

Pan-American Archery Confederation
2009 COPARCO Congress Minutes
Place: Parque Deportivo “Puerta de Hierro”, Madrid, Spain.
Date: May, 24, 2009. 09:30 a.m

Attendants:

Officials:

President: Ernesto Diaz Bazan
Treasurer: Carlos Alfredo Hermes
Vice-President Southern Region: Maria Emma Gaviria
Vice-President North Region: Robert Romero
Vice-President Central America and the Caribbean Region: Gloria Rosa
Council member: Bárbara Hernandez

Special Guests:

Ugur Erdener, FITA President
Tom Dielen, FITA Secretary General and Executive Director
Vicente Martínez Orga (COPARCO Marketing Director)

Represented Countries:

1. Canada, Al Wills- VP Internacional
2. Chile, Julio Cesar Parra- President
3. Colombia, Maria Emma Gaviria-President
4. Dominican Republic, Barbara Hernandez- President
5. El Salvador, Ernesto Diaz Bazan- President
6. Guatemala, Rafael Paiz- President
7. Mexico, Effy Sanchez -President
8. United States, Robert Romero- Delegated
9. Trinidad & Tobago, Jonathan Kacal- President
10. Venezuela, Jose Manuel Trujillo- President
11. Nicaragua, Cairo Bermudez-President
12. Paraguay, Susana Kovacks- President
13. Ecuador, Otton Baquerizo-President
14. Puerto Rico, Gloria Rosa-President

PROXI represented countries:

15. Costa Rica, by Guatemala
16. Cuba, by Venezuela
17. Peru, by Colombia
18. Uruguay, by Chile

The President informed that the Secretary General wasn't able to attend because of her recent maternity. Her functions will be fulfilled by Ms. Maria Emma Gaviria assisted by Dr. Carlos Hermes.

Congress Agenda:

- Participants Registration
- Quorum Verification
- Congress Opening and Welcome
- Words of the FITA President, Ugur Erdener
- Words of the FITA Secretary General, Tom Dielen
- Last congress minutes approval
- President Report
- Treasurer Report
- Committees Report
- 2010 World Ranking Events scheduling
- Other Business
- Congress Closure

Quorum Check:

The meeting started with 14 present countries and 4 represented by proxy, that is 18 countries out of 28 affiliated.

Congress Opening and Welcome, by the COPARCO President:

Mr. Diaz Bazan, gave a warm welcome to all Presidents and Delegates of the COPARCO country members. He thanked for the visit of the FITA President and Secretary General, whose presence enhanced the event. He also was grateful for the Vicente Martínez Orga invitation, for the warm welcome in his country and for being the Congress host.

Words by the Fita President Ugur Erdener,

The FITA President expressed his respect for the Americas development. He said he trusted that we would move forward in every aspect and assured that we could count with FITA to support us in our development. He congratulated the Confederation President for his work in COPARCO and also as FITA Vice-President.

Words by the FITA Secretary General and Executive Director, Tom Dielen:

The Secretary General was grateful for the invitation to the COPARCO Congress, and express satisfaction for the Americas Development. He gave some Olympic Solidarity reports, showing benefits that Federations could take advantage of.

Last Congress minutes approval

Last Congress Minutes were submitted to all countries in July 2008 for reviews and amendments, but there were none, so they were submitted to vote and were unanimously approved.

President's report

His presentation included all activities and achievements during last period like:

- COPARCO Missions
- Olympic Solidarity support
- Equipment donation
- World Ranking Events

- Mica Tournament
- Olympic Games results

The President congratulated Ottón Baquerizo, President of the Ecuatorian Federation for the excellent organized World Ranking event held in Ecuador last year.

At the same time he congratulated Bárbara Hernández, from Dominican Republic. World Cups organized by her Federation have been a total success and it's confirmed that World Cups organized in the Americas can be the same or better quality than in other continents.

He informed that in FITA meetings and during his communication with FITA executives, he always praise Tournaments held in the Americas, emphasizing their good organization, excellent judges work and Doping control.

He invited to visit the web page at www.coparco.org, which is updated and functional and he ask everybody to provide information to make it better.

Robert Romero from USA asked if it was possible to schedule tournaments for the next 2 years, but it was explained to him that in the Americas that was very difficult. Nevertheless it is very important that countries with World Ranking events send their tournaments information well-timed, so they can be included in all countries budgets and therefore have plenty of participants.

The COPARCO President concluded expressing that The Americas has a very good image as a continent, with high level and good working Federations.

The Presidential report was submitted to vote and was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report:

The congress went on with the Treasurer Report, presented by Dr. Carlos Hermes. Each participant had the income and expenses report from June 2008 to March 2009. After checking it without having any doubts, the report was unanimously approved.

Committees Report

Judges Report

Sergio Font presented a written Judges Committee report.

José Manuel Trujillo, President of the Federation of Venezuela, suggested that COPARCO through the Judges Committee, inform all Federations about judges designated for every event, he confirmed that the Committee will just inform. At the same time he requested that all judges designated for the tournaments be posted at the COPARCO web page, which was approved.

Gloria Rosa, President of the Puerto Rico Federation asked for a FITA Judges Seminar for the Americas.

Barbara Hernandez from Dominican Republic asked for a Continental Judges Seminar.

Development Committee

Maria Emma Gaviria, Development Committee President, mentioned that the Development Committee works along with the COPARCO President supporting Federations and made the following summary:

Coaches Seminars held in the Americas in 2008, supported by FITA, Olympic Solidarity or COPARCO=10
Puerto Rico, Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Chile, Uruguay, Dominica and Barbados.

Judges Seminar=2, one Continental and one national.

Equipment donation: Cuba and Paraguay

Support to 7 youth athletes to participate in the Youth World Championship held in Turkey

She also informed that the technical evaluation made in South America was fulfilled. With all the visits, not only their fails and strengths were known, which is the basic information needed to give them support, but visits were primarily useful to give support to management of every Federation.

Maria Emma also informed, that in July there will be a high level International Coaches Seminar in Mexico, sponsored by Olympic Solidarity, from July 26 to August 1, having Prof. Lee Woong in the Recurve Division and Ruben Ochoa in the Compound Division.

Every Federation must receive an invitation, and if not, they should ask their National Olympic Committee about it.

Medical Committee

Dr. Carlos Hermes presented a written report which is attached.

COPARCO Webmaster and CIMA event

Reports presented by Al Wills presented are attached

School Games Report

Maria Emma, informed that these games are held every two years and high school students from 15-17 years old participate in the cadet distances. This year the Central American and The Caribbean school games will be celebrated in Puebla, México from October 23-29, JEDECAC is the organizer of the games.

José Manuel Trujillo suggested that we should tell the organizers that it will be better if the games are achieved according to the ages established in the FITA rules, cadets from 14-16 years old and Junior from 17 and older.

World Ranking Events Scheduling

Proposals were presented to hold world ranking events in the Americas, and the following were approved:

COPARCO				
2010 WORLD RANKING EVENT	PAIS	LUGAR	FECHA	APROBADO
WORLD RANKING EVENT 2010	COUNTRY	LOCATION	DATE	APPROVED
ARIZONA CUP	EUA USA	ARIZONA	APRIL 8 - 11	SI / YES
IBEROAMERICANO DE T/ARCO	EL SALVADOR	C. MERLIOT	OCT 11-17	SI / YES
TORNEO CONTINENTAL DE TIRO CON ARCO	MEXICO	GUADALAJARA	OCT 18 - 25	SI / YES
BICENTENARIO	CHILE	SANTIAGO	SEPT 6-12	SI / YES
2DA. COPA DANILO CARRERA	ECUADOR	PEDIENTE	JUNIO 17 - 21	SI / YES
TORNEO CIUDAD DE MEDELLIN	COLOMBIA	MEDELLIN	DIC 5 - 8	SI / YES
		SUB SEDE		
PROPUESTAS PARA PLAZA OLIMPICO JUVENIL 2010				
ONE SPOT YOUTH OLYMPIC/ PLAZAS OLIMPIC JUVENIL NACIDOS (BORN IN) EN 1992 Y 1993 UNA DAMA Y UN VARON (1 BOY AND 1 GIRL)		PUERTO RICO	ENE-ABR	
		GUATEMALA	ENE-ABR	
		COLOMBIA	ENE-ABR	

Other Business:

It was decided that Next Congress will be held during the next Pan-American Archery Championship in Guadalajara, Mexico.

When World Ranking events were scheduled it was analyzed that maybe economic situation would affect participation of athletes in events, so it was recommended that we should collaborate with the organizers sending small delegations and that in the future it would be good if events can be focused by regions. The President said that to have an equitable distribution of events in the Americas a deeper analysis was necessary.

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It was also commented that it will be held for the first time, next year, an Iberoamerican Championship, following an agreement made with the President of the Spanish Federation to integrate both continents.

When deciding about the qualifying event for the Junior Olympic Games, the choice was given to Puerto Rico, who accepted and decided to ask the approval of its government. As a second alternative, it was offered to Guatemala and as a third alternative to Colombia. This will be confirmed as soon as possible for FITA needs an answer.

Al Wills, presented the motion for America to keep united as a force in the FITA Congress and that a consolidation of proxies work should be done for our participation.

The congress gave a vote of confidence to the President, so he can work on finding out which Presidents will be present in the Korea FITA Congress and those who has doubts about their participation, should give their proxy to other country to be represented and if at the end they are able to go, the proxy simply would be void. The more convenient procedure to handle proxies is that they should be given to friend or nearby countries and every member participating in Congress should have two votes in a way that no country is without representation.

What matters is to keep united and show that The Americas moves on in one direction toward “The Improvement of Archery in our Continent”

Finally many thanks were given to the host and Coparco marketing director Vicente Martínez Orga, for his excellent job and great effort to make every member of COPARCO feel at home.

With no other matter to discuss, the Congress was ended at 17:00 hours.