

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN BASEBALL (CEB)
ORDINARY CONGRESS
HELD ON MARCH 21, 2009
SAN MARINO

The Congress was called to order at 11:00 AM on March 21, 2009 by the President, Mr. Martin Miller, all members of the Executive Committee were present, save for Mr. Eric Dufour due to illness. On behalf of all participants, Mr. Miller wished Mr. Dufour a speedy recovery. 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. Five (5) Member Federations, namely: Greece, Cyprus, Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine were absent. In accordance with Article 28 of the CEB Statutes, the Secretary General declared that a quorum (a minimum of 18 Member Federations) for conducting business was present. In addition, delegates representing two applicants for CEB membership, Denmark and Latvia were 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.
- (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, Lace Company and Forelle, Mr. Pat Doyle and Mr. Jason Holowaty of MLB, Little League representatives Ms. Beata Kaszuba, Mr. Pat Wilson, Mr. Daniel Velte, as well as Mr. Andre van Overbeek, new President of the European

Softball Association, Mr. Abe Key of Pony League, who made a brief presentation. In addition, Mr. Angelo Vincini, President of the San Marino Olympic Committee welcomed the delegates and emphasized the importance of the European IOC representatives in the forthcoming vote on new sports in the Summer Olympics.

- (3) PRESIDENT'S 2008 ACTIVITY REPORT: The President reported that the improved quality and level of the game being played in Europe was evidenced by the results of the Netherlands and Italian teams in the recent World Baseball Classic. The President reviewed the CEB developments and achievements of the current Executive Committee and Commissions as reflected in the Four Year CEB Booklet prepared for the delegates.
- (4) AWARD OF COMPETITION HONORS: The Secretary General read the list of competition honors for 2008, as reflected in the list attached hereto, marked "2"; the President presented the awards to the Federation representing the Federation or Club team winner of the respective tournament.
- (5) ANNUAL AWARDS: The Secretary General announced the following winners of the 2008 CEB Annual Individual Awards and read the justification notice for each:
 - Federation of the Year - Czech Republic
 - Umpire of the Year - Sante de Franceschi, Italy
 - Coach of the Year – Miguel Erroz, Spain
 - Scorer of the Year – Susana Santos, Spain
- (6) 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 Malta on March 29, 2008. The said 2008 Congress Minutes of Meeting, previously submitted to the Federations (and attached hereto marked "3") were thereupon approved as written, by a unanimous vote of the Congress delegates.
- (7) NEW MEMBERS: The Secretary General advised the Congress that there were three applications for CEB membership recommended by the Executive Committee to be considered by the Congress, namely those of the Latvian, Danish and Moldova Federations. In the case of Denmark and Moldova, the

Secretary General notified the Congress that the applicant Federations were in place of the previous (now defunct) Federations representing the respective countries. The Congress thereafter unanimously approved all three new applicants for CEB membership. The Latvian and Danish delegates made brief statements to the Congress, pledging their support of CEB's goals.

At 12:30pm, the President adjourned the Congress proceedings for purposes of a lunch break by the delegates.

At 1:30 pm, the President recalled the Congress to order and the Secretary General, after taking roll, declared that delegates representing thirty-two financial federations were present.

(8) MODIFICATION OF CEB STATUTES AND ELECTION BY-LAWS: The Secretary General briefly reviewed the typographical and grammatical corrections, administrative as well as composition of the Executive Committee and Commissions modifications of the CEB Statutes recommended by the Executive Committee (EC) to be considered and approved by the Congress. By unanimous vote of the Congress delegates, the Congress then decided that rather than voting on each and every EC proposed modification separately, the delegates would first be permitted to discuss any proposed modification and, if they deemed same appropriate, to propose an alternate modification to be considered by the Congress. Such Congress and EC proposed modification/s would be voted upon amongst themselves, if more than one – requiring a simple majority to be adopted as the proposed modification of the Statutes and thereafter the proposed modification would be voted upon for purposes of modifying the Statutes, requiring a two-thirds vote in favor to modify the Statutes. Once this process had been concluded, all other EC proposed Statute modifications (not otherwise discussed by the Congress) would be voted on, as a body, requiring a two-thirds vote in favor to be approved as a Statute modification.

Based upon the foregoing approved approach, four issues were raised by the Congress delegates respecting the EC proposed Statute modifications, namely: (A) the proposed reduction in the number of EC members, (B) the number of members of the proposed Technical Commission, (C) the matter of

nationality being a criteria for nomination for membership in a CEB Commission and (D) the matter of Commission membership criteria be published on the CEB website.

- (A) The delegate from Sweden proposed that, as opposed to the EC proposal to reduce the EC to 7 members, the EC is composed of 9 members with 4 instead of 2 Members at Large. No other propositions on this issue was presented by the Congress, Accordingly, the Secretary General called for a vote on the two opposing proposed changes, which open vote resulted as follows: 4 votes in favor of the EC proposal of 7 members, 18 votes in favor of the Swedish alternative proposal of 9 members and 7 abstentions. The Swedish proposal, having received an absolute majority was then deemed the proposed change of the Statutes. The delegates were then called upon to vote on the proposed change of the Statutes respecting the composition of the EC. A request from delegates were made and, after consultation with the Legal Commission, accepted for a secret vote on this proposed change which would require two thirds of the voting delegates in favor to be approved. The Legal Commission then held a secret ballot which resulted in the following vote: 18 votes in favor of the change from the current 11 EC members to 9, 13 votes in favor of retaining the current 11 EC members, 1 abstention. The proposition to modify the Statutes regarding the number of EC members failed to receive the necessary two thirds votes in favor and therefore was defeated. The Statutory number of 11 EC members was retained.
- (B) The Swedish delegate proposed that the Technical Commission be comprised of 7 members rather than the EC proposed 5 members. There being no further discussions or proposals, the Secretary General put the issue to a open vote and the delegates voted unanimously in favor of their being 7 members of the proposed Technical Commission.
- (C) The Belgium delegate proposed that instead of the words "of the same nationality as the candidate" appearing in the EC proposed modification of the first paragraph of Article 55 of the Statutes, the words should instead read "which candidate is affiliated with the nominating federation and is a legal resident of one of the CEB countries". There being no further

discussion on the issue, the Secretary General put the issue to a vote of the Congress delegates, who voted unanimously in favor of the proposed change.

(D) The Belgium delegate proposed that the criteria for nomination of a candidate to a CEB Commission be published on the CEB website. There being no further discussion on the issue, the Secretary General put the issue to a vote of the Congress delegates, who voted unanimously in favor of the proposal.

Following the decisions by the Congress delegates regarding the issues (A) through (D) above, the Secretary General then put the matter of all other EC proposed Statutes modifications to an open vote of the Congress, which vote resulted in 28 votes in favor and 4 votes against or abstaining. The EC propositions to modify the Statutes (save as otherwise previously voted upon as recorded in (8)(A) through (D) above), having received the necessary two thirds vote in favor, was approved. The President thereupon directed the Secretary General together with the Legal Commission, at their earliest convenience, to update the CEB Statutes in accordance with the foregoing vote of the Congress and to publish the modified Statutes on the CEB website. Moreover, the President further directed the Secretary General and Legal Commission to modify the By-Laws Regarding Elected Positions in light of the Statute modifications and to present the By-Laws to the EC for its consideration and approval.

(9) 2008 FINANCIAL AND AUDIT REPORT: The Treasurer, Mr. Rene Laforce, presented the 2008 Financial Report and the preliminary Audit Report of Price Waterhouse. The Norwegian delegate suggested that for future Congresses, CEB income and expenditure for the previous year be presented in the same format as the proposed 2009 budget and that a statement of the financial standing of each Federation be transmitted to the respective Federation prior to each Congress. The Treasurer indicated that he would consider the suggestions. The Treasurer further proposed that the Congress approve the 2008 Financial Report. He further requested, subject to receipt of the final Price Waterhouse Audit Report within one month of the Congress without any major comments or corrections, approval of the preliminary Report and

release and discharge of the CEB Executive Committee from any further responsibility for CEB's 2008 financial activities. The Congress voted unanimously in favor of each and every request of the Treasurer.

- (10) 2008 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REPORT: The Chairman of the Development Commission, Vice President Gerard Vaandrager, requested of the Congress but received no comments regarding his 2008 Development Commission Report which had previously been presented to the Federations (see attachment "5").
- (11) 2008 TECHNICAL COMMISSION REPORT: Vice President Riccardo Fraccari, in the absence and on behalf of the Chairman of the Technical Commission Jan Esselman, requested of the Congress but received no comments regarding the 2008 Technical Commission Report which had previously been presented to the Federations (see attachment "6").
- (12) 2009 TOURNAMENTS: Vice President Riccardo Fraccari, in the absence and on behalf of 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 regarding the 2009 Tournaments.
- (13) 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET: The Treasurer made a brief presentation of the proposed 2009 Budget, which had previously been presented in writing to the delegates and which was based upon the assumption that the Congress would vote in favor of the modifications of the CEB Statutes enhancing the number and members of CEB Commissions. The Secretary General requested a vote by the Congress in respect of the proposed 2009 Budget. The results of the vote were 29 in favor of the proposed 2009 Budget with 1 abstention.
- (14) APPROVAL OF RETAINING PRICE WATERHOUSE FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD: Though not on the Congress Agenda, the Treasurer requested that the Congress approval retaining the audit firm of Price Waterhouse for an additional four year (4) period for purposes of performing the CEB audit functions. The Secretary General put the Treasurer's proposal to a vote, the

results of which were 30 votes in favor of retaining Price Waterhouse for an additional four year's period, with 2 abstentions.

(15) ELECTION OF CEB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The President declared the term of office of the current Executive Committee to have come to an end and called upon the CEB Legal Commission, Mr. Lars Sundin and Mr. Leo Smallegange to take command of the Congress and to carry out the election of the new CEB Executive Committee. Thereupon Mr. Sundin, 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. The election of the President, First, Second and Third Vice Presidents, Secretary General, Treasurer and five (5) Members at Large were carried out with the following results:

President: In that the incumbent President, Mr. Martin Miller, ran unopposed, Mr. Miller was unanimously confirmed by the Congress to have been elected as the President on the new CEB Executive Committee.

First Vice President: A secret ballot was held between the two candidates with the following results: Mr. Riccardo Fraccari 27 votes, Mr. Gerard Vaandrager 4 votes and 1 abstention. The Chairman of the Legal Commission declared Mr. Fraccari, having received an absolute majority of votes, elected as CEB First Vice President.

Second Vice President: A secret ballot was held between the three candidates with the following results: Mr. Alexander Ratner 17 votes, Mr. Gerard Vaandrager 13 votes and Ms. Monique Schmitt 2 votes. The Chairman of the Legal Commission declared Mr. Ratner elected as CEB First Vice President, having received an absolute majority of votes.

Third Vice President: Following announcement by the Chairman of the Legal Commission of the withdrawal of the Swedish candidate, Mr. Mats Fransson, the remaining candidate Mr. Gerard Vaandrager was unanimously confirmed by the Congress to have been elected as Third Vice President.

Secretary General: In that the incumbent Secretary General Mr. Sam Pelter, ran unopposed, Mr. Pelter was unanimously confirmed by the

Congress to have been elected as the Secretary General on the new CEB Executive Committee.

Treasurer: In that the incumbent Treasurer Mr. Rene Laforce, ran unopposed, Mr. Laforce was unanimously confirmed by the Congress to have been elected as the Treasurer on the new CEB Executive Committee.

Members (5) at Large: Following announcement by the Chairman of the Legal Commission of the withdrawal of the Swedish candidate Mr. Ake Halvarson and the San Marino candidate Mr. Angelo Vicini as well as the ineligibility of the Russian candidate, Ms. Yulia Steshenko, due (in accordance with Article 36 of the CEB Statutes) to the fact that another Russian candidate, Mr. Ratner, had been previously elected to the new CEB Executive Committee, the Chairman of the Legal Commission declared that only four candidates for the five Member at Large positions remained. Accordingly, the Congress unanimously confirmed that the remaining four candidates, namely Ms. Monique Schmitt of Switzerland, Mr. Juan Garcia of Spain, Mr. Mats Fransson of Sweden and Mr. Attila Borbely, were elected as Members at Large on the new CEB Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Legal Commission then put to a vote the question of whether to leave the fifth Member at Large position vacant until the next Congress or to currently call for nomination of candidates from the floor of the Congress and conduct the election. The result of the vote was 8 in favor of postponing the election to the next Congress and an absolute majority of 24 in favor of holding the election at the current Congress. In light of the result of this vote, the Chairman of the Board requested nomination of candidates for the fifth Member at Large position. The following four candidates were nominated by delegates of the Congress: Mr. Osvaldo Vavra of Croatia, Mr. Denis Didier Rousseau of France, Mr. Aliaksandr Sechka of Belarus and Mr. Milton Jones of Finland.

The results of the first round of the secret ballot for the fifth Member at Large position were as follows: Aliaksandr Sechka 3 votes, Didier Rousseau 4 votes, Milton (Tony) Jones 12 votes, Osvaldo Vavra 11 votes, 2 blank votes. No candidate having received an absolute majority, a second round of secret

voting was then conducted (Mr. Sechka being eliminated from contention) with the following results: Denis Didier Rousseau 3 votes, Tony Jones 16 votes, Osvaldo Vavra 12 votes, 1 blank vote. No candidate having received an absolute majority, a third round of secret voting was then conducted (Mr. Rousseau being eliminated from contention) with the following results: Tony Jones 20 votes, Osvaldo Vavra 11 votes, 1 blank vote. The Chairman of the Legal Commission declared Mr. Jones, having received an absolute majority of votes, the fifth Member at Large of the newly elected CEB Executive Committee.

Mr. Leo Smallegange, of the Legal Commission, thereupon administered the oath of office to the 10 individuals, present at the Congress and newly elected to the CEB Executive Committee. Mr. Juan Garcia was absent from the Congress and will be inducted as a Member at Large at the earliest possible opportunity.

(15) VENUE AND DATE OF 2010 ORDINARY CONGRESS: The newly elected President, Mr. Martin Miller, notified the Congress that, in accordance with Article 24 of the CEB Statutes, Stuttgart Germany (the site of the 2010 European Senior Pool A Tournament) would be the venue of the 2010 CEB Congress at a time, during the first quarter of 2010, to be notified to the Federations.

(16) NEW BUSINESS: The President thanked Osvaldo Varva, Eric Dufour and Ake Halvarson for their past service on the CEB Executive Committee and Rhena Landefeld for her able assistance in organizing the Congress on behalf of the Executive Committee. The President requested that, immediately following the close of the Congress, the newly elected CEB Executive Committee meet in the Congress hotel for the purpose of introduction 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