

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN BASEBALL (CEB)  
ORDINARY CONGRESS  
HELD ON MARCH 12, 2011  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

The Congress was called to order at 2:00 PM on March 12, 2011 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 called the roll of Member Federation. Authorized delegates of thirty-one (31) Member Federations presented their Accreditation. All thirty-one Members were confirmed financial by the Treasurer. Six (6) Member Federations, namely: Cyprus, Georgia, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, and Ukraine 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 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 Stuttgart, Germany on March 6, 2010. The said 2010 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. Pat Wilson, Mr. Daniel Velte, Mr. Abe Key President of Pony league, Mr. Andre van Overbeek and Mr. Ami Baran representing the European Softball Federation, Mr. Jan Bagin, and Mr. Donald Fehr, former Executive Director of the MLBP. In addition, the President introduced and requested the President of the International Baseball Federation, Mr. Riccardo Fraccari, to make a brief presentation. Mr. Fraccari gave a short overview of IBAF current status emphasizing that since his election he has worked to stabilize IBAF financial situation. In respect of the goal of IBAF to reinstate baseball in the Olympics he is attempting to develop new ideas and approaches including working together with softball to jointly pursue this goal. He further indicated that the IBAF Congress would most likely be held in New York during November 2011 and deal, amongst other issues, with modification of the IBAF Statutes.

(3) **PRESIDENT'S 2010 ACTIVITY REPORT:** The President reported that the European Softball Federation and CEB had reached an understanding to find the means to cooperate on matters of mutual interest. An Agreement reflecting their understandings was signed, in the presence of the Congress, by the respective Presidents of CEB and ESF (see Attachment 3). The President of the ESF, Mr. Andre van Overbeek was then invited to say a few words, upon completion of which he was presented with a small gift by the CEB President. The parties expressed their interest in holding their respective 2013 Congresses at the same location and on the same date. Don Fehr was invited and addressed the Congress. The CEB President then announced that through IBAF's contact with Mizuno, up to 300 dozen baseballs a year, will be supplied, at no cost, for CEB's tournaments for the next three to four years.

(4) **MODIFICATION OF CEB STATUTES:** 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 CEB Statutes to provide for "Provisional Membership" and deletion in the Statutes to all references to the Olympics or the IOC. The

required two thirds of the CEB Members being present at the Congress to vote on a Statute Modification, the Congress delegates voted unanimously in favor of the EC proposed modification of the Statutes, The modified provision of the Statutes will be published shortly on the CEB website.

- (5) **NEW MEMBERS:** The Secretary General advised the Congress that there were no new applications for CEB membership. The Secretary General further advised the Congress that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 20(b) of the CEB Statutes (which was read to the Congress), Armenia had forfeited its membership in CEB. Armenia was indebted to CEB, covering a period of six years; was duly notified at its last known address of the debt; nonetheless it failed to respond or meet its debt.
- (6) **AWARD OF COMPETITION HONORS:** The Secretary General read the list of competition honors for 2010, as reflected in the list attached hereto, marked "4; the President presented the awards to the Federation representing the Federation or Club team winner of the respective tournament.
- (7) **ANNUAL AWARDS:** The President announced the following winners of the 2010 CEB Annual Individual Awards:
- Federation of the Year - Germany
  - Coach of the Year – Arnost Nesnal (Czech Republic)
  - Umpire of the Year – Jens Waider (Germany)
  - Scorer of the Year – Fausto Nardi (Italy)
  - Posthumous Official of the Year Award – Rinus Paardekooper (Netherlands)
- (8) **LOGO CONTEST:** The President announced and displayed the logo selected as a result of a contest held by CEB for a logo for this year's and future years Euro competition – the contest was won by Fausto Nardi – the designer of the EC selected winning logo (an example of which is attached marked "5").
- (9) **2010 FINANCIAL AND AUDIT REPORT:** The Treasurer presented the 2010 Financial Report and the Audit Report of Price Waterhouse Coopers (see

attachment "6"). He advised the Congress that Price Waterhouse had no comments regarding the Financial Report, which was adopted by the Treasurer accordingly. The Treasurer reported that the loss suffered by CEB was due in greater part to a reduction in interest being paid to CEB; he further reported that in the near future, at least, no further funding was expected from IBAF and none from the IOC. The Treasurer advised the Congress that there were sufficient funds available to CEB to maintain itself for approximately three years. He notified the Congress that it was the intention of the CEB EC to meet in May 2011 to identify cost saving, economizing actions to be taken by the EC, including proposals to the next Congress relating to restructuring of CEB.

There being no questions from the Delegates, the Treasurer proposed that the Congress approve the 2010 Financial Report and release and discharge the CEB Executive Committee from any further responsibility for CEB's 2010 financial activities. The Congress voted unanimously in favor of each request of the Treasurer.

- (10) **2010 MARKETING COMMISSION REPORT:** There being no questions respecting the MC Report previously sent to Federations, the Delegates, upon request of the President, unanimously approved the report.
- (11) **2010 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REPORT:** There being no questions respecting the DC Report previously sent to Federations, the Delegates. upon request of the President, unanimously approved the report.
- (12) **2010 TECHNICAL COMMISSION REPORT:** There being no questions respecting the TC Report previously sent to Federations, the Delegates, upon request of the President, unanimously approved the report.
- (13) **LEGAL COMMISSION REPORT:** There being no questions respecting the LC Report previously sent to Federations, the Delegates, upon request of the President, unanimously approved the report.
- (14) **2011 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. The Lithuanian Delegate made a number of proposal regarding the delegation of teams to future CEB tournaments. The Chairman of the TC indicated that the TC would bear the suggestions in mind for future tournaments.

(15) **2011 PROPOSED BUDGET:** The Treasurer made a brief presentation of the proposed 2011 Budget, which had previously been presented in writing to the delegates. There being no questions raised regarding the proposed budget, the Treasurer requested a vote by the Congress in respect of the proposed 2011 Budget. The vote was 30 Federations in favor, with one abstention, to approve the proposed 2011 Budget.

(16) **VENUE AND DATE OF 2012 ORDINARY CONGRESS:** The President, notified the Congress that there was only one candidate to host the 2012 Congress, namely the Dutch Federation which would be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012. The Congress voted unanimously in favor of awarding the hosting of the 2012 CEB Congress to the Dutch Federation, which planned to hold the Congress during the month of March 2012 either in Amsterdam or Rotterdam .

(17) **NEW BUSINESS:** There being no new business, the President, on behalf of the Executive Committee and all Delegates and guests, thanked the Belgium Baseball Federation and its President Mr. Jerome Legris and his associates, for hosting the current Congress. The President thereupon declared the Congress concluded and closed.

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Mr. Martin Miller, President

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Mr. Sam Pelter, Secretary General