



Minutes of the XII IOF Congress on Friday 13 July 1984 in
Maynooth, Ireland.

1. The President opened the Congress, and praised the efforts of the Irish Orienteering Association in organising it. Opening of the Congress
- The President asked the Congress to stand and observe 2 minutes' silence for Miroslav Hlavacek (TCH), Vice President of the IOF since 1961, who died on 30 June 1984.
2. A roll call of the delegates was taken. Present were: Roll call of the delegates
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| AUS | Dave Lotty, Hugh Cameron |
| BEL | Paul Chauveheid |
| BRD | Herbert Hartmann, Herbert Schmidt, Ernst Gruhn |
| BUL | Koljo Siderov, Vladimir Barnekov |
| CAN | Charles Fox, Gordon Hunter |
| DAN | Poul-Erik Birk Jakobsen, Erik Nielsen, Birthe Helme |
| DDR | Rolf Heinemann, Erich Krauss |
| FIN | Seppo Siirila, Jouko Purontakanen, Kalevi Tarvainen |
| FRA | Edmond Szechenyi |
| GBR | Ian McMillan, Chris James, Sue Harvey |
| HUN | Sarolta Monspart, Ernő Szarka |
| IRE | Frank Martindale, Julie Martindale, Faith White |
| ITA | Stefano Bisoffi, Alois Lantschner, Maria Elena Liverani |
| JAP | Tsunaichi Sato |
| NOR | Kaare Holt Hansen, Leif A. Karlsen, Kjell Staxrud |
| NZE | Robyn Davies |
| SUI | Edgar Bächtold, Bruno Tantanini, Remy Steinegger |
| SWE | Åke Jacobsson, Lennart Levin |
| TCH | Josef Krch |
| USA | Bruce Wolfe |

Observers

Arne Krog	DAN
Michael Friedlander, Charley Gaber	Israeli Sport Orienteering Association
Lars Lystad	NOR
Per Nordahl	SWE

Honorary Member

Lasse Heideman	FIN
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Council Members

Bengt Saltin	IOF President	SWE
Heinz Tschudin	IOF Vice President	SUI
Sue Harvey	IOF Secretary General	GBR

Committee Members

Torsten Åhlander	SK	SWE
Matti Salmenkylä	SK	FIN
Jan Lien	KK	NOR
Flemming Nørgaard	KK	DAN
Jan Söderberg	TK	SWE

3. The Secretary General announced the voting rights: simple majority 11 out of 20; three-quarters majority 15. Voting rights
4. The Congress praesidium was elected: Congress Praesidium
 Bengt Saltin President
 Heinz Tschudin Vice President
 Herbert Hartmann West Germany
 Gordon Hunter Canada
 P-E Birk Jakobsen Denmark
 Sue Harvey Secretary General
5. Two minutes witnesses were elected: H. Schmidt (BRD) and I. McMillan (GBR). Minutes Witnesses
6. The Agenda was approved with the following amendments: Approval of Agenda
 a) 12.2 to be taken before 12.1.
 b) Tellers to be appointed at Item 6.
 c) An application for membership from the Israeli Sport Orienteering Association to be handled as Item 12.1.d.
- It was agreed that an Austrian proposal to limit Congress participation fees, received after the deadline for proposals, would be handled by the Council after the Congress.
- Bruce Wolfe (USA), Marie Elena Liverani (ITA), Ernö Szarka (HUN) were appointed as tellers. Appointment of tellers
7. It was agreed that the Congress deliberations should be open. Open sessions
 The following observers were welcomed: Observers
 Lars Lystad (NOR); Arne Krog (DAN); Per Nordahl (SWE); Michael Friedlander and Charley Gabon (Israeli Sport Orienteering Association).
8. The auditors for the previous period were Sweden (Åke Jakobsen) and Ireland (Ted McGrath). Auditors for previous period
9. The minutes of the previous Congress were approved. Minutes of the previous Congress
10. The Executive report for the previous Congress period was approved. Executive report
11. The Committee reports in the Agenda papers were approved with the following additions: Committee reports
 a) KK. The booklet on "Simple O-Maps" is now at proof reading stage.
 Some small additions to the "Drawing Specifications" were agreed the previous day.
 b) TK. The final version of the Drugs Rules has been distributed.
 A paper on land access has been circulated at this Congress.
 International Event Reports: delegates are asked to help to ensure that these are always completed and returned.

- c) SK A report was circulated during the Congress week. Two typographical/reproduction errors were noted.

- 12.2 The Secretary General outlined the background to the proposal to exclude Israel from membership and indicated that the Israeli Orienteering Association had not paid its membership fees for 1982, 1983, and 1984.

Applications for membership

The proposal was carried unanimously. The Secretary General was asked to inform the Israeli Orienteering Association of the decision

- 12.1 Cuba, Philippines and the Netherlands were admitted as associate members.

Israel, (the Israeli Sport Orienteering Association) having provided satisfactory evidence of its activities, its situation, and its recognition within the State of Israel, and having undertaken to abide by the IOF Statutes and pay due membership fees, was admitted as a full member.

- 13.1 Lars Lystad (NOR) gave a full, illustrated introduction to the Norwegian World Cup proposal and reported on experience to date. He referred to background papers circulated to delegates in the Congress papers and also during the Congress week. Jan Söderberg (SWE) commented on behalf of the TK. P-E Birk Jakobsen thanked Norway on behalf of the Council, and pointed out that the Council supports the proposal. If approved, the Council proposes to set up a Working Group to establish Rules and initiate organisation of the Cup in 1986.

Proposals
World Cup

P-E Birk Jakobsen recommended the Congress vote here on the principle, then details can be worked out by the Working Group and submitted for approval to the Council.

Karlevi Tarvainen (FIN) indicated that the Norwegian work and the papers provided gave a good basis for development of the project, and that FIN would support the proposal.

Gordon Hunter (CAN) pointed out that, if the proposal be approved, suitable provision for administrative costs would have to be made in the 1985-86 budget.

The proposal that an official World Cup in Orienteering be introduced in 1986, under the administration of the IOF, the detailed rules to be approved by the IOF, was approved by 18 votes to 1 with 1 abstention.

13.2 On behalf of the Council, Heinz Tschudin outlined action taken since the last Congress and referred to details given in the Congress papers. He indicated the thinking which had led to the proposal Council had submitted to the Congress.

He summarised the history of negotiations with the IOC beginning in 1940.

Heinz Tschudin pointed out that, in realistic terms, TV revenue was the deciding factor in inclusion in the Games. He recommended the Council proposal to the Congress as being a realistic way forward, proposed after much study of the problem.

Lasse Heideman (FIN) spoke against the proposal and put forward the following counter proposal:

- 1) To make a decision that the IOF should try to enter the Olympic programme, independent of where or when and in which form.
- 2) To inform IOC and GAISF about this decision with copies to all Olympic Sports Federations and local Olympic Committees.
- 3) To establish a working group consisting of members from Federations likely to participate in the Ski-OL in 1992.
- 4) To work together with IOC and the Olympic members.

After much discussion this proposal was put to the vote, and rejected by 11 votes to 8 with 1 abstention.

The Council proposal:

- That the IOF watches the international sports scene and maintains our well-established connections with the international sports organisations (IOC, GAISF)
- That the IOF concentrates on developing our sport, gaining additional member countries, and does not take up the Olympic question again, unless or until a favourable opportunity arises. This would be the case if a Swedish or Finnish city were to apply to host the Summer or Winter Games. There we would have the most promising chance of getting either Foot-O or Ski-O accepted as a demo-sport in the Olympic programme

was then voted and approved by 12 votes to 4 with 4 abstentions.

13.3 The Council's proposed activity plan was discussed. It was pointed out that changes in the plan, which is relatively detailed, would entail corresponding changes in the budget (Item 17.1).

Activity Plan

Norway proposed the inclusion of Orienteering in Schools as an additional special project. This was agreed.

There was general support for the strengthening of the Secretariat.

On Committee activities the following amendments were made to the published plans:

- KK - The standard of maps at international events would be monitored.
 - TK - A booklet on course planning would be published in 1985, and a paper on land access in due course.
 - SK - The plan will be brought up to date in February 1985.
- Item 3 of the general aims will be executed in accordance with the Congress decision on the Olympic Games.

The activity plan was approved.

14.1 a) The Congress acknowledged the written report of the organisers of WOC 83 (HUN) and thanked the Hungarians for a good championships.

World Championships

WOC 83 Report

b) A written report of Ski-WOC 84 (ITA) will be distributed in due course. Bulletin 5 was circulated. ITA indicated that the WOC had, as hoped, helped development in Italy and thanked IOF for its support in the form of courses and technical aid.

Ski-WOC 84 Report

14.2 a) Hugh Cameron (AUS) announced the centre of WOC 85 to be Bendigo, a town of 60,000 inhabitants, 150 km from Melbourne, and welcomed the member federations on behalf of the IOF. He reported that Bulletin 1 is now being distributed. Progress is on schedule.

WOC 85

b) France was accorded final appointment as organiser for WOC 87. Edmond Szechenyi (FRA) made two requests on behalf of the organisers:

WOC 87

(i) to exceed the height limit stated in the Rules. The Congress authorised the Council to decide on this matter.

(ii) The Congress acceded to the French request that the cost of drug control be borne by the IOF, this being the first occasion on which this cost has fallen to the organisers, and in view of the fact that France was appointed organiser in the year the drug testing rule was introduced.

- 14.2 c) Sweden was provisionally appointed organiser of WOC 89.
- 14.3 a) Bulgaria was given final approval as organiser of Ski-WOC 86.
- b) Finland was provisionally appointed organiser of Ski-WOC 88.
15. Denmark was approved as organiser of the XIIIth Congress. The Danish Federation welcomed the IOF to Jutland from Sunday 13 to Thursday 17 July 1986. Congress 1986
English was approved as the Congress language.
16. Sue Harvey presented the accounts for the preceding period and commented that the complexity was due to the removal of the Secretariat and the consequent currency change during the period. The Secretary General pointed out that reserves had fallen by some £1500 during the period. Accounts and Auditor's Report
Ake Jakobsen (SWE) reported on behalf of the Auditors. The accounts were approved.
- 17.1 Sue Harvey presented the budget for the coming Congress period, pointing out that it aimed to be a realistic assessment of the proposed activity plan. Budget for coming Congress period
A long discussion followed.
Kaare Holt Hansen (NOR) proposed an amendment to the Council proposal, which reduces the total income from membership fees from £115,000 for the two year period 1985-86 to £96,700, the corresponding reduction in expenditure being made largely in Committee budgets.
Bengt Saltin indicated that the Council was ready to work with this proposal.
Jouko Purontakanen (FIN) indicated Finland's strong opposition to increased membership fees, saying that alternative sources of finance, such as sponsorship, must be found instead. Finland proposed that the total membership income for the 2 years be reduced to £80,000.
After a long discussion, the Council having withdrawn its proposed budget based on a membership income of £115,000, the two proposals (NOR and FIN) were put to the vote. The Norwegian proposal was adopted by 16 votes to 3.

19. The following officers were elected:

Election of
Council

President: Bengt Saltin (SWE)
 Vice Presidents: Heinz Tschudin (SUI)
 Josef Krch (TCH)

Council: Herbert Hartmann (BRD)
 Sue Harvey (GBR)
 Gordon Hunter (CAN)
 P-E Birk Jakobsen (DAN)
 Leif Karlsen (NOR)
 Sarolta Monspart (HUN)

Bengt Saltin thanked retiring Council members, Ted Wester and John Disley, for their work.

21. GBR and DAN were appointed auditors for the coming Congress period.

Auditors for
coming Congress
period

22. Bengt Saltin thanked the Irish Orienteering Association for organising the Congress. The setting had helped to promote effective discussion. The President thanked the interpreters for their efforts and the delegates for the stimulating discussion, which would aid the Council in the coming period.

Closure of
Congress

The Congress was closed at 17.28 hours.