved the Non-Olympic representatives of Goran Coter (CRO) and Pereira Filipe (POR). Helen Reeves indicated her desire to withdraw from the Committee to be in the Canoe Slalom Committee. The BoD made no decision regarding the ability of Helen to be on two Committees. 		
<p>Working Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Working Programme for 2008 – 2010 would be put on the agenda for each BoD meeting to evaluate progress in achieving the ICF goals and objectives. 		
<p>Development Programme</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a general consensus that the administration of this was not as effective as it should be. - It was suggested to create a template of items for the Development Programme that could be selected from. A discussion regarding the evaluation of programmes and how activities are assessed was held. Further assessment was recommended in this area. - Non-Olympic disciplines requested a budget to create special development programmes for their projects. 		
<p>Anti-Doping Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The adaption to the new 2009 WADA code had involved some major work in the revision of more than 100 pages of text. The changes were now available on the website. The ICF now faced the challenge of educating its NFs and athletes of the changes. - Documentation and material for anti doping education needed to be drafted by the ICF. 		
<p>Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ICF President announced that he would no longer be on any ICF Juries instead would take up a protocol role front of house at competitions. - BoD members were asked to be considered for positions on the ICF Juries. - The ICF HQ were given the authority to approve all athletes that requested changes of sporting nationality on condition that they met the necessary technical requirements for 2009. - The BoD were made aware of the ICF Coaches Symposium to be held in Poland in February 2009. It was hoped more than 100 people would attend this event. - The next Board of Directors Meeting would be 19 – 21 March 2009 in Lausanne, Switzerland. 		


