

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN BASEBALL (CEB)
ORDINARY CONGRESS
HELD ON MARCH 6, 2010
STUTT GART, GERMANY**

The Congress was called to order at 2:00 PM on March 6, 2010 by the President, Mr. Martin Miller, all members of the Executive Committee were present In accordance with the Agenda, the following actions were taken:

- (1) **ROLL CALL AND DELEGATE ACCREDITATION:** The Secretary General, Mr. Sam Pelter called the roll of Member Federation. Authorized delegates of thirty (30) Member Federations presented their Accreditation. All thirty Members were confirmed financial by the Treasurer, Mr. Rene Laforce. Eight (8) Member Federations, namely: Greece, Cyprus, Armenia, Georgia, Latvia, Poland, Ukraine and Moldova were absent. In accordance with Article 28 of the CEB Statutes, the Secretary General declared that a quorum (a minimum of 16 Member Federations) for conducting business was present. See attached list, marked “1” indicating the present and absent Member Federations, as well as the names of the Executive Committee, Technical Commission, Umpires Sub-Commission, Legal and Medical Commission members in attendance at the Congress.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF LAST CEB CONGRESS:

The Secretary General requested, but did not receive, any comments or corrections from the Congress delegates in respect of the Minutes of Meeting of the last CEB Congress, held in San Marino on March 21, 2009. The said 2009 Congress Minutes of Meeting, previously submitted to the Federations (and attached hereto marked “2”) were thereupon approved as written, by a unanimous vote of the Congress delegates.

- (2) **PRESIDENT’S WELCOME OF GUESTS:** The President acknowledged, with appreciation, the presence of the CEB Honorary Secretary General Mr.

Gaston Panaye, representatives of the St. Petersburg Clearwater Sports Commission as well as other sponsors taking booths at the Congress, Mr. Pat Doyle and Mr. Jason Holowaty of MLB, Little League representatives Ms. Beata Kaszuba, Mr. Tomasz Malec, Mr. Daniel Velte, as well as Mr. Donald Fehr, former Executive Director of the MLBP. In addition, the President introduced and requested the newly elected President of the International Baseball Federation, Mr. Riccardo Fraccari, to make a brief presentation. Mr. Fraccari gave a short overview of IBAF current status and emphasized that the first goal of IBAF is reinstatement of baseball in the Olympics and for such purpose to join together with softball for the purposes of being presented as one body. In addition, Mr. Fraccari reported that he had established a new Marketing Commission with professional people, is working towards entering baseball in the Paralympics and is concentrating on cost savings measures. There will be a new IBAF website and tournament schedules will be harmonized between IBAF and the various continental federations.

(3) **PRESIDENT'S 2009 ACTIVITY REPORT:** The President reported that 2009 had been an outstanding year for CEB – there was an excellent World Cup and TV coverage; Riccardo had been elected the IBAF President; CEB was financially sound; the work of the Marketing and PR Commissions was very positive.

(4) **NEW MEMBERS:** The Secretary General advised the Congress that there were no applications for CEB membership, although Iceland had expressed an interest in membership and was in the process of first obtaining IBAF membership before pursuing CEB membership.

(5) **AWARD OF COMPETITION HONORS:** The Treasurer read the list of competition honors for 2009, as reflected in the list attached hereto, marked “3”; the President presented the awards to the Federation representing the Federation or Club team winner of the respective tournament.

(6) **ANNUAL AWARDS:** The President announced the following winners of the 2009 CEB Annual Individual Awards:

Federation of the Year - Sweden

Umpire of the Year – Dana Beszczyński , Austria

Coach of the Year – Mauro Mazzotti, Italy

Scorer of the Year – Linda Steijger, The Netherlands

A plaque was presented to the President of the Swedish Federation; plaques will be presented to the other 2009 winners at the forthcoming Euro in Stuttgart.

(7) EURO 2010 UPDATE AND LOGO CONTEST:

Klaus Eckle of the German Federation hosting the 2010 Euro gave a brief and positive description of the preparations being made for the forthcoming Euro tournament, including a description of the various sites to be used during the competition.

Peter Kurz, Chairman of the CEB Marketing Commission, gave a short description of a contest being held by CEB, to select a logo for this year's and future years Euro competition – the contest is open to all interested parties; the winner, to be selected by the CEB EC in conjunction with the Marketing Commission, will be €1000. The rules of the contest will be posted in the near future on the CEB website and the Federations will also be advised of the rules of the contest.

MODIFICATION OF CEB STATUTES AND ELECTION BY-LAWS:

The Secretary General reiterated the modification of the CEB Statutes recommended by the Executive Committee (EC) to be considered and approved by the Congress (the Federations having been previously advised of the proposed modification) namely amend the first paragraph of Article 61 of the CEB Statutes to read as follows: "No member of the CEB Executive Committee may be appointed or serve on the Technical Commission **or be appointed or serve as an umpire, scorekeeper or technical commissioner at any CEB tournament**". By a vote of 29 Congress delegates in favor and one opposed, the EC proposition to modify the Statutes, having received the necessary two thirds vote in favor, was approved. The modified provision of the Statutes will be published shortly on the CEB website

(9) **2009 FINANCIAL AND AUDIT REPORT:** The Treasurer, Mr. Rene Laforce, advised the Congress that the version of the 2008 Financial Report (which had been presented to the 2008 Congress prior to approval by Price Waterhouse) had been reviewed with no comments from Price Waterhouse and therefore finalized. Therefore in light of no comment by Price Waterhouse Coopers, and in accordance with the decision of the 2008 Congress, the final 2008 Financial Report was deemed retroactively and conclusively approved by the Congress and the CEB Executive Committee released and discharged from any further responsibility for CEB's 2008 financial activities.

The Treasurer then presented the 2009 Financial Report and the Audit Report of Price Waterhouse Coopers (see attachment "4"). He advised the Congress that Price Waterhouse had one comment regarding the Financial Report, which was adopted by the Treasurer accordingly. The Treasurer responded to questions raised by the Norwegian delegate. The Treasurer thereupon proposed that the Congress approve the 2009 Financial Report and release and discharge the CEB Executive Committee from any further responsibility for CEB's 2009 financial activities. The Congress voted unanimously in favor of each request of the Treasurer.

(10) **2009 MARKETING AND MEDIA/PR COMMISSION:** No questions were raised respecting the MC Report. Peter Kurz, the MC Chairman, gave a brief update respecting the MC activities, including the logo contest, official ball tender and the possibility of selling of advertising at the 2010 Euro. The Chairman of the Media/PR Commission, Ricardo Schiroli, gave a short presentation regarding the activities of the commission, including dealing with tv production rights at the forthcoming Euro. He requested a PR contact point for each federation and circulated a sign up sheet for such information.

(11) **2008 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REPORT:** The Chairman of the Development Commission, Mat Fransson, requested of the Congress but received no comments regarding the 2009 Development Commission Report which had previously been presented to the Federations (see attachment "5").

(12) **2008 TECHNICAL COMMISSION REPORT:** The Chairman of the Technical Commission Jan Esselman, requested of the Congress but received no comments regarding the 2009 Technical Commission Report which had previously been presented to the Federations (see attachment "6").

- (13) **LEGAL COMMISSION REPORT:** The Secretary General introduced the Chairman of the Legal Commission, Mr. Lars Sundin and the newest member of the commission, Mrs. Sinead Ryan. The Secretary General advised the Congress that together with himself, the Legal Commission is working and assisting all commissions in carrying out of their respective functions. The President took the opportunity to introduce the Chairman of the Medical Commission, Mr. Günther Effinger.
- (14) **2010 TOURNAMENTS:** Jan Esselman, advised the Congress that this matter had been presented to the delegates the previous day at the Technical Commission meeting of delegates. He then requested of the Congress but received no comments or questions regarding the 2010 Tournaments.
- (15) **2010 PROPOSED BUDGET:** The Treasurer made a brief presentation of the proposed 2010 Budget, which had previously been presented in writing to the delegates. The Treasurer responded to questions raised regarding the proposed budget. The Treasurer then requested a vote by the Congress in respect of the proposed 2010 Budget. The voted unanimously to approve the proposed 2010 Budget. The Treasurer thereupon requested the Congress to approve an Executive Committee proposed increase of the annual CEB membership fee from €280 to €350 per federation regardless of size. The Treasurer indicated that the larger federations were requested to make a voluntary annual contribution to CEB in excess of the €350 standard fee. The Congress voted 17 in favor of the membership fee increase, 3 against and 10 abstaining. Accordingly, the proposed annual membership fee increase to €350 per federation was approved.
- (16) **ELECTION OF THE FIRST AND THIRD VICE PRESIDENTS AND ONE MEMBER AT LARGE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The CEB Legal Commission, Mr. Lars Sundin and Mrs. Ryan, took control of the Congress for purposes of carrying out the election of the 1st and 3rd Vice Presidents and one Member at Large – these positions being vacant as a result of the prior resignation of the previously elected respective individuals. Thereupon the Chairman of the Legal Commission advised the Congress of the manner, as specified in the By-Laws Regarding Elective Positions, in which the election would be conducted. After calling the roll and determining that delegates for 30 financial federations were present for purposes of the election,

the election of the First and Third Vice Presidents and one Member at Large were carried out with the following results:

First Vice President: The Legal Commission was advised by the Russian, Italian, Turkish and Belarus Federations that their respective candidates for the 1st Vice President position were withdrawn, A secret ballot was then held between the two remaining candidates with the following results: 29 votes were cast, 15 for Petr Ditrich of the Czech Republic and 14 for Mick Manning of the Irish Federation. The Chairman of the Legal Commission declared Mr. Ditrich elected as CEB First Vice President, having received an absolute majority of votes.

Third Vice President: The Legal Commission was advised by the Italian Federation that their candidate for the 3rd Vice President position was withdrawn, A secret ballot was then held between the three remaining candidates with the following results: 30 votes were cast, two of which were held invalid by the Legal Commission, 18 were cast for Mick Manning of the Irish Federation, 5 cast for Sechka Aliaksandr of the Belarus Federation and 5 cast for Sahin Komurcu of the Turkish Federation. The Chairman of the Legal Commission declared Mr. Manning elected as CEB Third Vice President, having received an absolute majority of vote.

Member (1) at Large: The Chairman of the Legal Commission requested nominations of candidates for the vacant Member at Large position. The following two candidates were nominated by delegates of the Congress: Mr. Rainer Husty of Austria and Mr. Yassen Nedelchev of Bulgaria. The results of the first round of the secret ballot for the fifth Member at Large position were as follows: two votes cast were declared invalid by the Legal Commission, 14 votes were cast for Mr. Husty and 14 votes were cast for Mr. Nedelchev. No candidate having received an absolute majority, a second round of secret voting was then conducted with the following results: one vote cast was declared invalid by the Legal Commission, 15 votes were cast for Mr. Husty and 14 votes were cast for Mr. Nedelchev. The Chairman of the Legal Commission declared Mr. Husty, the fifth Member at Large of CEB Executive Committee, having received an absolute majority of the valid votes cast.

Mr. Sundin thereupon administered the oath of office to the 3 individuals, newly elected to the CEB Executive Committee.

(17) **VENUE AND DATE OF 2011 ORDINARY CONGRESS:** The President, Mr. Martin Miller, notified the Congress that there was only one candidate to host the 2011 Congress, namely the Belgium Federation which would be celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2011. The Congress voted unanimously in favor of awarding the hosting of the 2011 CEB Congress to the Belgium Federation, which would be holding the Congress during the month of March 2011.

(18) **NEW BUSINESS:** There being no new business, the President requested that, immediately following the close of the Congress, the CEB Executive Committee meet briefly in the Congress hall for the purpose of introductions of the new members and conducting of its initial business.

There being no further business of the Congress, the President declared the Congress concluded and closed.

Mr. Martin Miller, President

Mr. Sam Pelter, Secretary General