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CONGRESS 2007

ZAGREB (CRO) - February 3rd 2007

Introduction by Mr. Pero CIZMIĆ, President of the Croatian Softball Association

Welcome speech by Mr. Zelko MATAJA, Representative of the President of the Republic of Croatia.

I - ROLL CALL

Affiliated Federations represented by Accredited Delegates with Credentials :

AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, SPAIN, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GREECE, HUNGARY, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, RUSSIA, SLOVENIA, SAN MARINO, SERBIA, SWITZERLAND, SLOVAKIA, SWEDEN, UKRAINE.

Affiliated Federations excused :

None

Affiliated Federations absent :

ARMENIA, BELARUS (Prov), FINLAND, GUERNSEY, JERSEY, MOLDOVA, ROMANIA

Each Federation present has provided a proof of payment of its Membership Fees

A motion by the Congress to certify that all Federations present are in good standings and with right of vote is adopted by unanimity.

There are 34 Federations affiliated, 27 Federations with the right of vote, 27 Federations duly represented, the Congress is quorate.

II - MINUTES CONGRESS 2006

The Minutes of the Congress 2006 are approved by unanimity.

III – ADMISSION OF NEW FEDERATIONS

The affiliation of PORTUGAL is approved by unanimity.

The new quorum is : 35 Federations affiliated, 28 Federations with the right of vote, 28 Federations duly represented, the Congress is quorate.

IV – SUSPENSION OR EXCLUSION OF FEDERATIONS

None.

V - ACTIVITIES REPORT 2006

The Activities Report is approved by unanimity.

Note : Points VI to VIII not addressed at that stage of the Congress but kept in Agenda's order for legibility purpose.

VI - FINANCIAL REPORT 2006

The financial Report has not been provided by the Treasurer and is not available. The Congress agrees to give reasonable delay to the new Treasurer (to be appointed) to re-build the ESF accounting.

VII - BUDGET 2007

The Budget 2007 has not been provided by the Treasurer and is not available. The Congress agrees to allow the Executive Council to proceed on its behalf to only required expenditures and current business during the delay of establishing of Budget after re-building of the ESF financial situation.

VIII - APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mr. Michael RENGGLI is appointed as Auditor by unanimity.

IX - MEMBERSHIP FEES AND SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The principle of "flat fees" system to be implemented for 2008 is approved. This will imply a change in the Statutes, which will be presented to the 2008 Congress. There are no changes for 2007.

X - ACTIVITIES TO CARRY OUT

There is a general agreement that the priority is the re-building of the accounting and the financial situation.

XI - AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

None.

XII - MOTIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

XII.1 -MOTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS

Motion 1 GREAT BRITAIN (Format of slowpitch Competitions) : adopted by unanimity

Motion 2 GREAT BRITAIN (procedure for line-ups) : adopted by unanimity.

Motion 1 GERMANY (ID Card as a mean of control of identity) : adopted by unanimity.

Motion 2 GERMANY (late entries in Competitions) : proposal by the Technical Commission to combine it with Motion 3 Executive Council – GERMANY agrees .

Motion 3 GERMANY (discussion on joint CEB ESF Congresses) : adopted

Motion 1 ISRAEL (role of ESF in ISF) : adopted by unanimity.

Motion 2 ISRAEL (Commissions and Committees quarterly Reports) : Intervention NORWAY. Statement of Legal Commission : Motion does not need to change the Statutes. Motion adopted by unanimity.

Motion 1 Executive Council (Elite Cup) : Interventions BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS. Motion adopted

Motion 2 Executive Council (Premier Cup) : Interventions NETHERLANDS, SLOVAKIA, SWITZERLAND, BULGARIA, AUSTRIA, GERMANY, CZECH REPUBLIC. Motion is approved. After discussion on the details of implementation of the Premier Cup, it appears that delegations do not agree on the content of the Motion. A motion is presented for the revoting of Motion 2 Executive Council. The motion for revoting is approved by 21 votes in favor, 5 against, 2 abstentions. The result of revoting is 11 votes in favor, 11 votes against, 5 abstentions. Motion 2 Executive Council is rejected.

Motion 3 Executive Council plus 2 GERMANY (Deadline for Entry Forms) : Interventions GREAT BRITAIN, GERMANY. Motion adopted as amended (limit date for late entries : final day of the Congress)

Motion 4 Executive Council (lack of Organizer) : adopted

Motion 5 Executive Council (financial appendix) : withdrawn - all changes included in corresponding articles.

Motion 6 Executive Council (neutral Umpires) : Interventions ITALY, NETHERLANDS, CZECH REPUBLIC. Motion rejected by 17 votes against, 5 in favor, 6 abstentions

Motion 7 Executive Council (pick-up Players) : adopted as amended (4 pick-up players in 2007, 3 pick-up players in 2008)

Motion 8 Executive Council (Players Licences) : adopted as amended (14 days instead of April 1st in article AR 14.04, 15 days instead of 30 days and 7 days instead of 14 days in article CR 18.03)

The Secretary General expresses the wish to have for the future, Amendments to motions recommended by Congress Committees presented in writing.

XII.2 - MOTION FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE TREASURER

Note : Motion 9 Executive Council not addressed at that stage of the Congress but kept in Agenda's order for legibility purpose.

Motion 9 Executive Council (removal of the Treasurer) : Mr. Ami BARAN is proposed and accepted as provisional Chair of the Congress for this item. All attendants other than Delegates and Members of the Executive Council are required to leave the Congress room for a debate in camera. The Memorandum of the Treasurer has been transmitted to the Delegates.

After a vote by secret ballot the motion for the removal of the Treasurer is adopted by 21 votes in favor, 4 against, 3 abstentions.

Interventions GREAT BRITAIN, ISRAEL

XII.3 - HALL OF FAME

Mrs. Vera VAN DE VEN (BELGIUM) is admitted to the ESF Hall of Fame, category Players.

XIII - ORGANIZERS OF COMPETITIONS

The Cup Women A 2007 is allotted to Haarlem (NED).

The Cup Women B 2007 is allotted to San Marino (SMR).

The Cup Winners Cup Women B 2007 is allotted to Athens (GRE) – GREECE presents a request to modify the dates. The Executive Council will study the request and decide.

The Cup Winners Cup Men is allotted to Liberec (CZE).

The Cup Coed Slowpitch is allotted to Limeil Brevannes (FRA)

The Championship Junior Girls 2008 is allotted to Deggendorf (GER)

The Championship Men 2008 is allotted to Copenhagen (DEN)

The Championship Minime Girls 2008 is allotted to POLAND, location to be announced

The Championship Coed Slowpitch 2008 is allotted to GREAT BRITAIN, location to be announced

The Championship "under 21" Women 2008 is allotted to ITALY, location to be announced

Nominations remain open for the organization of : Championship Junior Boys 2007, Cup Winners Cup Women A 2007, Cup Men 2007, Championship Elite Women 2008.

XIV - ELECTIONS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

None

Mr. Eddy VAN STRAELEN is appointed by the Executive Council as Treasurer until the next Congress where an election for this position will take place, pursuant to the Statutes of the ESF.

XV - CONGRESS 2008

The 2008 Congress is allotted to Athens (GRE).

XVI – VARIOUS

Question ISRAEL on entries to Junior World Championship.

Intervention BULGARIA about the situation in Libya.

Closing of the Congress

Mike JENNINGS
President

Patrice BIENFAIT
Secretary General