

CONGRESS MINUTES

2015 EUROPEAN MASTERS WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESS OF NATIONS – MINUTES OF MEETING Bangor – NORTH WALES 17th June 2015

Congress Started – 19.00 hours

1. Words of Welcome:

The EMC Chairman, Bill Barton, welcomed all the delegates to the 2015 Congress of Nations.

2. Roll Call:

Countries present at Congress – Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden.

16 voting nations

3. Previous Congress Minutes from 2014 Kazincbarcika - Hungary:

3.1. Acceptance of Minutes (Proposal – Cyprus)

16 votes accepted unanimously

4. Financial Report from the EMC by Bill BARTON

This year's financial report is again supported by a copy of the Bank statement. 2014 shows a balance of € 6,962.96 He explained all Incomes and Expenditures. He also noted that the final accounts, with all receipts supporting, have been prepared by an official accountant in the UK.

The financial report was accepted unanimously.

5. Report by this years' organizer:

Bill Barton informed that he played a big role in the 2015 organization and travelled to several meetings with Bangor University to clarify all necessities. He thanks the University Bangor and Dave Jones with his organizing committee for their efficiency and that no complaints have been made.

No reports from the European Masters chairman and the European Masters GS have been produced for Congress this year.

5. Proposals for this European Masters Congress:

None

Proposals to World Masters Congress:

None.

6. Women's Report by Denise Offermann

All women agreed that all facilities and equipment were in place and in great condition. Also the training place nearby was very welcomed. There was some very good lifting observed from the women. The number of entries increase yearly so does the quality of lifting. Women's qualifying standards need to be updated. Some interesting new records have been broken.

7. European Masters Hall of Fame

Claire Cameron (GBR) and Caroline Charles (GBR) both initiated into the European Masters Hall of Fame at the 2015 European Masters, Bangor University.

8. 2016 Bids:

Azerbaijan Masters chairman Natig Aghayev informed everybody that he wants to organize another European Masters WL Championship again in Nakchivan, where the 2014 World Masters Cup was held with success. Mr. Aghayev emphasized that he does not want any share from the entry fees for his organization. He therefore offers his share as part to pay the Visa to enter Azerbaijan. He also informed us that everybody will be able to obtain their visa upon arrival at any airport in Azerbaijan. The European Masters Secretariat will issue the letter of Invitation to those nations who need visa.

BB stated that since no other bid came in Congress is asked to vote for other against Azerbaijan. 14 votes were for and 2 abstain.

2016 European Masters WL championships will be held in Nakchivan.

Mr. Aghayev allowed the European Masters Committee to choose the dates.

All national delegates will be informed soon of dates, location of competition hall etc..

Cyprus: D. Offermann at first received an offer from a Russian Crossfit located in Limassol to hold the 2016 or 2017 European Masters Championship. Unfortunately the Crossfit withdrew.

9. Future bids: 2017

2017 EUROPEAN MASTERS WL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

BB reminded Europe that the 2017 World Masters Games will take place in Auckland – New Zealand from the 21 – 30 April 2017. There will be no European Masters WL Championships at the usual time of the year. Jean – Paul Belmas (FRA) noted that the Club from the Strasbourg area might be interested. He will be hopefully given more specific information later in the year.

BB noted that the European Masters Championships shall be held after summer, around the time where usually the World Masters Championships are held. We hope to get more bids for 2017.

10. Other Business

10.1. Old Business

Denise Offermann gave an update on Doping report from 2014 and news regarding the 2015 new WADA and IWF Anti Doping Code.

10.2. New Business.

- 2015 World Masters Cup, Dallas, Report by D. Offermann
- 2015 European Masters Games in Nice – France. Bill Barton

Congress closed at 20:26 hours

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(Note – this agenda will not be subjected to change between now and Congress without notification to European Masters National Chairmen).