

**MINUTES OF CONFEDERATION
OF EUROPEAN BASEBALL (CEB)
ORDINARY CONGRESS
HELD ON MARCH 29, 2008
MELLIEHA, MALTA**

The Congress was called to order, at 2:00 PM on March 29, 2008, by the First Vice President Mr. Riccardo Fraccari; all members of the Executive Committee were present, save for President Martin Miller. Mr. Fraccari advised the Congress that, due to illness, President Martin Miller was unable to attend the Congress and that as First Vice President he was replacing the President for purposes of presiding over the Congress, in accordance with Article 47 of the CEB Statutes. On behalf of all participants, Mr. Fraccari wished Martin a speedy recovery. In accordance with the Agenda, the following actions were taken:

Roll was called by the Acting Secretary General, Mr. Sam Pelter. Authorized delegates of twenty-eight (28) CEB Federations were present (of which 26 were financial) and nine (9) Federations (namely Greece, Cyprus, Armenia, Romania, Denmark, Georgia, Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine) were absent. In accordance with Article 28 of the CEB Statutes, a quorum was declared present for the purposes of conducting business. See attached list marked "I" indicating the present and absent Federations, as well as the names of the members of the Executive Committee, Technical Commission, Umpires Sub-Commission, Legal Commission and Medical Commission in attendance at the Congress.

Welcome of guests: Mr. Fraccari acknowledged, with appreciation, the presence of CEB Honorary Secretary General Mr. Gaston Panaye, Mr. Austin Fasting representing All American Sports.nl, Mr. Kevin B. Smith representing St. Petersburg Clearwater Sports Commission, Mr. Pat Doyle and Mr. Jason Holowaty of MLB, Mr. Jan Bagin of Prague Baseball Week as well as representatives of Little League Ms. Beata Kaszuba, Mr. Daniel Velte and Mr. Tomasz Malec.

President's Letter to Congress: The Acting Secretary General, Mr. Pelter, read a letter by Mr. Miller addressed to the Congress, explaining his absence and wishes for a successful Congress. A copy of the letter is attached hereto marked "II".

Minutes of last CEB Congress: Mr. Fraccari 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 Vilnius Lithuania on March 24, 2007. The said **2007 Congress Minutes of Meeting**, previously submitted to the CEB Federations (and attached hereto marked "III") were, upon call for a vote by Mr. Fraccari, **unanimously approved by the Congress as written.**

Awards: Awards were presented to representatives of twelve (12) 2007 CEB Tournament Champions (see TC Report attached and marked "VII"). In addition, individual awards were, for the first time in CEB history, presented, namely:

- Administrator of the Year – Mr. Waldemar Szymański
- Coach of the Year – Mr. Robert Eenhoorn
- Scorer of the Year – Ms. Anna-Maria Paini
- Umpire of the Year – Mr. Fred van Groningen-Schinkel

President's Report: Mr. Fraccari referred the delegates to the President's Report for 2007, previously presented to the Federations and appearing on the CEB website. A copy of the Report is attached hereto marked "IV".

New Members: Mr. Fraccari advised the Congress that there were no applications for CEB Membership to be considered by the Congress.

2007 Financial and Audit Report: The Treasurer, Mr. René Laforce, presented the 2007 Financial and Audit Report to the Congress and advised the delegates that the CEB Auditors, Price Waterhouse, had carefully reviewed CEB's financial records for 2007 and found them acceptable. Thereupon, the **Congress unanimously approved the 2007 Financial Report as well as unanimously approved releasing and discharging the CEB Executive Committee from any further responsibility for CEB 2007 financial activities.** A copy of the Report is attached hereto marked "V"

2007 Development Commission Report: Vice President Gerard Vaandrager, Chairman of the Development Commission presented an overview of 2007 development activities as well as actions planned to be taken in respect of development during 2008. The Chairman reiterated his request that the Federations react to questionnaires and submit request for assistance which is being made available to them by CEB. A copy of the Report is attached hereto marked "VI".

2007 Technical Commission Report: Mr. Jan Esselman, Chairman of the Technical Commission, presented an overview of the TC's activities during 2007, emphasizing Tournament changes and the Executive Committee's decision to award the 2010 European Championship to Germany. Mr. Esselman reminded the delegates that the full written TC Report had been presented to the delegates at previous day's meeting of the TC with the delegates. A copy of the Report is attached hereto marked "VII".

The delegate from Croatia made a number of comments and suggestions regarding the 2010 Championship. Mr. Esselman requested that the Croatian Federation present the comments and suggestions in writing to the Technical Commission for its consideration.

2008 Tournaments: Mr. Fraccari advised the Congress that this matter had been presented to the delegates the previous day at the Technical Commission meeting of delegates.

2008 Proposed Budget: The Treasurer, Mr. René Laforce, presented a brief overview of the 2008 Proposed Budget, which was otherwise provided in the Congress folder in written detail to the delegates. A copy of the proposed Budget is attached hereto marked "VIII". After Mr. Laforce's response to a question regarding development funds, the **Congress unanimously approved the 2008 Budget.**

Replacement of the Secretary General: Mr. Fraccari advised the Congress that, in light of the resignation of the previously elected Secretary General Mr. Petr Ditrich, the Executive Committee had appointed Mr. Sam Pelter to replace Mr. Ditrich as the CEB Secretary General, subject to the Congress's approval of the appointment, in accordance with Article 12 of the CEB By-Laws regarding Elective Positions. Mr.

Fraccari further advised the Congress that, although the Federations had been notified previously that they could offer an alternative nomination for the position, no other candidate was proposed by any Federation. Accordingly, Mr. Fraccari requested the Congress to confirm the Executive Committee's appointment of Mr. Pelter. Before the vote was taken, the delegate representing the Czech Republic announced to the Congress that he was absenting himself from the vote. Thereupon the vote was taken resulting in 23 votes in favor of the appointment of Mr. Pelter as Secretary General, 3 abstentions and no votes against. **Mr. Pelter's appointment as Secretary General was therefore confirmed.**

Venue and Date of 2009 Ordinary Congress: Mr. Fraccari announced that two Federations, namely the Russian and San Marino Federations had (in accordance with the CEB Statutes) applied, prior to commencement of the Congress, to host the 2009 Congress. Whereupon, the delegate representing the Hungarian Federation notified the Congress that he wished to propose Hungary as a candidate to host the 2009 Congress. The Secretary General, Mr. Pelter, advised the Hungarian delegate that his proposal was not in compliance with the CEB Statutes. The Hungarian delegate thereupon proposed that the Congress decide the issue of Hungary's candidacy. Mr. Fraccari acceded to the request, whereupon a vote was taken. 17 Federations voted in favor, 1 Federation against and 6 Federations abstained in regard to permitting Hungary to be a candidate to host the 2009 Congress. A copy of the written commitment of the San Marino, Russian and Hungarian Federations to comply with the CEB Statutes if awarded the Congress are attached hereto marked "IX-A", "IX-B" and "IX-C" respectively.

The delegate from San Marino thereupon made a presentation to the Congress in support of San Marino's candidacy and the holding of the Congress the third week of March 2009. The Russian delegate declared that Russia was withdrawing Russia's candidacy. The delegate from Hungary made a brief presentation in favor of the Hungary's candidacy. Mr. Fraccari then put the issue to a vote of the Congress which resulted in 19 votes in favor of San Marino and 4 votes in favor of Hungary. **Mr. Fraccari thereupon declared that, in light of the Congress vote, San Marino would host the 2009 Congress during the third week of March 2009.**

New Business: The President of the Dutch Federation requested that the Executive Committee and Technical Commission give serious consideration to the Dutch Federation's request that the hosting of the 2012 European Championship be awarded the Dutch Federation in light of the fact that 2012 would be the 100th anniversary of Dutch baseball.

There being no further business, Mr. Fraccari declared the Congress closed.

Riccardo Fraccari
First Vice President
And Chairman of CEB
Congress

Sam Pelter
Secretary General

Attachments:

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