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1. Opening of the Congress

Denis Oswald declared the Congress open and greeted the delegates. He invited Mr. Gert Oosthuizen, Deputy Minister of Sport for South Africa to say a few words. The president then thanked Wimpie du Plessis, president of the South African Rowing Association for the excellent preparation of the congress.

The FISA President pointed out that we had several new presidents of National Federations in the room but could not be sure to name them all. He announced that all members of the FISA Council except Tricia Smith were present including new Continental Representative for South American Ricardo Ibarra. He then provided general information about the programme and the organisation of the Congress, advising how the work would take place.

Mr. Oswald announced that Kurt Hipper, former president of the South African Rowing Federation and a member of the FISA Council had very recently passed away after a short illness. He mentioned that the Council had hoped to see him and spend time with him during our stay in South Africa so his sudden passing is especially shocking. He then asked for a moment of silence in his memory.

The President requested that, when they speak about their proposals, the delegates stress only the main points of the proposals, and not repeat what had already been written in the Agenda Papers. He reminded everyone that they should feel free to speak, but asked that they be as concise as possible.

Mr. Oswald said that presentation and discussion of the proposals would take place Friday and Saturday, but that final day would be reserved for voting only. He stressed that proposed amendments were to be made in the course of the discussions and voted upon immediately, so that the

final wording was known by the delegates well in advance of the voting on Sunday.

The President explained further that with more than one proposal covering the same topic, voting would take place immediately in order to narrow them down to one proposal for the final voting on the Saturday. He said that the goal was to cover the proposals for the Statutes and Rules of Racing by the Saturday afternoon.

He explained that any decisions taken would have immediate effect (after the conclusion of the Congress) unless decided otherwise.

Denis Oswald asked if there were any questions regarding the general running of the Congress. There were none. He said the proposals had already been distributed to the delegates in the Agenda Papers and that additional documents showing the small changes in the original documents since printing had been distributed that morning and were available at the registration table.

The President acknowledged that it had taken the Council much work and discussion in order to prepare the proposals which had been submitted to the delegates, using internal expertise and consulting with federations, coaches, specialists, athletes and other sports federations. He went on to say that the proposals had been made in order to improve the sport on a worldwide basis in the interest of rowers. No other considerations have guided the Council.

Mr. Oswald pointed out that, with the permission of the Congress for which no delegate objected, the Council reserved the right to make small textual amendments, if necessary, to correct mistakes or make improvements in translations, etc, after the Congress. There will, of course, be a new numbering of the Articles and Rules.

The president also explained that the French translation was made by an external translator in a short

period of time. He welcomed any suggestions from the francophone delegates and mentioned that he is also noting any corrections that will be incorporated in the final version before printing.

2. Identification of Delegates and Confirmation of their Authority

The Executive Director Matt Smith made a roll call and informed the Congress that there were 42 federations represented: 36 Federations entitled to three votes each, and 6 Federations entitled to one vote each, making a total of 114 votes. Therefore, 58 votes were necessary for a clear majority and 76 votes for a two-third majority if all 114 votes were cast. A list of those present is annexed to these minutes.

3. Appointment of Scrutineers for the Period of the Congress

The President then proposed the following individuals as scrutineers and the Congress unanimously accepted this proposal:

- Gwenda Stevens (BEL)
- Guylaine Bernier (CAN)

4. Discussion on the proposed Alterations to the Statutes and Rules of Racing

The different proposals were presented and discussed at the Friday and Saturday morning sessions. As a result of these discussions, certain proposals were withdrawn and others amended or eliminated in a preliminary vote between proposals on the same topic. A detailed report on the discussions that took place would be lengthy and tedious and is not considered necessary. Reference was made to the Agenda papers and the new printing of the Rule Book for 2009.

The discussions of the Congress have been recorded and, if there is any dispute about them, the matter can be settled by referencing the audio-tapes.

The President mentioned that the Council had presented numerous proposals for the alteration of the Bye-Laws of the Statutes and the Rules of Racing. He pointed out that the Council has the authority to make decisions on Bye-Laws, but that the national federations have the right to ask the Council to reconsider Bye-Laws it has put into effect. However, if the Council submits a Bye-law in advance for confirmation and the Congress approves, it thus comes into effect and may not be submitted to the Congress for reconsideration. Therefore, the Council decided to submit the Bye-Laws to the Congress in order to avoid making decisions that would be valid for a few months but might then have to be abandoned, based on requests for reconsideration. For decision on these Bye-Laws, a clear majority of votes cast was necessary for the approval as a normal decision of the Congress according to Article 34.

5. Presentation of main changes to specific Bye-Laws:

- a. Annex 2 – Advertising Bye-Laws
- b. Annex 3 - Progression System
- c. Annex 4 – Anti-Doping Bye-Laws
- d. Adaptive Rowing Rules

Council members presented brief explanations behind the above mentioned Bye-Laws proposed for confirmation. There was some discussion on the advertising bye-laws resulting in a proposed amendment but, after a vote of 83 in favour of the Council proposed Bye-Laws, the Advertising Bye-Laws stayed as proposed and were adopted.

There were two corrections noted on the progression system found on pages 163 and 167 in the English agenda papers.

There was an explanation of some of the changes in the anti-doping bye-laws as certain detailed procedures of the new World Anti-Doping Code, specifically the treatment of beta2-agonists were still unclear from WADA. It was explained that these were in the process of being clarified with WADA and that the member federations would be informed as soon as FISA knew more.

The Treasurer presented a proposal on the calculation of subscription fees. It would be based on participation over the four-year Olympic period. This was approved by the delegates.

There were no other questions or comments and the president considered these bye-laws to be confirmed.

6. Any other business

a. Suggestions for the 2012 Olympic Qualification System

The Swiss rowing federation presented several suggestions related to the Olympic qualification system. The president explained that the Council had spent a great deal of time debating these proposals. Even if this proposal raises some valid points, they found several flaws when envisioning the implementation of them into the system. It was agreed that the Council would continue to discuss and debate the issues raised by the Swiss and present a proposal for discussion at the Congress in Poznan.

b. FISA's Four Year Financial Plan

As promised in Linz, the Treasurer made some brief comments on the plan for the 2009 to 2012 budget which had recently been sent to the delegates. He informed the delegates that there

were still several open negotiations that could impact these budgets and that the Council might be forced to take precautions and make additional cuts in programme items.

Denis Massegli, Chair of the Rowing for All Commission, reminded the delegates that the 2009 World Rowing Coastal Championships for clubs will take place in Plymouth, GBR and that it was decided that the 2010 edition will take place in Turkey.

Dag Dansglock (GER) mentioned their frustration at the Olympic Games when the colour of their men's eight was called into question by their NOC at the Games when there are no regulations on the colours of boats. The president indicated that he would discuss it with the IOC and try to make sure that nothing like this would happen in the future.

7. Voting

The congress reached early Saturday afternoon which would allow voting to take place earlier than anticipated. The president indicated that delegates should indicate by raising their hands if they wanted a vote to take place on any particular proposed alteration. If no request was made, he would assume that the delegates were in favour of the proposed alteration and it would be noted as such. As usual, he asked for permission to improve wording as long as there was no change in meaning. There were no objections. Finally, he asked for permission to make any consequential changes such as the addition of the terms Youth Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, etc., as they arose in the wordings. There were no objections.

The voting took place and a chart describing the vote and showing the outcome of the voting is attached.

Closing

The President thanked the delegates for their co-operation, the South African Federation and the president Wimpie du Plessis, the Cape Town International Conference Center staff and the coordinator Keith Burton as well as the Organising Committee for their excellent organisation of the Congress. He also thanked the interpreters, professional and volunteer, for their excellent work during the congress.

The 2009 FISA Extraordinary Congress was declared closed at 18:07 hrs on Saturday, 14th February 2009.

President

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Denis OSWALD

Executive Director

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Matt SMITH

RESULTS OF VOTING

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Total Votes: 114 (36 three vote federations and 6 one vote federations represented). Two-Thirds Majority: 76 (if all 114 votes are cast and valid).

With the agreement of the delegates, the President did not count the number of votes when the required majority of two thirds was obviously reached. These votes are indicated with 'obvious majority'. If there are any disputes about the voting, the Congress was recorded and the matter can be settled by referencing the audio-tape.

STATUTES

Part	Sub-Votes	Decisions
Section	Article No.	
Declaration of Principles	B1	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	B5	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
General Provisions	2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Membership	11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Congress	23, 26, 27, 29, 32, 33, 36	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	Article 35, vote on amendment 1 - Add Under 23 Championships	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	Article 35, vote on amendment 2 - Retain Continental Games	Accepted - Yes – 63, No - 42
	35	Accepted - Yes – 91, Clear 2/3 majority
Council	38	Accepted - Yes – 97, Clear 2/3 majority
	39	Accepted - Yes – 77, No – 32 (70%)
	41, 42, 43, 44, 45,	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Executive Committee	48, 49, 50	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Commissions	53 (move to age 70)	Fails, - Yes – 74, No – 38 (65.8%)

	Bye-Law to 53,54	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Individual Obligations	55, 56	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Judicial Provisions	61, 62, 63	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Concluding Provisions	69 - Global confirmation of Statutes	Accepted unanimously

RULES OF RACING

	Rule No.	Decisions
Scope	2	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	5 (1 st paragraph)	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	5 - GER Proposal (2 nd paragraph)	Fails, 'obvious lack of a majority'
	5 - Council Proposal (3 rd paragraph)	Accepted - Yes – 105, Clear
Rowers and Coxswains	16 (including two new proposed rules), 20, 22, 23	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	24 - GBR Proposal on Lightweights	Accepted - Yes – 99, Clear
	25, 27	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Classes of Boat	29 (Australian proposal withdrawn, Council proposal), 30 (Swiss proposal withdrawn, Council proposal)	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Boats and Construction	31, Bye-Law to 31 (as amended), 32	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
Courses	33, 34	Accepted, 'obvious majority'

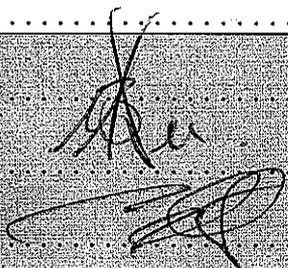
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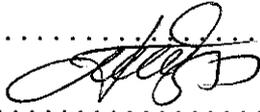
Organisation of Regattas	36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 53, 55, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, 63, Bye-Law to 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69, Bye-Law to 71, Bye-Law to 73, 74, Bye-Law to 74, 75, 77, 78, 79	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	Bye-Law to 79	Fails, - Yes – 37, No – 73 (33.6%)
	80, 86, 87, Bye-Law to 89, 90, Bye-Law to 90, 91, Bye-Law to 91, Bye-Law to 92	Accepted, 'obvious majority'
	Global confirmation of Rules	Accepted - Yes – 105, Clear

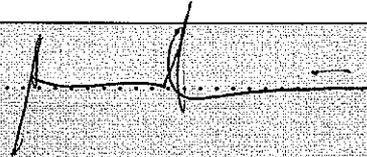
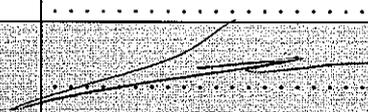
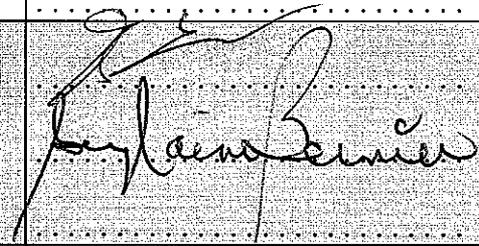
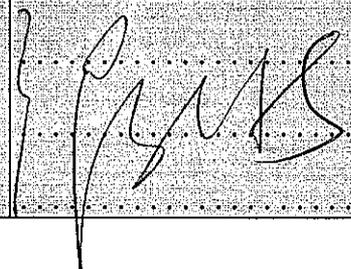
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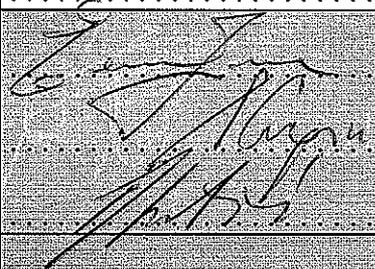
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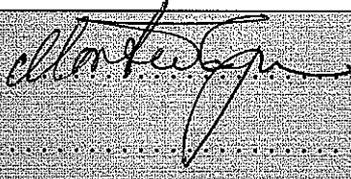
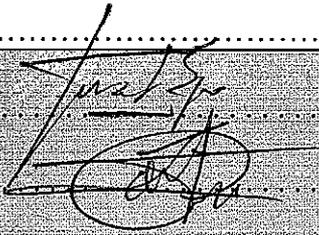
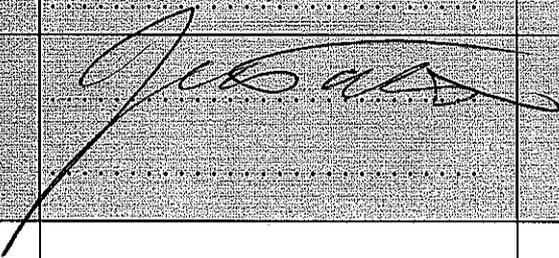
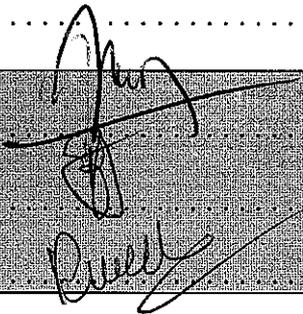
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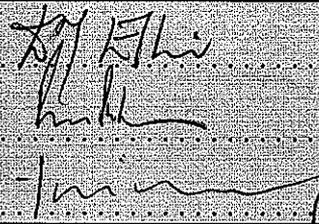
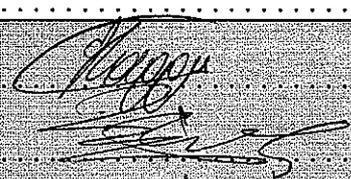
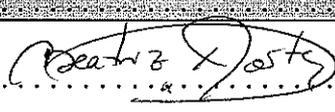
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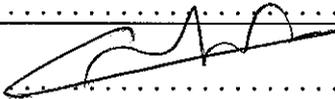
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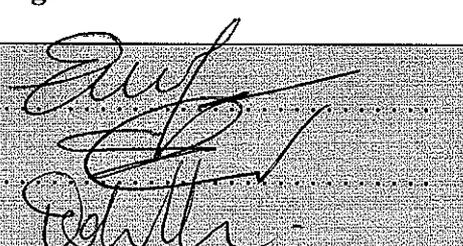
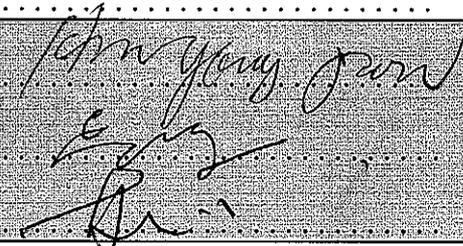
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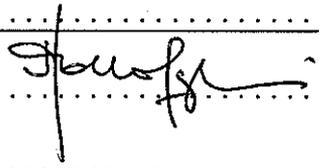
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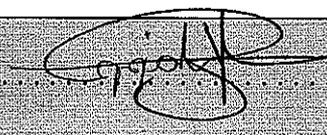
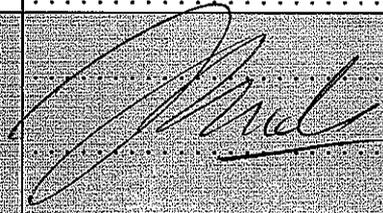
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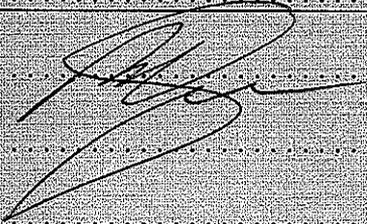
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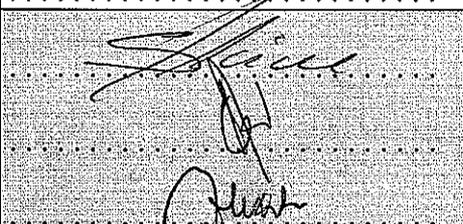
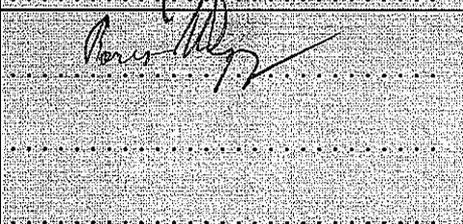
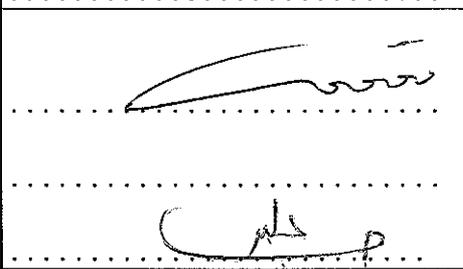
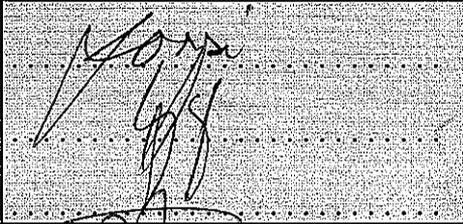
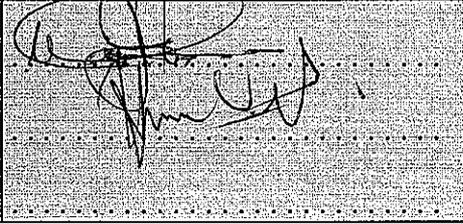
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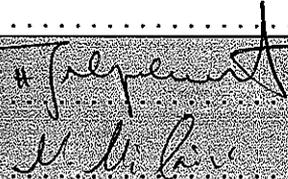
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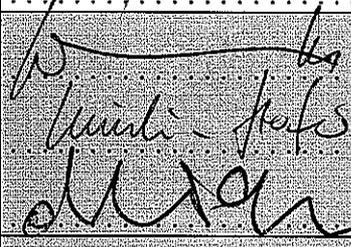
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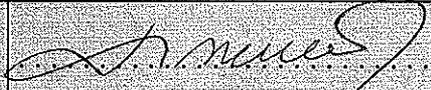
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SAM	Samoa			1
SEN	Sénégal/ Senegal			1
SIN	Singapour/ Singapore	Nicholas Ee		1
SLO	Slovénie/ Slovenia	Peter Fajfar Janez Fajfar		3
SOM	Somalia / Somalie			1
SRB	Serbia/ Serbie	Nebojsa Jevremovic Marko Milacic		3
SRI	Sri Lanka			1

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SUD	Sudan			1
SUI	Suisse/ Switzerland	Hans-Rudolf Schurter Christian Stofer Peter Ottiger		3
SVK	Slovaquie/ Slovakia			3
SWE	Suede/Sweden	Jan Cederlund		3
SWZ	Swaziland			1
SYR	Syrian Arab Republic			1
TGA	Tonga			1
THA	Thaïlande/ Thailand			3

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TKM	Turkménistan/ Turkmenistan		1
TOG	Togo		1
TPE	Chinese Taipei		3
TUN	Tunisie/ Tunisia		3
TUR	Turquie/ Turkey	Ihami ISSEVEN Ahmet SENKAL	 	3
UAE	United Arab Emirates/ Emirats Arabes Unis		1
UGA	Ouganda/ Uganda		1
UKR	Ukraine		3

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URU	Uruguay			3
USA	Etats-Unis/ United States	Donovan Langford Glenn Merry Ronald Chen	 	3
UZB	Ouzbekistan/ Uzbekistan			3
VAN	Republic of Vanuatu			1
VEN	Vénézuela/ Venezuela			1
VIE	Viet-Nam/ Vietnam			1
ZAM	Zambie/Zambia			1
ZIM	Zimbabwe			1