MINUTES OF IPSF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ON 15TH FEBRUARY 2014
AT 17.30PM IN
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PRESENT:	KT Coates	President
	Kate Whitley	Vice-President
	Amanda Tree	Treasurer/Minute taker
	Sophie Logan	Marketing
	Kat Gostevskikh	Technical
	Nia Pearce	Athletes
	Davide Lacagnina	Technical
	Danilo Mattellini	The Pole Live Vertical
	Cesare Bianchi	President FICAS
Skype:	Florenza Pizanis	Technical Chair
	Petra Larsson	President Swedish Pole Sports
	Cindy Cooijmans	Technical
APOLOGIES:	Aimee Lawson	President Pole Sports UK
	Olga Strom	Technical
	Rachida Aoide	Federations Chair

AGENDA OF AGM OF WORLD CONGRESS

a)	Open 1. Notice of meeting – this meeting is going ahead as the annual AGM but it must be noted that during the previous committee meeting today the AGM will now be held in October of each year, commencing October 2014. 2. Adoption of Agenda - done	Agreed by all
b)	Appointment of minute keepers and scrutinizers Minute keeper – Amanda Tree Minutes of the last congress agreed. 1. Apologies – see above 2. Present – see above	Agreed by all.
c)	Minutes of last Congress - approved	
d)	Report of the President – report delivered in previous committee discussion: *Summary:* 1) What is going well? • WPSC and reputation of an outstanding competition growing. • Judges training in demand around the world as recognition of the need for consistency and ethical fairness is demanded by athletes. • The Code of Points and all the hard work by the technical team. • The Guinness World Record being embraced worldwide for charity. • Anti-doping awareness and testing programme being rolled out.	

	2) Where could improvements be made? • A boost in the number of committee members is needed. • More representation at IPSF National Championships is needed. • An annual revision of all IPSF documents to be made by next AGM. • More training courses for athletes/coaches to be available. • The Pole Sports Club Licence to be developed. • Less fees to be paid on currency transactions. • Doubles COP to be updated as a priority.	
e)	Report of the Vice-President – report delivered in previous committee discussion. Summary: 1) What is going well? • Federation applications are coming in steadily as organisations recognise the support the IPSF can give them. • Well over 100 athletes have already qualified to enter WPSC14. • The IPSF is growing in reputation and is now seen as one of the most professional competitions in the world. • The IPSF will definitely have all the criteria needed to become a full registered charity with the Charities Commission in another year. • Plans for WPSC14 are underway already to avoid last minute issues. 2) Where could improvements be made? • More volunteers to help committee members with tasks and share work needing to be done. • Better financial input to identify areas draining funds. • More volunteers to assist at WPSC14. • Monthly newsletter to committee members to keep updated. • Committee chairs to delegate and provide a monthly report of the work their team has done.	
f)	Report of Committees – report delivered in previous committee discussion	
g)	Admission of new member Federations and expulsions – new member Federations, Italy (FISAC), Sweden, UK, Switzerland and no expulsions. 15 applications being processed.	
h)	Modifications to the Constitution – it has been agreed that we need to change at least two thirds of our constitution based on new policies, scoring system and code of points and new ways of having committee positions that reflect the industry. Within that we have agreed to have bi-monthly meetings for committee members to attend by Skype or face to face and attendance is a minimum is 70% per year.	Agreed by all
i)	Modifications to the By-Laws – anti doping policy, update completely to go into the constitution.	Agreed by all
j)	Modifications to the Regulations – we have agreed that, after the WPSC, every year, the month of Aug., Sep., Oct., is going to be the time of reflection and evaluation before the next AGM.	Agreed by all
k)	General Proposals – all general proposals, so many were discussed in the committee meeting so cannot be listed. These will be listed with the minutes and sent out. New competition regulations, federation policies, one federation per country, two application deadline dates in October and April each year.	Agreed by all
l)	Finances – established in committee meeting showing a loss but ticket sales commence today for WPSC 2014 which is our main source of income. Financial	Some Agreed by

	proposals have been made and will be listed under finances in the committee minutes.	all, some still to be decided.
m)	Elections – a committee is elected every four years and a decision was made that, if a new member joins halfway through the term, they will stay to the end of the rest of the term, so that a whole committee is re-elected every four years. A new committee will be voted in in 2016.	Agreed by all
n)	Auditors – accounts have been submitted for auditing to the Chartered Accountants, we have a new bank account and accounts will be done to a level required for Sport Accord.	
o)	Any Other Business Sophie – no NIA – no Davide – documents for athletes who have problems in the competitions, sanctions for athletes, to be discussed under new proposals. Kat – no KT – code of point filming, ranking system Kate – no Mandy – no Florenza – information allowed to public regarding code of points, suggested one page summary of what they will receive. KT – What are we going to do about putting the code of points on the website; it has already been given to all athletes for a point of discussion up to the end of Feb. KT thinks it should be just given out to athletes. Not on website yet, give to athletes, if it gets copied or into the wrong hands we will discuss actions. The code of points can be sent out to any athlete who applies for it. FIG has invited us to discuss our COP to avoid a crossover with gymnastics. Davide; us attending the meeting with FIG, Cesare said there is a problem with the current system, they waited more than 4 years to be admitted, on the pole is acrobatics, floor work is gymnastics and will not be admitted. FIG has informed us that we have to limit the technical value and the time. Filming of the code – we have the code of points done, we have come up with the idea of filming the code of points for understanding, promotion and marketing and some revenue. Are we going to do this, Kate asked how much it was going to cost, Flo suggested if finances are limited, spins should be filmed. We did not get sponsors, best to be done in Russia with Kat. Is it essential? Options, make an app, online clips, youtube for free. Do we split codes; give criteria re lighting, dress code etc., edited by KT. Questions – Danilo – would like to see clear rules for producing poles, materials, indications regarding what should not be inside the poles, KT said that IPSF is not at that level for making decisions but it is on the IPSF agenda. Meeting closed 18.30 pm	Agreed by all Agreed by all to get quotes