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Minutes (ver.1.0) 40th IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/The Netherlands

Saturday, 10 June 2017, 10:15 – 16:40 (break 12:30 – 13:45)
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Participants:

AUS	Frank Anderson	(FA)	IMSSC Member
CAN	Brett Arnason	(BA)	IMSSC Member
ESP	Marcello Bresin	(MB)	IMSSC Member
FIN	Pertti Kiiskinen	(PK)	IMSSC Member
GBR	Peter Carr	(PC)	proposed IMSSC Member
GBR	Stephen Airey	(SA)	Assistant
GBR	Keith Wright	(KW)	Short Track Expert
GER	Volker Serini	(VS)	IMSSC Honorary President
GER	Reinhold Marsollek	(RM)	IMSSC Member
ITA	Rossella Sardi	(RS)	IMSSC Member
ITA	Paolo Gemme	(PG)	IMSSC Secretary and Deputy for L.Kauniste/LAT
JPN	Kenji Takai	(KT)	IMSSC Member and IMSSC VP
KAZ	Azamat Ismailov	(AI)	IMSSC Member
KAZ	Leila Utegulova	(LU)	Assistant
MON	Nanjid Oyuntsetseg	(NO)	proposed IMSSC Member
NED	Bram de Vries	(BdV)	IMSSC Honorary Member, Treasurer and Deputy for T.Smies/NED
NED	Tjeerd Smies	(TS)	IMSSC President
NOR	Sven-Åge Svensson	(SAS)	IMSSC Statistician
NOR	Ragnvald Naess	(RN)	IMSSC Member
RUS	Boris Repnin	(BR)	IMSSC Member
SWE	Jan Landelius	(JL)	IMSSC Member
SWE	Nils Larsson	(NL)	proposed IMSSC Member
SWI	Marc Hinni	(MH)	Deputy for H.P. Ambass/SWI
USA	Andrew Love	(AL)	IMSSC Member

Distribution of the Minutes:

All Participants
Other IMSSC Members (AUT/BEL/CZE/KOR/LAT/UKR)
Mr.Roland E.Maillard – Council Member of the International Skating Union

Agenda:

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Session Opening

TS welcomed 24 participants from 16 nations for the 40th annual IMSSC Session. Prior to the meeting, apologies were received from Joke Wittenberg (NED), Lasma Kauniste (LAT) and Hubert Kreutz (AUT). PG was appointed as Secretary (minutes) while TS continued the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, the number of valid votes were determined where the number is 15 (AUS, CAN, ESP, FIN, GER, ITA, JPN, KAZ, LAT, NED, NOR, RUS, SWE, SWI and USA) corresponding to the Member Countries being present or represented, out of 24 persons attending. As nominated Deputies, PG, BdV and MH voted respectively for Latvia, The Netherlands and Switzerland.

1. Approval of the Minutes 39th IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/The Netherlands 2016

Referring to the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations and due to the fact that Proposal 4/NED was approved (modification to Rule 3.7 – Participants to the Last Distance), VS proposed to delete the last sentence of the second paragraph of Rule 3.5 - Drawing and Ranking, here reported “However, the minimum number of participants in the last distance is determined by IMSSC Rule 3.7.”: the proposal has been accepted and the modification will be carried out on the 2017-2018 version of the document. The Minutes of the 39th IMSSC Session, version 1.1, was approved without modifications.

Approved	Favor 15	Against 0	Abstentions 0	Total 15
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2. Alterations of Members in the IMSSC

Proposal 1/NED: new IMSSC Member for Great Britain.

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Peter Carr has been welcomed as the new IMSSC Member for Great Britain.

Proposal 2/NED: new IMSSC Member for Mongolia.

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Nanjid Oyuntsetseg has been welcomed as the new IMSSC Member for Mongolia. NO gave an interesting presentation of the Mongolian Skating Masters Federation.

Change of IMSSC Member for Sweden.

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JL announced his retirement and proposed NL as new IMSSC Member for Sweden. Nils Larsson has been welcomed as the new IMSSC Member for Sweden.

Information from IMSSC Member for Kazakhstan.

AI announced that he is planning to resign as IMSSC Member for Kazakhstan next year and introduced his assistant, Leila Utegulova; she will be candidate for the next year as the new IMSSC Member for Kazakhstan.

3. Approval of the IMSSC Records List 2017

SAS presented the IMSSC Records List 2017: 19 new records were achieved. SAS pointed out once again that it is duty of the IMSSC Member or the Organizer of the competition to report an IMSSC record. He reported that some nations like NED and RUS are really prompt to report records and to deliver the correct documentation proving them but it is not the same for all the other nations.

AL reported that in US there is only a small number of International Referees, necessary for the record recognition, so no IMSSC Master competition has been organized in the last year; AL asked what is possible to cope with this situation and SAS replied that it is no possible to derogate on the Referee issue nor in number (all the mandatory required Referees) neither in qualification (for IMSSC records minimum of one International Referee) and suggested that the US Federation has to work in order to raise the number of Referees number in the USA.

At the end of the discussion, the record list was approved unanimously and the list will be published soon on the IMSSC website.

Finally SAS announced that he is planning to withdraw as IMSSC Statistician within next year and he would like to pass this task to someone else: TS asked the IMSSC members to search for possible candidates.

4. Selection organization MAG 2019 (candidates: Kolomna/RUS and Bjugn/NOR)

The selection for the Master Allround Games on 2019 was postponed exceptionally to that IMSSC Session with the candidatures sent to IMSSC Secretary within October 1st 2016. After the presentation of the candidature of Bjugn/NOR by RN and Kolomna/RUS by BR, there were two voting sessions as follow:

1st voting	Null	Bjugn/NOR	Favor = 6	Total 15
		Kolomna/RUS	Favor = 6	
			Abstention = 3	

2nd voting	Awarded	Bjugn/NOR	Favor = 8	Total 15
		Kolomna/RUS	Favor = 6	
			Abstention = 1	

5. Allround (AR) Games 2020 and Sprint (SP) Games 2020, Applications

Three candidates made proposals for the upcoming 2020 Masters Games:

- Baselga di Piné/ITA proposed for either Allround and Sprint Games;
- Collalbo/ITA proposed for Sprint Games;
- Calgary/CAN proposed for Sprint Games.

RS introduced the candidatures of Baselga di Piné and Collalbo while BA, speaking about the

candidature of Calgary, explained that is very difficult to get an application from them. RN asked, in case of both Master Games assigned to Italy, to have Sprint Games followed by Allround Games one week later and TS replied that you have spread the events with a gap of at least two weeks for the necessary recovery of the speedskaters participating in both events.

The voting result for the Sprint Games 2020 was:

Awarded	Calgary/CAN	Favor 10	Total 15
	Collalbo/ITA	Favor 4	
	Baselga di Piné/ITA	Favor 0	
		Abstention 1	

RS was asked to investigate about the possibility for Collalbo to organize the Allround Games in 2020; the discussion was postponed after lunch waiting for a reply. After lunch RS reported about the positive feedback from the OC in Collalbo so the voting result for the Allround Games 2020 was:

Awarded	Collalbo/ITA	Favor 14	Total 15
	Baselga di Piné/ITA	Favor 1	
		Abstention 0	

Important information was announced by KT that the next World Master Games will be in Innsbruck/AUT on January 10th to 19th 2020. This will be taken into account for the planning of IMSSC Calendar in 2019-2020.

6. Allround Games in Baselga di Piné/ITA 2018, Nations' Quota

RS has indicated that the OC in Baselga di Piné can manage 250 speedskaters as a maximum over 3 days. After short discussion, it was clear that no nations' quota is required. The registrations will begin on October 1st on the IMSSC website and if there will more than 250 registrations then the waiting list mechanism is foreseen in the registration system.

7. Sprint Games in Moscow/RUS 2018, Nations' Quota

BRK has indicated that they can manage no more than 250 speedskaters. After short discussion, it was clear that no nations' quota is required. Same decision for the registrations as per Allround Games 2018.

8. Other International Masters' Competitions in 2017/2018

The tentative list of IMSSC and other competitions in 2017/18 season is as follows.

Date	Place	Competition	Type	Status	Responsible
Dec.9th..10th 2017	Baselga di Pinè/ITA	12th Masters' Revival	SD	C	R.Sardi
Dec.28th 2017	Leeuwarden/NED	10K competition	SD	C	Stephen Airey
Jan.6th..7th 2018	Ulaanbaatar/MON	Championships of Mongolian Masters' Speedskaters 2018	SD	C	Oyuntsetseg Nanjid
Jan.13...14th 2018	Ena/JAP	All Japan Masters *	SD	C	Kenji Takai
Jan.19th...21st 2018	Baselga di Pinè/ITA	27th Master Games Allround	AR	C	R.Sardi
Jan.27th..28th 2018	Inzell/GER	20th Masters' Sprint Classic	SP	C	H.Kreutz
Feb.10th..11th 2018	Berlin/GER	19th Master Cup	AR	C	R.van Bernum
Feb.17th...18th 2018	Hamar/NOR	14th Single Distance Races	SD	TBC	Norwegian Master Committee
Mar.3rd..4th 2018	Moscow/RUS	10th Master Games Sprint	SP	C	B.Repnin
Mar.25th 2018	The Hague/NED	Open competition	SP, MS, TP	C	Stephen Airey
end of March 2018	Heerenveen/NED	14th Long Distance Races	SD	TBC	B.de Vries
end of March 2018	Heerenveen/NED	10th Heerenveen Sprint	SP	TBC	B.de Vries
end of March 2018	Kolomna/RUS	8th Russian Single Distance Races "Kolomna Ice"	SD	TBC	S.Orlov, B.Repnin
April 2018	to be communicated	5th Masters' Short Track Games	ST	TBC	K.Wright

(*) National Event that allow foreign skaters to participate

IMSSC competition
Other competition

9. ISU-IMSSC relationship and economic support

TS reported that he has taken the initiative to re-establish the relationship with the ISU. Now the ISU is supporting us financially for our generic costs and the Master Games. TS has sent a detailed 2016-2017 IMSSC report to Mr.Roland Maillard, Member of the ISU Council, our counterpart in ISU. In the autumn another face to face meeting will be planned between Roland Maillard and TS. Part of the cooperation with the ISU is promoting master speedskating in Japan, to support KT in organizing Master Games in 2021 or 2022.

VS reminded the IMSSG as interface between ISU and IMSSC; the member of this committee are VS, AL, SAS and the Korean IMSSC Member, Mr.Jae-Seok Choi. As a result of the re-established relationship between ISU and IMSSC, VS proposed to dissolve the IMMSG and, for that purpose, he will write to ISU President, Mr.Jan Dijkema.

AL commented positively the new ISU-IMSSC relationship also at the light of other Masters' Organization like that one of the Figure Skating.

FA warmly suggested to propose the recognition of the World Masters' Championships also at the light that Masters' activities are in the agenda of the next ISU Congress.

10. IMSTC: current and future status

FA reported about the history of Masters' Short Track skaters and his contact on 2010 with KW that started activities that some years later allow the organization of the 1st MIST Games (Masters' International Short Track Games) on 2012 in New York/USA, then on 2013 the 2nd MIST Games in

Ottawa/CAN and finally on 2017 the 3rd MIST Games in Sheffield/GBR. Meanwhile Short Track was also organized during the World Master Games on 2015 in Quebec/CAN.

KW held an interesting presentation about the MIST Games and in particular of the last one organized in Sheffield/GBR this year where 95 skaters (24x women, 71x men) from 14 countries participated to that important event. KW proposed also a realistic strategy for the future of the MIST games as follow:

- IMSSC to help promote Short Track;
- Expand the number of countries;
- MIST Games should be held every 2 years;
- Introduce a rotation system between continents.

KW reported that there is a 300% increasing of Masters skaters in GBR while AI said that about hundred Short Track skaters are active in NED.

PG pointed out that a Short Track working group has to work studying Article and Rules to add to the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations specific for that discipline and also for the organization of the competitions. The Short Track working group will be composed by FA (AUS), KW (GBR) and TS (NED). SAS proposed to have two different organizations, one for speedskating and another for short track, others members embrace the idea of combining long track with short track.

11. Financial Report 2016, Financial Preview 2017

The 2016 Financial Report was presented by BdV and approved unanimously by all Members present or represented. The Treasurer was discharged for the work done and the management policies adopted.

BdV introduced the discussion about the 2017 ISU donation: 10 K€ will be used for general and administrative cost, travel expenses of the IMSSC Members and for lowering the IMSSC fee of each participant of an IMSSC competition. BdV proposed to lower the fee from 12 € to 6 € starting at the 2017-2018 skating season. Maximum 10 K€ is available for each Master Game of a total of 20 K€ but BdV proposed to give the OC only the money that is really required to cover losses for the event. The OC has to make in advance a budget and afterwards supply the Treasurer with signed accounting statement. The remaining money will be used for speedskating development and support of other masters competitions. BdV proposed also to seal the entry fee for the Master Games to a maximum of 125 €. AL said that there are different problems in different regions so that money will help for each challenge. In US, for example, to cope with the Referees shortage. RN asked about anti doping test and the answer is that currently is too expensive and not realistic to execute tests that are compliant with the regulations of the WADA.

BdV announced that he will resign next year as Treasurer of the IMSSC, so candidates are requested. TS thanked BdV for his good work for a long period already.

12. New Proposals for changing IMSSC Constitution and Regulations

Proposal 5/NED: Part I Constitution, Article 3 – Sessions and Decisions of the IMSSC.

Approved	Favor 14	Against 0	Abstentions 1	Total 15
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With a minor modification of the text, the proposal was approved: the new approved text is reported below:

Approved text

The Board of the IMSSC consists of five representatives whereas three members are representing the three continents (Canada, North and South America; Europe; Asia), the fourth member is the Secretary of the IMSSC and the fifth member the Treasurer. The Board-member of each continent

is resident of a country that is member of the IMSSC. The board will only make decisions that cannot be postponed until the next annual IMSSC meeting.

The focus of the Board is the day to day organisation and operation of the IMSSC. Important tasks are:

- organize and prepare the IMSSC meetings;
- inform the members of the IMSSC about special subjects if required;
- establish and maintain the relationship with the ISU;
- represent the IMSSC in contacts and communication with other ice skating organisations and other international Masters sport organisations.

Proposal 3/NED: Part II Regulations, Rule 3.1 – Master Games.

Withdrawn	Favor	Against	Abstentions	Total
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Proposal 2/USA: Part II Regulations, New Rule 3.1.3 – IMSSC Single Distance Season Champion Awards.

Withdrawn	Favor	Against	Abstentions	Total
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Proposal 3/USA: Part II Regulations, Rule 3.1.3, Rule 4.3 and Rule 4.4.1.

Withdrawn	Favor	Against	Abstentions	Total
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Proposal 7/NED: Part II Regulations, New Rule 3.1.8 – Extra Starter Assistant.

Withdrawn	Favor	Against	Abstentions	Total
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The proposal was withdrawn but anyway the following text will be added to the document “Requirements and Advices to Organizers of International Masters’ Competition”:

When competitions are using quartet starts an extra starter assistant (two instead of the usual one assistant) is required at the start position of the 500 m to prevent accidents and to support the speed skaters to be in time and start in the correct lane.

Proposal 8/NED: Part II Regulations, New Rule 3.1.9 – False Start.

Approved	Favor 11	Against 1	Abstentions 3	Total 15
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Proposal 9/NED: Part II Regulations, Rule 3.9 – Recommendation for Overtaking.

Withdrawn	Favor	Against	Abstentions	Total
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13. Other Proposals

Proposal 4/NED – Requirements and Advices to Organizers of International Masters Competitions ver.1.2, article 20 - Closing Banquet.

Approved	Favor 5	Against 0	Abstentions 10	Total 15
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Taking also into account a comment sent by a Norwegian Master skater, the new sentence to add to the document “Requirements and Advices to Organizers of International Masters’ Competition” is the following:

For the closing banquet the Organising Committee should in favour choose for a location with good acoustic capabilities. If music is available, recorded or played live, the level of the sound should be low enough to allow social talk amongst participants.

Proposal 6/NED – ISU contributions for Masters’ Allround and Sprint Games.

Approved	Favor 15	Against 0	Abstentions 0	Total 15
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Proposal 1/USA – Strategic Discussion.

Withdrawn	Favor	Against	Abstentions	Total
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The proposal was withdrawn by the USA, due to the fact that the proposal is not clear in which “results” should be reached at the end of the discussion and also a lot of questions in the proposal are not very precise about the “topic” that has to be addressed. TS will use the figures in the spreadsheet of AL in a mail conversation/discussions with IMSSC members on a number of topics defined in the USA proposal.

14. Miscellaneous**Suggestion 1/ITA: Website support.**

MB explained how IMSSC website's support is arranged, and how the events management system was designed to bring organizers a self-serving tool. Due to the fact that all work is on a volunteer basis, the support and chances to improve functionality are limited. Should IMSSC make funds available for the task, requests to make improvements on the IMSSC website and its support service can be materialized.

Information 10/NED: Information about Masters’ Sprint Games 2019 in the Netherlands.

The Netherlands (MCLN) will organize Masters’ Sprint Games 2019 in the weekend of 9th and 10th March 2019 in the Elfstedehal icerink in Leeuwarden/NED. To avoid possible collision with a possible “Elfstedentocht” in Friesland in the winter of 2019, MCLN is going to organize Masters’ Sprint Games 2019 late in the season 2018-2019. Joke Wittenberg has already been in contact with the management of the Elfstedehal in Leeuwarden about Masters’ Sprint Games 2019.

- **Next IMSSC Session:** next 41st IMSSC Session will take place in Amsterdam on June 9th, 2018.

Session closing

At 16:40 hours, TS as chairman of the meeting thanked the participants and closed the session. He also invited everybody for a drink in the bar of the Mercure Hotel.

INTERNATIONAL MASTERS’ SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE (IMSSC)

July 19th 2017

Paolo GEMME
(IMSSC Secretary)

Members of the IMSSC:

Frank Anderson (AUS), Hubert Kreutz (AUT), Willy Caboor (BEL), Konstantin Lukashevich (BLR), Brett Arnason (CAN), Petr Novák (CZE), Marcello Bresin (ESP), Pertti Kiiskinen (FIN), Peter Carr (GBR), Reinhold Marsollek (GER), Rossella Sardi (ITA), Kenji Takai (JAP), Azamat Ismailov (KAZ), Jae-Seok Choi (KOR), Lasma Kauniste (LAT), Nanjid Oyuntsetseg (MON), Tjeerd Smies (NED), Ragnvald Næss (NOR), Boris Replin (RUS), Hans-Peter Ambass (SUI), Nils Larsson (SWE), Oleksandr Symonenko (UKR), Andrew Love (USA)

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Honorary President of the IMSSC:

Dr. Volker Serini (GER)

40th IMSSC Session - input documents		
N	document	source
1	40 th IMSSC Session – agenda	IMSSC Secretary
2	39 th IMSSC Session - Minutes of the meeting ver.1.1	IMSSC Secretary
3	IMSSC Records List 2017	IMSSC Statistician
4	Presentation of the Mongolian Skating Masters Federation	MSMF
5	IMSSC Record Certificates 2016-2017	IMSSC Secretary
6	application 2019 MGA Bjugn	Bjugn Kommune
7	application 2019 MGA Kolomna	Kolomna
8	Presentation Master Allround Games 2019 in Bjugn	Fosen Hallen Bjugn
9	application 2020 MGA Baselga di Piné	Ice Rink Pinè
10	application 2020 MGS Baselga di Piné	Ice Rink Pinè
11	application 2020 MGS Calgary	Olympic Oval
12	application 2020 MGS Collalbo	Ritten Sport
13	Master Games - participants and quota	IMSSC Secretary
14	IMSSC calendar 2017-2018	IMSSC Secretary
15	Presentation of the MIST Games	Keith Wright
16	IMSSC financial annual report 2016	IMSSC Treasurer
17	IMSSC updated statement 2017	IMSSC Treasurer
18	40 th IMSSC Session - proposals sorted acc.to agenda item	IMSSC Secretary
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