

# FEDERATION COLOMBOPHILE INTERNATIONALE



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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### XXXIX<sup>e</sup> CONGRESS 2022 – ORADEA/ROMANIA

12.08.2022

#### **A. Opening by the President:**

At 13:10 Mr. Istvan Bardos, President of FCI opens the meeting and welcomes all delegates.

#### **B. Statement of convocation in accordance with the statutes and assembly of the Congress:**

The list of the federations present physically and online is attached

#### **C. Approval of the agenda:**

Congress approves the agenda.

Mr Krzysztof Kawaler noted that only 30 federations of the 68 member FCI federations were present.

He continued that this is not the required simple majority and consequently this Congress cannot make valid decisions.

At the request of the President, Mr. Philips, Secretary General, clarifies that indeed 68 federations are members of the FCI. However, it must be noted that 18 federations have not paid the FCI contributions 2021 and 2022.

This means that these 18 federations have no right to vote.

Article 26.3 of the FCI Statutes states:

*A valid vote on the changes to the statutes requires a simple majority of the members with vote authorization being present in the Congress.*

This means that there are 50 voting federations, a majority of which are present at this Congress, and consequently, the Congress can make decisions.

At the request of Mr. Krzysztof Kawaler, the list of federations that have not paid the FCI contributions 2021 and 2022 was read out, and the list was also handed over to Mr. Krzysztof Kawaler.

A discussion ensued as to whether these 18 federations can still remain members of the FCI.

Finally, based on the proposal of Mr Kawaler and Mr Tunduc, it is decided by unanimity that these 17 federations can no longer be members of FCI.

It concerns the federations

- Australia - Australian Pigeon Fanciers Association
- Canada - Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc.
- Colombia - Federacion Colombofila De Colombia
- Costa Rica - Asociacion Colombofila Nacional De Costa Rica
- Egypt -The Egyptian Pigeons Racing Federation
- Hong Kong - The Hong-Kong Pigeons Association Co.Ltd
- Ireland - Irish Homing Pigeon Union
- Latvia - Latvian Federation of Racing and Decorative Pigeons
- Mexico - Federacion Mexicana De Colombofilia A.C.
- Morocco - Federation of Morocco
- Nicaragua - Asociacion Colombofila e Nicaragua
- Philippines - The Philippine Homing Pigeon Association

- Qatar - Youth Hobbies Center (Racing Pigeons)
- Saudi Arabia - Saudi Federation For Homing Pigeon Racing
- Turkey - Turkish Pigeon Federation
- USA - ARPU - The American Racing Pigeon Union
- USA - IF - I.F. of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers inc.

**D. Appointment of three members to check the minutes;**

Congress is not making a decision on this.

**E. Appointment of the tellers;**

Mr. Philips, Secretary General of FCI, explains that electronic voting is possible both by the federations physically present and by the federations online.

The result of the voting will appear on the screen with mention of the federations.

The Congress decided that, consequently, no tellers need to be appointed.

**F. -Approval of the minutes of the Congress of 25/1/2019**

These minutes are approved unanimously without comments.

**- Approval of the minutes of the online meeting of the Congress of 11/12/2020**

These minutes are approved unanimously without comments

**- Approval of the minutes of the online meeting of the Congress of 06/12/2021**

These minutes are approved unanimously without comments

**G. Reports of the Commissions;**

### **- Veterinarian Committee**

Dr. Elisabeth Peus, Chairwoman of the Veterinarian Committee gives an overview of the working of the Veterinarian Committee.

The report is attached to this report.

### **- Sports Committee**

Mr. Matteo Grappa, Chairman of the Sports Committee gives an overview of the working of the Sports Committee.

The report is annexed to this report.

### **- Finance Committee**

Mr. Scerri, Chairman of the Finance Committee gave an overview of working of the Finance Committee's.

The report is attached to this report.

## **H. Report of the President and the Director Committee;**

Mr. Istvan Bardos, President of FCI gives an overview of the working of

- The Committee Director
- FCI World Championship
- FCI Grand Prix Competitions
- World Best Pigeon
- World Cup
- Intercontinental Cup
- Olympiad
- Exhibitions, conferences, meetings
- Online Conferences
- Animal Health
- Membership
- The basic thesis of observations and observance of Legality

Mr. Bardos also announced the projects that he will be working on with the Director Committee.

The full report is attached to this report.

Mr. Bardos continued

- FCI declaration of peace (to be attached to this report) There is a spontaneous applause.
- FCI Association of the Immortals (to be attached to this report) There is a spontaneous applause.
- Mr. Bardos stated that with the evolution of the pigeon sport in the different continents, it is necessary that the structure of the FCI is adapted. The sample is the FIFA model. Mr. Bardos explained his idea by means of a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Bardos will present these idea at the meetings with the federations, confederations.
- Mr. Bardos clarified, that the development of own IT platform of FCI necessary, and also the development of the communication system is very important.
- Mr. Bardos announced to establish a Heritage- Cultural and Training Center for Racing Pigeon Sport in Belgium.

### **I. Submission of the consolidated and revised balance sheet and financial statements, and annual accounts;**

No comment is noted in this regard.

### **J. Report of the Audit Commission;**

No comment is noted in this regard

### **K. Approval of the annual accounts;**

Congress approves the annual accounts without comment.

### **I. Approval of the budget;**

The budget is approved without comment by Congress

### **M. Suspension or expulsion of a member**

This issue was already treated at the beginning of the Congress

## **N. Approval of the annual amount of the FCI membership fee (art. 57 FCI Statutes)**

Mr. Scerri explains that there are no changes in the annual amount of the FCI membership fee.

Congress unanimously approves the annual amount of the FCI membership fee - as attached to this report

## **0. Voting on the suggestions relating to the amendments of the statutes and their appendices (art. 26 FCI Statutes)**

### **1. approval proposal amendment article 1 FCI Statutes**

**- movement of the official address of FCI  
to Hasseltsesteenweg 61E, 3720 Kortesseem - Belgium**

Congress unanimously approves this new FCI official address.

### **2. approval proposal amendments FCI Statutes submitted by the Committee Director**

The proposed amendments to FCI Statutes as submitted by the Committee Director are unanimously approved by Congress.

Mr. Tunduc wants to make two proposals

1. The FCI elections can only be done in a physical Congress.

After a brief exchange of views, the vote will take place.

The result of the vote is as follows

votes for : 10

votes against: 18

abstentions: 0

Invalid votes: 2

Consequently, this proposal was not accepted

2. Each candidate member for the FCI Committee Director and candidate member for the different FCI commissions must be supported by his federation.

The Congress accepted unanimously this proposal

**3. approval proposal amendments annex 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the FCI Statutes**  
**-submitted by the Committee Director**

The Congress unanimously approves.

**4. approval annex 5 statutes: disciplinary rules**

The Congress unanimously approves.

**P. Vote of the Chairmen of the Commissions or dismissal of the Chairman of the commissions**

**1) Resignation, for medical reasons, from Mr. Jean-Pierre Nell as Chairman of the Finance Committee (art. 30.3 FCI Statutes)**

The Congress takes note of the resignation of Mr. Nell as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

**2) Election of Mr. Charles Scerri as Chairman of the Finance Committee (Art. 30.3 FCI statutes)**

The Congress unanimously elects Mr. Charles Scerri as Chairman of the Finance Committee

**3) Resignation, for professional reasons, from Mr. Maurice van der Kruk as chairman of the Doping Committee (art. 30.3 FCI Statutes)**

The Congress takes note of the resignation of Mr van der Kruk as Chairman of the Doping Committee

**4) Election of Mr. Henk De Weerd as Chairman of the Doping Committee  
(art. 30.3 FCI Statutes)**

The Congress unanimously elects Mr. Henk Deweerd as Chairman of the Doping Committee.

**Q. Vote of the Chairman and the members of the Audit Commission or dismissal of the Chairman and the members of the Audit Commission**

**1) Resignation of Mr. Charles Scerri as Chairman of the Audit Commission  
(Art. 37 FCI Statutes)**

The Congress takes note of the resignation of Mr. Scerri as Chairman of the Audit Commission

**2) Election of Mr. Gasper Tompa as Chairman of the Audit Commission  
(art.37 FCI statutes)**

The Congress unanimously elects Mr. Gasper Tompa as Chairman of the Audit Commission

**3) Election of the members of the Audit Commission (art. 35.4 FCI Statutes)**

- **Mr. Macus Mihajlo (Serbia)**

- **Mr. Huang Jian (China)**

The Congress unanimously elects Mr. Macus Mihajlo and Mr. Huang Jian as members of the Audit Commission

**R. Election of the members of the Disciplinary Committee (art. 43.4 FCI Statutes)**

- **Mr. Florin Bilan (Romania)**

- **Mr. Francesco Malvicini (Italy)**

- **Dr Ferenc Gerencser (Hungary)**

The Congress unanimously elects Messrs. Florin Bilan, Francesco Malvicini, and Ferenc Gerencser as members of the Disciplinary Committee



### **S. Election of the members of the Appeal Committee (art. 43.4 FCI Statutes)**

**- Ms. Lana Stevic ( Serbia)**

The Congress unanimously elects Ms. Lana Stevic as a member of the Appeal Committee.

### **T. Appointment of Mr. Jean-Pierre Nell as Honorary Member of FCI.**

The Congress unanimously appoints Mr. Jean-Pierre Nell as Honorary Member of FCI

### **U. Appointment of Mr. Stefaan Van Bockstaele as Honorary Vice-President of FCI**

The Congress unanimously appoints Mr. Stefaan Van Bockstaele as Honorary Vice-President of FCI

### **V. Admission and revision of members**

- 1. Iraq - Federation for Racing Pigeons Sport Iraq**
- 2. Vietnam - Pigeon Racing Association of Vietnam**
- 3. Jordan - Jordan Club for Racing Pigeons**
- 4. Belarus - Belarus Social Union of Sport and Show Pigeons Federation**
- 5. San Marino - Pigeons San Marino Association**
- 6. Ecuador - Asociacion Colombofila De Cuenca - ACC Cuenca - Ecuador**
- 7. Iran - Iranian Racing Pigeons Federation**
- 8. Palestine - Palestinian Union for Racing & Pigeons Sporting**
- 9. Paraguay - Sociedad Colombofila Paraguaya**
- 10. Bolivia - Federacion Colombophilia Bolivia - F.C.B.**
- 11. Algeria - Algerian Association of Bird Breeding**

Mr. Bardos proposed to accept the accession of the above 11 new federations.

The Congress accepts unanimously the federations of Iraq, Vietnam, Jordan, San Marino, Ecuador, Iran, Palestine, Paraguay, Bolivia, Algeria.

An exchange of views takes place among the Members on whether or not to accept the federation of Belarus and whether or not the federation of Russia should be suspended as a member of FCI.

About Russia there were no vote, because it was not on the agenda of the congress.

Finally, a vote will be taken on whether to accept the Federation Belarus Social Union of Sport and Show Pigeons Federation as a member of FCI.

The result of the vote is as follows

Votes for the acceptance: 15

Votes against the acceptance: 8

abstentions: 5

invalid votes : 2

( the results of the vote is attached)

Consequently, the Belarus Social Union of Sport and Show Pigeons Federation is accepted as a member of FCI.

Mr. Krzysztof Kawaler noted that the federation of Hong Kong has voted, while this federation was excluded because the FCI contribution 2021 and 2022 was not paid.

Also, the federation of Ecuador voted.

Mr. Krzysztof Kawaler urges for a vote with a show of hands.

A short exchange of views on this subject took place among the Members, after which Mr. Krzysztof Kawaler left the meeting.

### **Ukraine - Ukrainian National Federation of Pigeon Sport**

Regarding the Ukrainian National Federation of Pigeon Sport federation, Mr. Bardos clarified day since 2019 an internal conflict is going on.

Two federations are working together in the Ukrainian National Federation of Pigeons Sport and they do everything possible to promote pigeon racing in Ukraine.

The Congress unanimously accepts the Ukrainian National Federation of Pigeon Sport as the representative of Ukraine in FCI.

**Confederation MRPC - Mediterranean Racing Pigeon Confederation and  
Confederation UWEPA - United West European Pigeon Association**

Mr. Bardos continued that two confederations are requesting affiliation to FCI :

- Confederation MRPC - Mediterranean Racing Pigeon Confederation
- and
- Confederation UWEPA - United West European Pigeon Association

The Congress unanimously accepts these two confederations.

**India - All India Homing Pigeon Federation (AIHPF)**

Mr. Bardos then gives more details about India.

India is a big continent and it is impossible that 1 federation can organize all the pigeon sports activities of this large continent.

Therefore, it is proposed to accept a second federation India - All India Homing Pigeon Federation (AIHPF).

Both federations can participate at the Congress, but they have only one vote of the bigger federation.

The Congress unanimously accepts the All India Homing Pigeons Federation (AIHPF)

**Albania - Albanian Racing Pigeons Federation  
Bulgaria - Bulgarian Racing Pigeon Federation**

Mr. Bardos stated that in Albania and Bulgaria there are currently differences of opinion between the federations

In order to give a solution in the interest of the pigeon sport in these 2 countries  
Mr. Bardos proposes to create a committee consisting of 2 - 3 members of the Committee  
Director.

This commission will have the task to reconcile the federations and let them work together in  
the interest of the pigeon sport in their country. The dossier has to be ready at the latest  
31<sup>st</sup> December of 2022.

Mr. Matteo Grappa is proposed as Chairman of the Committee on Albania.

Mr. Marius Tunduc is proposed as Chairman of the Committee on Bulgaria.

The Congress unanimously accepts this proposal from committees.

Meanwhile, both federations in Albania and Bulgaria can use the FCI rings.

Mr. Bardos announced that the next Olympiad will take place in the Netherlands.

Mr. Ben Geerink, president of the Dutch Federation clarified that the Olympiad will take  
place in Maastricht on January 26, 27 and 28, 2024.

He invites everyone to this Olympiad

The Congress thanks Mr. Tunduc for the organization of this Olympiad in Oradea.

There is a spontaneous applause.

Mr. Bardos thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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