



International Triathlon Union (ITU)
Minutes of Congress 2001
20 July 2001, Edmonton, Canada

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** ITU President Les McDonald, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following National Federations present:

ARGENTINA

- Enrique Bollana
- Gustavo Svane

AUSTRALIA

- Ms Jackie Gallagher
- David Burt

Ms Mina Guli

Tim Wilson

Ms Cheryl Battaerd

AUSTRIA

- Walter Zettnig
- Ms Erika Koenig-Zenz

BERMUDA

- Ms Deborah Butterfield
- Ms Patty Petty

BOLIVIA

- Ms Agnes Eppers

BRAZIL

- Carlos Froes

CANADA

- William Hallett
- Patrice Brunet
- Ms Sheila O'Kelly
- Ms Teena Bogner

CHINA PR

- Chu Shuhua
- Liang Shanshui

CHINESE TAIPEI

- Matthew Hsieh
- Morrie Chiang

COLOMBIA

- José Luis Echeverry

COSTA RICA

- Ms Laura Mata
- Ms Sylvia Gonzalez

CROATIA

- Goran Vrbanac

CZECH REPUBLIC

- Pavel Koran

DENMARK

- Kent Magelund

- Carsten Ditlefsen

FRANCE

- Philippe Lescure
- Michel Gignoux
- Ms. Christine Constantini

GERMANY

- Dr. Susanne Baur
- Dr. Klaus Mueller-Ott
- Reinhard Wilke

GREAT BRITAIN

- Norman Brook
- Graeme Kempson
- Ms Jasmine Flatters

GUATEMALA

- Dr. Mario Rodriguez

HONG KONG CHINA

- Ms Ruth Hunt
- Ms Angela Wong
- Chan Pak Fai
- Wan Shu Wah

HUNGARY

- Dr. Gabor Markus
- Gergely Markus

INDIA

- N. Ramachandran

ITALY

- Marco Sbernadori
- Angelo Bonizi

JAPAN

- Shin Otsuka
- Ms. Tomoko Wada
- Yoshiro Satoh

KOREA

- Ki, Woo Kyong
- PU, Song Won

LUXEMBOURG

- Eugene Kraus

MEXICO

- David Alvarez
- Ms Sandra del Valle



- Jaime Cadaval
- Ms. Nelly Becerra

NETHERLANDS

- John Raddschelders

NEW ZEALAND

- Ms Lynne Klap
- Terry Sheldrake
- Tom Pryde
- Ms Karen Sheldrake

PHILIPPINES

- Tom Carrasco
- Ms Carlo Carrasco

PORTUGAL

- Sergio Santos
- Jose Luis Ferrera
- Ms Alicia Moniz

PUERTO RICO

- Dr. Edisson Osorio

RUSSIA

- Anatoly Korobov
- Ms Polina Korobova
- Bozolia Korobova

SOUTH AFRICA

- Desroy Poole
- Dr. Lood Rabie

SPAIN

- Enrique Quesada
- Ms Marisol Casado
- Jose Hidalgo

Dr. Manuel Chamorro

SWEDEN

- Ola Silvadahl
- Ms Ria Dangren

SWITZERLAND

- Ms. Anne-Marie Gschwend
- Ms. Doris Rechsteiner
- Reinhard Standke
- Rene Kissling

Dr. Rudi Bubenhofer

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Ian Gooding

Jason Gooding

USA

- Mike Highfield
- Steven Locke
- Ms Andrea Allen

2. **WELCOME:** Sheila O'Kelly welcomed the delegates and introduced Mayor Bill Smith, mayor of Edmonton. Mayor Smith credited the volunteers and the Edmonton Organising Committee for the success of the 2001 World Championships. He said that this event was one of the great moments in the history of the city. He also said that it is the greatest sport in the world because it is not only for the elite, but also for the hundreds of age group athletes.

Bill Hallett President Triathlon Canada welcomed the delegates in both of Canada's official languages. He distributed a copy of MacLeans magazine, Canada's largest magazine and stated that the feature article is not only a credit to Simon Whitfield, our Olympic Gold Medallist, but also a credit to everyone who has worked so hard to build the success of our Olympic sport.

3. **SPORTSWORLD PRESENTATION:** Shaun Whatling introduced the new SMG team including Dan Atkins and Nici Andronicus. Shaun presented plans for Media Management. Television Exposure, guaranteed television coverage for sponsors – estimate 400 million viewers annually. This is guaranteed exposure for sponsors. Ms Nici Andronicus outlined the estimated commercial value at \$50 million. These figures were gathered by an independent agency. Nici also outlined the importance of promoting the product brand and the great product that triathlon is. Shaun concluded that we now have a very big tool. Confidence in marketability



4. **ROLL CALL:** Mike Highfield, ITU Credentials Committee reported that all National Federations in attendance at Congress were bona fide members.
5. **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS:** President McDonald appointed the following as scrutineers of the minutes:
 - a) Dr. Petra Frey (SUI), ITU Doping Commission
 - b) Mina Guli (AUS), ITU Constitution Committee
 - c) Greg Welch (AUS) ITU Athletes Committee
6. **MINUTES OF THE 2000 CONGRESS:** There were no errors or omissions of the 2000 Perth Congress minutes.
7. **ELECTION OF THE 2001 AUDIT COMMITTEE:** The 2001 Audit Committee was elected by acclamation:
 - a) Enrique Casada, Spain
 - b) Alberto Fonollosa, Argentina
 - c) Philippe Lescure, France
8. **REPORT OF THE AUDIT REPORT:** Bill Hallett, Chair of the ITU Audit Committee reported as follows:
 - a) A copy of the Audit Committee's Report was circulated and is attached to these minutes.
 - b) The meetings and activities of the Audit Committee leading up to Congress.
 - c) Steve Locke, USA asked if regular financial reports to all NFs were possible.
 - d) Bill Walker reported that these accounts were available and in the past had been reported to the Executive Board at regular intervals.
9. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Walker reported as follows:
 - a) Impact of Civil Court Action on the Administration of ITU: Because of the current action by 7 NFs against ITU in the civil court in British Columbia, our situation continues to be uncertain. For this reason we have not invested in the office facilities or staff to properly keep up to the demands of our growing International Federation.
 - b) Quarterly financial statement: although the Executive Board meets twice a year, and financial statements are prepared for each of these meetings. We will distribute quarterly financial statements to all NFs.
 - c) The recommendations of the Audit Committee will be implemented.
 - d) The quality of the Auditor is highly professional.
 - e) The Financial Statements were reviewed (and are attached).
 - f) Steve Locke wanted to clarify that although the Financial Statements show an annual honorarium of \$36,000 to the ITU President, that Les McDonald has not taken that honorarium.
 - g) Graeme Kempson (GBR) congratulated Bill on not only meeting his 2001 budget but also exceeding it.



10. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Les McDonald reported as follows:
- a) He read a letter of regret from Gunnar Ericsson, ITU Honorary President who is ill following a stroke and not able to be with us. Les McDonald emphasized the monumental role that Gunnar played getting ITU established as a credible International Federation and getting triathlon into the Olympic Games.
 - b) Chiharu Igaya, ITU Vice President sent his regrets for not being with us as he was detained in Moscow for follow-up matters after the IOC Session.
 - c) Phil Coles, IOC and former Secretary General of ITU also sent his regrets. Phil's role in assisting with our Olympic Programme status and our success with the Sydney Olympic Games Triathlon was very significant.
 - d) Status of ITU Events: We currently have over 75 events on all 5 continents and in every month of the year. They are all highly successful, and in 2000-2001 we have enjoyed the greatest season to date since our founding in 1989
 - e) The World Championships: all of our disciplines are growing especially the Winter Triathlon, Aquathlon and Duathlon World Championships. The Triathlon World Cup continues to grow each year, and as we saw in the report for our marketing partners Sportsworld, the events and the series is now worth millions.
 - f) Multi-Sport Games: Triathlon is well established in most of the world's multi-sport games including the Central American Games, (Guatemala in 2001), the Bolivarian Games (Bolivia in 2001), the South American Games (Argentina in 2001), the Goodwill Games (Brisbane), the Commonwealth Games (Manchester July 2002 and Melbourne 2006), the Pan American Games (2003 in the Dominican Republic)
 - g) The Long Distance disciplines are working well, with an exciting event planned for the Triathlon World Championships in Fredericia, Denmark and in Venray for the Long Distance Duathlon World Championships.
 - h) Moscow:
 - (i) Brigitte MacMahon, Olympic Gold Medallist joined Bill Walker and Les McDonald at the IOC Session.
 - (ii) The awarding of the 2008 Olympic Games to Beijing is very positive for ITU because of the strong connection we enjoy with Lou Da Peng, President of the Asia Triathlon Union and Vice President of IAAF and IOC member Zhenliang He. They will be a great asset with the development of the Olympic Triathlon there. Our Chinese Federation is here today and everyone should get to know them.
 - (iii) Jacques Rogge, the new President of the IOC is a good friend of triathlon, and we are confident in our continued relationship with the IOC.
 - (iv) Meetings were also held with:
 - IOC President Samaranch while in Moscow to personally acknowledge the role played by the President in helping to include Triathlon on the Programme of the Sydney Olympic Games.
 - The 2004 Athens Organising Committee: Sypros Capralos.



It will take a great involvement of all of us to support this historic Olympics.

- Dick Ebersol, NBC who was positive about the future of triathlon and television. We are fortunate to have a strong relationship with the NBC. Television ratings for Sydney Olympic Games was very high.
- i) Athletes Election: elections will take place Sunday evening during the Awards celebration, and we will have an elite man and women from each of the regions of ITU.
- j) Goodwill Games: the first round of invitations have gone out, and the final invitations will be sent following the results of the Edmonton World Championships.
- k) Yamaguchi World Cup: Thanks to the generosity of JTU and the Yamaguchi organizers, 50 airline tickets will be given to elite athletes to travel to Yamaguchi that has established a permanent triathlon site.
- l) WADA, the world anti-doping agency has taken over all drug testing, and we are working closely with them to ensure our athletes are tested out-of-competition and where appropriate, during competition.
- m) Awards Protocol: Following a request from the IOC Athletes Commission, the Olympic Committee has reversed the order of awarding medals. From now on it will be bronze, silver, gold. ITU will implement this change immediately.
- n) Warm Congratulations to Sheila O'Kelly, her outstanding organizing committee and the many hundreds of volunteers who appear to be on their way to organizing the best-ever ITU Triathlon World Championships.

11. **World Championships Reports:**

- a) Triathlon World Championships:
 - (i) 2001 Edmonton: Sheila O'Kelly, gave an overview of the success of events in Edmonton, with particular reference to the talents of the organizing committee and their commitment to leaving a legacy for our sport in the city.
 - (ii) 2002 Cancun: Jaime Cadaval, President of the Mexican Federation and David Alvarez, Race Director presented a video and explanation of the World Championships event in Cancun. All of the major functions will take place in the massive Convention Centre in the heart of Cancun. A new bike course with more technical parts will be tested this November for the World Cup.
 - (iii) 2003 Queenstown: Terry Sheldrake, Race Director and Arthur Klap, Event Director presented detailed plans for Queenstown 2003. NFs were encouraged to make their hotel bookings now. An International points race will be held on the course as a test event. The course promises to be challenging, and extremely beautiful.
- b) Long Distance Triathlon World Championships: 2001: Carsten Ditlefsen (Denmark) reviewed the successful planning to date.
 - (i) New countries are registering all the time, and the race is now full.
 - (ii) There will be 2 full days of racing, with coverage on national television the same day. It will be 2 long exciting days of racing.



- (iii) The ITU logo is on all Newline clothing, the title sponsor, and the budget is over \$1 million.
 - (iv) An Official hymn and World Champion song were released on this date in Denmark.
 - (v) The technical delegate for the event is Eugene Kraus, Luxembourg, and the organizers are waiting to welcome many National Federations in Denmark.
- c) Long Distance Duathlon World Championships: 2001: Venray, Netherlands: John Raadschelders, Event Organiser reported:
- (i) Besides a well-organised World Championships, the first ITU Duathlon Conference is being organized with the intention of producing future growth so duathlon works to improve its place within the ITU family.
 - (ii) Venray is prepared to host the best-ever Long Distance Powerman World Championships, with a Clydesdale category, as well as Athletes With A Disability.
 - (iii) In discussion with ITU AWAD Commission chair, Lorene Hatelt they are trying to promote the category and hopes to get duathlon in the paralympics.
- d) Duathlon World Championships: 2001, Rimini, Italy: Guido Massimo reviewed plans in place for the Rimini 2001 Duathlon World Championships.
- (i) The success of the planning is going to produce many events for the athletes and the NFs.
 - (ii) Several days of racing have been planned, with the focus to build a permanent venue for ITU events in the future.
- e) Winter Triathlon World Championships: 2001: Michel Gignoux reported
- (i) The event in Lenzerheide, Switzerland was very successful and a good step forward for the sport.
 - (ii) Michel gave thanks and credit to the organizing committee and the Swiss Federation
 - (iii) The host of the 2002 Winter World Championships has not been assigned.
- f) Aquathlon World Championships: 2001 Edmonton: Sheila O’Kelly reported on the success of the present event in Hawreluk Park.
- (i) This is a discipline that should receive more attention because of the important role it plays within ITU.
 - (ii) Hosting the event on the Wednesday prior to the World Championships was very good for the athletes and also to test the organizing committee.

12. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BID: Congress heard bids to host World Championship from the following:

- a) 2004 Triathlon World Championships: Funchal, Maderia Island, Portugal presented a well organised outline of their plan to host this event. ITU



- President Les McDonald asked for Congress approval to award the event to Portugal pending successful negotiations of the contract.
- b) 2003 Duathlon World Championships: Switzerland made a passionate bid for this event. An experienced event organising committee is already in place, plus the support from the Swiss Triathlon Federation. Congress approved the bid pending successful negotiation of the contract.
 - c) 2003 Long Distance Triathlon World Championships: Congress received two bids for this event: Ibiza, Spain and Sater, Sweden. Both organisations presented solid bids. Les McDonald gave the choice to Congress with a secret ballot conducted. The event went to Ibiza, Spain, pending the successful negotiation of the contract.

13. **RESOLUTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

Resolution 1: (Executive Board)

Be it resolved that National Federations or elected officers suspended by ITU have the right to immediate appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne.

Carried

Resolution 2: (Executive Board)

Be it resolved that the ITU Constitution be amended as follows: 4.11 Athletes Committee: shall consist of 10 members, 5 men and 5 women elected every two (2) years at a specially called meeting of athletes at the Triathlon World Championships.

- a) There shall be one (1) woman and one (1) man elected from each of the 5 continental regions: Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania.
- b) An elite athlete eligible for election is one who is ranked in the ITU World Rankings or who has been in the previous four (4) years.
- c) The ten (10) person Athletes Committee has the right to attend Congress with voice and one (1) vote.
- d) The ten (10) person Athletes Committee will elect a chair of their committee who will be a member of the ITU Executive Board with full rights.

CARRIED

Resolution 9: (Executive Board):

Whereas Dr. Sarah Springman has been an inspiration for women and fair play in our sport and others for many years; and

Whereas Dr. Sarah Springman dominated Triathlon as an athlete in Europe for several years; and Whereas ITU owes much to Sarah for her advocacy of women's equality; and

Whereas Sarah has contributed immensely to the inclusion of Triathlon in the Olympic and Commonwealth Games; and

Whereas as Vice President of ITU she became a polished diplomat and advocate for Triathlon within the Olympic family, mostly at her own expense; and



Whereas as a member of the British Sports Council, Sarah continues to play an important role, as does her Executive position in the World Masters Games Federation; and

Whereas Sarah has taken time from her sports achievements to pursue her academic career - after graduating from Magdalen College, Cambridge she now holds a position as professor of engineering at Zurich University

Therefore be it resolved that this Congress award Dr. Sarah Springman the title of Honorary Member of ITU.

Anne-Marie Gschwend, President of the Swiss Triathlon Federation and ITU regional represent for Europe spoke in support of the motion, then read a letter from Sarah addressed to Congress.

The motion carried unanimously

14. RESOLUTIONS FROM NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Resolution 3: (Swiss Federation)

Whereas the ITU Competition Rules state: "Team-Time-Trial events may be organized at the discretion of the ITU Executive Board and the host NF" and whereas Switzerland has successfully submitted a resolution for the team-time-trial event at the 1999 Congress in Montreal, therefore be it resolved that the team trial world championship be included in the official ITU Triathlon World Championships.

CARRIED

Resolution 4: (Swiss Federation)

Whereas the ITU Competition Rules on Team Time Trials states that "teams of up to 5 competitors" be allowed, be is resolved that the wording of this rule be changed to read, "The team trial world championships have a maximum team size of 4 competitors, with the time of the 3rd place competitor across the finish line to count.

DEFEATED

Resolution 5: (Swiss Federation)

Be it resolved that all athletes banned for doping infractions by any national federation representing an Olympic sport also be banned from ITU for any event in duathlon, triathlon, aquathlon and winter triathlon.

CARRIED

Resolution 6: (Canadian Federation)

Whereas National Federations are empowered by the Constitution of the International Triathlon Union, ("ITU"), to enter national teams to ITU World Championship events, and,

Whereas it is critical that National Federations exercise such control over their particular qualification processes for such national teams;



Be it resolved that: All entrants to an ITU World Championships event, in every competitive category, must meet the qualification criteria of their respective National Federation. Furthermore, all duly qualified athletes are under the direction of their respective National Federation at any such ITU World Championship event.

CARRIED

15. REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- a) **Technical Committee:** Loreen Barnett, Chair of the Technical Committee presented the report on behalf of the entire committee (see attached copy of the full report). She also presented the following resolutions from the Technical Committee:

Resolution 7: (Technical Committee)

Whereas the current age limitations for junior and age group competitions cause confusion for NF qualification systems and LOC registration;

Be it resolved that all age limits for ITU competitions be as of 31 December.

Be it further resolved that the age for the Junior Category be 18 to 20 years to allow junior athletes to compete in the 19th year.

CARRIED

Resolution 8: (Technical Committee)

Whereas it is the desire of ITU to restrict young athletes from competing in any ITU Long Distance event until such time as there is definite information about the effect of long distance racing and training on developing bodies; therefore be it resolved that athletes must be 20 years of age to compete in an ITU Long Distance event.

CARRIED

- b) **Medical Committee:** Dr. Doug Hiller reported on behalf of the Medical Committee. A copy of his report is attached.
- c) **Constitution Committee:** Patrice Brunet reported on behalf of the Constitution Committee. He presented the attached copy of the ITU Constitution, which has been restructured, to ensure all Congress resolutions have been included and to ensure duplications have been removed. Congress accepted the reconstructed version of the Constitution that will be submitted to the Government of Canada, where ITU is registered as a Not-for-Profit Society. A copy of the reconstituted constitution is attached.
- d) **Women's Committee:** Pamela Fralick chair of the Women's Committee reported on behalf of the committee. A copy of her report is attached. Pamela asked Congress to acknowledge the long-time work of Dottie Dorian (USA) who founded both the Women's Breakfast (a highlight of the



festivities surrounding the Triathlon World Championships), and also the Adopt-A-Triathlete programme. The work of Dottie was acknowledged with a warm applause.

16. **Affiliated Members of ITU**: In response to a request from Klaus Muller-Ott, President of DTU, Loreen Barnett reported on the status of the number of fully affiliated members of ITU. She reported that although several NFs were still missing some of the items required for full affiliation, the Credentials Committee accepted all of the NFs who registered for Congress and gave them full voting rights. In all, ITU has a total of 107 NFs who have some or all of their requirements for affiliation in place.
17. **ADJOURNMENT**: President Les McDonald extended an invitation to everyone to work together for the future of ITU in the spirit of friendliness and cooperation that has characterised our International Federation since its creation in Avignon 1989.
18. **Minutes recorded by:** *Loreen Barnett, ITU Headquarters*

Addendum: At the Athlete's Meeting, the following athletes were elected to the Athlete's Committee:

Africa- Trudi Barnes (RSA), Conrad Stoltz (RSA)
Americas- Isabelle Turcotte Baird (CAN), Andy Kelsey (USA)
Asia- Machiko Nakanishi (JPN), Jun-ichi Yamamoto (JPN)
Europe- Kathleen Smet (BEL), Stephane Poulat (FRA)
Oceania- Jackie Gallagher (AUS), Greg Welch (AUS)

In addition, Greg Welch was elected the Athlete's Representative to the Executive Board.

