



INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE

AMERICAS REGIONAL TABLE TENNIS ASSEMBLY

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Americas Regional Table Tennis Assembly held on 19 November 2003 at 17:30 at the Nacional Hotel in Brasilia, during the II IPC Americas Table Tennis Championships.

PRESENT (Mandated voting NPC Members): Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela, United States.

OBSERVERS: Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Canada. **IPTTC members:** Leandro Olvech (Chairperson and Americas Representative), Jiri Danek (Tournament Officer), Aart Kruimer (Medical Officer), Nico Verspeelt (Selection Officer), Karol Ziduliak (Americas representative on the IPTTC Technical Committee)

WELCOME, REGISTER AND APOLOGIES: the Chairperson explained the strict procedures that had to be followed in an Assembly. The importance of the approval of nominations and mandates from only the National Paralympic Committees was explained.

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** the Assembly noted the minutes from the last assembly held in Buenos Aires in 2001 as distributed and no questions were raised. The minutes were confirmed.
2. **MATTERS ARISING:** there were no matters arising from the minutes
3. **IPTTC REPORT:** the Assembly noted the IPTTC report from the Chairperson as distributed.
4. **BIENNIAL REGIONAL REPORT:** the Assembly noted the biennial report presented by the Chairperson that:
 - the Americas Table Tennis Committee for the disabled (ATTC) was created and recognized by IPTTC as a standing regional committee;
 - the Americas Best Player of the Year Awards were established on a yearly basis, 2001 prizes were given during WC in Taipei and 2002 ones during IPC regionals in Brasilia;
 - a motion from ATTC passed in the 2002 General Assembly that allowed organizers to make junior events for U-21 players;
 - in 2002, four seminars were held in Buenos Aires (ARG) with the support of ATTC, Coaching, Classification, Umpires and Intro to Sports for the Disabled;
 - in 2003, three seminars were held in Santiago de Chile (CHI), Coaching, Classification and Umpires;
 - the possibility to organize sport seminars was offered to the nations on behalf of the Leipzig University (GER) which could get financial support of the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Organization);
 - a brief explanation of the benefits of the organization of an IPC regional championships was given.

5. **FUTURE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS BIDS:** the Assembly noted the procedure set out by the Chairperson to be followed when submitting a bid to host the regional championships. Information about future bid procedures for the 2005 IPC Americas Table Tennis Championships was also given and three countries expressed their candidacy: Argentina, Venezuela and Mexico. The Assembly noted that the 2007 IPC Americas Games would be organized by the Brazilian Paralympic Committee in Rio de Janeiro, and these Games would always be hosted in the same city that hosted the Panamerican Games for able-bodied athletes.
6. **ATHENS PARALYMPIC GAMES 2004:** the Assembly noted the information given by the Selection Officer, Nico Verspeelt, about preparations in Athens, especially in the Village.
7. **SELECTION CRITERIA FOR 2004:** the Assembly noted the presentation by the Selection Officer about the procedure of the selection for the Paralympic Games. After the Assembly, the Selection Officer kindly answered several questions during an informal meeting with the countries interested.
8. **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** the Assembly noted that some nations expressed the need for a circuit of tournaments in the region to improve development and that Mexico expressed the intention to organize an open in June and Argentina in the end of 2004. The Assembly noted the procedure to follow to organize a regional seminar.
9. **OTHER BUSINESS:** the Assembly noted Mexico's proposal to have representatives in the sub-regions. The Assembly approved the proposal and two representatives were appointed: Sergio Lujan from Mexico representing Central America and Barry Butler from Canada representing North America. The Assembly noted that these representatives would be part of the ATTC executive committee.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20h30.

READ AND CONFIRMED AT THE MEETING

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CHAIRPERSON

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30 December 2003