

## **Commission Meeting on Sunday June 5th 2005 in Hensinki/Finland during the 8th E.C. UWR**

Attending : Siv Norstein, Alexey Belyaev, Charlie Matthews, Riku Riikonen, Søren Neubert

Absent : Jonas Andersson

### **Minute of meeting.**

#### Agenda

1. Picture of the new members was taken. The pictures will be send to CMAS to be presented at the cmas.org website.
2. Rules revision – short presentation by Siv Norstein. The rules revision was presented at the general meeting, and will now follow the rules procedure until next general meeting in 2007, where there will be a voting. Appendix A
3. Alexey Belyaev will make a proposal for a new way to make faster rules changes if needed.
4. International referee seminar. Siv will in the future work for one or more International referees seminars.
5. Modernization of the Rugby signal equipment. Søren Neubert will find out about the possibility to make a more updated and cheaper version for signal and timekeeping by using a standard PC, open source developed software and stands I/O component.
6. CMAS Calendar 2006 – UWR events. Non
7. Champions Cup - Proposals for 2006 and future years. No club has applied yet, but Berlin will maybe apply for 2007 also.
8. Organisers for the W.C. for 2007 (CMAS games) and E.C. 2009. No federation has applied. But it seam that Finland has made a deal with Sweden. If Finland arranged EC 2005, Sweden wouth apply for WC 2007. Søren will follow up on this roumer. Germany is also interested.
9. How do we get more nations to participate in UW-Rugby and pay registration fee to get votes for the CMAS uw-rygby commission. There is 21 countries at the moment. Alexey and Russia is working to astablies teams in Bella Russia and Ukraine. Siv and Charlie will keep in touch will South America. How much does it cost the federation to be a member of the commission ? Søren will find out.

10. What shall we do about the missing international youth championships ? No final answer on this question.
11. Making introduction material for new countries. Siv will make introduction material for new referees. Søren will collect material and information from countries and sample it on an introduction CD, to be used for new clubs and federation trying to introduce UW-Rugby. Making of a demo DVD showing the good side of the sport, to be used at DEMA shows and other events like that.
12. International referees  
Nomination of two Finish referees as International referees. Siv will take contact to the two persons, and take decision about how to evaluate them.
13. Miscellaneous
  - How shall we use video recording and footage from games in the future, if there is protest and unsporting behavior ? No final conclusion.
  - Søren will make a webpage with a forum for use for the uw-rugby commission. It has to be password protected.
  - Siv has received updated information from the active International referees. The list will be updated on the Internet.
  - Søren will make a webpage with a forum for use for the uw-rugby referees.
  - Siv will take contact to Venezuela and the other south american countries about participating in the champions cup2006

21 Federation is represented through CMAS in UW-Rugby

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| • Austria            | • Japan                    |
| • Bosnia Herzegovina | • Moldavia                 |
| • China Popular Rep  | • Norway                   |
| • Colombia           | • Russia                   |
| • Cyprus             | • Spain                    |
| • Czech Rep          | • Sweden                   |
| • Denmark            | • Switzerland              |
| • Finland            | • Turkey                   |
| • Germany            | • United States of America |
| • Israel             | • Venezuela                |
| • Italy              |                            |

# Procedure for Rules Changes

- A. Rule suggestions will be discussed at the general meeting of the commission every 2 years, during the Zone or world Championships (WC) . The rule suggestions will be written down at the meeting.
  
- B. Further rule suggestions can be sent to the rules director up to 7 month after the meeting. They must be in English.
  
- C. 11 month after the meeting all suggestions will be put together by the rules director and sent out to all federations who participated in the previous meeting. It is intended that each federation discusses all new rule suggestions, and possibly try them out in their national system.
  
- D. Not later than 19 month after the meeting, a written response from each federation shall be sent to the rules director so that suggestions for alteration in wording and/or meaning and/or comments concerning the proposed rule changes are recorded on paper. Only those changes sent out per paragraph C can be commented upon. No new rules can be suggested at this stage.
  
- E. Not later than 20 month after the meeting the final rule suggestions will be sent to the participating federations. A copy of each nations response will be attached. These rule suggestions will then be voted on at the coming Zone/WC, 24 months after the previous meeting. Only minor changes in wording can be accepted for discussion before voting on the rule changes. The original meaning must not be altered.  
A simple majority is required for acceptance of new proposals. New rule suggestions will also be discussed at the meeting. They can be voted on at the next meeting 24 months later.
  
- F. The rules can be applied immediately after acceptance. The national federations must comply with the rules by July 1<sup>st</sup> the following year.

Rules Draft

