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Plenary Assembly, Teheran, Iran: 16 October 2008

Present at the Plenary Assembly:

FAM_ Andorra (proxy vote)
FASA_ Argentina (proxy vote)
ASKIMO_ Austria
ACC_ Canada
CHS_ Czech Republic
DB_ Denmark
FFCAM_ France (no right to vote)
FFME_ France
DAV_ Germany (proxy vote)
FISI_ Italy (proxy vote)
JMA_ Japan
KAF_ Korea
PZA_ Poland
CAR_ Romania (proxy vote)
FEDME_ Spain
SAC_ Switzerland
AAC_ USA (proxy vote)
SSA Slovakia

Observers :

Mr. Mike Mortimer, UIAA President
Mr. Nico de Jong, UIAA Management Committee member
Mr. Silvio Calvi, UIAA Management Committee member

9:25am: Plenary assembly opened by the President of Iranian Mountain Federation

The president of IRIMF, Mr. Mahmoud Shoaiei, he thanked those present for coming to Iran and attending the Assembly.

The General Secretary exposes that 12 members with voting right and 1 member without voting right attended the Assembly, and 6 proxy votes were registered. ***The total of votes is 18 and the majority 10.*** The General Secretary of FFCAM exposes that FFCAM is not intending to stay as member of ISMF.



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The President of ISMF gives the word to Mr. Mortimer, president of UIAA. Mr. Mortimer explains the position of UIAA about the agreement for unit member. The president exposes that the independence of ISMF is a very "Eurocentric" position. He doesn't see any advantage of being independent. ISMF will be a week federation with no Olympic recognition. If ISMF doesn't sign the agreement, UIAA will send a letter to WADA and IOC telling that ISMF was not ready to accept an agreement. He points as well that ISMF need to take doping more seriously.

1. Approval of the minutes of the ISMF constitutional assembly and the ISMF extraordinary assembly hold in Champéry (SUI) on 27.02.2008. (Annex 1 and 2 of agenda)

The minutes are approved without comment by unanimity with 18 votes.

2. Report of the President (Annex 22 of agenda)

The president reads his report. The points out the most important items achieved this season, especially with the creation of the Technical Department, the nomination of the Technical Director Mr. André Dugit. He exposed as well the effort made to develop the sport with the new Sport Projects and the development projects. After reading the President asks for comments. No comments.

3. Sports report :

a. Season 2007-2008 (Annex 3 of agenda)

Mr. Josep Castellet, in name of the Technical Director Mr. Dugit, exposes the Report of the Season 2008-2009.

David Dornian (ACC) thanks for the improvement of regulations and communication. They are now more coherent and easy to understand. He point still some problems to get recognition of Canadian referees coming from the former ISMC team, that hope that will be solved soon.

a. Sports project (Annex 4 of agenda)

Mr. Josep Castellet, in name of the Technical Director Mr. Dugit, exposes the Report of the Sports Project.

Dornian (ACC) proposes to change in the future the name of "homologated" race, which is not known or understandable in America. Korea asks mens is the "classical races". Mr. Castellet answers that "classical races" are races with a long history and high reputation and participation, as could be "Tour de France" in cycling. Some of those classical races and Pierramenta or SellaRonda are now part of the World Cup. The President insists on the willing of ISMF to integrate races out of Europe. Answering to a question of Hiro Sasoo (JMA) Mr. Castellet points that races willing to hold Continental



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Championships have to be before homologated. Mr. Cepelkova (CHS) proposes to make exceptions for young people about the rule that every team has to be from the same nation. Mr. Müller (CAS) appreciated and congratulates the work but fears that the step is too big. He recommends to stand back a bit and look how it works now before making so many changes: not so fast but, solid. Mr. Leitner (SSA) exposes one question. He is ex-racer and knows very good all races. With the actual Sports Project, the motivation is ok for the racers. The problem is media: we have only one relays race, and those kind of races are is very mediatic. We need more interesting races to attract media. The President agrees and says that we have to increase our presence in the media. ISMF is trying to add a journalist in the ISMF team for improving communication. By now we don't have but we work on it. ISMF will as well soon decide about the website project, which will help to communicate as ell. Leitner proposes to make a small race the day before the World Cup races. Castellet agrees and says that it's on the mind of the Technical Department, he will forward this proposal to Mr. Dugit. Mr. Sasoo (JMA) asks for the original of the brochure printed for Friedrichshafen in order to translate it to Japanese. Mr. Castellet, General Secretary, promises to send it to him. Koreas asks to have access to the drafts of such document before printing them, to be able to give their advice.

The Sports Porject is approved with 16 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention.

b. Season 2008-2009 (Annex 5 of agenda)

Mr. Josep Castellet, in name of the Technical Director Mr. Dugit, exposes the Calendar 2008-2009. He points that Whistler Race maybe Continental Championship (negotiations are running) and that Japan may have as well one homologated race.

The Calendar 2008-2009 is approved with 16 votes.

4. Proposals of regulations' amendments (Annex 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of agenda)

a. Motion of FEDME: discussion and voting (Annex 16 of agenda)

The General Secretary asks if there is any question about the regulation and the changes, which were attached as annexes to the agenda.

Mr. Dornian (ACC) asks about the future policy of ISMF about non modified equipment. The General Secretary exposes that one first step was taken obliging to use equipment produced by a legal and registered company. The goal of modified equipment will be achieved in 2-3 years with coordination with the Manufacturer's Pool.

Mr. Sasoo (JMA) asks about the special motion for Asia about DVA device. The General Secretary points that this subject is in appendix 7 of the Organizer's Regulations.



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- b. Mr. Jordi Pons (FEDME) exposes the first motion to the regulations. He reads the motion. The President exposes the reasons of ISMF for this changes (annex 1 of minutes). Mrs. Cepelkova exposes that it's not good to lower down the age to 15, since this is a sport for adults.

The motion is approved with 8 votes for, 4 votes against and 5 abstentions.

After this result, FEDME decides to withdraw the second motion, which consequently is not approved.

5. Exclusion, withdraw and admission of members (Annex 12 of agenda)

The general Secretary exposes that CAI (Italy) send a letter exposing that they don't wish to join ISMF with date 27.02.2008. The withdrawal is accepted and registered and CAI is not any more member of ISMF.

6. Financial situation: Competence of the PA with regards with the ISMC accounts of 2007. (Annex 13 and 20 of agenda)

Mr. President exposes that this is a special situation because ISMF is approving accounting of another institution, ISMC. Since the members are the same, the president proposes a "salomonic" solution: a moral approval from ISMF and forward them to UIAA for final approval. Mr. Calvi exposes that ISMC, if exists, should have a PA today. Since this is not happening, it's better to vote now the accountings by ISMF. It's anyway strange that an association votes about matter of another association.

The accountings at 31.12.2007 are approved with 17 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention.

Mr. Pierre Dollo, Vice-President, in name of the Treasurer, Mr. Yves Veya, exposes as well the need to close accounting of ISMF at date of 28.02.2008 (Annex 2 of the minutes), the day after constitution of ISMF. The accountings at 28.02.2008 are approved for 14 votes for, 0 votes against and 2 abstentions.

7. UIAA agreement : discussion and voting (Annex 14 of agenda)

UIAA agreement: Mr. Lopez, President, exposes that he work hard with Mr. Mortimer to get the best possible agreement. When the agreement was proposed to MC in Barcelona, the most part of the members were against joining UIAA. The arguments were different: doping affaire, paying for services, easier management of sport if ISMF is independent, more growing options. UIAA lost climbing, and lost the opportunity to add skyrunners to them. He exposes that it's not easy from him to exposes this because he fought 5 years for staying in UIAA, but now he can't close the eyes to reality and he can't ignore the opinion of MC. The president asks as well to make a



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definitive decision to avoid talking about this in the future. He proposes to get the opinion of every member and have a small and polite debate. David Dornian exposes that he agrees with the work done by ISMF and as well to make this sport bigger. His point of view is that a small federation is more difficult to manage for non-European countries. For those reasons and due that all this are too many changes, his opinion is that is better to remain in UIAA. Mrs. Cepelkova, CHS, has not find any important reason to split form UIAA, so they are for staying in UIAA. Mr. Sasoo (JMA) has the same opinion as Canada. He asks that if ISMF can manage doping. The General Secretary answers that yes, but obviously it will be more expensive. Mr. Wierzbowski, Poland, says that IFSC didn't improve since independence. Mr. Sasoo (JMA) says that fee may increase if we are independent. The General Secretary answers that fee don't depend of independence or not, since ISMF is getting no substantial incomes from UIAA. The President, Mr. Lopez, clears as well that an independent ISMF will be for sure more expensive. Mr. Leitner (SSA) is only members of ISMF, not of UIAA. He exposes that our sport is close as well to ski. There are always conflict of interest between climbers and skiers. Regarding the agreement, he thinks that the cooperation exposed there is too few to sign an agreement. Mr. Muller (CAS) exposes that in Singapore he understood that climbers want to leave and he understood that skimountaineering was divided between "split supporter" and "not split supporter". That was the reason of restructuring UIAA. In Matsumoto again a voting was made: 8 to 8. In Champéry the goal was to get into UIAA as unit member. In his opinion, the document is good for signing. UIAA is not interested in interfering ISMF, but being together will help to develop the sport. He exposes as well that CAS is proud of integrating climbing in CAS so that should be the same in UIAA with skimountaineering. Finally he exposes that the decision taken today has to be hold for 4 years and not open the debate every year again. Jordi Pons exposes that he talks as UIAA honorary members. He has been in UIAA for 38 years, when it was a big family. He has followed all process of ski mountaineering. He understands that climbing splits, but he thinks that somehow ISMF should stay together with UIAA. Mr. Mortimer, UIAA President, proposes that ISMF stays for 4 years and sees after if the cooperation works. If it doesn't work, then he will support the split. Mr. Kassel, advisor of ASKIMO, asks himself which is the profits of each part are. For ISMF the umbrella of UIAA is week. Maybe better would be to approach FIS if ISMF need a strong umbrella. He asks himself as well if there is any advantage in media and sponsors if joining UIAA?

The result of the voting is 9 votes for, 9 votes against, 0 abstentions. The president proposes 5 minutes rest.

After the rest, the president proposes make a second round voting, but he would like to vote if the members agree in a second voting round. FEDME and FAM ask to do



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both voting in secret bullet. The proposal of the President is approved with 15 votes for, 3 against and 0 abstentions.

The second round voting about the UIAA agreement has following text:

Vote YES: ISMF should sign the agreement and be unit member of UIAA

Vote NO: ISMF should NOT sign the agreement and not be unit member of UIAA

The results of the voting is YES=8 votes, NO=10 votes. As consequence, the agreement will not be signed.

8. Finances: 2009 ISMF budget (Annex 15 of agenda)

Mr. Dollo, Vice-President, on behalf of Treasurer Mr. Yeva, exposes the budget, which has following important points:

- The fees member fees are increased in 50%. This is to ensure that the structure of ISMF is financed by the members.
- The races will only pay the their costs. ISMF will no charge any fee and not assume any cost of the races.
- The manufacturer's pool bring new incomes to ISMF
- The expenses budget previews as well budget for Antidpoing and Discliplinary commissions.

Mr. Wierzbowski, Poland, asks to see the details of what each member pays.

Mr. Castellet (General Secretary) shows the detail of fees, explaining that this is the same fees structure than applied in 2008. Mr. Müller (CAS) asks for voting a proposal: not to increase the fees on 50% for 2009. The voting has as result 8 vote for, 10 votes against. The proposal is not approved. Mr. Wierzbowski, Poland, exposes that PZA is not ready to pay 5 times more the Slovakia because it's unfair. Mr. Castellet, General Secretary, exposes that he will forward the worries of PZA to the Executive board and discuss about it. The President promises as well to review all the member fees policy to make it more fair and easy.

The budget 2009 is finally approved with 12 votes for, 3 votes against and 3 abstentions.

9. Appointment of Anti-doping commission, Disciplinary commission and appeal commission members

Mr. Dollo exposes the candidates for the Disciplinary Commission (Annex 3 of minutes). He explains as well that the missing candidates (XXX) will have to be



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filled up with candidates coming from ISMF members. He exposes as well that if there are enough candidates, FFME will withdraw one of the 2 candidates. The position of President, with only one candidate, Mr. Breillat (CV in annex 4 of the minutes) has to be approved by the Plenary Assembly. The nomination of Mr. Breillat is approved 17 votes for and 1 abstention.

Mr. Dollo exposes the candidates for the Anti-doping Commission (Annex 5 of minutes). He explains as well that the missing candidates (XXX) will have to be filled up with candidates coming from ISMF members. He exposes as well that if there are enough candidates, FFME will withdraw one of the 2 candidates. The position of President, with only one candidate, Mrs. Roze has to be approved by the Plenary Assembly. The nomination of Mrs. Roze is approved with 17 votes for and 1 abstention.

10. General Assembly 2009 and 2010: candidates presentation and voting (Annex 17, 18, 19 and 21 of agenda)

Mr. Castellet, General Secretary, exposes that there is only one candidature for holding the 2009 Plenary Assembly (Bratislava, SSA). The candidature of SSA is approved with 18 votes for.

Mr. Castellet, General Secretary, exposes as well that there is only one candidature for holding the 2010 Plenary Assembly (Salzburg, ASKIMO). The candidature of ASKIMO is approved with 18 votes for.

11. Any other business

There is no other business

The President concludes the meeting. He insists on the need to keep unity and work for all countries in the world in this new time for ISMF. He thanked the assembly and closed the meeting at 14.15pm.

Josep Castellet
Secretary General