

World Archery Americas

2013 Congress Minutes

Date: March 7, 2013

Start time: 3:00 pm

Place: Colegio Mayaland, Playa del Carmen, Mexico

Attendance:

Ernesto Díaz Bazán – President (Delegate of El Salvador, with proxy from Trinidad and Tobago)

María Emma Gaviria – Vice President (Delegate of Colombia)

Gloria Rosa – Vice President (Delegate of Puerto Rico)

Roberto Romero – Vice President (Delegate of the United States)

Estanislao Osoros – Council Member (Delegate of Argentina with proxy from Uruguay)

Sergio Font – Council Member (Delegate of Cuba with proxy from Costa Rica)

Bárbara Hernández – Council Member (Delegate of the Dominican Republic with proxy from Honduras)

Carlos Hermes – Treasurer

Federico Paiz – Delegate of Guatemala

Susana Kovacs – Delegate of Paraguay

William Smith – Delegate of Chile

Effy Sánchez – Delegate of Mexico

Agenda:

1. Registration of participants
2. Quorum confirmation
3. Approval of the 2012 Congress minutes
4. President's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Committee reports
7. 2014 World Ranking Events
8. 2014 Pan American Championships and Pan Am Games Qualifier. YOG Qualifier.
9. Other matters of interest

Item 1.

Delegates representing the following countries have registered:

United States

Mexico

Guatemala

El Salvador

Costa Rica (proxy to Cuba)

Honduras (proxy to the Dominican Republic)

Dominican Republic
Puerto Rico
Trinidad and Tobago (proxy to El Salvador)
Colombia
Argentina
Chile
Paraguay
Uruguay (proxy to Argentina)

Item No. 2

Mrs. Maria Emma Gaviria, acting as moderator, announces that there is quorum for Congress to take place.

Item No. 3

The President explains that the minutes were distributed by email in October, and asks if there are any comments arising from the minutes. As no comments are made, Congress approves the minutes unanimously.

Item No. 4

The President reads his report. Congress approves the President's report unanimously.

Item No. 5

The Treasurer reads his report, and, upon request from the delegate of Puerto Rico, he explains a few items having to do with the money paid to the auditors.

The President takes the floor and explains that after many years of hard work for the union of the Americas, he is no longer in a position to hold the office of President because he is overworked with his personal business.

He explains that the WAA Constitution rules that in a situation like this one, the Vice President from the region from which the President comes is entitled to take the Presidency until the next Congress in which the Presidential term expires. For that reason, Mrs. Gloria Rosa is entitled to be the new President until the next elections in 2014.

The President asks Mrs. Rosa if she accepts to be the President, and she agrees.

The delegate of Paraguay asks Mr. Diaz Bazan if his resignation is irrevocable. The President explains that it is irrevocable indeed, because he is tired and his family calls for his attention at this moment.

The delegate of Argentina says that this is a very sad situation, and adds that we all know how much Ernesto has done for the Americas. He proposes that Mr. Diaz Bazan should be named WAA's Honorary President. His motion is seconded by the delegate of Paraguay.

Congress unanimously agrees to name Mr. Ernesto Díaz Bazan as WAA Honorary President.

The delegate of Guatemala asks a vote of acceptance of the President's resignation. Congress unanimously votes to accept the President's resignation.

The delegate of Colombia asks if the President's resignation has an implication on the rest of the Executive Board. The President says that the resignation involves the rest of the Executive Board too: the Secretary General and the Treasurer.

Item No. 6

Committee Reports

Report of the Judges Committee: Sergio Font reads the Judges Committee report. He explains that a new seminar needs to be added: the one to be held in Santo Domingo on April 14-21.

Report of the Development Committee: María Emma Gaviria explains that attention has been paid to development programs, mainly to the one conducted by Coach Priestman in 6 countries of our continent: Argentina, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Venezuela and Puerto Rico. María Emma says that WA covers most of the expenses, including 100% of Mr. Priestman's airline tickets and salary. PASO's support must be sought to help cover Mr. Priestman's salary. WAA's actions must aim at obtaining PASO's financial support with this purpose. Emma explains that the competitive level of the young archers involved has improved a lot.

María Emma adds that support is being asked from WA to be able to send two archers per country involved in the program to the 2013 Youth World Championships in China.

On another topic related with development, Maria Emma says that it is very important to work with a number of inactive Federations in the region so we can make them work and develop. We need to struggle to strengthen the Federations that we have, and to work to create new ones.

Dr. Hermes explains that Mr. Priestman's accommodation and meals are covered by 5 of the countries involved. These countries contribute a considerable amount of money to funding the program.

Dr. Hermes claims that it is very important that the countries involved request an end-of-visit report from Mr. Priestman at the end of each one-month visit. Sergio Font says that in the case of Cuba, Coach Priestman has always left a report. Gloria Rosa says that for Puerto Rico, the report has been sent to Pascal Colmaire, but has not been sent to the Puerto Rican Federation.

María Emma says that Richard has been told about this, that he has to submit a report to each Federation. The intention of the program was to have 6 young archers, and to have a coach who would be able to communicate in English. Richard has been told that he needs to communicate with this coach continuously even after he has left the country.

The delegate of Guatemala argues that the lack of reports from Richard Priestman causes his Association financial problems, because his Association has to account for the expenses incurred during Richard's visit, and it is difficult to do so if no report is submitted.

The delegate of Guatemala says that record should be kept of all the expenses covered by the WAA Member Associations involved in the program, to able to show that these countries have contributed to the program too.

The delegates from Guatemala, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico mention that communication between Richard and some of the archers should not be just individual through facebook, but should involve the archers' coaches.

Gloria says that Mr. Priestman's technical contribution is very good, and that all the countries involved are very satisfied with the quality of his technical job. There are, however, some areas where some improvement is necessary: communication with the local coaches, and a report to the Federations after each visit.

The delegates of Argentina and Cuba explain that in their two countries there has been no problem with Mr. Priestman.

Maria Emma agrees to contact Richard and Pascal to discuss with them the issues referred to by some of the Congress delegates regarding communication and report submission.

The delegate of the Dominican Republic explains that the program conducted by Coach Priestman has been very useful to her Federation. They have been able to get their archers together to work with Richard. He is currently in the Dominican Republic and his work is very highly regarded. His contribution has been decisive to the achievement of the first 1300 score by a recurve archer in her country.

Item No. 7

2014 World Ranking Events

Sergio Font explains that applications for WRE have been received from 5 countries: the Arizona Cup, USA (April 4-7), Veracruz, Mexico (April 22-28), Guatemala (May 27 – June 2), Puerto Rico (June 22 - 26), Rosario, Argentina (October 18 - 25). This last tournament will be the Pan American Championships and the first qualifier for the 2015 Pan American Games.

Congress accepts these five tournaments as World Ranking Events for 2014.

Mr. Bazan informs Congress that he just received an email from the President of the Federation of Peru, asking to be given a World Ranking Event for Peru in 2014. Sergio Font says that Peru did not send the application in time (before February 28), and what they actually sent was not in the proper format. He suggests that Congress wait till Peru organizes the Bolivarian Games this year, so they can prove their organizational capacity to host a World Ranking Event.

A secret vote is cast to decide the venue of the second qualifier for the Central American and Caribbean Games. Puerto Rico gets 3 votes, and Guatemala gets 7 (only the Central American

and Caribbean countries voted). Thus, Guatemala will host this second qualifier in conjunction with the WRE to be held in 2014.

Item 9. Other items of interest.

The President of the Federation of Argentina explains that he has learned that WA has awarded temporary affiliation to an archery association in the Falkland Islands. He says that there is a sovereignty conflict about these islands, and he would like to ask all WAA countries not to support the final approval in the Antalya Congress in September. Estanislao says that he will write to WA to clearly state the position of his Federation. Sergio Font asks Estanislao to keep all WAA members informed.

The President of the Colombian Federation makes a presentation on the preparations for the World Cup in Medellin 2013. She says that Colombia has undertaken the World Cup as the World Cup of the Americas.

Congress agrees to meet again in Rosario, Argentina, in October 2014, during the Pan American Championships.

President Bazán presents the Archery Federations of Mexico and the United States with recognition awards for their successful participation in the 2012 London Olympic Games.

Ms. Gloria Rosa, the new WAA President, informs Congress that she has appointed Mr. Sergio Font (Cuba) Secretary General and Mrs. Jacqueline Ruiz (Puerto Rico) Treasurer. She adds that findings are being made in Puerto Rico to transfer WAA's bank account to Puerto Rico.

Sergio Font reminds Congress that WA will hold elections in Turkey. He suggests we support Mrs. Maria Emma Gaviria for a position as Council Member, Dr. Carlos Hermes for the Medical Committee, Mr. Don Rabska for the Technical Committee and Mr. Mark Miller for the Constitution and Rules Committee.

Mr. Font suggests that all WAA Member Association representatives meet in Medellin with the Presidents of Archery Federations from other regions to request their support for our candidates in the 2013 WA elections.

He also asks WAA Member Associations to be disciplined and meet the registration deadlines for international events.

At 6:05 pm, Ms. Gloria Rosa, WAA President, declares Congress closed.