ICA SPO Member Meeting

1 October 2010

National Sports Museum, Helsinki (Finland)

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees

Kenth Sjöblom (KS) CHAIR
Laurence Ward SECRETARY (Minutes)
Fina Solà Gasset
Gersende Pernas
Heli Yrsänäinen
Josef Gersner
Magnus Axelsson
Kalle Voolaid

Apologies

Françoise Bosman
Mbaye Thiam
Isabella Orefice
Beng Choo Low
1. Opening of the Meeting and Introduction by the Section Chair
The meeting opened at 10.20am. Kenth welcomed the members to Helsinki.

2. Election of Chair and Secretary for the Meeting
Kenth was nominated and elected as Chair.
Laurence was nominated and elected as secretary.

3. Adoption of the Agenda
The agenda was adopted.

4. Report on SPO Activities
2003
ICA CITRA session in Cape Town created a steering committee to set up a sports section

2004
A planning meeting was held in April in Madrid (Spain)
ICA congress in Vienna (Austria) included a session on sports archives arranged by SPO
SPO was established as a provisional section at the Vienna congress.

2005
Bureau meeting held in Turin (Italy).
SPO presented sessions at a seminar in Paris (Roubaix).
Bureau meeting in Abu Dhabi.
SPO presented sessions on sports archives during the European Congress on Sports History in Seville (Spain).
2006
Bureau meeting in Barcelona (Spain).
Reorganisation of the bureau.

2007
Bureau meeting in Turin (Italy).
SPO presented sessions at a seminar in Turin on Winter Sports and the management of archives, jointly organised with the Italian Association of Archivists.
SPO presented sessions

2008
Bureau meeting in Roubaix
Session during the ISHPES seminar in Tartu (Estonia)
SPO brochure printed in Arabic, English, French Spanish
Session and stand in Kuala Lumpur
Section accepted as full permanent section of ICA
First official bureau was elected for the period 2008-2012

2009
Bureau meeting in Lausanne (Switzerland)
SPO became a permanent member of the ICA Executive board
Preparations for a SPO edition of Comma began
Bureau meeting in London (UK) and joint meeting with ICA SMA section held
SPO began joint participation in the ‘Sporting Cities’ project, an ICA PCOM backed project.

2010
Bureau meeting in Helsinki (Finland).
SPO member meeting in Helsinki.
SPO arranged a seminar on digitisation of sports archives in partnership with the Sports Museum and Archives of Finland.

Laurence Presented the ‘Sporting Cities’ project to the group.

5. SPO Governance

5.1 Changes in the Composition of the Bureau: new members, change of vice-chair.

- Kenth noted that the bureau nominated Fina Sola Gasset as vice chair. The nomination was agreed and accepted.

5.2 Changes and Amendments to the SPO Regulations

KS presented a number of proposed changes to the SPO regulations including:

- All references for ‘Quadrennial Meeting’ changed to ‘Member Meeting’.
- Member meeting would be held every second year if required.
- Not more than six bureau members in addition to the Chair, up to two Vice Chairs, Treasurer, up to two Secretaries.
- Bureau members to stand for a four year period between ICA congresses.
- Bureau members must attend meetings and/or be active. If not, bureau members will vote on a course of action which may lead to asking a bureau member to stand down.

The amendments were agreed and adopted. KS to forward the recommended amendments to ICA for approval.

5.3 Where to Keep the Section Archive

Kenth presented this point and noted that other sections do this quite differently. Kenth recommended that SPO should keep its ‘master’ archive with the ICA main office. Copies of documents would be available through the website.

The recommendation was agreed and accepted.
6. Activity Program 2010-2012

The will be further participation in ICA and sports archives/history related seminars.

The main objective for this period will be the creation of an international directory of Sports Archives. The project will work collaboratively with a number of other ICA sections to develop a directory based on a common ICA standard. Fina is leading on this project. The next step is to issue a letter to ICA branch chairs to ask for assistance in identifying organisations holding sports archives in their region.

Kenth noted that the new SPO web-pages are due to launch with the new ICA site soon (we await confirmation of launch date).

The bureau will also begin a member recruitment campaign which will target ICA regional branches initially for assistance with distribution.

The bureau is also considering addition ‘online’ meetings using MS Messenger to communicate. These may be monthly and will promote a more consistent momentum behind activities.

Josef asked whether SPO could work on and attract funding to partnership projects with individual organisations. Kenth suggested that any ideas could be suggested to the bureau and it may be possible for the bureau to help in taking projects forward to PCOM. Kenth noted that the proposal would have to be detailed and provide clear information.

Heli asked whether it might be possible to add project and learning information on the SPO pages. Laurence and Kenth agreed that this would be a good idea. The ‘Sporting Cities’ project brief would be a good to add initially, Laurence will see if this is possible despite the current problems with the ICA site.

7. Preparations for ICA Congress in Brisbane 2012

Means of participation at the congress were discussed at the bureau meeting on 29/09/2010. It was agreed that SPO would present sessions on sports archives issues. We may also host a section stand for handing out information and engaging with visitors. However, we feel that this may be difficult to organise if there are few bureau officers at Brisbane (which is likely). Therefore, it may be better to share a stand with other ICA sections.

KS invited members to participate in Brisbane activities.
8. Any Other Business

No matters raised.

9. Close

The meeting closed at 12.00.