

Report C.E.B. Congress

Vilnius, March 24th, 2007

PRESENCE

1. Belarus: Sechka Aliaksandr, Davydov Alexandr
2. Belgium: Paul Sel, Jerome Legris
3. Croatia: Krunoslav Karin
4. Czechia: Radim Kepák
5. Denmark: Bo Orla-Jensen
6. Finland: Milton Jones
7. France: Eric Elsensohn
8. Georgia: Ramaz Goglize
9. Germany: Jürgen Elshans
10. Great Britain: John Boyd
11. Hungary: Attila Vámos
12. Ireland: Will Beglane
13. Israel: Haim Katz
14. Italy: Riccardo Fraccari, Massimo Fochi, Marcello Standoli
15. Lithuania: Vidmantas Vasiliuskos, Neila Šveihomshoite, Raimundas Kalanta
16. Malta: Mario Debono
17. Netherlands: Ruud van Zetten, Rinus Paardekooper
18. Norway: Håkon Jåtun, Bjørn Christian Thode
19. Poland: Waldemar Szymański
20. Romania: Gabriel Adumitrachioaie
21. Russia: Vladimir Telkov, Yulia Steshenko
22. San Marino: Maurizio Gasperoni, Stefano Macina
23. Slovakia: Stanislav Horáček
24. Slovenia: Igor Veselinovič, Boris Vehovec
25. Spain: Luis Melero
26. Sweden: Ulf Steinvall, Tony Klarberg
27. Switzerland: Monique Schmitt

Total of 27 countries. Credential Forms filed with Secretary General.

Absent:

1. Armenia
2. Austria
3. Bulgaria
4. Cyprus
5. Greece
6. Moldova
7. Portugal
8. Serbia and Montenegro
9. Turkey
10. Ukraine

Guests:

Latvia: Igors Aleksejevs, Davis Plotnieks, Beata Plocina, Dace Namsone
Gaston Panaye, Honorary Secretary General
John Ostermayer, IBAF
Pat Doyle, MLB
Jason Holowaty, MLB
Beata Kotzuba, Little League
Patrik Wilson, Little League

Jan Bagin, Prague Baseball Week
Mike Jennings, ESF
Caleb Kimmel, Lecturer
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Executive Committee:

Martin Miller
Riccardo Fraccari
Alexander Ratner
Gerard Vaandrager
Petr Ditrich
Rene Laforce
Eric-Pierre Dufour
Sam Pelter
Aldo Vavra
Attila Borbély
Åke Halvarson

Technical Commission:

Jan Esselman
Xavier Mateu
Angelo Fanara
František Bunta
Roland Hoffman
Jean Marie Meurant
Peter Ström

Legal Commission:

Leo Smallegange
Lars Sundin

Umpire Sub Commission:

Pierfrancesco Giannangeli

Scorers Workgroup:

Gianpaolo Reiter
Pablo Carpio Navarro
Linda Steijger

AGENDA

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6. Technical Commission Report of Competitions 2006
7. Development Commission Report 2006
8. Budget 2007
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10. Development plan 2007
11. Annual Congress 2008
12. New Business

1. Roll call (with accreditation)

The Secretary General stated that from 37 member countries 26 were present. The Great Britain is expected to come later, and thus it will be 27 countries in total. Belarus is not financial and therefore cannot vote.

The Secretary General distributed a questionnaire about the workshops, regional meetings and the Congress day amongst the participating countries. He asked them to give it back during the Congress.

2. Welcome by the President

The President welcomed everybody... He thanked the Lithuanian Baseball Association for organizing the Congress. He stated that for simplicity the French translation will not be done (it would be translated from English to Lithuanian and than from Lithuanian to French). The President stated that a lot of work was done at the workshops and regional meetings. Some delegates are leaving (Marion Debono) and therefore he would try to have the Congress ended before the lunch.

The President gave the floor to John Ostermayer from the IBAF. He greeted the participants also on behalf on the new IBAF President. The IBAF President wrote a letter for the participants (attachment No. 1), which was on a request of Poland distributed amongst the participants. John Ostermayer received a glass trophy from the CEB. This was his second visit of the CEB Congress, for the first time attended in 2006.

Gaston Panaye, the Honorary Secretary General, received from the CEB an official CEB cap and jacket.

3. Rewarding distinctions

At the beginning a minute of silence was held in the memory of Aldo Notari. The President gave the plaques to the winners of the CEB tournaments (attachment No. 2).

4. Report of the President, Activity report 2006

The President reported about the last year (attachment No. 3). The Secretary General stated that his report is in the Yearbook 2006 (attachment No. 4). In the report he stressed the communication matter and his responsibility for the News website. He also gave his thanks to Jiří Votinský who prepared the Yearbook 2006 and to the Czech Baseball Association, especially to Lucie Vladyková for a huge support.

5. Financial Report and Audit Report 2006

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report and Audit Report 2006 (attachment No. 5). The Financial Report and Audit Report 2006 were approved unanimously.

6. Technical Commission Report of Competitions 2006

The Technical Commission Report of Competitions 2006 was presented by the 1st Vice President (attachment No. 6). The results of the Workshop from March 23rd were added.

7. Development Commission Report 2006

The Development Commission Report 2006 was presented by the 3rd Vice President (attachment No. 7).

8. Budget 2007

The Budget 2007 was presented by the Treasurer (attachment No. 8). The report was approved unanimously.

9. Tournaments 2007

The 1st Vice President stated that all the organizers are confirmed and that the preparations are going well. In the future some changes in the CEB Cup tournaments' system will be made.

Luis Melero presented the European Championship in Spain.

10. Development plan 2007

The Development plans are based on the Budget 2007.

11. Annual Congress 2008

There were 2 candidates for organizing the Congress 2008 – Malta and Moldova. The Executive Committee suggested Malta as the organizer. Malta was approved as the organizer of the Congress 2008 (1 against). Mario Debono presented the possibilities of Malta. The Congress will be held on Saturday, March 29th, 2008 at 10:00 in Malta. The lectures and workshops will take place on March 28th, 2008.

12. New Business

The Polish delegate Waldemar Szymański thanked the MLB, Little League, the Czech Baseball Association and the Lithuanian Baseball Association for the support of the Polish baseball during the year.

The Secretary General thanked the Lithuanian Baseball Association for organizing the Congress. The President of the Lithuanian Baseball Association invited the participants for a dinner at 19:00 in the hotel.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Letter from the IBAF President
- 2) Trophies
- 3) Presidential report (in the CEB Yearbook 2006)
- 4) The Secretary General report (in the CEB Yearbook 2006)
- 5) Audit Report 2006
- 6) Technical Commission Report of Competitions 2006 (in the CEB Yearbook 2006)
- 7) Development Commission Report 2006 (in the CEB Yearbook 2006)
- 8) Budget 2007
- 9) Cups format
- 10) Qualifiers 2008