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Confédération Africaine de Canoë
Confederation of African Canoeing

**Minutes of the Ordinary Congress of the Confederation of African Canoeing
held in St. Louis, Senegal on 22 & 23 July 2005**

1. Opening of Meeting

The president welcomed the delegate to the Congress. He explained that due to travel problems the delegates from Kenya and possibly Ivory Coast would not be present in Senegal today and it was proposed and agreed to delay the voting items until the following day to allow these two delegates to be present. A special welcome was given to Joao Tomasini Schwertner the 2nd Vice President of the ICF. The meeting commenced without the Secretary general as Mr Ady Fall had not arrived due to making arrangements for the championships.

2. Presentation of Delegates and Approval of Quorum

The following NF's were recorded as present: Seychelles, Sao Tome Principal, Uganda, Morocco, Liberia, South Africa, Algeria, Guinea Bissau, Tunisia, Senegal, Angola & Ivory Coast These 12 countries represented the required 50% of NF's for a quorum in terms of the statutes.

3. Appointment of Voting Scrutinisers

This item was held over until the following day when Tim Cornish and Joa Tomasini Schwertner were approved as the scrutinisers.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the 2002 Congress.

No comments had been received since the minutes were sent out and the meeting approved the minutes as a true record without any changes.

5. Presidents Report

The presidents report was presented before the Secretary General's report as the Secretary General was not present for the first part of the meeting. The president presented his report, which had been circulated by email to all NF's with the agenda. A copy is attached. After some questions and favourable comments from the delegates and thanks for the work that the president had done over the past 3 years the report was approved by he congress.

6. Report from Representative of the ICF

Joao Tomasini Schwertner gave a brief report to the congress and expressed the approval and thanks of the ICF Executive Committee regarding the good progress being made with canoeing in Africa

7. Report of the Secretary General

The Secretary general presented a lengthy report to the congress that covered the work of the Confederation and many of the challenges that it faces. The report was well received but it was noted that the report should have been circulated beforehand and included in the agenda for the meeting. After a discussion on the report and further comments the report was approved by the congress.

8. Report of the Commissions

No reports had been received from the commissions. The president commented that these commissions needed to be reviewed and he suggested that specific commissions for set tasks should be appointed by the Board of CAC rather than the wide scope of the current commissions appointed by the Congress.

There was a lengthy discussion about the failure of the current commissions and the need for commissions and it was agreed that nominations should be made for members of a technical, Communication & Marketing, Statutes and Medical Commission over the days of the Congress and the Championships for use in the formation of commissions.

Later in the meeting on the following day it was agreed that due to time constraints the newly elected board would form commissions from the nominations received and other members that could be added if required.

9. Proposals for Revisions to the Statutes

The president reported that at a meeting of the CAC Board the previous day it was agreed to advise the congress that consideration of any revisions to the statutes should be postponed to the next congress to allow time for all proposals to be properly considered.

The revisions from the Secretary General had not been submitted in the time required in the statutes and Abdellah Laraichi had produced a completely new version of the statutes in French that had not yet been seen by the Board or the NF's. It did not make sense to change the statutes until all the ideas had been considered.

Morocco were not satisfied to wait until the next congress and requested that a special assembly be held on a date still to be proposed to consider and approve new statutes.

A proposal was made by Ivory Coast to hold the special assembly at the same time as the ICF Congress in order to save the NF's the extra cost of travel for a special assembly.

Morocco suggested that an application be made to the ICF to pay for the special assembly. Joao Tomasini Schwertner indicated that it was unlikely that the ICF would be able to support the holding of a special assembly to change the CAC Statutes.

It was agreed that Morocco and any other NF's should submit any proposals that they may have in English and French to the Secretary General as soon as possible so that the Board of Directors can decide on the best way to deal with the changes required to the statutes.

It was noted that the statutes in their current form were very basic and simplified and needed to be reviewed and changed as soon as possible.

10. Financial Report

The president presented financial reports for the period July 2002 to June 2004 and for the first year of the period July 2004 to June 2006.

Mr Laraichi asked what had happened about the promise made by Iran at the ICF Congress to donate money to Africa, as he could not see that this money had been received from the reports presented.

The President and Csaba Szanto explained that Iran had donated some equipment to Africa as part of the equipment that was provided to Senegal for the Championships. Csaba said that the offer made at the Congress would be difficult to show in the CAC accounts unless actual money was paid to the CAC.

The meeting commented that it was important for CAC to find a specific person to hold the position of Treasurer, which had been vacant for the past two years, so that this person could focus on raising money for the Confederation.

The meeting was adjourned at this point and reconvened at 14h00 on 23 July 2005. When the meeting reconvened Algeria were no longer present due to return travel plans. Kenya now had arrived.

Proxies were presented by South Africa for Namibia and Tunisia for Algeria. The meeting decided that proxies should not be allowed as there was no provision for proxies in the statutes.

11. Place and Date of 5th African Championships

Presentations were received from Ivory Coast and Kenya regarding the hosting of the 5th African Flat water Championships.

Following a vote by the delegates the venue of Kenya was selected with 7 votes for Kenya, 4 votes for Ivory Coast and 1 spoilt vote.

The Congress then discussed the proposal from South Africa to host an African Continental Slalom Cup Series in 2006 and from Kenya to host the first African Championships for Slalom in 2007. Because of the importance of promoting Slalom in Africa both of these proposed events were approved.

The date of both the Continental Championship events in Kenya would be finalised by the Board but would probably be in October or November 2007. The slalom events in South Africa would be in March 2006.

12. Olympic Qualification

The memo from the ICF regarding the use of Continental Championships for the 2nd round of Olympic qualification was discussed.

The Congress was in favour of this proposal and preferred the option of holding the qualification in the later part of 2007 after the 2007 World Championships rather than moving the continental Championships to 2008.

In view of this possibility and because of the improved development of canoeing in Africa it was agreed that in future, commencing in 2007, events for normal racing kayaks (K1's and K2's) and canoes would be included in the program for the African Championships. Vital kayaks would still be provided for new developing countries to use but there would only be one class for singles and any normally accepted racing boats would be permitted.

13. Election of Board Members

1st Vice President

A debate was held regarding the eligibility of some of the candidates as only one candidate Costa Alegre from STP, had submitted his nomination in sufficient time.

After an extensive debate the president ruled that there was only one legitimate candidate and unless there was a unanimous decision to accept other candidates the vote would have to take place with only one candidate. A vote was taken in this way but in the interest of democracy and good relation the candidate from STP appealed to the congress to allow the existing 1st Vice President from Morocco to be included in the vote. This was agreed to but before a second vote could be held Mt Laraichi withdrew from the election and the initial vote of 9 votes for Joao Costa Alegre from STP and 3 abstentions was accepted by the Congress.

The 1st Vice President for the period 2005-2009 is therefore Joao Costa Alegre from STP.

Secretary General

As no nominations had been submitted in sufficient time new nominations were accepted at the meeting for Ady fall from Senegal and Seif Patwa from Kenya.

Following a vote Mr Seif Patwa from Kenya was elected to the position of Secretary General for the period 2005 to 2009. Seif Patwa received 7 votes and Ady Fall 5 votes.

Treasurer

As no nominations had been submitted in sufficient time new nominations were accepted at the meeting from Angola, Morocco and Ivory Coast.

In the initial vote (Morocco 4, Ivory Coast 4 & Angola 3) the candidate from Angola was eliminated and following a second round vote Mr DEGBO ACHI from Ivory Coast was elected to the position of Treasurer by 7 votes to 3.

14. Confirmation of ICF Board Representatives

It was proposed and approved by the congress that the board should decide on the second representative of CAC on the Board of Directors of the ICF. NB: In the Board meeting after the congress on 24 July Joao Costa Alegre was selected as the 2nd representative of CAC on the ICF Board of Directors.

15. Other Business

A proposal was made from the Congress to award Abdellah Laraichi, the out going 1st Vice President and inaugural President of CAC, the title of Honorary Life President of CAC. The Congress unanimously approved this.



Tim Cornish

President



Seif Patwa

Sec. General