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AGENDA

PART I (Saturday, July 19th)

- 1. Opening of Congress. Call-over of names of qualified Delegates (written proxies from Member Associations to be shown). *18 Nations*
- 2. Qualification for competing in the World Championship Tournament of 1958. (Remaining annual fees to be paid.) [*Canada, Cuba & India*]
- 3. Affiliation of new National Archery Associations.
- 4. The World Championship Tournament of 1958. (Report by the Organising Association.) *Morocco, Romania & Japan*

India

PART II (Thursday, July 24th)

- ✓ 5. Call-over of names of qualified Delegates.
- ✓ 6. Minutes of the FITA Congress of 1957 (printed in the "Bulletin Officiel" No. 16).
- ✓ 7. The President's Report.
- ✓ 8. Financial Report 1957-1958.
- ✓ 9. President's Proposal about Chartered Accountant.
- ✓ 10. Report of the Technical Commission.
- 11. The new FITA Statutes and Rules.
- 12. Report from the FITA Development Committee. Suggestion: International Field Rules. *accepted as it stands -*
- \* ✓ 13. Olympic Amateur Rule. (Discussion.)
- ✓ 14. Olympic Report. *100 competitions Tabia, Plenty of time to decide*
- ✓ 15. The FITA Mail-Match. (*12 only*)
- 16. The World Championship Tournaments of 1959 and 1961. *Committee: Luxembourg (O.C. Secretary), President, Secretary*
- 17. The Annual Fee. *200 Swedish kroner. Switzerland N. 2 - Norway: 100 spare annuities (1955).*
- 18. Sundry Questions. *India's position*

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Rapport du Président  
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Mesdames, Messieurs,

Avec plaisir nous constatons que le tir à l'arc prend de plus en plus d'essor dans le monde; nous ne pouvons que nous en féliciter.

Depuis le dernier rapport de mon estimé prédécesseur, nous avons enregistré l'affiliation du pay suivant:

la Hongrie

La grande et sensationnelle nouvelle a été l'annonce que le Comité International Olympique a accepté le tir à l'Arc comme Sport Olympique, digne couronnement de notre noble sport.

Le 18<sup>o</sup> Championnat du Monde eut lieu à Prague du 17 au 22 juillet 1957 avec 88 compétiteurs et a donné le résultat suivant:

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| <u>Dames</u> | 1. Carole Meinhart, 2120 p |
|              | 2. Ann Clark, 2080 p       |
|              | 3. Betty Schmidt, 1987 p   |

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| <u>Messieurs</u> | 1. O.K. Smathers, 2231 p |
|                  | 2. J. Fries, 2221 p      |
|                  | 3. S. Chessman, 2139 p   |

Tous les records furent battus.

Le Championnat eut lieu au Stade Dynamo  
Tout fut absolument parfait, terrain, marque, haut-parleur, prix, etc...

Le banquet fut plein d'entrain et plusieurs distinctions furent remises.

Notre bureau a besoin de la plus grande collaboration de tous, de facon a ce que:

1. - tous les pays du monde se joignent à nous
2. - le " field-archery" puisse compter de nombreux adeptes, afin d'agrandir les rangs de la cible.

En ce qui concerne les modifications aux règlements et Status, je souhaite qu'ils seront acceptés dans un esprit de bonne compréhension, pour la plus grande gloire de notre magnifique sport.

Je termine en remerciant les membres de mon bureau de leur collaboration effective, surtout de la part de notre actif Secrétaire-Général M. Lars Ekegren, avec qui j'ai eu d'excellentes relations qui ont été particulièrement amicales et efficaces.

Mes félicitations vont à la Fédération Belge de Tir à l'Arc ainsi qu'à son Président Monsieur Armand Medaer, qui s'est chargé de l'organisation à Bruxelles du XIX<sup>e</sup> Championnat du Monde.

Je transmets à tous les archers du Monde mes plus sincères et cordiales salutations et mes meilleurs vœux de succès, tous réunis, au sein de notre Fédération Internationale.

Votre

Oscar Kessels  
président FITA

## Minutes of the XIXth FITA Congress

Brussels, 1958

### Part I

At the Stade du Heysel, on the 19th July 1958.

#### I. Opening of Congress

At the call-over of names, the following qualified representatives answered:

Australia: Mrs. Frith  
Belgium: M. Timmermans  
Czechoslovakia: M. Bastar  
Denmark: Mr. Vaaben-Hansen  
Finland: Mr. Ansala  
France: M. Muller  
Germany: Mr. Aichemüller  
Great Britain: Mrs. Frith  
Luxembourg: M. Lefèvre  
New Zealand: Mrs. Frith  
Poland: M. Mieczkowski  
Portugal: M. Timmermans  
South Africa: Mr. Parker  
Spain: M. de Fagoaga Laguna  
Sweden: Mr. Bluhme  
Switzerland: M. Baillo  
USA: Miss Weber

The Moroccan Archery Association had sent M. Sayarh as an Observer. M. Paul Demare, Honorary President, M. Oscar Kessels, President, and Mr. Lars Ekegren, General Secretary, were also present, as well as some Members of the Administrative Council.

M. Kessels confirmed that the qualified representatives present were all entitled to vote, and opened the Meeting of the XIXth Congress.

#### II. Qualification for competing in the World Championship Tournament of 1958

In the absence of the Treasurer Mr. Torsten Fahlman, the General Secretary read a statement from Mr. Fahlman, according to which the following National Archery Associations had not paid their annual fee of Swedish Crowns 200: Canada, Cuba and India. As India had not paid for two years, Congress decided to take this matter up for a discussion later on. Congress stated that all Nations present were entitled to compete in the World Championship Tournament of 1958.

#### III. Affiliation of new Archery Associations

The General Secretary reported that the National Archery Associations of the following three countries had formally asked for affiliation, and that all conditions had been fulfilled: Morocco, Roumania, Japan. The applications were unanimously accepted. M. Kessels congratulated the Observer present from Morocco.

IV. The World Championship Tournament of 1958

On behalf of M. Medaer, President of the Organizing Committee, M. Kessels gave a short description on the arrangements for the 1958 World Championship Tournament. He also reported that the Team Captains had nominated the Technical Commission for the Tournament as follows: M. Gerard, Belgium (President), Mr. Parker, South Africa and M. Baillod, Switzerland.

Great Britain and South Africa queried the Tournament program, which was not arranged in accordance with earlier Congress decisions. Congress decided to accept the Tournament program in its present form, but to bear the query in mind when the Statutes and Shooting Rules are being considered. Records from the Brussels Tournament would be recognized.

V. Archery Fanfare

M. Bastar presented the Belgian and the Swedish World Championship organizers with grammophone records of his Archery Fanfare, which was played for the first time at the World Championships in Prague in 1957.

VI. The Stoke Mandeville International Games

Mrs. Frith spoke about the Stoke Mandeville International Games for paralyzed people, where archery is one of the main sports. Congress decided to send a telegram.

VII. Greetings from Mr. Kjelsson

M. Kessels read a letter from Mr. Henry Kjelsson, Honorary President, in which he sent his best regards. M. Kessels agreed to send a telegram from Congress to Mr. Kjelsson.

VIII. Extra Congress Meeting.

Congress decided to hold an extra Congress Meeting on Tuesday, July 22nd, at 9 a.m., at the Stade du Heysel. At this Meeting only Statutes and Shooting Rules should be discussed.

Secretary of the Meeting: Mr. Lars Ekegren

Part II

At the Stade du Heysel, on the 22nd July 1958.

IX. Call-over of names

At the call-over of names, the following qualified representatives answered:

Australia: Mrs Frith  
Czechoslovakia: M. Bastar  
Denmark: Mr. Vaaben-Hansen  
France: M. Demare  
Germany: Mr. Aichemüller  
Great Britain: Mrs. Frith  
Luxembourg, M. Lefèvre  
New Zealand: Mrs Frith  
Norway: Mr. Honne  
Poland: M. Mieczkowski  
South Africa: Mr. Parker  
Spain: M. de Fagoaga Laguna  
Sweden: Mr. Bluhme  
Switzerland: M. Baillod  
USA: Miss Weber

The President and the General Secretary were also present, as well as some Members of the Administrative Council.

The President opened the Meeting, which was to discuss article 11 of the Agenda: Statutes and Shooting Rules. The General Secretary spoke about the suggestions and comments made by Member Nations, which had already been distributed to all Member Nations and to the Members of the Administrative Council.

X. Special Committee for Statutes and Rules

The General Secretary suggested the forming of a Special Committee for Statutes and Rules. This was unanimously accepted. Congress thereafter decided as follows:

Basing its work on Congress decisions, this Committee shall prepare a final draft of the Statutes and Rules in English. This draft shall be distributed by December 1958 to all Member Nations, and to Members of the Administrative Council. The Shooting Rules are valid immediately after the distribution of these Minutes; the final draft will only differ as far as drafting and layout are concerned. Definite approval will be given by the 1959 FITA Congress.

Three Committee Members were elected: Mrs. Frith, Great Britain, Mr. Honne, Norway and Mr. Hunter, South Africa. They will elect a Chairman among themselves, the name of this Chairman to be announced at the next Congress Meeting.

As to the suggestions by Mr. Kjellson, Honorary President of FITA, it was stated that they would not be valid, unless supported by a Member Nation having a recognized vote at the Congress Meeting. The Delegates present - and especially the Swedish Delegate - were asked, but none would give the support asked for.

Another general decision was that the Constitution and the Shooting Rules should be printed separately; and that the Rules should be divided into General Shooting Rules and World Championships Rules.

#### XII. Special Decisions

Congress then considered Articles 100 - 327 (see Appendix).

#### XIII. The Stoke Mandeville Games

Before ending the Meeting, the President read a draft telegram to the Director of the Stoke Mandeville Games. This was unanimously accepted. A suggestion by Norway to present a Challenge Trophy, incorporating a FITA Medal was also accepted. The General Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Stoke Mandeville Games about this.

Secretary of the Meeting: Mr. Lars Ekegren

Part III

At the "St. Jean-Baptiste", on the 24th July 1958.

XIV. Call-over of names

At the call-over of names, the following qualified representatives answered:

Australia: Mrs. Frith  
Belgium: M. Timmermans  
Czechoslovakia: M. Bastar  
Denmark: Mr. Vaaben-Hansen  
Finland: Mr. Ansala  
France: M. Bédary  
Germany: Mr. Aichemüller  
Great Britain: Mrs. Frith  
Holland: Mr. v.d. Linden  
Luxembourg: M. Lefèvre  
New Zealand: Mrs. Frith  
Norway: Mr. Honne  
Poland: M. Mieczkowski  
Portugal: M. Timmermans  
South Africa: Mr. Parker  
Spain: M. de Fagoaga Laguna  
Sweden: Mr. Bluhme  
Switzerland: M. Baillod  
USA: Miss Weber

The President and the General Secretary were also present, as well as some Members of the Administrative Council.

The President opened the Meeting. It was decided that article 11 of the Agenda should only be considered immediately before article 18, Sundry Questions.

XV. Minutes of the FITA Congress of 1957

Article IV, last sentence, was changed to read: "In this case, however, the archer may shoot the next series with other arrows, in which case the CT must be informed in advance."

With this alteration, the Minutes were unanimously accepted.

XVI. Report of the President

The Presidents Report, which had been separately distributed, was unanimously accepted.

XVII. Financial Report for 1957 - 1958

The Treasurer's Report for 1957 - 1958 was unanimously accepted. In future Congress wants unpaid annual fees to be shown on the Balance sheet as well as in the Comments.

Since India, had not paid the annual fees for two years, Congress decided that an official letter should be written, stating that the fees must be paid before January 1, 1959, otherwise India should be suspended for the time being, after which the next FITA Congress would take a definite decision.



The President expressed his gratitude to Mr. Fahlman, Treasurer of FITA.

XVIII. President's Proposal about Chartered Accountant

After some discussion the Proposal was withdrawn, as there seemed to be no special need for a Chartered Accountant at the moment.

XIX. Report of the Technical Commission

In the absence of the President of the CT, Mr. Parker read a Report from the Technical Commission, which was unanimously accepted (see Appendix ). Mr. Kessels expressed his gratitude to the CT and to the Organizers, and congratulated the participants.

XX. Report from the FITA Development Committee

Mr. Lars Ekegren, Vice President of the FITA Development Committee, reported about the work going on. All Member Nations and Members of the Administrative Council had been consulted, and valuable material had been collected from different parts of the world. He gave reasons suggesting that only Field Archery should be accepted by FITA as present, as a new branch of activities, but not yet for World Championship Tournaments.

Congress agreed.

Mr. Ekegren then spoke about the International Field Archery Rules, which had been edited and distributed by the Swedish Committee Member, Håkan Blechingberg. After some discussion these Rules were unanimously accepted.

Congress also accepted Mr. Ekegren's suggestion that a Field Archery Competition should be arranged immediately after next year's World Championship Tournament in Stockholm, in order to demonstrate the new Rules in practice. This competition will be held on August 11, 1959.

Mr. Kessels expressed his gratitude to the Committee.

XXI. An Olympic Report and the Olympic Amateur Rule

The General Secretary reported that Archery had been reintroduced as an Olympic Sport at the IOC Sophia Meeting last year. Unfortunately only men were permitted, and the number of competitors would be restricted to 100. FITA would now take action to get ladies included. As to Olympic Medals, FITA could only expect them for the individual winners, grand total, according to correspondence with the IOC office.

For at least one of the Member Nations, the Olympic Amateur Rule contains a special problem, which has to be solved before writing any Olympic Tournament Rules. / A special Committee was formed, consisting of M. Hansen and M. Lefèvre, both from Luxembourg. This Committee shall study the present Amateur Rules among the Member Nations, and suggest a way of action to the next Congress Meeting. /

Many speakers underlined that whatever may happen about the Olympic Games, the bi-annual World Championship Tournaments will still be the backbone of all FITA activities.

The General Secretary reported that Archery could not be included in the 1960 Games in Rome. Our first opportunity would therefore be in 1964.

#### XXII. The FITA Mail-Match

Because of the great number of entries in the latest FITA Mail-Matches, the General Secretary suggested that the National Archery Associations should send in not more than the twelve best results in future. The number of ladies and gentlemen within this group to be decided by each National Association. The suggestion was unanimously accepted.

#### XXIII. The World Championship Tournaments of 1959 and 1961

Mr. Lars Ekegren, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 1959 World Championship Tournament in Stockholm, gave a report on the planned arrangements. After a short discussion about vacation difficulties, planned tournaments etc., the Swedish program was unanimously accepted as follows:

Wednesday, August 5: Training. FITA Congress, part I.  
Thursday, August 6: Opening ceremony. Ladies: 70 + 60 m. Gentlemen: 90 + 70 m.  
Friday, August 7: Ladies and Gentlemen: 50 + 30 m.  
Saturday, August 8: Ladies: 70 + 60 m. Gentlemen. 90 + 70 m.  
Sunday, August 9: Ladies and Gentlemen: 50 + 30 m.  
Monday, August 10: FITA Congress, part II. Distribution of prizes. Banquet.

Outside the World Championship Tournament Program:

Tuesday, August 11: International Field Archery Tournament.

As to the 1961 World Championship Tournament, three Member Nations had officially asked to be commissioned to arrange it. These Nations were New Zealand, Switzerland and Norway. After some preliminary discussion, New Zealand withdrew its candidature.

Voting between Switzerland and Norway took place by secret ballot. The votes were scrutinized by Mr. Axel Poulsen and M. Roger Bédary.

Norway won, and Mr. Honne expressed the gratitude of the Norwegian Archery Association. M. Kessels and the Swiss delegate congratulated Norway, and Switzerland asked Congress to remember it for the 1963 World Championships.

Mr. Ekegren welcomed the archers of the world to the 1959 Tournament in Stockholm, and M. Kessels expressed his gratitude, on behalf of FITA.

#### XXIV. The Annual Fee

The President suggested no change from 200 Swedish Crowns a year. Unanimously accepted.

#### XXV. The new FITA Statutes and Rules

The Special Committee for Statutes and Rules reported that Mrs. Inger Frith, Great Britain, had been elected Chairman of the Committee.

Congress then considered Articles 328 - 416. The re-draft of Articles 417 - 606 was delegated to the Special Committee. (See Appendix).

Miss Weber suggested a special supplement containing security rules, which was unanimously accepted.

XXVI. Sundry Questions

a) Mr. Poulsen resigns

Mr. Axel Poulsen, Vice-President, announced his intention to resign at the 1959 Congress Meeting, because of illness. M.Kessels expressed his deep regret, and thanked Mr. Poulsen for what he had done for international archery. He also wished him many happy years to come.

- b) On behalf of the Member Nations and the Congress Delegates, M. Bédary expressed his gratitude to the President, the General Secretary and the fellow Delegates.

Secretary of the Meeting: Mr. Lars Ekegren