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INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

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Member of SportAccord – the General Association of International Sports Federations

Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the IDBF Members Congress held in Conference Hall, Duo Hotel Prague, the Czech Republic from 0900 to 1400 hours on the 29th August 2009.

Present: 出席人員

IDBF Executive & Council	國際龍舟聯合會執行委員會與理事會		
Elected Officers:			
President (Congress Chair) (代表大會主持人)	Zhang Faqiang 張發強	China, PR 中國	
Executive President (Council Chair) (理事會主持人)	Mike Haslam 麥克·哈森來姆	Great Britain 英國	
Snr Vice President 首席副主席	Mason Hung 洪忠興	Hong Kong, 中國香港	
2 nd Vice President. 第二副主席	Benjamin Ramos 本杰明·拉莫斯	Philippines 菲律賓	
3 rd Vice President. 第三副主席	Bob Morro 鮑勃·莫羅	USA 美國	
4 th Vice President. 第四副主席	Claudio Schermi 克勞迪奧·舍爾米	Italy 意大利	
Secretary General 秘書長	Hu Jianguo 胡建國	China PR 中國	
Treasurer 司庫	David A. Cogswell 戴維·考格斯維爾	Great Britain 英國	
Commissions:	小組委員會成員		
Competition & Technical 競賽和技术委员会	Mike Thomas 麥克·托馬斯	Chairman (Great Britain) 主席 (英國)	
	Chung Hon Kun	Vice- Chair (Macau)	
Medical & Sports Science 醫務委员会	Prof Bob McNamara 鮑博·麥克納馬拉	Chairman (USA) 主席 (美國)	
Marketing & Media 市場和推广委员会	Sharifa Khan 簡慧兒·韓	Chairwoman (Canada) 主席 (加拿大)	
	Not Present - Apology received		
Protocol, Culture & Heritage 醫務委员会	Xu Jusheng	Chairman (China PR) 主席 (中國)	
	Not Present - Apology received		
Continental & Regional Representatives	洲際與地區代表		
Asia (ADBF) President 亞洲 (亞龍聯會) 主席	Madam Xiao Min	China PR 中國	
Europe (EDBF) 歐洲 (歐龍聯會)	Alan van Caubergh EDBF Chairman 阿蘭·范·考格伯	The Netherlands 荷蘭	
North America 北美洲	Ginny O'Hare	United States 美國	
Oceania (ODBF) 主席	Kel Watt	Australia 澳大利亞	
Absence with Apology	因故缺席		
EDBF Vice Chairman	Victor Kisselev	Russia 俄羅斯	
PC&H Commission	Adrian Lee 安德努·李	Canada 加拿大	
Southern Africa Rep 南非代表	Pam Newby 帕姆·紐伯	South Africa 南非	

IDBF Members In Attendance (31)		出席的国际龙联会员	
IDBF Member Country/Territory	Name of Voting Delegate	Represented By	
Australia 澳大利亚	Kel Watt	3 x Delegates	代表
Bulgaria	-	Proxy vote	委托
Canada 加拿大	Matt Smith	3 x Delegates	代表
China, PR 中国	Yu Hanqiao	3 x Delegates	代表
Chinese Taipei 中华台北	-	Proxy vote	委托
Czech Republic	Peter Klima	2 x Delegates	代表
France	Guillaume Bestaux	2 x Delegates	代表
Germany 德国	Lutz Berger	3 x Delegates	代表
Great Britain 英国	Sue Menzies	3 x Delegates	代表
Hong Kong SAR, China 香港	Dr Raymond Ma	3 x Delegates	代表
Hungary 匈牙利	Péter Járosi	2 x Delegates	代表
India	Sandeep Gupta	2 x Delegates	代表
Iran 伊朗	Ahmad Donyamali	3 x Delegates	代表
Italy 意大利	Dr Antonio de Lucia	2 x Delegates	代表
Japan 日本	Makoto Shobu	2 x Delegates	代表
Korea 韩国	Lee Sung Soo	1 Delegate	代表
Macau, China 中国澳门	Kitty Wong	2 x Delegates	代表
Netherlands 荷兰	Gert de Vos	2 x Delegates	代表
New Zealand 主席	Noel Anderton	2 x Delegates	代表
Philippines 菲律宾	Marcia Cristobal	2 x Delegates	代表
Poland 波兰	-	Proxy vote	委托
Reunion Island	Jean Claude Kwong	1 Delegate	代表
Russia 俄罗斯	Dimitri Chesnokovsky	2 x Delegates	代表
Singapore	Team Manager	2 x Delegates	代表
South Africa 南非	Abdul Edross	2 x Delegates	代表
Switzerland 瑞士	Bridget Walter	2 x Delegates	代表
Thailand	Narupon Kirdnak	2 x Delegates	代表
Trinidad & Tobago	Franco Siu Chong	2 x Delegates	代表
United Arab Emirate	Jason MacKenzie	2 x Delegates	代表
Ukraine 乌克兰	Oleksandr Bakanychev	2 x Delegates	代表
United States 美国	Ginny O'Hare	3 x Delegates	代表
Apologies (5)			
Norway			
Slovakia 斯洛伐克			
Spain			
Sweden			
Uganda			



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12th CONGRESS AGENDA

1. Opening of the Congress and the President's address.
2. Identification of the delegates and confirmation of their authority.
3. Appointment of scrutineers for the period of the Congress.
4. The Executive President's Report. (*Appendix 1 attached refers*)
5. Reports from the Chair Holders of the Specialist Commissions.
6. Accounts, Financial Report and Auditor's Report (*Appendix 2 attached refers*)
7. Approval of the accounts for the previous period.
8. Determination of the Annual Subscription.
9. Budget for the next period - 2010/2011.
10. World Championship Regattas. Updates 2010, 2011. Bids for 2013, 2014.
11. Place and Date of the next Congress.
12. Appointment of a Full Member to be responsible for auditing the accounts.
13. Reports on applications for membership and voting consequent thereon.
14. Appeals against decisions taken by the Council or by the Executive Committee.
15. Individual proposals from members.
16. Alterations to the Statutes; Competition Regulations & Rules of Racing.
17. Elections
18. Any Other Business and Closing Address.



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INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

MINUTES OF THE 12th MEMBER'S CONGRESS – PRAGUE 2009

代表大会开幕和主席致辞

Item.1. OPENING OF CONGRESS & PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS - ZHANG Faqiang,

1.1. The Executive President apprised the members on the conduct of the Congress and requested Mr Zhang Faqiang, the IDBF President, in his capacity as Chairman and Leader of Congress, to formally open the 12th IDBF Congress.

1.2 The IDBF President Zhang Faqiang warmly welcomed all the Member's delegates to the 12th IDBF Members Congress and advised the Delegates that he had decided not to run for re-election and was therefore chairing his last Congress. President Zhang addressed the Congress as follows:-

1. He first spoke about the blossoming development of dragon boat in Asia and informed the Congress that the Chinese government, in showing its respect for the Dragon Boat Festival (or Tuen Ng or Double Fifth Festival) had introduced a new annual public holiday to celebrate Tuen Ng and that dragon boating as a popular sport event was widely practiced during the festival.

2. Mr Zhang reported on a meeting held with Mr. Hein Verbruggen, the GAISF President in Beijing on August 7th 2009, with regard to the IDBF and ICF relationship and the potential situation the IDBF faced. He pointed out that the IDBF was now at a 'cross-road' of decisions: The President felt that as a GAISF Member, the IDBF should try to seek good relationships with other GAISF Members, strengthen our position within the Sport whilst putting aside differences to seek common ground.

3. Mr Zhang in addressing the Congress recognized the EP's contribution to the sport's development and suggested that to make the IDBF a more international and professional body, we should be focusing more on improving our regulations and rules. In this IDBF could be assured of support from the Chinese Olympic Committee and the other organizations to through unity of purpose and cooperation.

4. In closing his address the President concluded that the four (4) main tasks for the IDBF going forward were to popularize dragon boat sport; to promote the dragon boat spirit; to carry forward dragon boat culture and to develop the dragon boat industry.

代表身份的证明和确认

Item. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF DELEGATES AND CONFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY.

2.1 The Secretary General Hu Jianguo made the roll call, and confirmed that Delegates from 31 countries and territories with voting rights were present in accordance with the procedures laid down in the IDBF Statutes and Bye-Laws. 5 countries and regions were absent, and the quorum of the congress was formed. The meeting was quorate.

2.1. 国际龙联执行主席麦克·哈森来姆先生进行点名，并根据国际龙联章程以及法规的规定程序确认了列席且将参加投票的31个国家与地区的代表。

代表大会期间监票人的指定

Item. 3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS FOR THE CONGRESS.

3.1 Representatives from Australia and Switzerland were appointed by the floor, as Scrutineers for the Congress.

Official IDBF Languages. Bye-Law 14 (B110) 国龙联合会官方语言 法规 14

14.1 (10.1) The Official Languages of the IDBF, as laid down in Article 8 of the IDBF Statutes are English and Chinese Mandarin. In the event that there is a discrepancy between the two in any IDBF documents, the English version shall take preference. **14.1 (10, 1)** 根据国际龙联章程第 8 条, 国龙联合会的官方语言为英语和中文普通话两种。如国际龙联文件中中英文版本出现不符, 以英文文本为准

执行主席报告 - 麦克·哈森来姆先生

Item. 4. EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mike HASLAM.

4.1 The report of the Executive President (EP), for the two-year period, 2008 –2009, since the 11th Congress, is shown at Enclosure 1 to these Congress Minutes.

4.1. 执行主席就第 11 届代表大会以后 (2008-2009) 两年间的工作进行了全面报告, 见代表大会纪要附件 1。

4.2 The Executive President reported to the Congress on the development of the Sport during the last 2 years, which had been ones of expansion and consolidation for the IDBF.

1. IDBF Membership had grown with seven (7) new Members for acceptance by the Congress. Both the Club Crew Worlds and the World Nations Championships had seen increases in entries and competitor numbers, rising to over 3000 at each Championship.

2. The number of IDBF Boat & Paddle manufacturers, as well as IDBF Affiliated Festivals and Event Organisers, had also increased during the period but on the downside the World Corporate & Community Championships had not made the expected impact in the Dragon Boat Festival market.

3. The EP paid tribute to Mr Zhang Faqiang, retiring after 8 years as the President during which time the IDBF had gained GAISF Membership, a success which was in no small way due to the personal efforts of Mr Zhang and the Chinese Olympic Committee, in winning friends and influencing GAISF Members on behalf of the IDBF.

4. The EP propose a formal vote of gratitude to Mr Zhang Faqiang, for his hard work on behalf of the IDBF and wished him well in the future. The EP advised the Congress that also retiring was IDBF Vice President, Benjamin Ramos (the Philippines) after many years of service to the sport. The EP also thanked Benjamin for his past work for the sport.

5. The EP reported that despite IDBF Membership of GAISF – now SportAccord, some IDBF Members were reporting that their efforts to gain recognition as Governing Bodies for Dragon Boating was being opposed by Canoe Federations claiming to be responsible for the Sport by virtue of their own Membership of the International Canoe Federation. The EP advised the Congress that IDBF Members should make it clear to their National Sports Authorities that the GAISF SportAccord) an IOC recognised organisation, had ruled that Dragon Boating and Canoeing are two different sports and that the IDBF is the SportAccord Member specifically for Dragon Boating.

4.3 The Congress accepted the full report of the Executive President as shown at Enclosure 1 to these Congress Minutes. After discussion on the President's Address and the report of the Executive President, the Congress passed the resolution shown **at Annex A, concerning the Governance of the Sport**, under the jurisdiction of the IDB

专门委员会主席和大洲及地区代表报告

Item.5. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR HOLDERS OF THE SPECIALIST COMMISSIONS

5.1 Competition & Technical Commission - Mike Thomas, Chair C&TC. Mike Thomas gave a general report on the work of the C&TC and a verbal report to the Congress on the organizing of the 2009 World Championship. More than 3000 athletes in 134 crews, from 24 Countries and Territories would compete which is a historical high for a Nations Championship. He also drew Congress's attention to the one revision to the IDBF Competition Regulations, concerning wrist straps, notified with the Congress Agenda.

5.2 Medical & Sports Science Commission – Prof Bob McNamara, Chair M&SCC. Bob McNamara gave a verbal report to the Congress that the IDBF Anti-Doping Policy and Rules had been accepted and approved by the World Anti-Doping Agency. (WADA). All IDBF Members had been e-mailed a copy of the policy and should act in accordance with it.

5.3 Marketing & Media Commission- Henning Weikhorst M&MC. Henning Weikhorst updated the Congress on the development of the IDBF websites and Database.

A new web site specifically with World Championships information had been set up at www.idbfworldchamps.com. The main website at www.idbf.org, was under reconstruction and all Members would be offered a free website under the IDBF domain name. He also reported on the publication of the IDBF Newsletter 'Dragon Boat International (DBI)' during the previous twelve months and the production of promotional videos for the IDBF.

5.4 Protocol, Culture & Heritage – Secretary-Gen Hu, on behalf of Mr. Xu Jusheng, informed the Congress that the PC&HC was now researching the culture and heritage of dragon boating during different periods in Chinese history, with the intention of publishing a specialist document for presentation to the IDBF Council. The work was estimated to be finished within the next year.

财务和审计报告

Item. 6. FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITOR'S REPORT – David COGSWELL.

6.1 The Financial Report of the IDBF Treasurer, Mr. David Cogswell, is shown at Enclosure 2. The Statement of Accounts and Income and Expenditure Report for the years ending 31 Dec 2007 and 2008 respectively, were made available to the Delegates.

6.1 国际龙联司库戴维德·考格斯维尔的财务报告公示于纪要附件 2 中。截止 2007 年与 2008 年 12 月 31 日的经费收入与支出账目的陈述, 已在此会议上向整个代表大会做出了报告。

6.2 The Treasurer reported that over the two years (2005/2006) there was a deficit of USD 520.38. This was due to the expenditure associated with applying for GAISF Membership. Otherwise the income and expenditure figures were very similar to those recorded in 2005.

6.3 Audit Report. The Treasurer informed the Congress that the Accounts had been audited by Frans Bijl and Gert de Vos of the NDBF(Netherlands Dragon Boat Federation) who had stated that they had examined the balance sheets of the IDBF and were of the opinion that the financials reports had been drafted with great neatness, care and that the bookkeeping was proper and well managed. However the auditors were not able to fully indentify all breakdowns of the figures mentioned in the financial report and unfortunately there had not been an opportunity before the Congress, to sit down with them to cover the points that needed clarification.

6.4 Accordingly the audit committee had now drafted a list with all the points that need clarification and submitted it to the Treasurer. Once the Treasurer has clarified the points raised, the auditors will report back to the IDBF Executive Committee with a written report.

批准帐目

Item. 7. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS – 2007/2008

7.1 The Executive President proposed to the Congress, that given the above auditors report that a vote to approve the accounts for the previous periods could not be taken, although the Treasurer's Report could be accepted by the Congress. The Congress accepted the Treasurer's Report and agreed that the next meeting of the IDBF Executive & Council, could accept and approve the Auditors Report on behalf of the Congress

决定年度会费问题

Item. 8. DETERMINATION OF THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION – 2010/2011

8.1 The Treasurer spoke to the Congress concerning the revise the Membership Fees system which had been in operation for the first time during the 2008/2009 financial period. and had proved successful.

国际龙联下一阶段财务预算—2009/2010

Item. 9. IDBF BUDGET FOR THE NEXT ACCOUNTING PERIOD – 2009/2010

9.1 The Treasurer updated the Congress on the IDBF budget situation for 2009 and the forecast Budget for 2010. Whilst both the income and expenditure forecasts showed an anticipated decrease, a surplus as a whole, was expected to be carried forward to the 2011 Financial Year. The Congress accepted the Budget forecasts.

世界锦标赛和国际比赛

Item. 10. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTAS – 2010-2013.

10.1 7th Club Crew World Championship (CCWC) – 2010, Macau SAR, China.

Ms Leonor Remédios, Macau Sport Development Board Division of Sport for All and Special Projects, reported on the preparation work being made for the 2010 championships, scheduled to take place on South Lake Dragon Boat Regatta Course from July 25th to 2nd August 2nd, 2010. Congress Delegates were also given copies of promotional material and information on the organization of the Championship.

10.2 10th World Dragon Boat Racing Championship (WDBRC) - 2011, Tampa, USA

Mr. Kevin Burns, Chairman of the 10th World Championships Organizing Committee updated the Congress on the preparations being made for the WDBRC. He reported that the Organising Committee had been formed, university style and hotel accommodation arranged and that talks were being held with the City authorities about the racing course, including the control tower site and facilities, an 8 lane course on the ship canal in down town Tampa, next to the Tampa Convention Centre. The date was still to be confirmed.

On behalf of the 3 million Tampa citizens, Mr Burns welcomed all members to participate. Delegates were also given copies of promotional material and information on the organization of the Championship

10.3 8th Club Crew World Championship (CCWC) – 2012, Hong Kong SAR, China.

There was one bid before the Congress in respect of the 2008 CCWC from the Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association, which was supported by the Hong Kong Tourist Board.

Dr. Raymond Ma, Chairman of the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association made the bidding report to the Congress for the 2012 Club Crew World Championships. The proposed venue was the Victoria Harbour course where the modern sport and the IDBF began. The theme of the CCWC would be to race in a CCWC on this historic site and experience racing as it was when the modern sport was born.

Dr Ma expressed his sincere expectation of hosting a top IDBF competition at the 25th anniversary of the Hong Kong International Races. Delegates were given copies of promotional material and information on the organization of the Championship.

10.4 After questions from the floor and a discussion on the suitability of the Victoria Harbour Course for staging World Championship's racing the Congress awarded the hosting rights to stage the 8th IDBF Club Crew World Dragon Championships, to Hong Kong, China by a majority vote.

10.5 11th World Dragon Boat Racing Championship (WDBRC) – 2013, Tehran, Iran.

There was one bid before the Congress in respect of the 2013 WDBRC, for Tehran, Iran, Florida, from the Iranian Dragon Boat Association (IrDBA) part of the Iran Canoe, Water Ski & Sailing Federation. Mr. Ahmad Donyamali, President of the Iran Federation presented the bidding report for hosting the 2013 World Championship in the Iranian Capital.

10.6 Mr Donyamali informed the Congress about the international sports events and dragon boat competitions already held in Teheran Sports Complex where the Championship would be held if the Iran bid was approved. He also answered questions separately about female paddlers, life and security in Iran and visa problems that the presented members concerned.

10.7 After questions from the floor and a discussion on various issues associated with competing in Iran, the Congress approved in principle the bid application and awarded the hosting rights to stage the 11th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships, to Tehran, Iran by a majority vote.

10.8 The vote for the bid was subject to the IrDBA providing supporting government documents for the Championships, including financial support, plus hosting details and assurances over the treatment of females attending the Championships and the security of all those attending the event.

10.9 The Congress also requested that Iran hold some smaller dragon boat events in the following 4 years to test the capabilities of hosting competitions and the issues surrounding female athletes competing.

下届代表大会地点和日期

Item.11. PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT CONGRESS - 2011.

11.1 The Executive President advised the Congress that, in accordance with Article 23 of the IDBF Statutes, the next IDBF Congress would be held in 2011 at the venue of the WDBRC, in Tampa, Florida, USA. The date of the 13th Member's Congress would be announced once the dates for the 11th World Championships had been agreed.

任命一名正式会员担任账目审计

Item.12. APPOINTMENT OF A FULL MEMBER TO AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS.

12.1 The Executive President asked for an IDBF Full Member to undertake the duties of Auditor for the period 2009 - 2010. The Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF) were nominated for the position of Auditor and accepted.. The appointment was agreed by the Congress.

国际龙联会员资格申请

Item.13. APPLICATIONS FOR IDBF MEMBERSHIP.

13.1 The Executive President referred the Congress to Enclosure 3, of the Congress Agenda, which listed the new Basic Member (07) applications approved by the Council for ratification by the Congress. Also on the list were 15 Basic Members recommended by the Council for Full IDBF Membership.

13.2 The EP asked the Congress to accept the Council's recommendations for IDBF Membership.

13.3 The Congress ratified the Council nominations nem con, for Basic and Full IDBF Membership, as shown at Enclosure 3 to these Congress Minutes.

反对国际龙联理事会决议的申诉

Item. 14. APPEALS AGAINST THE DECISIONS OF THE IDBF COUNCIL.

14.1 The Executive President informed the Congress that no Appeals against decisions of either the Executive Committee or the Council had been received.

来自国际龙联会员的个别提案

15. INDIVIDUAL PROPOSALS FROM THE MEMBERS.

15.1 The Executive President informed the Congress that no proposals had been received from the IDBF Members' for the consideration of the Congress

章程、细规、竞赛规程和规则的修改

Item.16. ALTERATIONS TO THE IDBF BYE-LAWS & COMPETITION REGULATIONS.

16.1 The Executive President referred the Congress to Enclosure 4, of the Congress Agenda, which listed the amendments to the IDBF Bye Laws and Competition Regulations made by the Council for the Congress to note. To take effect from the day following the Congress.

Appeals against decisions of either the Executive Committee or the Council can be made under the IDBF Statutes and should be addressed to the IDBF Secretary-General, for consideration at the next meeting of the IDBF Council.

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Item.17.

ELECTIONS

17.1 The Executive President took the Chair during the election process for the President and Vice-Presidents’.

17.2 IDBF President. There was one nomination for the position of IDBF President. This was from the Chinese Dragon Boat Association (CDDA) proposing the ADBF President, Madam Xiao Min.

17.3 The IDBF President Zhang Faqiang introduced the candidate Madam Xiao Min, who was the assistant for the Chinese Minister of State General Administration of Sports and a Vice-President of the Chinese Olympic Committee (COC). Mr Zhang stated that with such excellent ability and rich experience, Madam Xiao Min could lead the IDBF and grow even stronger should she be elected.

17.4 The Congress unanimously elected Madam Xiao Min, from PR China to be the IDBF President for a term of 4 years until the 2013 Congress.

17.5 President Xiao Min in her speech of thanks to the Congress expressed her gratitude for the trust and support given to her by the Delegates. She recognized the contributions of Mr. Zhang Faqiang in past 8 years in office, and said she would enhance the dragon boat sport to a new levels in a joint effort with the IDBF members.

17.3 IDBF 1st (Senior) Vice-President. There were four (4) nominations from the IDBF Members for the four (4) positions of IDBF Vice President. The first three (3) candidates listed were being nominated for a further term of office. The fourth person, Mr Donyamali was being nominated for the first time was the President of Iran Canoe, Water Ski & Sailing Federation and had also served as a deputy mayor of Teheran, in charge of municipal construction. He wished to promote dragon boat sport in Iran and neighbouring countries.

17.4 The candidates for election as IDBF Vice-Presidents’ were as follows:-

Mr Mason HUNG - nominated by th Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association (HKDBA),

Mr Bob Morro MORRO – nominated by the United States Dragon Boat Federation (USDBF)

Mr Claudio SCHERMI – nominated by the Italian Dragon Boat Federation (FIDB)

Mr Ahmad DONYAMALI – nominated by the Iran Water Sports Federations’ (ICRWKF)

17.5 The Congress, by a show of hands elected the four candidates as Vice Presidents’, for a term of 4 years until the 2011 Congress. In accordance with the IDBF Bye-Laws on seniority by length of service as a Vice President, the elected Vice- Presidents’ were allocated to their offices as follows:-

Mr Mason HUNG	-	1 st (Senior) Vice-President
Mr Bob Morro MORRO	-	2 nd Vice-President
Mr Claudio SCHERMI	-	3 rd Vice-President
Mr Ahmad DONYAMALI	-	4 th Vice President

其他事宜和闭幕

Item 18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSING ADDRESS.

18.1 1st Commonwealth Club Crew Dragon Boat Championships. Mr. Lim Chein Aun informed the Congress of the preparation work being made for the 1st Commonwealth Dragon Boat Championships in Penang, Malaysia in 2010, which would be held in conjunction with the Annual Penang International Races. Relevant members agreed to encourage their crews to participate.

18.2 Mr. Sylvain MUNIER and Mr Richard SAWHNEY from Dragon Boat & Kayak Sans Frontier (France) informed the Congress of the development and promotion of dragon boating in Senegal, through environmental projects started by Kayak Sans Frontier. Delegates were also shown promotional material and given information on the KSF environmental projects.

18.3 According to Article 40, IDBF Statutes, the EP on behalf of the council, suggested Mr. Zhang Faqiang and Mr. Benjamin Ramos be the Honorary President and Honorary Vice-President respectively. The suggestion was accepted, and President Xiao Min award certificates for them.

18.4 Reports from the Continental & Regional Federations. Due to time constraints the adhoc reports from the Continental and the Regional representatives were not given to the Congress on this occasion.

18.4 大洲及地区代表报告 由于时间有限和代表大会开幕的延迟, 大洲与地区代表没有在本次代表大会上作报告。

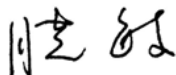
18.5 There being no further business notified under Article 28 of the IDBF Statutes, the IDBF President as Chairman of the Congress, thanked those present for their attention to the matters on the Agenda and for their support of the IDBF. The Chairman formally closed the 12th Congress at 1400 hours.

18.1. 无其他事宜, 根据国际龙联章程第 28 条款, 国际龙联主席对代表能出席会议及他们对国际龙联的支持表示感谢。第十届代表大会于 1400 正式闭幕。

Minutes Prepared by Mike Haslam and Xin Yi (Rex).

此会议记录由麦克·哈森来姆与钦恽准备。

Signed



**Madam XIAO MIN
President**

主席签字 张发强

Date: 日期 15 Dec 09

Signed



**Mike HASLAM
Executive President**

执行主席签字 麦克·哈森来姆

Date: 日期 15 Dec 09

Attached: 附件 Enclosure 1 - Executive President's Report. 附件 1: 一执行主席报告
Enclosure 2 - Treasurer's Report. 附件 2: 一司库报告
Enclosure 3 – Nominations for Membership
Enclosure 4 – Amendments to the IDBF Bye-Laws and
Competition Regulations.

Enclosure 1 to the 12th IDBF Congress Minutes

第九届国际龙联代表大会会议纪要附件一

EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE 12TH IDBF CONGRESS 2009

2009年第十届国际龙联代表大会执行主席报告

The Executive President's Report to the 12th IDBF Congress given at the Duo Hotel, Prague, the Czech Republic on Saturday 29th August 2009.

The last two years have been ones of expansion and consolidation for the IDBF and our sport. Expansion in that our Membership continues to grow with seven provisional members now before the Congress for ratification, Both our Club Crew World Championships and World Dragon Boat Racing Championships too, show record entries and a wider range of competition classes, with competitor numbers steadily rising to over 3000 participants in both 2008 (Penang Club Crews) and 2009 (Prague Worlds).

Consolidation with the successfully introduction of the IDBF Coaches Awards Scheme and the continuing development of our Race Officials Training & Assessment Scheme. The number of IDBF Affiliate Festivals and Event Organisers around the world has steadily increased to over 25, as has the number of IDBF Boat Manufacturers and Paddle Makers.

Life is not all ups but also downs and on the down side I have to say that our World Corporate & Community Championships have not made the impact we would have hoped for in the general Dragon Boat Festival market. The 3rd Wcorcom held in Miami this year, whilst enjoyed by all the crews that took part was a small success, rather than a large one and the future of this particular Championship is now under review.

At this Congress our President Mr Zhang FAQIANG, from China, who retires after eight years in the post. A period in which we were engaged in the long and hard road of gaining membership of the General Association of International Sports Federations – now known as SportAccord.

Our eventual success in gaining SportAccord Membership was in no small way due to the personal efforts of our President and the Chinese Olympic Committee in winning friends and influencing the Members of Sportaccord on behalf of the IDBF.

I would like to propose a formal vote of gratitude to our retiring President from the sport, for his hard work on our behalf and to wish him well in the future. I also hope that he will not forget the many friends he has in Dragon Boating.

Also retiring as a Vice President of the IDBF after many years of service to our sport is Benjamin Ramos from The Philippines and to him to go our thanks for his past work for the sport and our best wishes for the future.

Despite our Membership of SportAccord, the IDBF Council are now receiving reports from some of our Members that their efforts to gain recognition as Governing Bodies for Dragon Boat Sport in their own Countries or Territories, are being opposed by Canoe Federations claiming to be responsible for Dragon Boating by virtue of their own Membership of the International Canoe Federation, because the ICF is an IOC recognised International Federation.

A recent letter from the IOC to the ICF concerning their status as an Olympic Federation, has been quoted by Canoe Federations as the justification for making their claims over the governance of Dragon Boat Sport.

IOC letters, in general, do not refer to the governance and conduct of a sport at world championships level but to those Olympic Federations whose disciplines of sport are included in the Olympic Games.

This does not include Dragon Boat Racing, at this point in time, so for a Canoe Federation to claim that by virtue of the Olympic Federation status of the ICF, it already has the right to govern Dragon Boating at National or Territorial level is not justified.

I would advise the Congress, therefore, that in the Council's view the letters from the IOC are not in respect of non-Olympic Sports such as Dragon Boating and that the process of recognition by the IOC is open to the IDBF.

In this respect the Council have agreed that any application by the IDBF for IOC recognition will be conducted through the offices of the IDBF President and Senior Vice-President.

IDBF Members should make it clear to their National Sports Authorities that the GAISF – an IOC recognised organisation, has ruled that Dragon Boating and Canoeing are two different sports and that the IDBF is the SportAccord (GAISF) Member specifically for Dragon Boating.

National Sports Authorities should also be advised that the Olympic Council for Asia has recognised the Asian Dragon Boat Federation as having responsibility for Dragon Boat Sport in Asia and that Dragon Boating organised by the ADBF and conducted under IDBF Rules of Racing, will be included in the 2010 Asian Games.

The IDBF Council has stated that as a International Federation we welcome any organisation that wishes to take part in our sport provided that they recognise the status and standing of the IDBF as a GAISF Member.

In closing my report I would put before you from the IDBF Council a proposed resolution for the Congress concerning the purpose of the Federation, its relationships and those of our Members at national and international level and our vision for the IDBF as an organisation.

I commend the resolution to you and move that the Congress adopt it.

Thank you.



Mike HASLAM,
Executive President

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国际龙联执行主席

Enclosure 2 to the 12th IDBF Congress Minutes

第十届国际龙联代表大会会议纪要附件二

国际龙联司库报告 2007 和 2008 年财务报告

IDBF TREASURERS REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2007 AND 2008

The accounts for 2007 show a loss of US\$ 9549.21 for the year. This can be attributed to our campaign to gain GAISF Membership which cost us a net US\$ 10,623.16 in 2007. This is in spite of the very generous contribution of US\$ 30,000.00 made by the Chinese DBA in presenting the Dragon Boat case to the Beijing GAISF Assembly. Hopefully our GAISF campaign is now over but we still have to overcome the legacy to pay their Annual Membership Levy of around US\$ 2,500 per year and getting our independence from the ICF for some of our national DBA's.

There are a number of expenditure items included in the 2007 accounts which should not re-appear again in future years. The item for US\$ 7401.76 shown for 2006 Secretariat Expenses were not to hand when I closed the 2006 Accounts and therefore had to be carried forward as a 2007 expenditure. If we take off these extraneous items of expenditure we would have returned a small surplus.

During 2007 we changed the method by which we finance the IDBF by switching to a lower Annual Membership Fee and charging a Competitors Fee on the participants at our World Championships. This could have the effect of increasing our income to meet the costs of servicing the Federation with its increase in Members and to assist in the development of Dragon Boating in those countries yet to join the IDBF. This was readily shown in the 2008 Accounts which shows a change in our fortunes for the accounts reveal a surplus of US\$ 5658.58. Changing to the Competitors Levy really took effect in Penang WCCC which was the main reason for the final surplus.

However the income from our Boat and Paddles Manufacturers Licence Schemes is very disappointing with many manufacturers not abiding by the terms of their Licence in spite of reminders. Ways must be found to stem this trend else we shall lose control of Boat and Paddle licensing which will result in a free for all.

Our expenditure in 2008 was actually less than in 2007 in spite of there again being some expenditure not likely to re occur, particularly GAISF and the Sports Audit.

Looking to the future we shall have to allow more expenditure on attracting new nations to the sport. This inevitably involves visiting them to appraise them of how to proceed and to help them train Officials and Coaches so that they can move forward. Often these emerging Associations have no finances available at the beginning and so we should give them all the help we can and that will mean spending our money in doing so.

David A. Cogswell
IDBF Treasurer

INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION – BUDGETS 2009/2010

ANNUAL BUDGET 2009	Income	Expenditure	
Membership Fees	\$7,950.00	Development Fund	\$3,500.00
Subscriptions Affiliates	\$1500.00	Office Running Costs	\$3,000.00
Championships	\$19,000.00	Admin - Secretariat	\$6,000.00
Boat Spec & Licence Fees	\$3,000.00	Depreciation	\$2,000.00
Paddle Spec & Production Fees	\$3,000.00	Travel Grants	\$3,000.00
Hire of Development Boats	\$1,000.00	GAISF Fee	\$3,500.00
		Newsletters	\$2,000.00
		Contingency Fund	\$2,000.00
		Anticipated Surplus	\$10,450.00
	<u>\$35,450.00</u>		<u>\$35,450.00</u>

PROPOSED BUDGET 2010			
Membership Fees	\$8750.00	Secretariat Costs	\$7,000.00
Affiliates Subscriptions	\$2,000.00	Depreciation	\$2,000.00
Championships	\$20,000.00	Travel Grants	\$5,000.00
Boat Spec & Licence Fees	\$3,000.00	GAISF Membership Fee	\$3,750.00
Paddle Production Fees	\$3,000.00	Newsletters	\$7,500.00
Hire of Development Boats	\$1,000.00	Contingency Fund	\$5,000.00
		Anticipated Surplus	\$8,750.00
	<u>\$37,750.00</u>		<u>\$37,750.00</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2008

	2008	2007
	US \$	US \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Capital Equipment		
Dragon Boats	\$0.00	\$4,960.00
Lap Top Computer	\$439.20	\$878.00
Stocks		
Officials Pin Badges	\$151.81	\$151.81
Officials Log Books	\$720.18	\$430.10
Bank		
Cash in Hand	\$0.00	
Bank Account US Dollar	\$26,804.65	\$17,371.8
<i>Bank Account Euro Dollars</i>	\$2,137.74	
DEBTORS	<u>\$4,660.00</u>	<u>\$5,364.71</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$34,913.58</u>	<u>\$29,157.11</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
CREDITORS		
Pre Paid Membership Fees	\$ 0.00	\$8,582.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$8,679.57</u>	<u>\$8,582.10</u>
NET ASSET	<u>\$26,233.99</u>	<u>\$20,576.41</u>
REPRESENTING		
General Fund	<u>\$26,233.98</u>	<u>\$20,575.41</u>

ENCLOSURE 3 TO THE 12TH IDBF CONGRESS MINUTES

Membership and Membership Upgrades approved and passed by the Congress

List A. New BASIC Members .

Brazilian Dragon Boats	Basic Member
Costa Rica Dragon Boat Association	Basic Member
Dragon Boat Federation of India	Basic Member
Reunion Island Dragon Boat Association	Basic Member
Senegalese Rowing & Canoeing Federation	Basic Member (from Associate)
Serbian Dragon Boats	Basic Member
Thailand Rowing & Canoe Association	Basic Member

List B. BASIC Members recommendation for FULL Membership

Austrian Dragon Boat Association.	Full Member
Cyprus Dragon Boat Association.	Full Member
French Association of Dragon Boats.	Full Member
Guam Paddle Sports Racing Association.	Full Member
Iran Canoe, Water Ski and Sailing Federation	Full Member
Irish Dragon Boat Association	Full Member
Myanmar Rowing & Canoeing Federation.	Full Member
Norwegian Dragon Boat Association	Full Member
Spanish Dragon Boat Association	Full Member
United Arab Emirates Dragon Boat Association	Full Member
Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation	Full Member
Vietnam Aquatic Sports Association	Full Member

Congress Nominees for Honorary Membership

Mr Zhang FAQIANG,	Honorary President
Mr Benjamin RAMOS	Honorary Vice-President

ENCLOSURE 4 TO THE 12TH IDBF CONGRESS MINUTES

Amendments made by the IDBF Council and notified to the Member's Congress

2009 COUNCIL AMENDMENTS

A: IDBF BYE-LAWS

Changes to the IDBF Bye-Laws are enacted by the IDBF Council and endorsed by the IDBF Congress.

BYE LAW 1 DESCRIPTION

1.1 The IDBF is an international non-governmental, non-profit world organisation for dragon boating *and other paddle sport activities, as decided by the IDBF Members Congress.*

BYE-LAW 3 (BL1) TECHNICAL DEFINITIONS

3.8 (1.6) **Classes.** There shall be *three* classes of International competitions recognised by the IDBF under the general title of International Regattas, namely:

- 3.8.1. (1.6.2) Dragon Boat Championships.
- 3.8.2. (1.6.1) International Dragon Boat Races.

3.8.3 **World and Continental Cups**

3.16 **World and Continental Cups.** *World and Continental Cup competitions may consist of a single Dragon Boat competition or a series of such competitions, in one or more Countries or Territories, in a given year, in which National or Territorial selected Crews, from an IDBF Member compete.*

The format and duration of each such Cup competition will be decided between the IDBF and the Cup Organiser concerned but as a minimum must include crews from the Premier Division, as defined in the Competition Regulations.

A World or Continental Cup Trophy will be awarded for each Cup Series (single or multiple) and Medals may be awarded to the winning crews as in the manner of a World Championship Regatta. World Cup competitions shall be sanctioned directly by the IDBF Executive Committee.

BYE-LAW 4 (BL 2) DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

4.3 (2.1, 4.1) **The Executive President.** The Executive President shall.....

The Executive President is the Senior Elected officer of the IDBF. It is incumbent upon the Executive President to:

- 4.3.1. (2.1.1, 4.1.1) Guide and control the entire work of the IDBF. *Attend multi-sports games World Championship Regattas, and other important IDBF competitions and preside as the Chair of the Jury at World Championship & multi-sport games*

4.6.1 **Expenses:** *The traveling and accommodation expenses of the Executive President and President or their nominees, in connection with the duties of their offices shall be paid by the appropriate hosting organization or as an exception by the IDBF.*

4.31 **Honorary Awards.** *The IDBF Executive Committee may nominate individuals who have made a significant contribution towards the development of the sport an IDBF Award of Honour. Such Honorary Awards are to be ratified by the IDBF Council and notified to the IDBF Members Congress.*

BYE-LAW 5 (BL 3) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONS.

5.4 (3.4) Duties and Fields of Activity. The duties and fields of activity for each of the commissions, shall be published in these Bye-Laws in accordance with Article 47, of the Statutes. They shall be determined by the Executive Committee as the need arises. ***The Executive Committee shall invite the Chair of an IDBF Commission to discussions on issues that fall within the competence of that particular Commission (Aug 09)***. All Commissions shall work closely with Commissions of the Continental Federations, that cover the same activities.

5.9 Ethics and Interests. *All members of the IDBF Executive Committee and of the IDBF Council and of the IDBF Commissions, must observe the IOC Code of ethics as referred to in the Olympic Charter. In particular they must declare any direct or indirect pecuniary interests that may result in them making a profit directly or indirectly from the sport.*

5.10 IDBF Working Groups. *IDBF Working Groups may be created for the purpose of advising the IDBF Council, the Executive Committee or the Executive President, as the case may be, on matters relating or relative to the IDBF or to Dragon Boating.*

The IDBF may establish permanent or other standing or ad hoc Working Groups whenever it appears necessary. Except where expressly provided otherwise in the IDBF Statutes and Bye-Laws or in specific regulations established by the IDBF Executive Committee, a Sub Committee, normally consisting of the Executive President, Senior Vice President, Secretary General and Treasurer, shall establish the terms of reference of any Working Group.

The Sub Com will designate the Working Group members and the meetings time-tables of the Working Groups, except where expressly provided otherwise in the IDBF Bye-Laws or in specific regulations established by the IDBF Executive Committee. The Sub Com will decide the dissolution of a group once it is considered that it has fulfilled its mandate.

The Members of the Executive Committee are an ex-officio members of all working groups and shall have precedence when attending a Working Group's meeting.

BYE-LAW 8 (BL 6) DISCIPLINARY MEASURES.

8.10. *The IDBF Anti-Doping Policy is based on that advocated by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and will follow where appropriate the Anti-Doping Code laid down by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) as adopted by the IDBF Council. (Oct 03). The IDBF Anti-Doping Policy is published as an IDBF Policy under Competition Regulation 11.1.*

BYE-LAW 10 (BL 8) THE IDBF EMBLEM and LOGOS.

10.6 Logo. *In addition to the IDBF Emblem, the IDBF may design and use an IDBF logo (or logos) for development, marketing and merchandising purposes, as well as for promotion, publicity and general administration.*

BYE-LAW 11 - NOMINATIONS FOR THE IDBF COUNCIL FROM IDBF MEMBERS

11.4.1. *When voting each IDBF Member organisation will be entitled to have one (1) vote. A non-voting delegate of an IDBF Member may carry one (1) proxy vote, in writing, in respect of a member not represented at the Congress in accordance with Article 22 and 33 of the IDBF Statutes.*
(Clarification – Aug 09)

11.4.2 *Members of the IDBF Executive Committee and Council are entitled to be present at the Congress and to speak but not to vote. By exception a non Executive Committee Council Member may vote if he or she represents his/her IDBF Member as a delegate with the right to vote.*

11.4.3 *Other than in an election by secret ballot, should the Chair NOT be satisfied after a show of hands that a vote is clear, then voting may then also take place by roll call in alphabetical order of those Members present or represented.*

BYE-LAW 12 - IDBF MEMBERSHIP.

12.21 Subscriptions. *There shall be a number of categories of Membership Fee, as decided by the IDBF Council, from time to time. The IDBF Finance Committee shall determine the list of IDBF Member Organisations in each category. The decision about the classification of each Member will be based on Economic Indicators established by the IDBF Executive Committee.*

12.21.2 *The first 2 years of Membership (starting from the year after the Congress of acceptance) are free of any Membership Fees.*

BYE-LAW 14 (BL10) OFFICIAL IDBF LANGUAGES.

14.1 *At the meetings of the IDBF, Members or delegates are entitled to speak in the language of their country provided that a competent interpreter, at their own cost, translates their speech into at least one of the official languages of the IDBF. (Aug 09)*

14.2 *All expenses of the translator must be borne by the representatives themselves.*

BYE-LAW 15 (BL9) AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS.

15.1 (9.1) *Amendments and additions to these Bye-Laws shall be drawn up by the Executive Committee and effected by the Council, from time to time, as authorised by Article 43.6, of the IDBF Statutes.*

15.2 *The IDBF Executive Committee may amend the IDBF Bye Laws and the IDBF Council the Competition Regulations every two years. All changes are to be notified to the Congress and Bye-Law changes ratified by the Congress.*

15.3 *The IDBF Council may make provisional amendments to the IDBF Rules of Racing every two years and full amendments every four years.*

15.4 *Changes to the IDBF Statutes and Byelaws come into force immediately after the Congress in which they are ratified. Changes to the Competition Regulations come into force on the 1st January in the year following the Congress year.*

15.5 *The IDBF Council may only make full amendments to the IDBF Rules of Racing with effect from the year following an Olympic Summer Games.*

BYE-LAW 16 (BL14) CONTINENTAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

The IDBF is a Member of SportAccord - the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS (GAISF) and recognized as the specific International Federation (world governing authority) for dragon boating and the sport of Dragon Boat Racing. (Aug 09)

16.1 *In accordance with Article 48 of the Statutes and under Part 2 of the Statutes, the Council of the IDBF recognises both Continental and Regional Federations or Associations for dragon boating and National or Territorial Dragon Boat Organisations, under the following conditions:*

16.1.1 National/ Territorial level dragon boat organisations, who are IDBF Members, may group themselves into Continental or Regional Organisations for the purpose of; promoting and regulating Dragon Boat Sport within their respective Continents/Regions, with the object of developing and contributing to the sport.

16.1.2 *The Continental and Regional Organisations must establish a constitution with Statutes, Bye-Laws, general principles and rules and regulations that conform with those of the IDBF. Constitutions shall be notified to the IDBF Executive Committee.*

16.1.3 *Continental/ Regional Championships are conducted under the guidance of the of a Continental or Regional Executive Committee and in accordance with the IDBF Rules of Racing and those IDBF Competition Regulations that are appropriate. (Aug 09)*

16.1.4 The IDBF Executive President, *President or their nominated delegates, may be invited and attend meetings of the Executives; Councils and Congresses of the Continental/Regional Organisations.*

16.1.5 *Representatives appointed by Continental or Regional Organisations are members of the IDBF Council for that Continent or Region. (Aug 09).* The Continental or Regional Organisations are, through their authorised representatives advisors to the IDBF on matters concerning their own members - *see also as Bye-Laws 4.25 - 4.27.*

16.1.7 The Continental *and* Regional Organisations shall, *if requested,* assist the IDBF in the supervision of any *international events and IDBF Affiliated Festivals* held in *the* given Continent or Region and report to the IDBF on these events.

16.1.11 Continental and Regional organisations may develop new competitive formats for Dragon Boating that are not presently covered by the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing. Any new formats *are subject to discussion with the IDBF C&TC and the agreement of the IDBF Executive Committee,* to ensure that competitors safety and the integrity of the sport are not compromised in any way.

ANNEX A to Bye-Law 5.6

MARKETING AND MEDIA COMMISSION - SPONSORSHIP AND MEDIA DIRECTIVE.

1.1 ***Advertising and Property Rights.*** *The IDBF is the worldwide exclusive owner of the Advertising and any other property rights of IDBF World Championship Regattas and IDBF World Cups as defined in the IDBF Statutes; Bye-Laws and Competition Regulations*

1.2 *The IDBF has the right to grant or contract the rights as mentioned above, entirely or partly to, IDBF Member Organizations, Championship Organizing Committees, and Agencies.*

1.3. *The contracts as mentioned in this Bye Law shall be in written form and will include the financial and technical requirements.*

1.4. *The IDBF has the right to award advertising rights in all categories of sponsoring concerning the mentioned events to partners. The rights of IDBF sponsors and official partners shall be considered as premium advertising rights with regard to all questions concerning the promotion of an event.*

1.5 ***Television Rights.*** *The IDBF is the worldwide exclusive owner of the Broadcasting, Internet and any other media property rights of all IDBF World Championship Regattas and IDBF World Cups as defined in the IDBF Statutes; Bye-Laws and Competition Regulations.*

1.6. *The IDBF has the right to grant or contract the rights as mentioned above, entirely or partly to International TV / Broadcasting Unions, IDBF Member Organizations, Championship Organising Committees, Internet providers and Agencies.*

1.7 *The contracts as mentioned in this Bye Law shall be in written form and will include the financial and technical requirements.*

1.8. *The IDBF Executive Committee shall have the power to modify the programme of World Championship Regattas and World Cups to ensure a high quality of Television Broadcast or to ensure a live Broadcast.*

B: COMPETITION REGULATIONS

The Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing are approved by the IDBF Council and notified to the Congress, to take full affect on 1st January in a Summer Olympics year under Articles 29 and 35 of the IDBF Statutes.

13.3.1 ***Wrist Straps.*** *Wrist to Paddle Straps are allowed provided that the fastening to the wrist is of a 'quick release' nature and not a buckle type of fastening.*

Annex A to 12th Congress Minutes

2009 RESOLUTION BY THE 12th IDBF MEMBERS CONGRESS

ON THE GOVERNANCE OF DRAGON BOATING

1. Prime Purpose: In the best interest of all dragon boat participants at both national and international level the IDBF shall concentrate its energies in developing Dragon Boat Sport through its elected representatives.

2. International Relationships

With regard to International Sports Federations and Organizations the IDBF will seek to:-

- a. Develop friendly and open relationships.
- b. Seek agreements in areas of common interest.
- c. Establish a better understanding of Dragon Boating among international federations and international organizations.

3. The IDBF Members

The IDBF as the specific International Federation for Dragon Boating shall:-

- a. Maintain a unity of purpose amongst its members by working together for common goal within a democratic organization.
- b. Promote and support the independence of the Sport at both national and international level.

4. The Status of the IDBF and the IDBF Member Organisations.

4.1 As the GAISF member, International Federation specifically for Dragon Boat Sport, the IDBF asks all organizations to accept and respect the status, standing and authority of the IDBF and its Member Organisations.

4.2 The IDBF states that between International Federations and organizations there should be mutual understanding and respect. In the event that a federation or organization fails to recognize the authority of the IDBF, the IDBF Members Congress reserves the right to respond in an appropriate manner.

5. Future vision.

The prime aim of the IDBF and its Members' will be to adopt forward looking and innovative approaches to establishing management systems and development goals that will ensure the sustainability of the sport at all levels.

29th August 2009. Prague.