

Minutes of the Meetings the EMAU Junior Development Committee had in Lviv – Ukraine

The first meeting of the Committee was held on the 19th of July 2007 at the field.

All the members of the Committee are present.

Irena Rosa (Chairman)

Petros Petrou (Member)

Zorigto Mankhanof (Member)

At first, the meeting with the coaches / team captains should be arranged and so, all the matters should have been taken into consideration, such as the time the committee would be ready for that, the best day and time for all the team captains and or coaches. Finally, that meeting was decided for the next day, Friday 20th of July at 14.45 in a special tent at the field.

Second subject was the election of the coach for the juniors for the Year 2007. All the members of the committee agreed that the elected coach should be present in Lviv. Some other factors agreed also to be taken into consideration such as the success of his/her athletes, their progress in the sport, their results, medal places, records etc. After some discussion we decided that the coach for the 2007 should be either the coach of Belgium, or Denmark or Italy. It was really very difficult to select / elect the one out of these 3. Finally we all agreed to leave this election for the next day, but we decided to give him together with his printed photograph, a Diploma also.

Then we have put down some ideas and suggestions for a better organization of the Junior Cups, increase the image of the tournaments and make them more important to the member associations and we decided to meet again the next day to discuss them.

This meeting was ended and the 2 members of the committee Irena and Petros (the 3rd member, Zorigto, was the TD of the tournament) started preparing the meeting with the coaches and or team captains.

The second meeting was arranged for the 20th of July at 10 a.m. at the field.

First subject was the election of the coach of the year among the 3 candidates we selected the previous day.

Finally, after more detailed thoughts we, the members of the JDC, unanimously decided that the coach for the year 2007 will be Mr. Marc Ronsse, the coach of the team of Belgium.

After, we discussed some ideas and suggestions the members of the JDC had for a better organization of the tournaments, make them more important to the member associations and increase the image of the Junior Cups.

1. To open the Junior Cups to all Fita member associations (same as in the Grand Prix).
2. Permanent Ranking List for the Cadets & Juniors
3. To play the National Anthem of the winner during the award ceremony
4. Publishing of a News Letter special for the Cadets & Juniors
5. To work on some motions for the next EMAU congress such as the automatic validity of all the records achieved during the Junior Cup legs.
6. Ranking system of the final rank of the year for the athletes and the teams.
7. To have the Jury of Appeal in the JC tournaments.

We discuss the 1st suggestion and we all know that the final decision on this matter will be taken by the EMAU council. We mention the positives and the negatives of such decision.

In the positives are:

- (a) this will give a higher standard to the Junior cups, like the Grand Prix,
- (b) will increase the interest of the countries to organize a tournament like this,
- (c) will give more income to the organizers, so will have a better organization,
- (d) will increase the level of the competition and of the competitors also,
- (e) exchange of experience with stronger countries,
- (f) exchange of culture,
- (g) acquaintance between the athletes, new friends etc.

In the negatives are:

- (a) with stronger participation it's possible to give the prizes to non European athletes,
- (b) increasing the number of the participant athletes maybe will have problems with small fields

There was no decision taken on this as we left it for discussion with the EMAU members of the council also.

On the suggestion No 2 - the ranking list we took into consideration that the time for each athlete participating either in the Cadets or in the Juniors is only 2-3 years which is very little to give a representative picture of their capabilities.

On the suggestion number 3 we all agree that in the junior cups must play the national anthem of the winner during the award ceremony. All the countries are demanding this.

For the Publishing of a special News Letter for the Cadets & Juniors we all agree and Petros will design it and will be responsible for the editorial and we will ask the approval of the president Mr Scarzella who is present here in Lviv. We say this idea to Mr Scarzella who supports it with glad and he suggests to Petros to prepare an official EMAU general newsletter also.

The newsletter for the Juniors will contain among other, anything concerning the cadets and the juniors, news for juniors from member associations, from coaches, statistics, interviews of athletes and coaches, the annual calendar and anything else which will make it interest to the cadets and juniors.

For suggestion 5 we all agree that we must work on this matter and present it to the EMAU council for approval.

For the 6th suggestion we agree to change the ranking system of the athletes of the year and we the 3 of us will work on this matter.

There was also a suggestion to have a Jury of Appeal in the JC tournaments (starting from 2008) and we decided to discuss this matter during the meeting with the team captains.

On Saturday we had another meeting for preparing the Ranking list of the athletes and teams of the year, preparing the awarding of the Committee awards which would take place in the evening during the party (disco), preparing the printing of the photo of the coach of the year, send it for frame, etc.

We discussed and accepted the Budget request for the JDC for 2008.

Minutes of the Meeting the EMAU Junior Development Committee had in Lviv – Ukraine with the Team captains and or Coaches

The meeting starts at 14.50.

All the 3 members of the JDC are present.

18 countries are present. (All participating in the Lviv JC tournament)

Mrs. Irena Rosa as the chairwoman of the JDC welcomes everybody and opens the meeting.

The team captains are informed about the decision of the EMAU council for the 2008 Junior Cups allocations (Spain in May and Georgia in July).

They are also informed about the JDC meetings and the decisions taken as described in the minutes of the JDC meetings.

For the publication of the newsletter they are asked to help this publication by giving us material for publishing (news, articles, ideas etc). Every presenting country supports this decision and they promise to help.

Before the president of JDC opens the subject about the jury of appeal, some countries suggested this matter and immediately all the countries supported this, so, it is decided from now on (2008) to have a Jury of Appeal in all the Junior Cups (3 Members + 2 alternate). This way we shall minimize the problems arise in a tournament.

The meeting ended at 15.40

Petros Petrou