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INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

Minutes of 16th IDBF Members Ordinary Congress held in Kunming, China – 23rd October 2017

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Great Britain Hong King China Hungary Iran - arrived at 11.15am Italy Indonesia Japan Korea Macau China Malaysia Myanmar New Zealand Philippines Russia Singapore Spain – arrived at 11.20am Sweden Switzerland – departed at 3pm Thailand Trinidad and Tobago Ukraine USA	Mike Mackeddie-Haslam Chung Chi Lok Jarosi Peter Mohammadreza Dorkhah Sajjad Gharibi Sue Thomas Edy Suyono Makoto Shubo Choi Gabin Kim Eonsik Chung Hon Kun GehThuan Tek Dr. Than Toe Meri Gibson Doji Lopes Vitaly Smirnov Vincent Sim Jorge Carracedo Robin Magnusson Bridget Walter Wiwat Khwansoongnern Franco Siu Chong Valerii Morgun Andrew Seymanski Ellen Law	
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Minutes taken by	Janine Lette	Australia
The Congress commenced at	09.00	
The Congress concluded at	16.10	

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	<p data-bbox="264 439 1150 472">Opening of the Congress and the President's address</p> <p data-bbox="264 528 1214 629">In opening the Congress, the President welcomed the members to the 16th IDBF Congress and thanked the Chinese Dragon Boat Federation for making the arrangements.</p> <p data-bbox="264 636 1222 916">The President in continuing the opening address stated it is his honour to acknowledge the past President Mike Mac Keddie-Haslam who had worked tirelessly since 1991 and it was wonderful that he could be with us today. We all need to appreciate all that Mike has done for the sport he loves. As Mike was a Member of the very first Council, he will now be awarded the addition title of Founder to his Honorary Title. A presentation was to be made with a standing ovation given.</p> <p data-bbox="264 954 1214 1088">Mike gave a response that he was very humbled and a pleasure to receive such a special word of 'Founder'. Mike acknowledged the work that the current President Mike T in his journey since 1991 as well.</p>	
2.	<p data-bbox="280 1184 1209 1252" style="text-align: center;">Identification of the delegates and confirmation of their authority</p> <p data-bbox="264 1272 557 2040"> Australia Austria Great Britain China Chinese Taipei Czech – not present Canada India France Germany Great Britain Hong Kong China Hungary Iran – arrived at 11.15 Ireland – Proxy Italy- Proxy Japan Macau Myanmar Netherlands – proxy New Zealand Philippine observing Russia </p>	

	<p>Singapore Spain – arrived at 11.20 Sweden Switzerland – left at 15;00 Thailand Trinidad&Tobago Ukraine USA Cyprus Panama – proxy Korea</p> <p>33 voting delegates</p>	
3.	<p>Appointment of scrutineers for the period of the Congress</p> <p>Great Britain & New Zealand appointed</p>	
4.	<p>The President's Report</p> <p>The report was circulated with the agenda and presented.</p>	Report accepted
5.	<p>Alterations to the Statutes and By-Laws</p> <p>The voting form which outlines the changes is attached as appendix 2</p> <p>Great Britain (GB) questioned the inclusion of the Deputy Treasurer. GB also questioned the inclusion of the Chair of the Athletes Commission (AC) and that of the Competition and Technical Commission (C&TC).</p> <p>It had been customer practice to include the Deputy Treasurer and Chair of C&TC in Executive meetings and this proposed change accommodated this practice, The IOC required the Chair or AC to be part of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>A vote of 80% of Members present in favour was required for these proposed changes to Statues.</p>	<p>30 members voted in favour and of the proposed changes and they were therefore agreed,</p> <p>The amended Statues will be submitted to the IOC</p>
6.	<p>Appointment of New Commission Members</p> <p>A list of proposed members and the Chairs of new Commissions is attached as appendix 3</p> <p>Sue Holloway (Canada) from the Athletes Commission was present and introduced to the Members at Congress. Ellen Law (USA) from the Women Athletes Commission was present and introduced to the Members at Congress</p>	Agreed

<p>7.</p>	<p>Elections – Vice Presidents (5)</p> <p>A voting form outlining the persons seeking elections as Vice President was distributed.</p> <p>The IDBF has always had a Chinese Vice President and they welcome Mr Fan Guangsheng, nominated by CDBA, as an IDBF Vice President.</p> <p>Claudio Schermi retires today as he has served our terms as per our Statutes and By-Laws. Claudio now becomes an Honorary Vice President.</p> <p>All candidates spoke briefly on themselves. Julie Doyle and Surjit Singh Bajwa were unavailable but Great Britain (Ms Doyle) and Taher Ahmed (Mr Bajwa) spoke on behalf of both candidates.</p> <p>Proxy votes received from Italy, Netherlands and Ireland.</p> <p>Voting was held and the President thanked all candidates for their nomination.</p> <p>The candidates elected would form part of the Executive Committees and were congratulated by the President.</p>	<p>Elected:</p> <p>Mr Fan Guangsheng Dr Raymond Ma Mr Matthew Smith Ms Julie Doyle Mr Peter Járosi</p>
<p>8. 8.1</p>	<p>World Championship Regattas updates</p> <p>Szeged, Hungary 2018</p> <p>The Hungarian Federation provided an update on the plans for Szeged 2018.</p> <p>Lufthansa had offered discounted travel with partner airlines at minimum of 10% booked through a dedicated website.</p> <p>They are working closely with Foreign Affairs to applications for visa as easy as possible. Applications need to be submitted no later than 3 months before visit.</p> <p>Shuttle service will be available for free if hotel accommodation booked through organisation.</p> <p>Accommodation Deposits – bookings held by licensed travel agent / organisation can be cancelled up to 60 days prior to with deposits returned. Deposit is to ensure rooms aren't held without cancellation. 20% deposit of total accommodation bill required.</p> <p>Race Program format will be changed to be more conscious of the needs of athletes.</p>	<p>The Hungarian Federation were thanked for their Presentation</p>

<p>8.2</p>	<p>Pattaya, Thailand 2019</p> <p>The Federation of Thailand provided an update on the plans for 2019.</p> <p>A Regatta course has been purposefully built with 8 lanes of at least 4m deep for the Championship. The course is utilised by many water disciplines. The accommodation is not very far from the race course with more than 10,000 rooms available</p> <p>A Video was shown of the regatta course and local area.</p> <p>Transportation – approximately 160km from Bangkok or 30mins from Pattaya International Airport.</p> <p>Accommodation is maxim of 45 minutes from venue and cost 50-100 USD.</p> <p>Venue – 8 x 13m lanes of at least 4m. Finish tower is a building of 4 levels with administration on bottom, finish level 2, jury level 3 and meeting room on level 4</p> <p>Proposed date is late July to August 2019</p> <p>Support has been agreed with Royal Thai Government, Pattaya City, Rayong City and all water sport federations</p> <p>Questions: Germany - When will specific dates be known? Answer: Unknown at this time but will in late July to August 2019</p> <p>Germany – what is the temperature? Answer: 30 degrees centigrade plus Germany commented that it was too hot for Championships, but OK for holiday</p> <p>Great Britain – what is the proposed Admin Fee? Answer: not known at this time and will be advised later</p> <p>Australia comment: 30 degrees quite comfortable for Australians and Humidity not as much due to being at the sea.</p>	<p>The Federation of Thailand were thanked for the Presentation</p>
<p>8.3</p>	<p>Club Crew World Championship 2020</p> <p>The French Federation presented a bid.</p> <p>The presentation commenced with a video of the location and site details.</p>	

<p>8.4</p>	<p>Dragon Boat Attitude is a leading French Dragon Company and organised the 2015 & 2017 EDBF Championships plus 2017 IDBF Junior and U24 Nations Championships. The host city of Aix-Les-Bains is a tourist resort and also known as a Thermal City. The city is beside the lake with the mountains in the background. The city has a total of 11,053 beds and also is host to a Music Festival for approximately 10,000 people in July each year</p> <p>The venue provides a large ground area with sufficient space for competitors. Lake shelves quickly from the shore and lane 1 will have a depth of 10metres. With lane 6 deeper.</p> <p>Accommodation – hotel for Officials and a camp site across the road; 11,053 beds in the region</p> <p>Main airport is Geneva which is approximately 1hour travel by bus from the venue. Proposed dates - 24-30 August</p> <p>Questions: Australia – if very deep how are the buoys being secured? A specialise company will be hired who specialises in setting courses. Australia – can you describe the finish tower? A cabin will be constructed and elevated to ensure vision of lanes. Sweden – what will be the width of lanes? 6 x 12m lanes are planned USA – Is the lake rain fed or river? Rain fed but used to be fed from a glacier. No currents or tide Vice President Claudio Schermi made the following comment that the proposed dates are same as Tokyo Olympic Summer Games 24 July – 9 August is Olympics and this is late August 2020</p> <p>Vote: 30members accepted the proposal</p> <p>World nations Championship 2021</p> <p>The Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association presented a bid. 2021 will be an important year with the 30th Anniversary of IDBF and HKCDBA in addition to the 45 years of dragon boat in HK (1976 1st event).</p> <p>Hong Kong provides easy access with over 1,000 flights daily and is Visa free to 170 countries There is plenty of accommodation with over 27,000 beds available for visitors.</p>	<p>The French Federation were thanked for the Presentation and were awarded the 2020CCWC.</p>
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	<p>A new venue is proposed which is the Kwun Tong Promenade along Victoria Harbour near the old airport. It will provide 6 lanes of 15m width and 4m depth. 20 Standard and 20 Small boats will be provided</p> <p>It is a different venue to the 2012 CCWC. The members were advised that the location does not experience strong winds; it is linked to Victoria Harbour so there will be a tidal range, but not a big difference. Total width of area is 300m and used for ships but these will be moved for the Championships. There is a sea wall at entrance to minimise waves from Victoria Harbour</p> <p>Proposed to hold the Championship in late October because August and September are the typhoon season, it is also cooler in October.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Canada – concerns over the fairness of the racing given that the water is not flat and the tides impacting the racing At lowest tide it is 4m deep and from their experience the water is normally very flat due to its sheltered position. The Government’s plans that they want to make the venue into a world class regatta course and in 4 years’ time.</p> <p>Great Britain – there will be a need to consider the tidal flow</p> <p>Canada – didn’t feel that 2012 was fair racing conditions This is a different venue to 2012 and is sheltered and not in the main water course of Hong Kong</p> <p>Australia – requested a change of dates due to the proposed date not being suitable for Juniors and U24s and it is not ideal to split the Championships It was noted that further improvements could be made with additional break walls as the level of expectations for the athletes is very high and require fair racing venues.</p> <p>Great Britain – proposed that Hong Kong’s bid is accepted pending the issues raised to be provided to Council in 2018</p> <p>Germany – proposed a bid for 2021 Note this was not submitted prior to Congress but only raised in the meeting. Germany was advised that bids cannot come from the floor but their interest will be noted should the Hong Kong venue be unsatisfactory.</p> <p>Motion – that Hong Kong’s bid be accepted provisionally with IDBF Council and C&TC to investigate further in 2018 and presented at 2019 Congress. If unsuitable, an alternative venue will be sort at that time.</p> <p>Vote: For – 21 Against – 3 Abstain – 2</p>	<p>The motion was approved and further investigation of the venue would be made before a final decision reached</p>
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<p>9.</p>	<p>International Ice Dragon Boat Federation (IIDBF)</p> <p>Sue Holloway and John Brooman from International Ice Dragon Boat Federation presented this new exciting discipline which has just been accepted by Council as an Associate Member of IDBF.</p> <p>Racing on ice provides some of the ice bound Northern Hemisphere Members an opportunity to continue dragon boat throughout the year as well as our Southern Members to experience the ice and snow.</p> <p>Rules, equipment standards have been established and are looking forward to the 1st World Ice Dragon Boat Championships in the near future.</p> <p>The IIDBF is a separate federation and part of the IDBF Family in a similar way as the International Brest Cancer Paddlers Federation.</p> <p>Sue and John were thanked for their presentation.</p>	<p>The International Ice Dragon Boat Federation were welcomed as an Associate Organisation</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>International Canoe Federation (ICF)</p> <p>The President provided an update on the discussion that representatives of the Executive Committee had been holding with the ICF over the past 2 yrs. In June, it was jointly agreed that it would be in the best interests of our athletes to hold a single Championships.</p> <p>It was proposed that a Joint Championship could not take place before 2020 under common rules.</p> <p>The President requested the members to express their opinions in an open debate: Great Britain –does not feel this is an ideal pathway. GB raised points from the Joint Agreement in 2003. The agreement recognised the position of the IDBF as the leading organisation for dragon boat. They also agreed that there was an IDBF Member and an ICF Member, they would work together and not attempt to take each other over. Whatever is happensit was to be in the best interest of the paddlers. This proposal by ICF is fine but we must ensure that there is no conflict between our Members within their country.</p> <p>USA – understands the challenges of 2 organisations with different objectives. The process of qualification for a Championship needs to be considered carefully where a country has both IDBF and ICF participants.Both organisations have very different qualification criteria.</p>	

Sweden – also want a single World Championship and appreciate the negotiations.

Hungary – agree that the Athletes need to be kept in mind and IDBF have done a lot. Establishing the confidence between the both now is very good. They also have this conflict within their country and they are working on it. The rules should be set by IDBF.

Canada – agreed with USA but also queried whether there was much for us to gain or much for us to lose?

New Zealand – don't really have a relationship with Canoe Fed but are a member as it gives them the Government channel. This year they hosted the World Masters Games and were contracted by Canoe Fed to run the dragon boat component.

Myanmar – all water paddling sports are under the 1 umbrella. For them this proposal will be more convenient for them and all bodies should work together.

Vice President Claudio Schermi – has been involved in these discussions and agreed with Sweden's comments that the Athletes want the best for them. We are still progressing with our IOC Recognition application.

Vice President Matt Smith- where do they see this travelling to, we need further details about the end point. Until we have clarity about direction of travel, he did not recommend that we proceed.

Germany – agree that it is the best for all athletes for a single Championship. But they lack confidence as they have suffered by trying joint championships in Germany. At the moment more trust from ICF is needed. They hope that we can work together in the future though.

President – Germany commenced joint championships a few years ago but since it has had its ups and downs and not always growing together.

USA – welcomes the attempt by Hungary trying to respect each other. Each country should work within their country to create a better relationship between Federations but perhaps the time is not right yet.

Gt Britain – we must realise that ICF is interested in protecting its IOC position. There has been no development in our sport by ICF It is unlikely that IOC will accept IDBF until there is a smooth way between IDBF and ICF.

	<p>President – one of the points of concern with the IOC officer who is looking at our application is the relationship with ICF.</p> <p>Hungary – our sport is alive due to the efforts of our Members and Athletes, the boats are ours, the rules are ours and the races are ours. On the other side there is an Olympic Sport of paddling and that it is very important to find a solution.</p> <p>Sweden – hopefully negotiations will continue as a single Championship is the best way forward</p> <p>India – does not want all the hard work IDBF has done in getting the sport to where we are to be taken by the ICF. Appeals to the Members that we continue negotiations with ICF.</p> <p>Canada – large Countries are likely to experience more issues particularly in their qualifications for Club Championships</p> <p>USA – would prefer to see how we can integrate Nationally but that 2 years notice was too short a timescale to arrange selection for a CCWC.</p> <p>Australia – supports USA and Canada as our qualifications are 2 years prior to a CCWC</p> <p>Treasurer – the problem will continue and not go away and some sort of agreement is required.</p> <p>President – in concluding the discussion requested that USA, Canada and Australia provide their time frames for qualification for CCWC. This was a very important discussion to gather opinions to inform the group who are discussing with the ICF. It is clear that 2020 is far too soon to consider a joint Championship and that member have clearly requested some further discussion on possible outcome of cooperation.</p>	<p>The opinions of the members recorded in these minutes will be raised with the ICF during any future meetings</p>
<p>11.</p> <p>11.1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reports from the Commissions</p> <p>Competition & Technical Commission (C&TC)</p> <p>The Opening & Closing Ceremonies were a credit to our Chinese friends with the organisers doing a wonderful job in the Championship which concluded yesterday.</p> <p>The following were proposed: (a) Qualifying Date for Juniors & Seniors has now moved to 31 December.</p>	

<p>11.2</p>	<p>(b) The poor attendance in Junior at our Championships may partly be due to the three classes. The merging of Junior A, B & C may overcome this but we need to look at the overall attendances. By merging these together, it will create the depth at Championships that we would like. During the discussion it was suggested that a Junior Commission be established to consider the needs of Junior. It was also noted that we did not need to offer all the age categories in a Championship and the regulations did not need to change for these adjustments. The countries with the most Junior participation would also be contacted for their opinions,</p> <p>(c) A Tertiary //University Class will be introduced in future Club Crew Championships and will commence in 2018. Championships only</p> <p>(d) Mixed Crew Small Boats – Racing rule 3.1 has been amended to include a minimum of 8 paddlers and maximum of 10. Racing Rule 2.1.3 mixed class has a typing error. The '6' needs to be changed to 5.</p> <p>(e) International Race Officials selection – the number of Officials applying to attend a Championship is around 150 but with a maximum of 60 places available selection has become increasingly important. A selection criterion has been developed that is very transparent.</p> <p>(f) Paddler examiner – Jason Chen has been appointed as a new examiner, working very closely with John Kramer.</p> <p>(g) Look forward to working closely with Hungary, Thailand, France and Hong Kong for the best Championships available.</p> <p>Medical & Sports Science Commission (M&SS)</p> <p>One of the main responsibilities of the Commission is the drug testing at our Championships. In Kunming at these Championships 16 out of competition tests and 6 in competition tests were conducted. The Athletes were very understanding and all very co-operative in undertaking the tests. Out of all testing since 2013, there have been 2 positive tests and the Commission would like to introduce more tests. The major issue for testing is the cost (USD5000 for in competition testing). The Commission requested that if any member is conducting their own tests, then, please advise the commission as it is very important in maintaining records.</p>	<p>C&TC Report accepted</p>
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12.2	<p><u>European Dragon Boat Federation (EDBF)</u></p> <p>In 2016 a very successful European Championships was held in Rome with high participation (1800 participants). 2017 continued with high participation in the Club Crew Championship in Divonne. A Special Convention was held in November 2016 in Spain and the EDBF will be putting emphasis on the development of Juniors. Hosting the IDBF Junior & U24s Championships was a very important step and the EDBF wished to express their thanks to our French Friends for the hosting of this at Divonne. The EDBF will develop new commissions the same Commissions as required by IDBF. 2017 has seen a change in leadership as Alan van Caubergh had to step down as president and Claudio Schermi has been elected as the President. They are both working together in this transitional period until Claudio takes over on 1 January 2018. The EDBF Nations Championship 2018 is being held in Brandenburg Germany.</p> <p>The President thanked the EDBF and France for coming to our rescue by enabling the Juniors & U24s to race amongst their Club Crew Championships in Divonne.</p>	EDBF Report Accepted
12.3	<p><u>Pan America Dragon Boat Federation (PADBF)</u></p> <p>Have held 3 Pan Am Championships to date and 2017 staged a stand-alone Championship in Puerto Rico the previous two Championships had been attached to IDBF Nations in Tampa & Welland. This year was the first-time a significant dragon boat Championships was held in Latin America. Since a very successful Championship in Puerto Rico, Hurricane Maria has devastated the island and Puerto Rico could be without power & communication for another 6 months. The condition of the property and dragon boats is unknown but the Puerto Rico President is safe with her family in Miami. Costa Rica is a country where development is taking place. The next Pan Am will be held in March 2019 at Trinidad & Tobago.</p> <p>The Congress delegates sent their best wishes to Puerto Rico.</p>	PADBF Report Accepted
12.4	<p><u>Oceania Dragon Boat Federation (ODBF)</u></p> <p>Meri Gibson presented a written report on behalf of Noel Aderton. The report commenced with looking at Oceania in historical development and then focussed on the cooperation between Australia and New Zealand and building capabilities by a trans-Tasman exchange of ideas and manpower. A further development was that Invitations are being extended to allow teams from other members of Oceania to attend each other's Championships.</p>	ODBF Report Accepted

<p>12.5</p> <p>12.6</p> <p>12.7</p>	<p><u>African Dragon Boat Federation Africa (DBFA)</u></p> <p>In the absence of a representative, Mike MacKeddie-Haslam reported that Uganda tried to raise the money to participate in this Championship but were unsuccessful. Uganda is very active and working hard to join us. Ghana also has IDBF Development Boats and are keen to take part in IDBF Championships.</p> <p><u>International Brest Cancer Paddlers Commission (IBCPC)</u></p> <p>This Federation is growing daily and has increased to 203 teams from 22 Countries across 7 Continents. National representatives have been established and the process is very successful. A not-for-profit trust has been established this year in British Columbia. Their next International Championship will be held in Florence Italy in July 2018. Future plans including reaching the countries who have not yet developed teams. The important message is that all participants (paddlers, steerer and drummer) are breast cancer survivors and that the BCS is not combined with any other cancer races.</p> <p><u>International Ice Dragon Boat Federation (IIDBF)</u></p> <p>Sue Holloway and John Boorman as Vice presidents of the International Ice Dragon Boat Federation presented this new exciting discipline which has just been accepted by Council as an Associate Organisation of IDBF.</p> <p>The Rules and standards for the equipment have been established and the IIDBF is looking forward to the 1st World Ice Dragon Boat Championships in the near future.</p> <p>Beijing is hosting the Winter Olympics in 2022 and it is hoped that Ice Dragon Boat racing maybe included.</p> <p>The IIDBF is a separate Federation and part of the IDBF family in the same way as the IBCPC.</p>	<p>ADBF Report Accepted</p> <p>IBCPC Report Accepted</p> <p>The IIDBF and its representatives were welcomed to their first Congress and thanked for their presentation</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Accounts, financial report and auditor's report</p> <p>The accounts for the previous period were presented to the members for approval.</p> <p>New Zealand proposed acceptance</p> <p>There were 24 to approve the account</p>	<p>Accounts for period were approved</p>

<p>14.</p>	<p>Determination of the Annual Subscription</p> <p>The Treasurer proposed that this fee was increased to USD500 as there has not been an increase in a number of years.</p> <p>Trinidad& Tobago – agreed that membership should be increased. Recommended that subscription was restructured that each Member charged its paddlers, even USD 1, and this would be the Membership Annual Subscription.</p> <p>Treasurer – our members are the National Federations and have no membership based on paddler numbers. To do this, we need the cooperation and trust of our Members to give IDBF the numbers in their country.</p> <p>China – we should not be increasing the fee but should be introducing more sponsorship</p> <p>New Zealand – if there was a way to establish a united database</p> <p>India – would have a problem as they are small</p> <p>Britain – historically Annual Subscription kept low due to Entry Fee. The proposal from Trinidad could be difficult to monitor.</p> <p>Hungary – Membership fee is very important but Trinidad’s proposal very good way increasing funds</p> <p>USA – likes the concept and theory so recommended that IDBF explore this proposal.</p> <p>Treasurer – a number of other International Federations membership fees are based on the number of participants.</p> <p>An alternative proposal was made by Canada of USD500 per Member The proposal was seconded by USA For: 7 Against: 13 This amended Proposal was not approved.</p> <p>Proposed from Trinidad and Tobago of USD250 Annual Subscription + USD1 per paddler The proposal was seconded by Great Britain For: 15 Against: 7</p> <p>The Proposal from Trinidad and Tobago was approved</p>	<p>The Annual Subscription for 2018 will be USD250 + USD1 per paddler</p>
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15.	<p style="text-align: center;">Budget for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019</p> <p>The budget for the next period was presented by the Treasurer. Trinidad & Tobago - Commented that neither the paddler or boat manufacturers are paying their full licence fees.</p> <p>Treasurer – in reply stated that closer monitoring was necessary but we needed their cooperation.</p> <p>The Budget received unanimous approval.</p>	Budget was approved
16.	<p style="text-align: center;">Appointment of a Full Member for auditing the accounts</p> <p>With the Change in the Statutes agreed earlier in the meeting it was recommended that an Auditor be appointed by the Finance Committee.</p>	Finance Committee to appoint Auditor
17.	<p style="text-align: center;">Reports on applications for membership</p> <p>The General Secretary is in contact with Azerbaijan and Pakistan</p> <p>Membership details have been sent and the General Secretary will continue to gain the information required for membership.</p>	Further Action by General Secretary
18.	<p style="text-align: center;">Individual proposals from Members</p> <p>The Chinese Dragon Boat Association presented their two papers which were circulated with the agenda and further copies were provided at Congressmeeting. The trust of the proposals was to continue to push to get our sport into the Olympic Games. The Winter Olympic Games are being hosted by Beijing in 2022 and the CDBA are planning to submit a proposal to the Government Authorities to have Ice Dragon Boat Racing included. The CDBA suggested lobbying for more support together with IDBF so that we can gain more support.</p> <p>President - Before we can get in to the Olympic Games, we must gain recognition. We currently have our last application under review we need to be mindful of the challenges in front of us. Ice Dragon Boat racing may help achieve our goals.</p>	The content of the proposal was noted

<p>19.</p>	<p>Presentation from Jilin City</p> <p>A video was played to support the bid to host the 1st World Ice Dragon Boat Racing Championships – Jilin City</p> <p>They planned to host the Championships in January 2018. Jilin City is in the northern part of China. The city has a long history and rich culture. It has a population of 4.5m and has a number of awards for various tourism areas. City has hosted a number of large events so logistics and hotels will present no problems for the Organising Committee. They have hosted 6 Ice Dragon Boat Racing events.</p> <p>President - thanked the City of Jilin for their presentation and that their proposal will be carefully considered by the IDBF and the IIDBF.</p>	
<p>20.</p>	<p>Any Other Business and closing address</p> <p>There was no further business In closing the Congress, the President all the delegates for their contributions to the discussions throughout the day.</p> <p>Place and Date of the 17th Congress, will be in Thailand at a date and time to be fixed to coincide with the World Championships.</p>	