CONGRESS February 11th, 2023

BELGRADE, SERBIA

Board Attendance

Krunoslav Karin, President ("KK")
Eddy Van Straelen, Treasurer; ("EvS")
Petr Ditrich, Vice President Baseball; ("PD")
Kristian Pälviä, Member at Large SB; ("KP")
Juergen Elsishans, Member at Large BB; ("JE")
Kostis Liarommatis, Member at Large SB; („KL")
Virmidas Neverauskas, Member at Large BB; ("VN")
Martina Lackner-Keil, Athlete representative SB ("ML")
Ami Baran, Secretary General; ("AB")
Gabriel Waage, Vice President Softball; ("GW")
Mette N Jakobsen, Member at Large SB; ("MNJ")
François Collet, Member at Large BB; ("FC")
Youri Alkalay, Member at Large SB; ("YA")

Legal Counsel; Lars Sundin; ("LS")
Corporative Activities Director Kristina Uroić; ("KU")
Communications Director Elda Ghilardi; ("EG")

1. Quorum & welcome

Welcome and thanks to all NFs, WBSC

- Roll Call by Legal Commission Chair Lars Sundin
  Ukraine BBSB motion: not allow delegates of Russia Baseball and Russia Softball to participate in the Congress.

  President Karin: declared that it was not legally possible to accept the motion.

  The delegates from Ukraine BBSB declared that they will not attend the Congress in protest. They were followed by the delegates from Georgia BBSB, Slovakia BB and Slovakia SB.

AUSTRIA, BB BELARUS, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, SB CROATIA, BB CROATIA, SB CZECH REPUBLIC, BB CZECH REPUBLIC, SB DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, SB GREAT BRITAIN, BB GREAT BRITAIN, BB GREECE, SB GREECE, SB IRELAND, BB IRELAND, SB ISRAEL, BB ISRAEL, ITALY, SB LITHUANIA, BB LITHUANIA, MALTA, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, ROMANIA, SB RUSSIA, BB RUSSIA, SAN MARINO, SB SERBIA, SLOVENIA, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN

Affiliated Federations absent: BB ARMENIA, BB CYPRUS, BB ESTONIA, SB GUERNSEY, SB JERSEY, BB PORTUGAL, BB ICELAND, BB LATVIA, POLAND, BB DENMARK,HUNGARY,TURKEY

Affiliated Federations who left the session in protest on Russia BB , Russia SB and Belarus BB allowed to attend Congress: GEORGIA, BB SLOVAKIA, SB SLOVAKIA, UKRAINE

Affiliated Federations no vote: MOLDOVA, KOSOVO, BB SERBIA

Total Federations: 42 Federations attended
12 Federation not attended
4 Federations left in protest
3 Federations with No Vote
16 Joint Federations, 19 separate federations
Votes: 51 votes (32 combined) (19 Single)

"LS" : There is a Quorum for conducting business.
The simple Majority is 26
Amendments of Statutes needs 2/3 majority which is 34 votes

2. Opening

- The Congress observed a minute of silence in tribute to the victims of the devastating earthquake in Türkiye.

WBSC Europe President Mr. Kruno Karin:

- Welcomed and addressed all the Federations and Guests.

WBSC President Mr. Riccardo Fraccari:

- Welcome words and thanks for having Congress.

Awards presented:
PONY , Little League Awards and Federation of the Year 2022:

- PONY presented the 2022 baseball awards to the Federations of Spain, Great Britain, Germany, Lithuania and Czech Republic.
- Little League presented 2022 award to the Czech Republic.
- WBSC Europe presented the “Federation of the Year 2022” award to Ukraine Federation.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The proposed and beforehand distributed Minutes of the Ljubljana Congress 2022 were approved by a unanimous vote of the Congress Delegates

4. Recognition of the new Affiliated Federations:

- Update: Greece submitted the motion for joint federation.
- Krunoslav Karin introduced Gjorgi Georgiev from North Macedonia. They will submit the motion for recognition to the WBSC.

5. 2022 Financial Report & Budget 2023

- The Financial Report for Baseball (CEB) was presented at the Baseball Commission Window
- The updated Budget 2023 was sent to the Federations on Thursday evening.
- Discussion about the CEB financials was brought up and several of the Delegates including Italy, San Marino, Great Britain Baseball and Softball voiced their disapproval of the Financial Report pertaining to the numbers presented of the CEB financials.

Proposal: Accept the Budget 2023 was put to the vote:
30 Yes
12 Against
11 Abstention

Decision: Approved

The Congress agreed on the following procedure:

EvS: The Financial Report will be reviewed and will retrieve funds owed from CEB Federations and the Treasurer will be given time to go through the accounts.

After consolidating the full report it will be sent to all the Federations.

6. Appointment of the WBSCE Auditor;

The Auditor, Mr. Mark De Permentier was proposed by Mr. Eddy van Straelen.
The Auditor was approved by the Congress as follows:
47 Yes
0 Against
4 Abstention

7. Governance Department Presentation;

The Presentation was given by Mette Nissen Jakobsen, John Boyd, Elliot Fleys and Bjørn Christian Thode

8. Vice President Softball Report;

Gabriel Waage, VP Softball, provided an overview.

- The contract for European Massimo Romeo Youth Trophy was signed between WBSC Europe (by Krunoslav Karin) and FIBS (by Andrea Marcon).

- A Discussion Panel was held regarding the Women's Softball World Cup to be hosted in Europe for the first time. It will be held in Ireland, Spain and Italy.

9. Vice President Baseball Report;

Petr Ditrich, VP Baseball, provided an overview.

- The 2023 European Baseball Championship Presentation was held by the organizer.

10. Marketing Department Presentation;

The Presentation was given by Jukka Ropponen, Head of the Marketing Department

11. WBSC eSports Presentation;

The Presentation was given by Richard Baker, WBSC Media & Communications Director

- The Federations are urged to put the eSports into their Statutes.

12. Athlete Representative Presentation;

The Presentation was given by Martina Lackner-Keil, Female Athlete's Representative for Softball.

13. Amendments to the Statutes , Codes and Rules:

The Proposal was sent to the Federations beforehand.
The Proposals were approved by the Congress Delegates as follows:
43 Yes
3 Abstentions

14. Establish WBSC Europe Hall of Fame:

- The motion was proposed by the Executive Board.

The Proposal was approved by the Congress Delegates as follows:
43 Yes
0 Against
0 Abstentions

15. Suspension of Russia & Belarus Federations from WBSC Europe Competitions:

- The Executive Board proposed to continue with the Suspension of Russia and Belarus Federations from WBSC Europe competitions.

The Proposal was approved by the Congress Delegates as follows:
40 Yes
1 Against
2 Abstentions

16. Establish and All European Baseball Softball Day:

- The motion was proposed by Lithuanian Baseball Association.

The Proposal was approved by the Congress Delegates as follows:
43 Yes
0 Against
0 Abstentions

17. Place of 2024 Congress:

Two Bids have arrived: Athens (GRE) and Malaga (ESP).
The Bids were put to the secret vote:
Malaga (ESP) – 32 votes
Athens (GRE) – 17 votes
The Congress 2024 will be held in Malaga, Spain

At 17.00, Krunoslav Karin declared the Congress concluded and closed.

Mr. Ami Baran
Secretary General

Mr. Kruno Karin
President