

1. Open the meeting

The WTBA President, Kevin Dornberger, welcomed everyone to WTBA Congress. Kevin Dornberger declared the WTBA Congress 2013 opened.

Kevin Dornberger announced

A silent minute was held for John Davis, Roland Mueck, Eduardo Merchandet and Ernest Lopa, who have passed away since last Congress.

2. Appointment of Chairman and Secretary of the meeting

As per the Constitution the WTBA President is chairman of the meeting. The WTBA Secretary General, Christer Jonsson, was appointed secretary of the meeting.

As scrutinizers of proxies, together with the Secretary General, and to count votes were appointed Marti Koedijk, Netherlands and Hazel McLeary, Canada.

3. Roll call, validation of proxies and determination of voting rights

Secretary General Christer Jonsson performed the roll call. There were delegates from 31 federations attending the Congress.

19 proxies were validated and accepted, and the total vote count was 50 out of 112 member federations eligible to vote. According to the Statutes a quorum consists of one-third of the member federations eligible to vote including proxies, and accordingly there was a quorum. One proxy from Malta was ruled invalid.

The list of delegates and proxies is shown in Appendix 1

4. Adoption of minutes of the previous Congress

The minutes of the WTBA Congress in 2011 had been circulated to all member federations 16 October 2011, and were also included in the document package distributed to this Congress.

There was no discussion. Norway motioned the minutes to be approved, seconded by Canada. The minutes were adopted as presented.

5. John Davis Memorial Award

The two first recipients of John Davis memorial Award were presented

- Kauko Ahström, Finland
- Jack Reichert, USA

The awards were handed over to representatives for the recipients by John Davis' son Jonathan Davis and Kegel's President Chris Chartrand.

6. Report of WTBA President and Secretary General

The WTBA President's report had been circulated to all member federations before the Congress.

WTBA President and Lars Pedersen, TSE Consulting presented the new trade mark and logo for bowling world wide – World Bowling.

The Secretary General's report had been circulated to all member federations in due time before the Congress.

There were no questions or comments.

The reports were accepted as presented and put on file.

7. Committee reports

7.1 Competition Committee

The report had been circulated to all member federations in due time before the Congress.

There were no questions.

The report was accepted as presented and put on file.

7.2 Technical Committee

The report had been circulated to all member federations in due time before the Congress.

Technical Committee chairman Neil Stremmel reported from the ongoing work of Potential Specifications for Elite Level Competition.

The report was accepted as presented and put on file.

8. Reports of Presidents of the Zones

8.1 Pan American Confederation

The report had been circulated to all member federations before the Congress.

There were no questions.

The report was accepted as presented and put on file.

8.2 Asian Bowling Federation

The report had been circulated to all member federations in due time before the Congress.

There were no questions.

The report was accepted as presented and put on file.

8.3 European Tenpin Bowling Federation

The report had been circulated to all member federations in due time before the Congress.

There were no questions.

The report was accepted as presented and put on file.

9. Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business

10. Presentation of Financial report and Auditors' report

Financial reports for the fiscal years 2011 and 2012 had been circulated.

Auditor Marti Koedijk presented the Auditors' report to the Congress. See appendix 2

The Auditors report were approved.

11. Approval of Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement and Auditors Report

As reported in the Auditors' report the auditing of 2011 and 2012 have not been finalized. Because of that the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements for 2011 and 2012 could not be approved during the Congress. A final report will be sent by the auditors as soon as possible.

12. Release of Executive Board

As a consequence agenda item 10 and 11 no decision of Release of Executive Board could be taken now.

13. World Championships

13.1 2014 World Men Championships

Kevin Dornberger informed WWC 2014 is scheduled for Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Preliminary dates 8 – 19 November 2014. Definite dates will be announced within a few weeks.

13.2 2015 World Women Championships

Kevin Dornberger informed WWC 2015 is scheduled for Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 17 – 28 November 2015.

13.3 2014 World Youth Championships

Kevin Dornberger informed WYC 2014 is scheduled for Hong Kong, 6 - 15 August 2014.

13.4 2015 World Senior Championships

Kevin Dornberger informed WSRc 2015 is scheduled for Sam's Town, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. Preliminary period is July – mid August 2015.

13.5 2016 World Single Championships

Kevin Dornberger informed WSC 2016 is scheduled for Doha, Qatar. Dates to be negotiated.

13.6 2016 World Youth Championships

Kevin Dornberger informed WYC 2016 is scheduled for Lincoln, Nebraska, USA. Preliminary period – 2nd week of July 2016.

14. Legislative session

During the Legislative session an electronic voting system was used which means we have the voting results in numbers for all agenda items.

14.1 Statutes

14.1.1 Rule 1.2.5

Current rule 1.2.5

To recognize the authority of the Olympic movement and to support and adhere to the fundamental principles, rules and by-laws of the International Olympic Committee

Executive Board proposed the following new rule 1.2.5

To recognize the authority of the Olympic movement and to support and adhere to the fundamental principles, rules, by-laws and the Code of Ethics of the International Olympic Committee

The proposal was approved with 49 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

14.1.2 Rule 1.4.2 - Removal of proxies at Congresses

The current rules concerning proxies are as follows:

Article 1.4.2 :

To take part in the WTBA Congress in accordance with the stipulations, propose a motion and make election proposals. Each member federation has one vote at the WTBA Congress. The vote may be transferred by proxy to another member federation, but only one proxy vote may be assigned to a member organization

Article 1.6.5:

A member federation which cannot be represented at the Congress may give its proxy to another federation. Each federation shall be eligible to vote only one proxy. In all cases, the written proxy authority must be submitted to the President or Secretary General in the presence of the Congress for validation before the proxy can be exercised. Such proxy must be submitted in writing to WTBA President or Secretary General, latest 60 minutes before start of the Congress, stating the name of the country to which the vote is to be transferred and signed by an authorized officer of the federation. In cases of emergency a proxy may be accepted by the vote of the Congress

Article 1.6.7

A quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of member federations including proxy votes

Article 1.6.17.c :

Roll call, validation of proxies and determination of voting rights; validation of proxy will be by the scrutineers

ETBF had proposed removal of proxies at WTBA Congress (rule 1.4.2) and because of that as consequence changes also of rule 1.6.5; 1.6.7 and 1.6.17 c

The original proposal had been discussed by Executive Board and a revised proposal was presented as follows:

Rule 1.6.5

A member federation which cannot be represented at the Congress may give its proxy to another federation. Each federation shall be eligible to vote only one proxy. In all cases, the written proxy authority must be submitted on federation letterhead; signed by the President, Secretary General or CEO of the federation: and be sent to the President or Secretary General in the presence of the Congress for validation before the proxy can be exercised. Such proxy must be submitted in writing to WTBA President or Secretary General, no less than eight (8) days before start of the Congress, stating the name of the country to which the vote is to be transferred and signed by an authorized officer of the federation.

The revised proposal was approved with 42 votes in favour, 7 against and 1 abstention.

14.1.3 Rule 1.5.7 The rights of the Zones

Current rule 1.5.7

The rights of the Zones

- a) To prescribe fees to help finance their activities as authorized by their Congress*
- b) Establish special rules for their activities provided they are not contrary to FIQ or WTBA regulations*

Executive Board proposed to add two new paragraphs to rule 1.5.7:

- b) To suspend member federations, which have failed to pay any prescribed fee in due time. Such suspension shall be immediately revoked when the arrears have been fully paid including eventual fines.*
- c) To recommend the FIQ to terminate the membership of a member federation, which has failed to settle all arrears within one year.*

The proposal was approved with 42 votes in favour and 8 against.
Current 1.5.7 b to be renumbered as 1.5.7 d

14.1.4 Rule 1.11.2 Suspension federation

Current rule 1.11.2

A federation which is in arrears with membership fee payments over 30 days from 31 March due date shall, after due notice by email, fax or registered mail with return receipt, be suspended. For reinstatement of membership rights, there will be annually a 20% fine on payments in arrears. On receipt of all arrears, the FIQ Executive Board will authorize renewed membership.

As a consequence of the proposed and decided change of rule 1.5.7 Executive Board also proposed the following change of rule 1.11.2

Executive Board proposed a new rule 1.11.2

The Zone, to which the member federation belongs, has the right to decide about such suspension. In order for such a suspension to be revoked and for restoring the membership rights, there will be annually a 20% fine on payments in arrears. On receipt of all arrears, the respective Zone will revoke the suspension. If after one year the arrears have not been fully paid, this shall be recommended to the FIQ Executive Board that will decide on termination of the member federation's membership

The proposal was approved with 45 votes in favour and 5 against.

14.1.5 Rule 17.1 Athletes' representative in Executive Board

Current rule

- 1.7.1 *The Executive Board shall be the executive and management body of WTBA. It shall consist of 9 persons as follows*
- a) *The President*
 - b) *The First Vice President, who shall also serve as a member of the FIQ Executive Board*
 - c) *The Second Vice President*
 - d) *The President from each of the three Zones who shall each also serve as a member of the FIQ Executive Board. Each Zone shall designate an alternate to serve if it's President cannot attend*
 - e) *One Delegate from each of the three Zones. Each Zone shall designate an alternate to serve if it's Delegate cannot attend*

Executive Board proposed the following new rule 1.7.1

- 1.7.1 *The Executive Board shall be the executive and management body of WTBA. It shall consist of 10 persons as follows*
- a) *The President*
 - b) *The First Vice President, who shall also serve as a member of the FIQ Executive Board*
 - c) *The Second Vice President*
 - d) *The President from each of the three Zones who shall each also serve as a member of the FIQ Executive Board. Each Zone shall designate an alternate to serve if it's President cannot attend*
 - e) *One Delegate from each of the three Zones. Each Zone shall designate an alternate to serve if it's Delegate cannot attend*
 - f) *One representative for the athletes, elected in conjunction with World Championships for men and women. The election procedure shall be as follows:*
 - i) *Every federation participating at the WC will have one vote each, each gender being entitled to a vote. The vote will be cast by the captain or another nominated player from that federation.*
 - ii) *Voting will take place once every 4 years (to coincide with the Combined World Championships), commencing in 2013. The vote will occur during the World Championships.*
 - iii) *A majority vote will secure the selection of the athlete Delegate to the WTBA Executive Board, who will have such Delegate privileges for a period of 4 years.*

- iv) *If the Delegate is unable to attend any Executive Board functions, or otherwise perform his/her duties, the athlete with the 2nd highest vote total from World Championships will be called to replace the position, or act as alternate delegate, until the next election.*
- v) *To nominate a candidate for athlete Delegate, a submission from the candidate's federation must be made at least 30 days prior to the start of the World Championships and sent by email to the Chairman of the Athletes Committee. It is highly recommended that a resume, maximum 2 pages, be submitted as well. Any federation can submit a candidate whether or not that federation is competing at the World Championships. For the 2013 WC only, nominations may be made from the floor.*

The proposal was approved with 44 votes in favour, 4 against and 2 abstentions.

14.1.6 Rule 1.8.9 – Committee member at Executive Board meetings

Current rule:

WTBA committee members may be invited by the WTBA President to attend the meeting and shall be entitled to voice but no vote

Executive Board proposed the following new rule

WTBA committee members may be invited by the WTBA President to attend the meeting or any portion thereof and shall be entitled to voice but no vote

The proposal was approved with 42 votes in favour and 8 against.

14.1.7 Rule 1.9.1 and 1.9.2 – Term of office

Current rule 1.9.1

The term of Office of the President, First Vice President and Second Vice President shall commence 30 days after their election, and shall continue until 30 days after the 2nd biennial Congress following their election (a term of about four years)

Current rule 1.9.2

The term of office for the Secretary General shall commence 30 days after the confirmation of the Executive Board and shall continue until 30 days after the 2nd biennial Congress following his appointment.

Executive Board proposed the following new rules

Rule 1.9.1

*The term of Office of the President, First Vice President and Second Vice President shall commence immediately after their election at WTBA Congress and shall continue until after the 2nd biennial Congress following their election (a term of about four years).
All officers can be re-elected after that period.*

Rule 1.9.2

The term of office for the Secretary General shall commence immediately after the confirmation of the Executive Board and shall continue until after the 2nd biennial Congress following his appointment.

The proposal was approved with 43 votes in favour and 7 against.

14.1.8 Rule 1.9.3 and 1.9.4 – appointment committees

Current rule 1.9.3

The term of office for Committee Chairmen, Committee Members and other appointees shall commence at the time specified at the appointment and shall continue until otherwise directed by the President and confirmed by the Executive Board.

Current rule 1.9.4.c

In consultation with the Executive Board he shall appoint the committees and/or any other appointees he deems necessary.

ETBF had proposed procedures concerning compositions of WTBA Committees.

The original proposal had been discussed by Executive Board and a revised proposal was presented as follows:

1.9.3

The term of office for Committee Chairmen, Committee Members and other appointees shall commence at the time specified at the appointment and shall continue until otherwise directed by the President and approved by majority vote of the Executive Board.

1.9.4 Duties of the President

c) He shall appoint the committees and/or any other appointees he deems necessary upon approval by majority vote of the Executive Board. In the event that any committee is not approved by the Board, then the Board members may propose additions and/or deletions to that committee, which as revised must receive majority vote of the board to be approved.

The revised proposal was approved with 45 votes in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention.

14.1.9 New Rule 1.9.4 e – Contracts and agreements

ETBF had proposed procedures concerning external contracts and agreements but the proposal was withdrawn by ETBF.

14.1.10 Rules 1.11.3; 1.11.4 and 1.6.17o - Election auditors

Current rules

1.11.3 *The Executive Board is responsible for an audit to be performed before a Congress and that an Auditor's report is presented. All fiscal transactions shall be audited by qualified person(s). The options are to use auditors elected by the Congress, or to hire a certified auditor. Their expenses when on duty for the audit will be paid by WTBA.*

1.11.4 *The Congress shall elect two qualified Auditors and one Alternate for a term of two years.*

1.6.17 o *Elections (where applicable)*

- *President*
- *First Vice President*
- *Second Vice President*
- *Two Auditors and one alternate*

The WTBA Executive Board believes that the use of an elected auditor for financial purposes is an outdated model, and has determined that annual financial audits shall be conducted by an independent certifies auditor. Therefore, the EB proposed the following:

1.11.3 *The Executive Board is responsible for an audit to be performed before a Congress and that an Auditor's report is presented. All fiscal transactions shall be audited by a certified auditor. Their expenses when on duty for the audit will be paid by WTBA.*

Current 1.11.4 to be deleted

- Consequently 1.6.17 o) to be
1.6.17 o *Elections (where applicable)*
- *President*
 - *First Vice President*
 - *Second Vice President*

It was proposed that the change will be effective immediately.

The proposal was approved with 33 votes in favour, 15 against and 2 abstentions. Effective immediately.

14.1.11 Rule 1.16.2 Betting (Bye Rule)

The following rule was approved by WTBA Executive Board as a By Rule with immediate effect in June 2012

- 1.16.2 *A bowler or member of the team, such as coach or team manager, must not themselves nor through a representative, bet on a World Championships and/or WTBA approved tournaments where he/she participates. The sanction for violence against this rule may be up to two years suspension.*

This Bye Rule was effective 22 June 2012.

The Executive Board proposed the Bye law to be approved.

The proposal was approved with 48 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch

After lunch a new roll call. 31 federations present with 19 proxies.

14.2 Chapter 2 – 6 Playing Rules

14.2.1 Frequency World Championships

ETBF has proposed ETBF change of the frequency of World Championships.

Kim Th Jensen, ETBF explained the background for the proposed change. The current cycle causes problem in organizing the zone championships. There have been discussions within Executive Board to find solutions.

Because no acceptable solution has been found now ETBF withdraw the proposal, but the problem still exists.

14.2.2 Rule 2.10.1 – Acceptable list of chemicals (Bye Rule)

At 2011 Congress it was decided to move rule 2.10.1 and 2.10.2 to Chapter 4.

It was a mistake to move rule 2.10.1 because it needs to be in Chapter 2 to be valid for all tournaments – not only for World Championships. The Executive Board had decided after 2011 Congress to keep 2.10.1 in Chapter 2 as a Bye Rule.

Rule 2.10.1

Any use of chemicals must be on the 'Acceptable list' as listed on WTBA website; www.worldtenpinbowling.com. A full, up to date list of these products is available at WTBA website includes anything listed in the "Acceptable during certified competition" sections. It is not allowed to use anything listed in the "Products Containing Solids or Abrasives" section nor anything listed in the "Not acceptable at any time" sections. The ball must be wiped clean after any adjustments

This Bye Rule 2.10.1 was effective 27 January 2012.

The Executive Board proposed the Bye Rule to be approved

The proposal was approved with 46 votes in favour and 4 against.

14.2.3 Rule 4.10.1, 4.10.2 and 4.11.2 – Altering surface

WTBA Executive Board had proposed changes in rule 4.10.1, 4.10.2 and 4.11.2 based on recommendations by WTBA Technical Committee. Later the Committee has proposed to withdraw the proposal. Because of that the Executive Board withdrew the proposal.

14.2.4 Rule 4.11.3 - Registration bowling balls

Current rule 4.11.3

4.11.3 Registration bowling balls

- a) *Each player will be permitted to register a maximum of 6 bowling balls during the tournament.*
- b) *Immediately following the official practice (latest one hour after the last practice session) registration shall be made of the bowling balls to be used during the championship events.*
- c) *Additions of maximum two bowling balls to the players' bowling ball list shall be allowed (up to the maximum of 6) throughout the tournament.*
- d) *Additions to a player's bowling ball list shall be made no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the squad where the additional bowling ball(s) will be used*
- e) *In very special circumstances the Tournament Technical Committee may allow a replacement of a registered bowling ball.*

WTBA Executive Board proposed the following new rule 4.11.3

4.11.3 Registration of bowling balls

- a) *Each player will be permitted to register a maximum of 6 bowling balls during the tournament.*
- b) *Immediately following the official practice (latest one hour after the last practice session) registration shall be made of the bowling balls to be used during the championship events.*
- c) *Additions of maximum two bowling balls to the players' bowling ball list shall be allowed (up to the maximum of 6) throughout the tournament provided they pass rule 4.11.1 above.*
- d) *In addition to the foregoing, a maximum of one ball previously registered may be removed from play during the Championships, and replaced by another ball not previously registered, upon notice to the Technical Delegate. Once this exchange process occurs the ball removed may not be returned to play.*
- e) *Additions to a player's bowling ball list shall be made no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the squad where the additional bowling ball(s) will be used*
- f) *In very special circumstances the Tournament Technical Committee may allow a replacement of a registered bowling ball.*

The proposal was approved with 35 votes in favour and 15 against.

14.2.5 Rule 4.6.7 – Lane Map Guide (Bye Rule)

The following new rule 4.6.7 was approved as a By Rule with immediate effect June 2012

4.6.7 Whenever it is available and after agreement with the proprietor a LaneMap Guide will be published on championship website.

This Bye Rule was effective 22 June 2012.

The Executive Board proposed the Bye law to be approved.

The proposal was approved with 44 votes in favour, 4 against and 2 abstentions.

14.2.6 Rule 4.16 and 4.17 – Smoking and drinking (Bye Rule)

Current rule 4.16

4.16 Smoking and drinking

4.16.1 The players must not use tobacco products, consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games. In those instances where it is established that a player is in breach of this rule, he may be suspended by the Tournament Technical Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played.

4.16.2 Non-alcoholic beverages are allowed provided they are not consumed in the player's area.

4.16.3 During the championships alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed in the player's area.

4.16.4 During championships smoking is not permitted in the bowling centre. However, it may be allowed in a closed area, provided it does not affect the environment in the player's and spectator's areas.

4.16.5 If a bowler is caught smoking during a game he will have zero pinfall for the game currently being played. If a bowler is caught smoking in between games, he will have zero pinfall for the succeeding game

Because there is inconsistency between rule 4.16.1 and 4.16.5 and also the need to separate the rules about smoking and drinking alcohol the Executive Board proposed the following changes.

The smoking rule should also include ruling about electronic cigarettes and officials accredited to be in the players' area.

WTBA Executive Board proposed the following new rules 4.16 and 4.17

4.16 Using alcohol

4.16.1 Players must not consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games.

4.16.2 In those instances where it is established that a player is in breach of this rule, he may be suspended by the Tournament Technical Committee from the tournament for the block of games then being played..

4.17: Smoking and using tobacco products

4.17.1 During championships smoking is not permitted in the bowling centre. However, it may be allowed in a closed area, provided it does not affect the environment in the player's and spectator's areas

4.17.2 Players must not smoke, use tobacco products or use any kind of synthetic cigarettes or e-cigarettes while in competition; i.e. during the entire period of a block of games.

4.17.3 If a bowler is caught smoking during a game he will have zero pinfall for the game currently being played. If a bowler is caught smoking in between games, he will have zero pinfall for the succeeding game

4.17.4 For the second offence by the same player, the player will be excluded from the rest of the championship by the Tournament Technical Committee.

Neil Stremmel, USA proposed to include "coaches" in 4.16.6. Seconded by Costa Rica.

The amendment to include "coach" to the definition and the penalty to lose of entire game was not approved. The voting result was 21 in forward of the amendment, 27 against and 2 abstentions.

Ulf Sjöblom, Sweden proposed to separate the two issues (seconded by Venezuela)

- Adding the coach to the definition who are not allowed to smoke
- The penalty for catching a coach smoking

It was approved to separate the two issues with 39 votes in forward, 9 against and 2 abstentions.

The first amendment to the proposal to include coach to the definition who are not allowed to smoke was approved with 41 votes in favour and 9 against.

As penalty for a coach caught smoking the following was amended to the original proposal

1. The first penalty is "Suspension from the block of games when he violated the rule"
2. In case of a second violation suspension from the rest of the Championship

The amended penalty was approved with 46 votes in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

The original proposal by the Executive Board with the two approved amendments was approved with 46 votes in favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions.

14.2.7 Rule 5.2.2 - Eligibility/Qualification (Bye Rule)

The following new rule 5.2.2 d-e was approved as By Rule to be effective in June 2012

Former rule 5.2.2 d-e said

- d) *Each Zone decides if they want to replace a withdrawn team/federation from their Zone*
- e) *A withdrawn team/federation cannot be replaced by a team/federation from another zone*

Former 5.2.2 d-e were replaced by the following 5.2.2 d and-e

- d) *Two deadlines will be defined by WTBA*
 - ii) *for each Zone to present to WTBA the standing of zone qualification of teams/federations*
 - iii) *a final date for invitation of teams/federations*
- e) *WTBA invites the federations according to the qualification rules above following the standing in each zone qualification. If there are any vacant spots the WTBA may fill these vacancies for one zone by team(s) from any zone*

Ulf Sjöblom, Sweden proposed a three months deadline, but no one seconded the proposal, so it was not discussed.

This Bye Rule was effective 22 June 2012.

The Executive Board proposed the Bye law to be approved.

The proposal was approved with 39 votes in favour and 11 against.

14.2.8 All Events – All Team Around medals

WTBA Executive Board proposed that All Events medals will be replaced by a Team All Around medal in WC, WMC, WWC WYC and WSrC.

The detailed calculation system for the proposed Team All Around medals to be decided by WTBA Executive Board after a positive decision at the Congress.

The calculation system will be based on

- The total number of participants
- All participants' performances will be included
- The total "points" awarded for each discipline (Single, Double, Trios, Team and Masters) will be as equal as possible

Sonja Jäine, Sweden proposed to split the proposal in two issues (seconded by Norway)

- Removal of All Event medals
- Introduce All Team Around medals

The proposal to split in two issues was approved by 42 votes in favor, 7 against and 1 abstention.

The proposal to remove All Event medals was rejected with 18 votes in favor, 31 against and 1 abstention.

The proposal to add Team All Around medals was rejected with 15 votes in favor, 34 against and 1 abstention.

14.2.9 Rule 5.8 - WSC format

Current Rule 5.8

- 5.8 *Singles in WSC*
- 5.8.1 *Maximum two players of each gender per federation.*
- 5.8.2 *12 games per player, divided in 2 squads of 6 games.*
- 5.8.3 *Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes.*

WTBA Executive Board proposed the following new 5.8

- 5.8.1 *Maximum two players of each gender per federation, which players may be scheduled for qualification purposes on the same pair of lanes in the discretion of the Tournament Director.*
- 5.8.2 *16 games per player, divided in 2 squads of 8 games.*
- 5.8.3 *Each game shall be played on a different pair of lanes if possible under the physical conditions of the host bowling center.*

ETBF proposed 3 squads of 6 games instead of 2 squads of 8 games. Seconded by Norway. The amendment to the Executive Board proposal to change to 3 squads of 6 games was approved with 41 votes in favor, 8 against and 1 abstention.

The revised WSC format was approved with 42 votes in favor and 8 against.

14.2.10 Rules 5.17.1 and 5.17.2 – Masters tie rules (Bye Rule)

As a consequence of the 2011 Congress decision to change the Master's format, new tie rules had to be considered.

Executive Board decided in January 2013 By Rules for 5.17.1 and 5.17.2 with immediate effect. The same rules also effective for 6.13.1 and 6.13.2.

Former rule 5.17.1 and 5.17.2 said

- 5.17.1 *The player or team with the highest score in each event of the championships shall be the winner.*
- 5.17.2 *In case a tie exists in the standings for any position in Singles, Doubles, Trios or Team event before the semi final the highest positioned will be the singles, doubles, trios or team with the highest last game. If a tie still exist the highest positioned will be the singles, doubles, trios or team with the highest second last game, then the singles, doubles, trios or team with the highest third last game etc.*
- 5.17.3 *In case a tie exists in the semi finals or finals a one ball roll off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken*
In Doubles, Trios and Team all players will play.
The highest ranked player/team after the qualification will choose the order of play and the lane which the player/team starts to play. For a second roll off delivery the order of deliveries and the lane to play will be opposite to the first one etc.

- 5.17.4 *If two or more players have the same total score after All Events the highest positioned will be the player with the highest last game in the last discipline of All Events. If a tie still exist the highest positioned will be the player with the highest second last game, then the player with the highest third last game etc.*
In case of tie for the medal positions in All Events there will be no tie-breaking for the medals. The players will be declared co-winners
- 5.17.5 *In case of a tie in any head to head match in the Masters Final the following tie rules will apply*
a) *In case of a tie in a game a one ball roll-off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken*
b) *The roll off delivery will be positioned on the lane where they played the game. The highest ranked player after the qualification will choose the order of play. For a second roll off delivery the order of deliveries will be opposite to the first one etc*

Executive Board decided the following By Rule to be effective from 1 February 2013.

- 5.17.1 *Ties for scores decisive for being qualified to the Masters, or ties in scores decisive for either position 1 or 4 before Semi Finals in Singles, Doubles, Trios, Teams or Masters, will be broken by allowing each player involved in the tie to play a one ball roll off on a full set of pins.*

The team with the highest accumulated score will be the winner of the tie.

The lineup of both teams must be similar to the lineups in the last game of the event.

A draw will decide on which lane in the pair the roll off will be played, and another draw will decide which team shall start. When the roll off includes more than one player, players of the competing teams shall alternate after each shot.

In case of a further tie, the procedure will be repeated on the second lane of the pair and the order of teams to start will be opposite to the first roll off. This procedure will be repeated until the tie is broken.

A warm up pair shall be provided for both teams involved. The warm up time shall be in the discretion of the Tournament Director. Prior to the roll off, each player involved will be allowed one shot per lane on the lane pair in use.

- 5.17.2 *Ties in Semi Finals or a Final will be broken by allowing each player involved in the tie to play a one ball roll off on a full set of pins.*

The team with the highest accumulated score will be the winner of the tie.

The lineup of both teams must be similar to the lineups in the game where the tie occurred.

The highest ranked player or team will decide on which of the lanes in the pair the roll off will be played and which of the teams will play the first shot. When the roll off includes more than one player, players from the competing teams shall alternate after each shot.

In case of a further tie, the procedure will be repeated on the second lane of the pair and the order of teams to start will be opposite to the first roll off. This procedure will be repeated until the tie is broken.

- 5.17.3 *In case of tie for the medal positions in All Events there will be no tie-breaking for the medals. The players will be declared co-winners*

5.17.6 *In case of a tie in Step 3 or Step 4 of the Masters in WC, WMC or WWC, a one ball roll-off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.*

The highest positioned player, by the conclusion of Step 2, will chose the order of play and the lane, where both players are delivering their shots. For a second roll off delivery, the players will switch lane and order of deliveries. A third roll off delivery will be played like the first roll off delivery etc.

5.17.5 *In case of a tie in any game in the Masters of WSC, a one ball roll-off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.*

The players will be positioned on the lanes, where they ended the game. The highest positioned player, by the conclusion of the qualification, will choose the order of play. For a second roll off delivery, the players will switch lanes and order of deliveries. A third roll off delivery will be played like the first roll off delivery etc.

The same changes affected rule 6.13.1 and 6.13.2

The Executive Board proposed the Bye laws to be approved.

The Bye Rule was approved with 42 votes in favor and 8 against.

14.2.11 Semifinals and finals in World Championships

Swedish Bowling Federation had proposed change of rules for Semi finals and finals in World Championships. They proposed a kind of bonus points to give some advantage to the top seeded players/teams after the qualification.

The proposal was rejected with 4 votes in favor and 46 against.

Kevin Dornberger expressed understanding for the principle to give some advantage to the top seeded players/teams. The issue will be referred to WTBA Competition Committee to consider a solution.

14.2.12 Age limit WYC

Norwegian Bowling Federation has proposed change of age limit for World Youth Championships

Current rule 6.1.3 a

Age limits

- a) *The players in WYC must not have reached the age of 21 years on 1st January of the year of the championships. Also see 4.9.5 a*

Norwegian Bowling Federation proposes the following

Age limits

- a) *The players in WYC must not have reached the age of 23 years on 1st January of the year of the championships. Also see 4.9.5 a*

The proposal was rejected with 25 votes in favour and 25 against.

There is an interest to have the same age limits in all Zone and World Championships and the intention is to find an agreement until next Congress in 2015.

15. New business

15.1 International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame

Kevin Dornberger informed he is chairman in a committee which is working on creating an International Hall of Fame for bowling and if it is of interest all federations should be involved in that process.

16. Financial projections and establishment of dues

The Executive Board proposed no change in the membership dues.

No questions or comments.

17. Elections

17.1 Two Auditors and one alternate auditor for a term of two years

As a consequence of the decision in agenda item 14.1.10 this agenda item was removed.

18. Closing the meeting

Kevin Dornberger proposed a resolution from the Congress stating that the Congress authorises the World Bowling leadership to work actively for the inclusion of bowling in the next IOC round of short-listed sports for inclusion in the Olympic Games programme.

The proposed resolution was unanimously supported by the Congress.

2013 WTBA Congress was closed at 15.00 by Kevin Dornberger.

Minutes were prepared by:
Christer Jonsson
WTBA Secretary General

Minutes were approved for circulation:
Kevin Dornberger
WTBA President
Chairman of Congress

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31	Venezuela	Veronica Rajii

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8	Jordan	India
9	Luxembourg	France
10	Nepal	Indonesia
11	Northern Ireland	England
12	New Zealand	Australia
13	Paraguay	Uruguay
14	Saipan	Hong Kong
15	Switzerland	Germany
16	Turkey	Finland
17	Ukraine	Russia
18	United Arab Emirates	Thailand
19	Uzbekistan	USA

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Congress of World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA).

As auditors it is our task to audit the financial statements, the accounts and the administration of the Executive Board for the years 2011 and 2012.

These accounts and the administration of WTBA are the responsibility of the Executive Board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and the administration based on our audit.

In 2011 both Cathey Innes of Canada and Marti Koedijk of the Netherlands were elected as auditors for 2011 and 2012.

Unfortunately Cathey Innes was not able to come to Las Vegas to do the audit.

So the substitute auditor, José Aguilar of Mexico took over her place.

We conducted the audit in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards in The Netherlands and Mexico. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and their application by the Executive Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of information in the financial statements. We examined significant decisions, actions taken and circumstances of the WTBA in order to be able to determine the possible liability to WTBA of any Executive Board member or whether they have in some other way acted in contravention of WTBA's Act, the Annual Accounts Act or the Articles of Association.

From the year 2011 many things changed in WTBA.

We got a CEO working for WTBA with an employment agreement.

In this agreement it said that the CEO will report to the Executive Board.

From 2011 there were more travelling expenses for different reasons.

We as auditors have not examined the reasons nor the reports of these travels, only the expenses itself.

There was a discussion between the Executive Board and the auditors concerning an income received in 2011.

This income was about the host fee in 2013 for the combined World Championship held in Sunset Station in Las Vegas in 2013. This tournament just finished.

The total of the host fee would be paid in three parts, the first part in 2011, the second in 2012 and the last part in 2013.

The first part of this host fee was booked as an income for 2011 and we as auditors thought it to be an advanced receivable for 2013.

In our opinion an income for 2013 and not for 2011, because in 2013 were also the costs for this event.

The executive Board said the income concerning the host fee was not needed to cover up the expenses for this event. The event should be self-supporting.

Within a few weeks we will know if the event was self-supporting and if so there is no reason to book the income received for the host fee in 2011 as a pre receivable for the year 2013.

When we started auditing the year 2012 we noticed that it was possible to book in former years, although these years were already closed, audited and approved by the Congress.

As we could not find out how many times this has happened and it would take a lot of more time to find out, we stopped the audit and discussed this with the Executive Board.

Both the Executive Board and the auditors realised the impact for the Congress, because for the second time we, as auditors, will not have a comment about adopting the financials.

This means we have to take more time and the Executive Board must find a way that all possible bookings made in former years will be booked only in 2011 and 2012.

In due time, after the Executive Board found an solution, we will continue the audit and report to you when we have completed the audit.

We are sorry we have to make this move again.

Members of Congress of WTBA, as auditors we like to thank you for the trust you gave us during many years to be your auditor.

The Executive Board asks the members of Congress later on during this Congress to change the Statutes and if adopted there will no longer be auditors from the Congress to perform the audit anymore.

Up till now it is a commission of the Congress and after changing the statutes it is in the hands of the Executive Board.

An external accountant will take over this task and this accountant is and will be appointed by the Executive Board for now and in the future.

This accountant will report to the Executive Board and no longer to the Congress.

I hope members of the Congress of WTBA realize the impact.

Las Vegas, August 31, 2013

Marti Koedijk

José Aguilar