



INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR RUGBY FEDERATION

2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Richmond, BC - September 19, 2010

Present:

IWRF Board of Directors:

Brad Mikkelsen, President
Ken Sowden, Vice President
Cathy Cadieux, Treasurer
Joke Beekman, Member at Large
John Bishop, Member at Large
Juan Foa, Member at Large
Cherie Harris, Member at Large
Eron Main, Secretary General

Member Country Representatives

<i>Country</i>	<i>Voting Delegate</i>	<i>Additional Delegate</i>
Argentina	Nestor Perez	Ignacio Ricci
Australia	Terry Vinyard	Kim Ellwood
Belgium	Marc Vergauwen	Bob Vanacker
Brazil	Luiz Pereira	Matias Costa
Canada	Gail Hamamoto	Duncan Campbell
China	Dan Buckingham (PROXY)	
Czech Republic	Tomasz Szkwara (PROXY)	
Denmark	Thor Johansson	
Finland	Maarit Latvala	Tommi Ojanen
France	Olivier Cusin	
Germany	Heiko Striehl	
Great Britain	Richard Allcroft	David Pond
Ireland	Naomi O'Reilly	
Japan	Yasuo Shiozawa	Mayumi Shiozawa
Korea	Sun Youn-Soo	Kim Dae-Won
Netherlands	Robert Haasjes	
New Zealand	Tim Johnson	Dan Buckingham
Poland	Tomasz Szkwara	Lukasz Szymczak
South Africa	Terry Vinyard (PROXY)	
Sweden	Britt-Marie Nilssen	
Switzerland	Roger Suter	
United States	Gary Pate	James Gumbert

Apologies:

Ross Morrison, Athlete Representative
Austria
Norway

Observers:

Judith Berzen, Israel
Karina Matiazh, Ukraine
Tatiana Nechay, Russia

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1.0	<p>Welcome and Call to Order</p> <p>Brad called the meeting to order and welcomed all the delegates. Brad thanked the organizing committee for the 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships for their work on that event and for hosting the General Assembly. He observed that the 2010 Worlds Championships were setting a new standard for wheelchair rugby competitions.</p>
2.0	<p>Roll Call</p> <p>Eron conducted the roll call of voting member. At the time of the roll call, twenty-one voting members were present. Absent were representatives from Austria, Norway, and Korea. Eron noted that a quorum was present</p> <p>(Note to the minutes: the representative from Korea arrived at the meeting subsequent to the roll call.)</p>
3.0	<p>Approval of the Agenda</p> <p>Australia moved that the Agenda for the 2010 IWRF General Assembly be adopted as presented. New Zealand seconded.</p> <p>ALL IN FAVOUR. MOTION PASSED.</p>
4.0	<p>Preliminary Motions</p> <p>Eron explained that there were a series of preliminary motions to be passed before proceeding to the business of the meeting. These motions were required to approve the founding documents of the IWRF, including the Statutes and current By-Laws. These documents had been prepared and approved by the founding Board of the IWRF, but required ratification by the membership to remain in force. The documents presented for</p>

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	<p>ratification set the rules for the conduct of IWRF business.</p> <p>MOTION 1</p> <p>MOVED THAT the attached document titled <u>Statutes of the International Wheelchair Rugby Federation</u> be adopted as the governing rules of the IWRF.</p> <p>Motion made by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Seconded by Australia.</p> <p>ALL IN FAVOUR. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>MOTION 2</p> <p>MOVED THAT the attached document titled <u>IWRF By-law 1 - Board of Directors</u> be adopted by the IWRF.</p> <p>Motion made by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Seconded by Netherlands.</p> <p>ALL IN FAVOUR. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>MOTION 3</p> <p>MOVED THAT the attached document titled <u>IWRF By-law 2 - Membership</u> be adopted by the IWRF.</p> <p>Motion made by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Seconded by Australia.</p> <p>ALL IN FAVOUR. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>MOTION 4</p> <p>MOVED THAT the attached document titled <u>IWRF By-law 3 - Meetings</u> be adopted by the IWRF.</p> <p>Motion made by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Seconded by Switzerland.</p>

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	<p>ALL IN FAVOUR. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>MOTION 5</p> <p>MOVED THAT the attached document titled <u>IWRF By-law 4 - Elections</u> be adopted by the IWRF.</p> <p>Motion made by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Seconded by Ireland.</p> <p>ALL IN FAVOUR. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>MOTION 6</p> <p>MOVED THAT the attached document titled <u>IWRF By-law 6 - Committees</u> be adopted by the IWRF.</p> <p>Motion made by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Seconded by Sweden.</p> <p>Australia asked regarding the process for appointments and how IWRF will ensure there are sufficient new members for the committees. There are no current rules regarding composition of committees but IWRF will monitor the process and rules can be put in place if necessary to ensure representation.</p> <p>New Zealand asked about the status of the Athletes Council. Eron explained that this was a goal but the council was not in place yet. As a first step IWRF is ensuring there is athlete representation on each committee. The IWRF needs to take the time to determine the most effective way to set up the Athletes Council.</p> <p>IRL requested that the Board be careful to ensure that all countries had the opportunity to have committee members appointed, not just those attending World Championships and Paralympic Games.</p> <p>19 IN FAVOUR. 1 ABSENTION. MOTION PASSED.</p>
5.0	<p>Minutes of the 2008 IWAS Wheelchair Rugby Sport Assembly</p> <p>The minutes of the 2008 IWAS Wheelchair Rugby Sport Assembly were presented to the General Assembly. Eron explained that the IWRF was a new organization, and it was not within the role of the IWRF to approve the</p>

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	<p>minutes of a different organization. As IWAS Wheelchair Rugby was the organization with responsibility for the sport up until the formation of the IWRF, the minutes of the last Sport Assembly were being presented for inclusion in the records of IWRF.</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Reports</p> <p>6.1 Board of Directors</p> <p>Eron presented the report of the Board of Directors, as included in the meeting documents.</p> <p>6.2 Financial Statements</p> <p>Cathy presented the Financial statements, noting that these were the final statements for IWAS Wheelchair Rugby from 2009. The assets of IWAS Wheelchair Rugby have been transferred to IWRF under the terms of the transfer of governance agreement with IWAS. Cathy noted that in spite of a slight loss in 2009 IWRF is continuing to do very well with limited funds. For the future, additional sources of revenue, ideally from sponsors, will be required.</p> <p>Australia asked regarding the differences in some financial numbers from the fees charged; Cathy clarified that this was due to exchange rates. IWRF fees are set in US dollars but the bank accounts are in Canadian funds.</p> <p>The 2010 IWRF Budget was then presented to the members.</p> <p>FINANCIAL MOTION 1</p> <p>MOVED THAT the financial statements of the IWRF be accepted as presented.</p> <p>Motion made by France.</p> <p>Seconded by the Netherlands.</p> <p>ALL IN FAVOUR. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>Cathy then explained that as an independent federation, IWRF now needed to appoint auditors for the future. Cathy and Eron recommended the appointment of McKay Duff as auditors; they have worked with them in their capacity as auditors for the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association. McKay Duff are based in Ottawa where our bank accounts are, and they are familiar with audit practices for sport organizations.</p>

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	<p>FINANCIAL MOTION 2</p> <p>MOVED THAT the McKay Duff be appointed as auditors for the IWRF for the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years.</p> <p>Motion made by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Seconded by Ireland.</p> <p>13 IN FAVOUR. 4 ABSENTIONS. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>6.3 Zones</p> <p>The three Zone reports were presented as included in the meeting documents.</p> <p>6.4 Standing Committees</p> <p>The reports of the Classification Committee, IWRF Competitions Committee, Development Committee, and Technical Committee were presented as included in the meeting documents.</p> <p>Brad noted that Anne Hart would be stepping down as Chair of the Classification Committee. He thanked her on behalf of the IWRF for her hard work in this role over the past six years.</p>
7.0	<p>Motions to the General Assembly</p> <p>7.1 Motions from the Board</p> <p>MOTION 7</p> <p>MOVED THAT the attached document titled <u>IWRF Anti-Doping Code</u> be adopted by the IWRF.</p> <p>Motion made by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Seconded by Canada.</p> <p>Eron explained that as an independent sport federation and a member of the IPC, the IWRF was required to adopt anti-doping rules that complied with the World Anti-Doping Code. The <u>IWRF Anti-doping Code</u> has been prepared based on the <u>IWAS Anti-doping Code</u> which IWAS wheelchair rugby operated under. Changes have been made to the code to reflect the fact</p>

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	<p>that IWRF only governs one team sport and that we do not conduct multi-sport events. The fundamental rules for anti-doping have not changed.</p> <p>ALL IN FAVOUR. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>MOTION 8</p> <p>MOVED THAT the IWRF membership fees for the 2011 and 2012 be set in accordance with the attached schedule of fees.</p> <p>Motion made by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Seconded by.</p> <p>Eron explained that the IWRF Board had considered two options for setting membership fees: continuing with a flat rate for all members, as was done for the initial fees in 2010; or setting a variable rate based on world rankings. The Board decided to move to a variable rate. This reflects the different funds available to national wheelchair rugby organizations, which tend to increase as the countries improve their rankings.</p> <p>The fees will be set to increase at a steady rate as a country moves from development to initial ranking and up the ranking list. The fees for 2011 have been set at a level which will bring in the same amount of membership revenue as in 2010; as more countries join IWRF and become internationally active, revenues will increase.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>7.2 Motions from the Standing Committees</p> <p>MOTION 9</p> <p>MOVED THAT the attached document titled <u>Minimum Eligibility Proposal - 2010</u>, be adopted by the IWRF, with the necessary changes to the classification system to be implemented by the IWRF Classification Committee and approved by the IWRF Board of Directors.</p> <p>Motion made by the IWRF Classification Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by Switzerland.</p> <p>15 IN FAVOUR. 1 OPPOSED. 2 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION PASSED.</p>

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	<p>MOTION 10</p> <p>MOVED THAT the attached document titled <u>Trunk Assessment Proposal - 2010</u>, be adopted by the IWRF, with the necessary changes to the classification system to be implemented by the IWRF Classification Committee and approved by the IWRF Board of Directors.</p> <p>Motion made by the IWRF Classification Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by Australia.</p> <p>13 IN FAVOUR. 3 OPPOSED. 3 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>MOTION 11</p> <p>MOVED THAT handle bars on the back of the wheelchair for the purpose of pushing the wheelchair be banned from the game.</p> <p>Motion made by the IWRF Technical Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by Canada.</p> <p>17 IN FAVOUR. 2 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>MOTION 12</p> <p>MOVED THAT MOVED THAT Article 70 of the International Rules be amended as follows:</p> <p>(Deleted text, Added text)</p> <p>Article 70. Throw-in</p> <p>Throw-ins shall take place at the following locations:</p> <p>e. After a time-out:</p> <p>i. if it was called during a dead ball, the throw-in shall take place at the same point that it would have taken place prior to the time-out being called;</p> <p>ii. i. if it was called after a goal but before the ball had been in-bounded, the throw-in shall take place at a point on the end line chosen by the inbounder; and</p> <p>iii. ii. at any other time, the throw-in shall take place at a point on the sideline <i>opposite the scoring table and</i> nearest to the location of the ball</p>

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	<p>when the time-out was called.</p> <p>Motion made by the IWRF Technical Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by Switzerland.</p> <p>18 IN FAVOUR. 1 OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>MOTION 13</p> <p>MOVED THAT Article 80 of the International Rules (Stalling violation) be deleted.</p> <p>Motion made by the IWRF Technical Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by Switzerland.</p> <p>17 IN FAVOUR. 2 OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>MOTION 14</p> <p>MOVED THAT Article 86 of the International Rules (Trap violation) be deleted.</p> <p>Motion made by the IWRF Technical Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by Sweden.</p> <p>11 IN FAVOUR. 4 OPPOSED. 3 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>MOTION 15</p> <p>MOVED THAT the sanction for a common foul that is assessed as a Penalty Goal be reviewed and an appropriate sanction be put in place.</p> <p>Motion made by the IWRF Technical Committee.</p> <p>During discussions around this motion that took place during the rules motion meeting prior to the General Assembly, it was determined that more detail was required regarding how the sanction would be changed and updated. The membership indicated they were not prepared to approve a motion that would lead to a change in the sanction without more clarity on what the sanction would be. Based on that feedback, the Technical Committee agreed to withdraw the motion.</p>

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	<p>The Technical Committee will continue to examine the question of sanctions for penalty goals and will make further detailed proposals at a later date.</p> <p>MOTION WITHDRAWN.</p> <p>MOTION 16</p> <p>MOVED THAT Article 92 of the International Rules be amended as follows:</p> <p>(Deleted text, Added text)</p> <p>Article 92. Definition and sanctions</p> <p>Common fouls result from an illegal action that is the result of a genuine attempt to play the game. A foul committed by the team that has possession of the ball is referred to as an offensive foul. A foul committed by the team that does not have possession of the ball is referred to as a defensive foul.</p> <p>The sanction for an offensive common foul is a loss of possession.</p> <p>The sanction for a defensive common foul is a one-minute <i>thirty second</i> penalty served by the player who committed the foul.</p> <p>Motion made by the IWRF Technical Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by Sweden.</p> <p>5 IN FAVOUR. 11 OPPOSED. 2 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION FAILED.</p> <p>MOTION 17</p> <p>MOVED THAT Article 93 of the International Rules (Charging foul) be deleted.</p> <p>Motion made by the IWRF Technical Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by Sweden.</p> <p>2 IN FAVOUR. 13 OPPOSED. 4 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION FAILED.</p>

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	<p>MOTION 18</p> <p>MOVED THAT Article 94 of the International Rules (Contact before the whistle foul) be deleted.</p> <p>Motion made by the IWRF Technical Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by France.</p> <p>2 IN FAVOUR. 16 OPPOSED. 1 ABSTENTION. MOTION FAILED.</p> <p>MOTION 19</p> <p>MOVED THAT Article 94 of the International Rules be amended as follows:</p> <p>(Deleted text, Added text)</p> <p>Article 94. Contact before the whistle foul</p> <p>A player is not permitted to make flagrant or advantageous contact with an opponent during a stoppage in play.</p> <p>The period for legal contact begins when a referee blows his whistle prior to a tip-off or a throw-in, and ends the next time a referee blows his whistle.</p> <p>Each team will receive one warning per half for contact before the whistle. The second and subsequent incidents by a team will result in a foul.</p> <p>A contact warning given during the second half will continue into all periods of overtime play.</p> <p>Motion made by the IWRF Technical Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by Australia.</p> <p>4 IN FAVOUR. 11 OPPOSED. 4 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION FAILED.</p> <p>MOTION 20</p> <p>MOVED THAT Article 98 of the International Rules be amended as follows:</p> <p>(Deleted text, Added text)</p> <p>Article 98. Pushing foul</p>

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	<p data-bbox="332 273 1429 420">a. After making legal contact with an opponent, a player is not permitted to continue to apply force to his rear wheels, by repositioning his hands on the push rims or wheels, in order to move his wheelchair and push his opponent from a legal position into an illegal position.</p> <p data-bbox="332 451 1339 535">b. A player is not permitted to help a teammate to defend or score by pushing with his hands or his wheelchair.</p> <p data-bbox="332 567 1023 598">Motion made by the IWRF Technical Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="332 640 641 672">Seconded by Sweden.</p> <p data-bbox="332 714 1242 745">2 IN FAVOUR. 12 OPPOSED. 5 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION FAILED.</p> <p data-bbox="332 787 495 819">MOTION 21</p> <p data-bbox="332 861 1404 892">MOVED THAT Article 107 of the International Rules be amended as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="332 934 714 966">(Deleted text, Added text)</p> <p data-bbox="332 1008 690 1039">Article 107. Flagrant foul</p> <p data-bbox="332 1081 1339 1186">A player may not deliberately commit any foul against an opponent. A flagrant foul is committed when it is clear that a player's intent in committing a common foul is to intimidate his opponent.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1228 1404 1407">A player who commits a flagrant foul shall be charged with two <i>one</i> technical fouls in addition to the common foul. The penalties are served consecutively, beginning with the common foul. If the sanction for the common foul is a loss of possession or a penalty goal, the player will begin serving the one-minute penalty for the first technical foul immediately.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1449 1023 1480">Motion made by the IWRF Technical Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1522 641 1554">Seconded by Sweden.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1596 1421 1816">Eron advised that this motion had been discussed at length by the IWRF Board of Directors. The Board has serious concerns regarding the potential liability for the IWRF if the sanction for a flagrant foul is reduced, and does not support this motion. At the request of the Technical Committee, the Board agreed to bring the motion to the membership for their discussion and decision.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1858 1242 1890">2 IN FAVOUR. 15 OPPOSED. 2 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION FAILED.</p>

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	<p>MOTION 22</p> <p>MOVED THAT Article 107 of the International Rules be amended as follows:</p> <p>(Deleted text, Added text)</p> <p>Article 107. Flagrant foul</p> <p>A player may not deliberately commit any foul against an opponent. A flagrant foul is committed when it is clear that a player's intent in committing a common foul is to intimidate his opponent.</p> <p>A player who commits a flagrant foul shall be charged with two technical fouls in addition to the common foul. The penalties are served consecutively, beginning with the common foul. If the sanction for the common foul is a loss of possession or a penalty goal, the player will begin serving the one-minute penalty for the first technical foul immediately.</p> <p>All players charged with a flagrant foul will be shown a yellow card. If a player is charged with a second flagrant foul in the same game the player shall be shown a red card and disqualified from the game.</p> <p>Motion made by the IWRF Technical Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by France.</p> <p>10 IN FAVOUR. 8 OPPOSED. 1 ABSTENTION. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>7.3 Motions from the Members</p> <p>MOTION 23</p> <p>MOVED THAT a player who has been classified as 3.5 or lower, upon reaching the age of 50 will receive an automatic .5 reduction to their current international classification.</p> <p>Motion made by New Zealand.</p> <p>Seconded by Sweden.</p> <p>2 IN FAVOUR. 14 OPPOSED. 2 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION FAILED.</p>

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	<p>MOTION 24</p> <p>MOVED THAT Article 28 of the International Rules be amended to require that the anti tip device must contain two wheels.</p> <p>Motion made by Great Britain.</p> <p>Seconded by Netherlands.</p> <p>5 IN FAVOUR. 7 OPPOSED. 6 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION FAILED.</p> <p>MOTION 25</p> <p>MOVED THAT the following text be added to Article 7.9 of the Classification Manual:</p> <p>The implementation of any change of sport class occurring for athletes with sport class status P as a result of a protest will be implemented at the end of the tournament regardless of the time when the protest is filed.</p> <p>Motion made by Japan.</p> <p>Seconded by Sweden.</p> <p>Anne Hart noted that the only time an athlete with sport class status P would have a change in classification would be if there was a change to the rules governing classification, or if the athlete was subject to a Chief Classifier’s protest based on exceptional circumstances. Such a protest would have to have been filed at least six weeks prior to the tournament.</p> <p>3 IN FAVOUR. 13 OPPOSED. 3 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION FAILED.</p> <p>MOTION 26</p> <p>MOVED THAT certified IWRF officials selected by IWRF to attend Zonal and World Championship events sanctioned by IWRF are paid, with the amount to be determined by the IWRF Board. The LOC is responsible to this payment.</p> <p>Motion made by Australia.</p> <p>Seconded by .</p> <p>USA suggested that there first be a review of what is currently paid. Canada noted that there are other expenses that IWRF may need to cover</p>

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	<p>for officials travelling to events. A question was raised regarding table officials, who are not covered by this motion. There was a consensus that in the future they should be.</p> <p>Eron noted that if this motion passed, it would only apply to future events that have not yet been sanctioned; events that have already been awarded will not be covered as agreements have already been reached with the LOCs. He also stated that if the LOCs were to pay these fees, the costs would be passed on to members through higher event registration fees.</p> <p>Canada and Great Britain both stated that the principle was good but that the details needed to be confirmed.</p> <p>After much discussion, Brad called the question.</p> <p>6 IN FAVOUR. 10 OPPOSED. 1 ABSTENTION. MOTION FAILED.</p> <p>Eron confirmed that, based on the discussion, this was clearly an area that merited further work. The IWRF would review the situation in consultation with the appropriate committees and there would be further proposals in this area.</p> <p>MOTION 27</p> <p>MOVED THAT the following amendments are made to Article 107 of the International Rules: A player committing a first offence flagrant foul at an IWRF sanctioned tournament will receive a yellow card. The team that was victimized by the first offence flagrant foul would be awarded two goals. If the offending player receives a second flagrant foul (yellow card) in the same game or any subsequent games of the tournament then the offending player would be disqualified for the duration of that game. If the player receives any subsequent yellow cards in any other games of the tournament they would miss the duration of the game in which the yellow card is sanctioned. This system would continue for the duration of the tournament. In short if a player receives two or more flagrant fouls throughout a tournament they will miss the duration of the game in which the second or subsequent yellow card is issued.</p> <p>Motion made by Australia.</p> <p>There was no seconder for the motion.</p> <p>MOTION FAILED.</p>

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	<p data-bbox="332 235 500 268">MOTION 28</p> <p data-bbox="332 310 1357 420">MOVED THAT all players, regardless of ability, must remain down after falling on the court, allowing equipment personnel to right them, using mats, if provided.</p> <p data-bbox="332 457 695 491">Motion made by Canada .</p> <p data-bbox="332 529 704 562">Seconded by Netherlands.</p> <p data-bbox="332 600 1369 709">Stan advised that if this motion passed, the Technical Committee would require guidance regarding how this rule should be enforced and how violations should be sanctioned.</p> <p data-bbox="332 747 1252 781">12 IN FAVOUR. 3 OPPOSED. 3 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p data-bbox="332 819 1422 894">Canada subsequently moved a supplementary motion giving direction to the Technical Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="332 932 516 966">MOTION 28a</p> <p data-bbox="332 1003 1411 1079">MOVED THAT a violation of the rule against player self-recovery be treated as a Technical Foul.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1117 685 1150">Motion made by Canada.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1188 704 1222">Seconded by Netherlands.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1260 1065 1293">16 IN FAVOUR. 4 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1331 500 1365">MOTION 29</p> <p data-bbox="332 1402 1411 1633">MOVED THAT all future competitions of the IWRP be designated "STICKUM FREE' events. Stickum Free is defined as no spray, pine tar or goop on the gloves or tires and no reverse taping. All chairs must enter the tournament with clean rims, tires and casters and remain clean throughout the tournament. The penalty for not adhering to this rule will be the same as that for an illegal chair.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1671 685 1705">Motion made by Canada.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1743 630 1776">Seconded by France.</p> <p data-bbox="332 1814 1422 1890">Anne Hart noted that the use of glue or stickum is not currently assessed or considered in player classification.</p>

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	<p>Ireland suggested that IWRF conduct research into finding substances that could be used that would be less damaging to venues.</p> <p>Switzerland asked how this rule could be enforced. Stan advised that a violation would be treated the same way as an illegal chair under the equipment rules.</p> <p>8 IN FAVOUR. 8 OPPOSED. 4 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION FAILED.</p> <p>Eron advised that even without a rule in place banning the use of glue or stickum, there could still be venue-specific restrictions that prohibited its use for certain events. IWRF will not refuse to sanction an event that is held in a venue with such restrictions.</p> <p>Ireland noted that if there are such restrictions at future events, teams need to be notified well in advance.</p> <p>MOTION 30</p> <p>MOVED THAT player jersey numbers be expanded to include the following:</p> <p>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55.</p> <p>Motion made by Canada.</p> <p>Seconded by Sweden.</p> <p>16 IN FAVOUR. 1 OPPOSED. 3 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>MOTION 31</p> <p>MOVED THAT the attached document titled Position Paper on Classification (Canada) be reviewed by the members and the Classification Commission and part, or all, of the recommendations be ratified for inclusion in the rules of classification adopted by the IWRF.</p> <p>Motion made by Canada.</p> <p>Seconded by Sweden.</p> <p>Anne advised that there is an ongoing review of the classification system and that the issues raised in the Position Paper would be addressed as part</p>

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	<p>of this review.</p> <p>There was much discussion of the motion and the paper. Canada advised that the proposal was for a review of aspects of the classification system; Canada was not proposing specific changes. Areas for review included the assessment of hands and trunk, minimum eligibility, and the 4.0 player class, among others.</p> <p>Ireland stated that the proposal for a review was good and that IWRF should consider bringing in outside experts to contribute.</p> <p>Following the discussion, and considering the motions already passed regarding classification and the ongoing classification review, Canada withdrew the motion.</p> <p>MOTION WITHDRAWN.</p> <p>MOTION 32</p> <p>MOVED THAT arm bands are no longer required to be worn by team captains.</p> <p>Motion made by Canada.</p> <p>Seconded by Australia.</p> <p>14 IN FAVOUR. 4 OPPOSED. 1 ABSTENTION. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>7.4 Other Business</p> <p>Brad opened the floor to other business. Subsequently, additional rules-related motions were made from the floor by members.</p> <p>MOTION 33</p> <p>MOVED THAT Article 70 of the International Rules be amended by deletion of parts of 70b and 70c such that the location for a throw-in after a violation of the tip-off is determined in the same way as a throw-in after other violations.</p> <p>Motion made by Australia.</p> <p>Seconded by Switzerland.</p> <p>2 IN FAVOUR. 10 OPPOSED. 9 ABSTENTION. MOTION FAILED.</p>

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	<p>MOTION 34</p> <p>MOVED THAT the use of stickem be permitted only on the game ball, and that types of stickem permitted are to be approved by IWRF.</p> <p>Motion made by Australia.</p> <p>Seconded by Canada.</p> <p>Discussion of the motion followed. Concerns were raised about defining and enforcing the rule. Transfer of stickem from the ball to hands and other surfaces would still happen. There may be other options to deal with the issue of stickem and they should be considered and a proposal made from the Technical Committee.</p> <p>2 IN FAVOUR. 19 OPPOSED. 1 ABSTENTION. MOTION FAILED.</p> <p>MOTION 35</p> <p>MOVED THAT Article 13 of the International Rules be amended by to limit the exit point of the penalty box to a fixed 1 meter wide location.</p> <p>Motion made by Australia.</p> <p>Seconded by Netherlands.</p> <p>In discussion it was determined that if the motion passed the specific details of the rules amendment would be determined by the Technical Committee.</p> <p>10 IN FAVOUR. 8 OPPOSED. 4 ABSTENTION. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>Denmark briefly addressed the General Assembly to advise that they would be preparing a bid to host the 2014 World Championships, at a location to be determined. They would bring experience hosting two European Zone Championships and strong national backing.</p>
8.0	<p>Elections</p> <p>Brad explained to the General Assembly that it was customary to appoint a new Chair to handle the elections process. He then asked for a motion to</p>

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	<p>appoint Eron Main as the Elections Chair.</p> <p>Motion made by Switzerland.</p> <p>Seconded by the United States.</p> <p>ALL IN FAVOUR. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>Eron thanked the members. He then proposed the appointment of Anne Hart and Carina Wahl as tellers for the election. As no opposition was noted, he proceeded with the appointment.</p> <p>Eron then explained the election process. All Board positions were up for election. An election would be held in turn for each of the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and three Members at Large. Under the by-laws of the IWRF, elections must be held even if there is only one candidate for a position.</p> <p>8.1 President</p> <p>Eron introduced John Bishop and Ken Sowden, the candidates for President. Each was given a opportunity to briefly address the members.</p> <p>Ballots were distributed, marked, and returned. Eron reported that John Bishop had been elected President of the IWRF.</p> <p>8.2 Vice President</p> <p>Eron advised that with the election of John Bishop as President, Ken Sowden was the only remaining candidate for Vice President.</p> <p>Ballots were distributed, marked, and returned. Eron reported that Ken Sowden had been elected Vice President of the IWRF.</p> <p>8.3 Treasurer</p> <p>Eron advised that Cathy Cadieux was the sole candidate for Treasurer. Cathy was given a opportunity to briefly address the members</p> <p>Ballots were distributed, marked, and returned. Eron reported that Cathy Cadieux had been elected Treasurer of the IWRF.</p> <p>8.4 Member at Large</p> <p>Eron explained that there were five remaining candidates for election as</p>

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	<p>Member at Large: Joke Beekman, Duncan Campbell, Juan Foa, Cherie Harris, and Terry Vinyard. Three member at large positions were available. One of these positions was for a term of four years and two for a term of two years.</p> <p>Eron instructed the members that they could vote for up to three candidates on their ballot. Ballots with one, two, or three votes would be valid and counted. To be elected, a candidate required the support of at least 50% plus one of the ballots cast. Eron explained that the elected candidate with the most votes would be elected to a four-year term, and the next two elected candidates would be elected to the two-year terms.</p> <p>If fewer than three candidates were elected in the first round of balloting, subsequent ballots would be held. In the event of a tie between candidates, a run-off ballot would be held.</p> <p>Each candidate was given a opportunity to briefly address the members.</p> <p>Ballots were distributed, marked, and returned. Eron reported that a total of 22 ballots had been cast. Twelve votes were required for election. Eron then reported that Duncan Campbell had been elected as Member at Large for a four-year term; and that Joke Beekman and Terry Vinyard had been elected as Members at Large for two-year terms.</p> <p>Eron thanked the members and relinquished the Chair to Brad.</p>
9.0	<p>Closing</p> <p>In closing, Brad thanked the outgoing members of the IWRF Board for their contributions to the success of the organization and expressed the wish that they continue to be involved in IWRF in the future. Brad congratulated the new Board and wished them success in the future, and thanked all the members for their participation and their contributions. He also remarked on the growth of the sport of wheelchair rugby and the IWRF over the many years that he has been involved, and expressed his appreciation for the many people he has worked with over the years. Although he is stepping down as President, he intends to stay involved with the sport and looks forward to continuing to work with many of us in the future.</p> <p>Brad looked forward to a successful World Championships competition, and declared the meeting closed.</p>

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