FIQ CONGRESS

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FIQ President’s Report for the period August 2013 to December 2015

1. Finances. FIQ continues to remain financially viable primarily based on dues income. It can be projected that FIQ will experience small annual deficiencies into the future without revision to the financial model.

2. FIQ final Reorganization proposal – A final Reorganization plan has been proposed by the WTBA Executive Board (unanimously), and the FIQ Presidium. The proposal has 3 significant effects: first, we will officially change the name of WTBA and FIQ to World Bowling, and that will become our legal name, rather than our current trade name; and in effect, FIQ and WTBA will merge. Second, we will clean up several loose ends in the current statutes. Third, the Executive Board structure will become the same as the current WTBA Executive Board, with WNBA/ninepin becoming a Committee of World Bowling, without voting rights and without any obligation to pay World Bowling dues.

WNBA has responded that they do not wish to become a Committee and don’t want any change in the current FIQ governance structure. I will try to meet with the WNBA leadership in November in Lausanne during the IF Forum and Sportaccord meeting. WTBA remains open to any other reasonable solution, however, any solution must resolve the continuing issues between ninepin and tenpin: first, the payment of dues in a timely and complete basis by ninepin; second, the accounting for dues on a timely and complete basis by ninepin; third, the continued involvement of ninepin voting on tenpin matters at the EB level, despite a verbal agreement that this would discontinue, and sometimes against the tenpin opinion on the issue; and fourth, the allocation of the debt that has been created to WTBA on account of the legal fees and expenses incurred by FIQ in the two Catalonia CAS cases, which exceed $100,000 USD. FIQ does not have the financial ability to pay these bills, and as a result WTBA will be required to do so.
Unless a better and complete solution is found before the Congress, the WTBA continues in its belief that the 2015 proposal is the best solution for the combining of FIQ, WTBA and WNBA into World Bowling.

Respectfully Submitted,

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