Minutes of the IWAS General Assembly
Place: Radisson Blu, Sharjah, U.A.E
Date: Saturday 3rd December 2011

*A list of commonly used acronyms can be found at the end of this document*

The President welcomed all to the meeting

1.0 Welcome & Opening

1.1 Welcome by Dignitaries
Introduction of IWAS Executive Board in attendance.
IWAS EB: President Paul DePace, Vice President Karl Vilhelm Nielsen, Honorary Treasurer Bob Paterson, Secretary General Maura Strange
Members at Large: Pieter Badenhorst, Rudi Van Den Abbeele, Dina Sotiriadi, Tariq Sultan Ahmed Alkadim.

A welcome address from Tariq Sultan Ahmed Alkadim (TSAA) was made, as a member of the IWAS EB and the LOC.

1.2 Opening Address by IWAS President
Following the sad passing in April 2011 of IWAS Member at Large, and previous IWAS Vice President Juan Palau Francas, the President invited the GA attendees to remember his service and join the President in a minute’s silence of respect.

He went onto highlight that there were 550 athletes attending the IWAS World Games and almost 1000 participants from 49 countries. This being around two thirds of all of the IWAS Member Nations. He added that he felt IWAS was still enabling value for the athletes and contributing in their pathways. He also explained that the General Assembly would be going on to provide information of how IWAS intends to grow.

Following the welcome address of TSAA, the President emphasised that this was the second event to be held in the UAE in 2011, the first being the IWAS World Junior Games in Dubai. He also explained how fortunate everyone was to be in Sharjah during the celebrations for the 40th anniversary of the Union of the UAE and highlighted that the day of the General Assembly had coincided with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The IWAS President introduced and welcomed Sandy Hermiston, Secretary General of CPISRA as an observer and invited her to say a few words.

Sandy Hermiston thanked IWAS for the invitation and stated that she believed IWAS & CPISRA will work well together and that she looked forward to doing so.

1.3 Roll Call of Member Nations present
Secretary General, Maura Strange (MS) announced that with 57 countries in good standing at the date of General Assembly, the quorum would be 50% + 1 (ie 30). She then carried out the roll call of nations.

Nations: Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, IR of Iran, Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan*, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Netherlands, Nigeria*, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, U.A.E

*New Member to be ratified

MS confirmed that we had reached the quorum for official business.

Apologies received from: Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Turkey and New Zealand
1.4 Adoption of the Agenda

Discussion
PDG confirmed that the agenda had been published and all should have copies, asked if there was anything anyone would like added to the agenda? Nothing to be added.

Decision(s)
Accept the agenda as presented and to work from the agenda.

Action

2.0 Minutes of the Previous General Assembly

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of the IWAS General Assembly held in India 2009

Discussion
Cyprus highlighted that they had been omitted from the roll call for previous GA minutes.
Canada (Cathy Cadieux) advised that on page four, point 5.1 the discussion states date 2998 and this should read 2008. MS confirmed this will be amended.

Decision(s)
To receive the minutes as a true record
Moved by Cyprus and seconded by Austria
Motion carried unanimously
Minutes accepted

Action(s)
HQ to ensure Cyprus is included in the Minutes for 2009 General Assembly and the incorrect date amended so that sign off of minutes can be arranged

2.2 Matters arising

Discussion
MS advised this was dealt with in 2.1

Decision(s)
No further comments

Action(s)

3.0 Issues with membership

3.1 Ratification of new members

Discussion
Motion for the following Countries Memberships to be ratified, subject to confirmed payment of annual full national membership fee.
Chile, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Turkey
All have completed the requirements
Also the application of Mongolia for affiliation to IWAS, which is a separate service. As a Developing Nation Affiliate (DNA) Mongolia will have an obligation to report to every General Assembly of their progress and it is hoped in future years they will become a full national member. As a DNA, Mongolia will have different entitlements. Full and clear details of this service can be found on the IWAS Website. MS confirmed that as a DNA, Mongolia does not need to be ratified and only presented to the current GA.

Decision(s)
Chile accepted – Moved by Denmark, Seconded by Germany
Ethiopia accepted – Moved by Lebanon, Seconded by Sweden
Kazakhstan accepted – Moved by Iran, Seconded by Czech Republic
Nigeria accepted – Moved by Netherland, Seconded by Denmark
Turkey accepted – Moved by Saudi Arabia, Seconded by Netherland
All unanimous

Action(s)
1. Able to vote if present at this GA.
2. Ratified by General Assembly – HQ to process

3.2 Report on any issues/suspensions in progress

Discussion
MS advised that we had had the need to suspend our member in India, the Paralympic Committee India (PCI), as their government refused to recognise them. After 18 months of communication between PCI, IPC and the Indian Government there is now progress. IPC have now confirmed in writing that they have lifted their ban of PCI.
PDP added that the with the hard work of the SG and Head of Operations CH, the focus had been to do everything possible to ensure athletes from India could participate at the IWAS 2011 World Games. Only within the last week were the issues resolved to the point that the IPC and Indian Government were satisfied and the responsibility then lay with the LOC, TSAA and his team to ensure visas and arrangements were made.

### Decision(s)

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#### 3.3 Termination of membership

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### 4.0 Annual Reports

#### 4.1 President

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Firstly, in the days prior to the GA, an IWAS EB meeting had occurred. Several of the issues raised in that meeting would be discussed later during the GA.

He went on to explain how he had taken advantage of the invitation to attend the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing World Championship in Catania, which had been a spectacular event held at the same time as the able bodied FIE event for the third time.

PPD noted that the Federation was in its final year of the Succession Strategy, which he was leading, to identify replacement(s) for the roles of Secretary General (and Officer of the Federation,) as well as Executive Director, as Maura Strange had held both positions for nearly 20 years, following her other involvements both voluntary and professional in the 10 years previous to that.

PDP explained that MS will continue to work with IWAS to enable the Federation to benefit from her experience.

Adding that part of the succession plan was the creation of the IWAS Executive Management Committee (EMC) which had taken over the role of Executive Director, with himself as Chair and Karl Vilhelm Nielsen, Bob Paterson and Maura Strange as members. The EMC and HoO have monthly Skype meetings, and PDP and CH have weekly Skype meetings to ensure good communication and to provide added guidance to CH in the new role of Head of Operations (HoO).

PDP went on to thank all the EB members that had prepared reports to present at the GA. Honorary Treasurer, Bob Paterson for not only his financial assistance but as being the closest EB member to HQ – appreciation for his additional involvement with the office.

Also thanks to KVN as Vice President for his several tasks, especially his role progressing the CPISRA and IWAS relationship. Thanks to the Members at Large, Pieter Badenhorst for all his work for the Development Summit and the Development Plan. Considerable thanks to Tariq Sultan Alkadim for stepping in at very short notice and offering to create the World Games in Sharjah following the withdrawal of a previous country. Also to Dina Sotiriadi for her work in the role of Games Evaluation.

He finally went on to thank the Secretary General, Maura Strange stating there was not enough thanks for the value she brings to IWAS.

To finish PDP gave the floor the opportunity for questions or comments.

Canada (Cathy Cadieux) highlighted to the GA that essentially with MS working in a part-time role, and the voluntary EB members as the EMC - How was the process working for IWAS
and is it something that would continue?

To answer, PDP advised that it was not an ideal situation but was the best way in this transitional period. Ultimately it was due to the ability of the EB to work as a team, and the good work from Ch as Head of Operations and her staff, Stacey & Morwenna. It was an issue that was discussed in the recent EB meeting where the decision was made that the EB would all meet in April, along with a professional facilitator to develop the strategy for the way forward.

| Decision(s) | Report received by GA |
| Action(s)   | No further action    |

4.2 Vice President

Discussion

KVN advised that his vice-president’s report was published in the 2010 Annual Report, which was sent to all nations in the General Assembly packages.

From the report KVN wanted to focus on the cooperation between IWAS and CPISRA, advising that there were two legs, the first being for the athletes. Highlighting that IWAS had opened the IWAS WG to CP athletes. The other leg being for sport and political reasons, either as a joint venture structure or full amalgamation. Adding that a working group had been set up, three people from IWAS and three from CPISRA, that had met for two meetings where it was highlighted that each group needed to learn more about each other.

KVN also highlighted that at the IWAS WJG in Dubai in April 2011, 30% of the athletes were CP athletes.

Also during the current World Games in Sharjah there was a new sport on the programme called Race Running, which is a very good sport for CP athletes. It uses a kind of three wheel bike, without peddles that the athletes use to help them run on the track.

KVN told the GA that in the summer of 2010 he had witnessed a girl aged about 10 years old who had never moved without her parents assistance, use a Race Running bike and within 30 minutes she was able to move herself for the first time. Concluding it was an amazing event to witness and encouraged the GA attendees to try and visit the event that was on the programme in Sharjah for two days. Race Running was providing CP athletes with new possibilities.

KVN returned to the political aspect of the IWAS/CPISRA cooperation and asked the GA if there were any questions or comments.

Sweden (Lars Lofstrom) congratulated IWAS on the cooperation adding that Sweden had been working hard with the Special Olympics and CPISRA and encouraged IWAS to continue the good work.

KVN thanked Sweden for their support, adding that it was the intention of IWAS to continue to invite CP athletes to IWAS Games in the future, recognising that there is a big need for them as they do not currently have many events to attend. With the exception of Paralympic Games, there had been no competition for CP athletes since 2005 until the IWAS WJG in Dubai, in April 2011.

RvdA wanted to comment that in the previous 4-5 years IWAS had provided opportunities for high disability classes to participate in events. Unfortunately in most cases it had not been possible due to the lack of athletes. He went on to add that the four days of classification in Sharjah had been of tremendous importance for CPISRA athletes, especially the high disability classes. Advising the GA that in total 35-40% of classification in Sharjah had been CPISRA athletes. The IWAS WG in Sharjah had provided the opportunity for combined events for 51/52 F classes and also CPISRA 31/32 class athletes.

PDP thanked KVN for his good work.

| Decision(s) | Report received by GA |
| Action(s)   | No further action    |
4.3 Secretary General

MS explained to the GA that she would not be going in to a lot of detail as many of the issues already discussed had been worked on as a team where she was a member and referred the GA to her report that had also been included in the 2010 Annual Report.

MS added a few words about how she felt moving forward, highlighting that for the previous year and a half she had been working part-time serving the federation as the Secretary General. This followed the signal given to the EB 4 years ago in 2008, that 2010 would be the year that she could take up her old age pension and slow down a bit. This was then announced during the 2009 GA, where a succession strategy was presented and accepted by the GA to move the Federation forward in full appreciation of what was involved in her dual roles and responsibilities as Secretary General and her professional position as Executive Director. This signalled that while she was coming to the end of her professional and paid career with the Federation, she would be considering contributing as an expert volunteer for the movement beyond the end of 2012. Certainly she had no plans to abandon supporting the various committees to which she had been appointed. MS added that she felt very positive about the past one and half years and it was a relief not to have the burden of daily operations. She felt confident with the new role of Head of Operations that had been created and went on to thank Charmaine Hooper. Maura concluded that IWAS was her family and she hoped to remain part of it.

Czech Republic (Radka Kucirikova) wished to thank MS for providing the sport opportunity but also for representing IWAS Member Nations to the IPC which she felt was very important.

Canada (Cathy Cadieux) added that there is no doubt what MS has contributed to the Paralympic Movement over the course of many years and while they might not have always agreed have always had a common commitment and passion for wheelchair sport and sport for athletes with a disability. She thanked MS for all she has done and making everyone very proud.

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4.4 Amputee Football

PDP offered a short synopsis regarding Amputee Football to date, explaining that the Worldwide appeal of the sport has been made apparent to the IWAS EB.

Although the structure of Amputee Football was not currently as clear as it should be, the EB felt that the sport of Amputee Football should be strengthened and developed. The GA was informed that there had been on-going communication between the World Amputee Football (WAF) and IWAS to determine what the best relationship could be moving forward. The aim of WAF was to get to the Paralympic Games, where there are other football events. IWAS agreed to help achieve this goal in any way possible.

As a test event, the LOC in Sharjah supported the involvement of Amputee Football on the IWAS World Games programme with exhibition status featuring teams from Russia and Great Britain. Members of the EB had met with the two teams and one of the representatives for the international organisation for Amputee Football and several ways to help were discussed. These included assistance with structure and aiming to achieve a democratically elected board of governors.

This is seen as a parallel to the way IWAS helped Wheelchair Rugby to grow from an exhibition sport to a competitive and properly governed sport, leading finally to Paralympic status.

PDP – asked the GA for any questions

Russia (Pavel Rozhkov/Ekaterina Pronina) wanted to offer their full support for this initiative between IWAS and Amputee Football to work together. Adding that it was partly their initiative that had led to this collaboration following on from the EPC GA earlier in 2011. Then discussions had taken place between IPC CEO Xavier Gonzalez and IWAS SG Maura Strange. Mr Gonzalez suggested that if there was good communication then there was a strong possibility that Amputee Football could be added the Paralympic Programme. Concluding
that they wish to thank the IWAS Management for their work for this sport so far.

**Decision(s)**

**Action(s)**

### 4.5 Athletics

**Discussion**

IWAS Athletics Manager, Jan Bockweg (JB) confirmed that his report was included in the IWAS Annual Report 2010, on page 26. And asked the GA if there were any questions?

PDP asked JB to provide some highlights from the report and any thoughts about the future.

JB began by discussing the development of the IWAS Series in both Western Europe and the Middle East; in 2010 IWAS had more than 25 countries competing in Western Europe in the three IWAS Series competitions, which had been a great success. The final meetings were held in Stadskanaal, Holland.

The first series in the Middle East will begin in March 2012, with competitions in Dubai and Al Ain. With increased competition on an International level it is to be hoped that a lot of countries will participate.

He added that the IWAS Series in Western Europe for 2012 was currently in doubt as the ‘IPC European Athletics Championships’ in the Netherlands were being held within the same time frame. The GA was advised that the issue was on-going, with discussions to be finalised by the end of 2011.

JB added that in regards to development, discussion had begun with IWAS Members in the Americas and the Mediterranean in the hope of arranging events there.

Concluding that he was happy with the co-operation between IWAS and CPISRA, following on from the success of the first integration of athletes at the IWAS World Junior Games in Olomouc in 2010 followed by the IWAS World Junior Games in Dubai 2011. Now within the full programme in the IWAS World Games in Sharjah, including Race Running.

**Decision(s)**

**Action(s)**

### 4.6 Electric Wheelchair Hockey

**Discussion**

PDP advised the GA that seven years ago the IWAS EB team recognised that Electric Wheelchair Hockey was a growing sport providing competition opportunities for the severely disabled. He advised that John Teunissen, chairman of Electric Wheelchair Hockey had been asked to provide a report of the organisation’s activities.

Power Point Presentation by John Teunissen (JT) (please see appendix 1)

PDP thanked JT for his presentation before informing the nations that Electric Wheelchair Hockey had now reached the status of a full sport section with all the rights and responsibilities thereof within IWAS. Advising the nations that IWAS will continue to work with EWH to help develop and spread the sport. Highlighting that EWH is an extremely exciting sport, especially for the severely disabled which IWAS included as a major responsibility.

PDP informed the nations that John Teunissen would be remaining for the rest of the GA should a country that does not currently play EWH wish to speak to him about the sport.

**Decision(s)**

**Action(s)**
### 4.7 Wheelchair Fencing

**Discussion**  
PDP informed the GA that unfortunately the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Chairman, Alberto Vassallo Martinez (AMV), was going to the IPC GA in Beijing and therefore had sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the IWAS GA also. He had therefore asked IWAS SG, Maura Strange, who provides a great deal of support to the sport, to provide a report instead.

MS – advised the nations that the Chairman of Wheelchair Fencing, AMV had provided a report which was included in the Annual Report 2010. She then went on to explain that there had been a great deal of progress over a number of years to the point where IWAS and the Wheelchair Fencing were positioning themselves for serious talks with the International Federation of Fencing.

The GA was advised that some talks had begun during the most recent Wheelchair Fencing Championships in Catania 2011, where the event was held alongside able bodied fencing. Adding that there had been positive signals from the IFF but Wheelchair Fencing still had work to do to ensure that they were appropriately organised and had the correct infrastructure.

The WCF programme or calendar of events would need to be changed to work alongside that of able bodied fencing. Also the specialising of weapons, which currently WCF do not do, as athletes are currently able to compete in two weapons. There are plans for this transition stage over the next two years. The championship cycle has been changed to run alongside the able bodied, which was the reason for a World Championship in both 2010 and 2011. From 2011 onward there will be a World Championship every two years in the odd years.

Discussions currently involve comparing the steps that Wheelchair Rugby went through when it became independent of IWAS and the creation of Wheelchair Fencing’s own Strategic Plan in this area. The calendar for WCF is extremely crowded with over seven events each year; therefore WCF contributes quite strongly to the federations finances. Obviously in return they get the highest budget allowance from IWAS.

MS concluded that she felt that WCF is on a strong path with a good technical committee, and a good working relationship with London 2012 (LOCOG). After London 2012 and the prime exhibition of the sport, it is hoped that it will enable some of the medal events to be re-established. These were lost following Athens Paralympic Games when the team events were taken away. Overall positive from Wheelchair Fencing.

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### 5.0 Finances presented by Honorary Treasurer

#### 5.1 Acceptance of Financial Report 2009/2010

**Discussion**  
Presented by Bob Paterson, Honorary Treasurer.

Began with an apology due to ill health at HQ just prior to leaving for the GA, the final preparations of the financial paperwork had been delayed and some errors occurred, although they did not affect the overall picture.

The figures for 2009 and 2010 were submitted in the 2010 Annual Report. Despite strict UK rules of governance from the Charity Commission and Companies House, IWAS no longer required to have a full and expensive audit. Instead it is permitted that the annual financial books are reviewed and commented upon by an external accountant, Rachel Andrews. She works and offers assistance to HQ throughout the year when required. Also during the last two years the computerisation of the accounts has greatly improved, therefore the daily work was reduced and accurate results should be more readily available.

Canada (Cathy Cadieux) asked in regards to the money from Iran, there appears to be over
£10,000 difference, was this due to the exchange rate or were there other issues?
BP replied that the exchange rate difference was much higher than had been expected as it had been difficult to obtain current figures from Iran with current valuations. From the investment point of view there were high nominal returns but the exchange rates between the Iranian and UK currency changed extremely quickly. Indeed when the time came to transfer the money, due to the political climate the money had to take a circuitous route.

Canada asked if there were significant fee’s involved?
BP advised that the loss was mostly down to the exchange rate.
MS added also that the original amount that was thought to be held in Iran was not correct.
PDP summarised to the Nations that the money was a result of a fundraising programme held in Iran by a member of the IWAS EB.

BP added that a significant loss had been suffered due to a tax return where IWAS were not able to claim as much back as first had been hoped. This was in addition to the losses suffered on the Iran fundraising money issue. Summarising that IWAS is always run on a tightrope, he was more than grateful for the enormous efforts of the staff who receive a modest pay for what they do and the hours they work and their on-going passion for the aims and objectives of the Federation.

He also thanked the volunteers who give an enormous amount of their time, often at their personal expense, participating and contributing to the movement. If IWAS had to pay for everything that they receive at a proper rate, IWAS would only last a few weeks. IWAS understood that member nations each had their own financial problems but it was essential that the membership supported IWAS with funds to enable it to achieve its basic objectives.

In 2012, the Olympics will be overshadowing the world of athletics, followed by the Paralympics, both of which will be fantastic events. In the middle of this, IWAS will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary. Within the 2012 budget there has been a consideration for a Gala Dinner to be held prior to the Paralympics, which it is hoped will provide a small income.

BP went on to ask the member nations to try and generate interest in the Anniversary and the Gala Dinner, perhaps as a fund raising event locally or by buying tables for the dinner in the UK. Input and information can be obtained from HoO, Charmaine Hooper.

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| Yes – unanimous  
| Opposed  
| Abstentions |
| Motion is carried |

| Action(s) | HoO to keep nations up to date with regard to the 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner. |

5.2 Income & Expenditure to September 2011

BP advised that the table reflected the financial position of IWAS until the end of September, with significant input for the last quarter of the year from the capitation fees to be expected from the World Games in Sharjah. It is hoped that this will bring the income column for the last quarter to the order of £50,000 to £54,000 which will make a huge difference to the end of year results.

BP asked that the Income and Expenditure for 2011 until September 2011 be accepted. Seconded by Canada  
Yes - unanimous  
Opposed  
Abstentions  
Motion is accepted

| Action(s) | HoO to circulate quarterly up-dates of Federations income & expenditure to Nations |

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5.3 Approval of Budgets for 2012 to 2013

**Discussion**

BP highlighted that Paralympic Games years such as 2012, are always difficult as IWAS does not receive competition and capitation fee incomes. In addition there are extra expenses directly incurred from the Paralympics as shown in the budget, set at £10,000. Fortunately this year being hosted in the UK, has enabled some of the usual costs to be reduced.

The calculations shown for the sports under the section of 'projects and programmes' are to the formula shown in the finance documents (22% of IWAS membership and capitations fees). Some of the figures are incorrect at this point. Shown for 2012 where it states £20,900 it should read £26,400, therefore the financial pool available is slightly bigger. In turn this has a bad effect on the bottom line, where it had been hoped IWAS should break-even. In fact there is a predicted loss of up to £5500. The same error occurred for the 2013 budget, where it reads £33,660 it should be £39,400. Therefore altering the bottom line to £29,800. BP apologised for these two errors but highlighted that these figures were only forecasts for the two years, due to the unknown economic situation.

Canada (Cathy Cadieux) confirmed that the four year cycle was understood, but wanted to be clear that the nations were being asked to approve a deficit budget of 2012 of about £36,000 due to the £31,000 being added as a contingency to the budget. In response BP answered that the contingency may need to be amended.

PDP advised that he wanted to add his thanks to BP and the hard work of the HQ. Also to ensure that the member nations knew that the IWAS EB does not receive compensation. In addition the EB are responsible for their own travel expenses to attend meetings although sometimes the travel costs are covered by the LOC when appropriate or by the nation of the EB member.

**Decision(s)**

Moved by BP, seconded by Denmark
Yes – unanimous
Opposed
Abstentions

**Action(s)**

HoO to send corrected budgets to Nations

5.4 Approval Independent Accountants

**Discussion**

BP proposed the re-appointment of Rachael Andrews BSc, FCMA as the Independent Financial Examiner for 2011 and 2012.

**Decision(s)**

Moved by BP, seconded by Canada
Yes – unanimous
Opposed
Abstentions

**Motion is approved**

**Action(s)**

HoO to officially confirm to Rachael Andrews in writing

6.0 IWAS Games Programme

6.1 Update to Nations RE: Junior & World Games

**Discussion**

PDP confirmed to the GA that IWAS EB member Dina Sotiriadi (DS) had agreed to take on the role of the chairperson for the Games Committee, which will oversee the Games selection, and evaluation of all the Games venues and programmes. Previous to this, it was the responsibility of the IWAS HQ, and therefore it was felt appropriate to ask CH to present a report on the current games programme.

CH highlighted to the GA that since 2005 the IWAS World Junior Games has been held every year, some years more successful than others with the organising committees hosting more than just athletics. The numbers of athletes has seen a constant growth, with positive feedback from the athletes’ experience.
Future Junior Games that are on the register for evaluation by the Games Committee’s Evaluation Commission are bids from Puerto Rico for 2013 and also a bid from Denmark for 2014. There are several other bids in the pipe line for years following that. Confirmation of the 2013 and 2014 bids are hoped to be made soon. IWAS looks forward to receiving other bids from the member nations to enable a well-established plan for the next 5-6 years.

In regards to the World Games programme it is currently going well, despite it being a much bigger event with more challenges.

CH added that IWAS appreciate the patience of our member nations at World Games, when things do not always run as smoothly as hoped, but the enthusiasm and willingness of the LOC’s to adapt and help make things run as smoothly and successfully as possible.

There being no questions PDP emphasised that the IWAS Games Programme was the lifeline of IWAS in terms of training for athletes, officials, classification and LOCs. Also from a financial point of view the Games Programme is the main source of income after the membership fees.

6.2 Presentation by future LOCs

PDP confirmed that this was covered in section 6.1

7.0 Motions submitted by the IWAS Executive Board and by IWAS Member Organisations

7.1 Constitutional

PDP asked the IWAS SG to read the motions, before discussing and then voting. MS highlighted that the Constitutional motions required a two thirds majority and the Ordinary motions 50% plus one. John Teunissen of Electric Wheelchair Hockey and Sandy Hermiston of CPISRA agreed to be the Tellers and count the votes.

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**7.2 Motions from IWAS Executive Board**

Motion from IWAS Executive Board: IWAS Executive Board put forward the following amendments to the IWAS Constitution (Memorandum & Articles of Association) as a special resolution and in accordance with the specified timeframe and criteria of same.

That Article 12.7 of Articles of Association should be amended to read:

The Executive Board is entitled to appoint as paid consultant to the Federation Executive, a Secretary General for the period initially from May 2010 to December 2012 onwards, with the position to be reviewed from this date on a biennial basis. The position will continue to be an Ex Officio Member of the Executive Management Committee and Executive Board of the Federation.
That Article 12.8 of Articles of Association be amended to read:

The Executive Board is entitled to appoint an unpaid consultant to the Federation Executive, as Honorary Treasurer for quadrennial periods reflected by quadrennial election cycle. The position will continue to be an Ex Officio Member of the Executive Management Committee and Executive Board of the Federation.

That Article 13.1 of Articles of Association be amended to read:

The Executive Management Board (EMB) is entitled to assist the Chief Executive Officer, CEO (previously Executive Director) of the Federation, or replace the function entirely if no CEO (or ED) exists for the quadrennial period specified “and deals with the operational day to day management of the Association …..etc.”

That Article 14 of Articles of Association be amended to read:

14. The IWAS Headquarters

The Association manages its day to day affairs through the IWAS Headquarters Office function, which is a staffed Operation.

14.1 The CEO or EMB, as appropriate, is the Chief Operations Officer of the Association and Head of HQ and responsible for staffing of same, i.e. supervision and management. The CEO (or EMB in this capacity) does not have the authorisation/capacity to act as a Trustee of the Federation in this respect.

14.2 The CEO or EMB, as appropriate, is responsible for the supervision and service provision of Sports and Regional Departments where these have been established by the Executive Board.

14.3 The CEO or EMB, as appropriate, shall be responsible to the General Assembly of Nations through the President of the Association.

MS asked the GA to confirm if the articles could be taken as a whole or as individual items. The nations indicated to take them as a whole.

Decision(s) Moved by MS, seconded by Austria

Yes – 23
No – 0
Abstentions – 1
Motion passed

Action(s)

7.2 Ordinary

Discussion Motion from the IWAS Executive Board: The IWAS Executive Board proposed that the IWAS General Assembly of Nations adopts the IPC Medical Code

MS advised the GA that it may seem peculiar for IWAS to adopt the medical code before the IPC has accepted it themselves. MS explained that if IPC accepted the code during the IPC GA 2011 it would become an automatic compliancy requirement of membership to the IPC.

Decision(s) Moved by MS, seconded by Austria

Yes – unanimous
No
Abstentions
Motion passed

Action(s)
8.0 Strategic Plan

8.1 Presentation of the IWAS Strategic Plan by the President

Discussion

PDP advised the member nations that as a preliminary step for the Strategic Plan the Development Summit had been advertised and held two days prior to the GA. He advised that IWAS EB member Pieter Badenhorst (PB) had chaired the summit along with help from the IWAS SG, Maura Strange, and asked him to provide a brief overview to the member nations of what came from the forum and what the next steps will be.

PB thanked the nations that had participated in the Development Summit, adding he believed the forum provided the feedback from the nations of what is required of IWAS in terms of development. Further meetings with various sports as well as informal discussions with nations had made him realise the main focus for IWAS as an organisation should be development. Summarising that the challenge to IWAS was to learn from what had been discussed and ensure it becomes reality, in terms of the Strategic Plan.

PB went on to discuss the Declaration from the Development Summit, highlighting the three key areas discussed as Communication, Support and a Knowledge Centre. Please refer to appendix 2 to see the entire Declaration.

Decision(s)

Action(s)

8.2 Update on Succession Strategy

Discussion

Decision(s)

Action(s)

9.0 Closing Remarks & Any other business

Discussion

PDP advised the GA that several of the members had raised concerns over the IPC GA motions and had requested that they should be added to the agenda for discussion. As the IPC motions seemed considerable in length PDP asked if there were any specific questions or motions that should be discussed amongst the IWAS team.

MS asked the member nations to show how many would be attending the IPC GA for their nations and how many would only be represented by IWAS? From a show of hands there appeared to be half that would be attending and half that would have no direct voice. Highlighting that for those not attending they would not have seen the IPC motions in order to comment. Therefore it should be arranged that they do receive copies and forward any concerns that they wish to be raised at the IPC GA via email to either PDP or MS who have the voting rights for IWAS.

KVN added that he wanted to bring to the attention of the IWAS member nations the fact that in the IPC Budget for the following year it appeared that IPC was increasing the annual membership fee although this increase had not been introduced as a motion in its own right. He asked the members to consider this before arriving in Beijing.

Decision(s)

Action(s)

Before officially closing the IWAS General Assembly 2011, Mr Paul DePace asked the member nations if there were any further questions to be raised - there were none and the meeting closed.
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