



Minutes of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of FIPS-Mouche

held in Comano Terme - Italy ,
on 30 Sep 2021 from 15:00 to 19:30 hrs

1. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENING

President Mario Podmanik, welcomed members and opened the GA. A minutes silence was observed for Walter Ungermann, former Member of the Technical Commission, Senior Advisor of FIPS-Mouche Board and founder of the competition fly fishing in USA, who passed away in August 2020.

2. DETERMINATION OF THE QUORUM AND OF PROXIES

The General Secretary made a roll call. 18 members were physically present, 5 proxies were carried. The quorum was thus reached.

AUT	BEL	CHI	CZE	ENG(p)	FRA	BIH (p)	CRO(p)	IRE	ITA	JPN	LAT
NED	NZE(p)	POL	POR	ROM(p)	SRB	SVK	RSA	SLO	SPA	USA	

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2020 GA was held electronically. President pointed out there were only three items on agenda that have been electronically approved by participating Members - presidential report, financial report and postponed championships due to Covid. Minutes unanimously approved without remarks by the GA.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved by the GA without remarks.

5. REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT

The President highlighted:

- the 2021 championships and the necessity to defer the Euro and Ladies championships to 2022 due to the pandemic related travel restrictions to Norway.
- The COVID protocol that was established in order to provide a framework for the championships 2021 (World and Masters). Our protocol was well received also by CIPS and was adopted by FIPS-M and FIPS-ed.
- The situation of our memberships. Monaco fully complies with our statutes and has provided the necessary paperwork.
- An executive summary of the last 4 years was highlighted

The full report is available in annex A. Presidential report has been approved unanimously without remarks.

6. REPORT BY THE TREASURER. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS 2020

The treasurer gave an overview of the financial accounts. In 2020 the financial assets went down as a result of the cancellation / postponement of all our championships and of the CIPS

congress. For some of these events flight tickets had been acquired. Some tickets were totally lost, some were reimbursed or vouchers provided. Also no CIPS contributions were received in 2020. Finally our creditor, CANADA, was paid the 2013, 2014 and 2015 youth subsidy. Our savings accounts have been closed and the assets were transferred to the current account. So as from 2021 we have just two current accounts remaining. Our accounts were audited by the CIPS Board of Auditors. No anomalies were found.

Overview of our financial assets at end of year:

	2019	2020
Current account Euro	11.342,78	90.129,79
Savings account Euro	82.422,61	0
Current account \$	20.266,02	40.307,32
Savings account \$	20.027,95	0

The full report is provided at annex B

The GA acquitted the FIPS-Mouche Board with regards to the 2020 accounts.

7. CHANGE PROPOSAL STATUTES

- a) motions from the Member Federations: none
- b) from FIPS-Mouche Presidential Board:
All motions of the FIPS-Mouche Board were approved unanimously.
The final document will be posted on the FIPS-Mouche website.

8. CHANGE PROPOSAL COMPETITION RULES

- a) motions from the Member Federations: 3

Motion from Czech Republic (CRS): To increase youth age limit from 18 to 19.

The motion was shortly clarified by the delegate of CRS and discussed with participation of delegate from SLO, IRE and Board. Board considers currently given age range from 13 till 19 as fully sufficient as proposed extension would not be fair for younger competitors. However if the number of participating countries will grow up we can reconsider in the future to split into subcategories which would allow also the extension of the upper category limit. Therefore Board did not recommend to approve this motion.

in favor 8
against 11
abstentions 2

Motion was not approved.

Motion from Japan: Exception for same nationality participation rule.

Delegate from JPN presented and explained the motion. After a short discussion FIPS-Mouche Board declared an awareness of a different approach within IOC regulations, but this difference was never indicated to be a potential issue of the

nowadays pre-entry process. President noted they would like to keep the clearness of the existing system for the future.

Therefore Board did not recommend to approve this motion.

In favor	1
Against	18
Abstention	4

Motion was not approved.

Motion from South Africa: World record recording on the championships

Dealing with World Records evidence is out of business of FIPS-Mouche. Furthermore our target fish are salmonids that are extremely oxygen sensitive. Any measuring and recording process to be introduced would lead to harming of the fish which is not in accordance with one of the main concerns of FIPS-Mouche rule – care of fish.

Therefore Board did not recommend to approve this motion.

In favor	1
Against	22
Abstention	0

Motion was not approved.

b) from FIPS-Mouche Presidential Board

All proposed motions were accepted by required majority of the GA. Most of the motions were unanimously accepted.

The main change is related to the introduction of the 5 day format for all championships. All FIPS-Mouche championships will have 5 competitors per team, plus 1 reserve optionally, and will comprise 5 sessions spread over 5 competitions days. Organizers will have the possibility to split the sessions into sub sessions.

Also the fishing time was fixed to minimum 3 and maximum 4 hours per session as delegate from IRE proposed to restrict the duration of the daily session to 4 hours and delegate from SLO proposed minimum 3 hours - GA unanimously accepted.

The Competition Rules 2021 will be posted on the FIPS-Mouche website.

9. ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

a) Current membership situation

- Russia has asked to put their membership “on hold” due to financial problems. As postponing of the membership is not in accordance with our Statutes, FIPS-Mouche Board will ask the Federation to pay affiliation by the end of the year.

b) Candidate members approval

- Monaco has fulfilled all the requirements to become a FIPS-Mouche member. The GA approved Monaco as a new ordinary member. CIPS Congress needs to formally accept Monaco as new ordinary member.
- A candidature was received from Wales (Angling Cymru). This is however a candidature from a different federation than the one that has paid the contributions for 2020/2021. Further clarification is required. The GA decided to defer the decision to the next GA. Meanwhile the contribution paying federation is considered as our rightful member.

10. CHAMPIONSHIPS Table : see website www.fips-mouche.com

a) Championship applications

Championship bids for the year 2023 and 2024 were approved.

2023

World (approved)	Euro (approved)	Youth (approved)	Masters (approved)	Ladies (approved)
11-17 Sept Liptov SVK	22 - 28 May Covilha (POR)	Bihac (BIH)	17.-23.Sep Merit BC (CAN)	17.-23.Sep Merit BC (CAN)
▸ Inspection	▸ Inspection	▸ Inspection	▸ Inspection	▸ Inspection
▸ Results	▸ Results	▸ Results	▸ Results	▸ Results

2024

World (approved)	Euro (approved)	Youth	Masters	Ladies
FRA	SLO			
▸ Inspection	▸ Inspection	▸ Inspection	▸ Inspection	▸ Inspection
▸ Results	▸ Results	▸ Results	▸ Results	▸ Results

b) Awarding of championships

Members are required to use the championship application form that is available on the website in the guidelines section.

Member Federations are asked to submit their applications for 2024 categories Youth, Ladies and Masters by the next congress.

11. ELECTIONS

The process for the election was run according to Annex A of the statutes. Mr Jose Luis Bruna (Spain) presided, assisted by Denin Cronin (Ireland) and Greig Brown (Channel Islands). The GA approved the candidatures very quickly as there was only one candidate for each board position.

The result of the election is as follows :

- President : Mario Podmanik
- 1st Vice President : Paul Vekemans
- 2nd Vice President : Edoardo Ferrero
- Secretary / treasurer : Stefan Allacker
- Athletes commission (nominations only) : Misako Ishimura (Japan), Ingvild Aurdal (Norway) and Santeri Kinnunen (Finland). According to the CIPS By-laws the candidate for Athletes Commission must be present. Only Misako Ishimura was present at the GA. The GA supported all 3 nominations. Congress to make decision.
- Tech committee: Paul Dewar (NZE) , Jiri Pejchar (CZE), Cato Nilssen (NOR), Miroslav Zaberl (SLO)

President thanked on behalf of the Board for the given mandate, congratulated to all elected and expressed willingness to continue in progress of the sport fly fishing for the upcoming years.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- FIPS-Mouche draw2.0 program status
The board will be exploring alternatives to the current program. Some bugs still remain and make the commercialization of the program impossible. Also the drawing 2.0 program is stand alone.
- New Website status
A lot of work has been done over the last couple of years to make a more modern and up to date site that contains many features and templates to help members.

The chairman thanked to the Members for the constructive discussion.

GA was formally closed at 19:30

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Allacker', with a large circular flourish above the name.

Stefan Allacker
General Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Podmanik', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mario Podmanik
President



FIPS-Mouche

International Fly Fishing Federation



Presidential Report

CIPS congress – Comano Terme (ITA)

September 2021

CHAMPIONSHIPS

There were no FIPS-Mouche championships held in the year 2020 and all events scheduled for the year 2020 were postponed to 2021.

WFFC 2021 Finland

Championship was placed in a beautiful fly fishing area of Kuusamo where the same level event has been already held first in 1989, actually participants were staying in the identical hotel Scandic as at that time. The championship took into account the Covid restrictions and strictly followed General Covid Protocol. All participants were tested at the registration, some of them also at the end – all negatives. The opening and closing ceremony were held in square just in front of the hotel in a very friendly atmosphere. There were 4 anti-doping tests carried out during the last competition day, all results were negative. Participating countries were all from Europe, outside European members were unfortunately restricted due to pandemic. Host country appointed in compliance with competition rules a non-member Lithuania by wild card to take part in. The quality of accommodation, fishing as well as food were great. Due to covid restriction no socializing was allowed during the event.

In teams home Finland won, before France and Spain. In the individuals Heikki Kurtti (FIN) won Gold, silver Jari Heikkinen (FIN) and bronze David Arcay (SPA).

Masters 2021 Czech Republic

Due to the pandemic situation Masters (CZE) Championship (originally scheduled for May) was postponed to Sep/Oct2021. After a successful and safely running event in Finland we strongly hope that this upcoming event will be running smoothly and safe as well. FIPS-Mouche is going to be represented by Paul Vekemans and Stefan Allacker, who are actually about to head to CZE right after this GA.

Ladies/Euro 2021 Norway

Middle of March Board after discussion with International Organizer decided to cancel Euro/Ladies (NOR) for 2021. Right after this decision Board started to search for a solution to postpone it to 2022 (as shifting of event in the calendar not that easy due to some combined scheduled event, agreement with all affected host countries had to be found). Finally after a long negotiation we succeeded for find a way how to keep this double event in Norway as they have meanwhile invested a lot of financial resources into the overall

preparation. This solution might only be applied with a support and understanding of FIPSAS whom I would like to especially address huge thank for it.

Youth 2021 Bosnia and Herzegovina

Based on the negative prognosis and overall pandemic situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, host federation decided in June rather to cancel YFFC2021. As the postponing at that time was not possible Board has promptly offered to BiH an option to run Youth event in 2023 instead (same championship setup and time schedule), member federation has accepted the proposal and therefore the GA is about to formally approve it.

COVID-19

Board together with International Organizers and professional virologist created a COVID General Safety Protocol to be applied on all events in a pandemic situation. The Protocol contains a set of preventive anti covid measures, set of reactive measures and a contingency plan. The standard championship program was reduced to minimum (no opening ceremony, no practise days...), all cost savings are to cover the anti-covid measures of organizers. Details are available on the website <https://www.fips-mouche.com/covid-strategy-for-2021-events/>. As a general strategy for the year 2021 Board decided and announced to the Members on following steps:

- not later then 3 months ahead of the championship after a common agreement of FIPS-Mouche and the organization committee, the championship might be cancelled/confirmed/postponed. This gives a reasonable time frame for organizers as well to participants to make all appropriate arrangements accordingly
- the organizer of the event shall provide a reasonable time schedule with deadlines for registration and payment to minimize bank transfers in case of return
- if the championship is cancelled, the return payment bank fees are to be shared by half between federation and host country
- in case the championship is cancelled and the host country declares its willingness to postpone it to next year, FIPS-Mouche Board do its best to arrange a possible one year shift in calendar upon an agreement with all effected future host countries

It is our pleasure to inform you that all above efforts resulted to a fact the protocol itself has been used as a basis for creation of the CIPS Common Covid Protocol that is to be used by all International Federations (FIPS-ED, FIPS-MER and FIPS-Mouche). Additionally this protocol significantly had helped at the recent WFFC 2021 in Finland - none positive case discovered neither during nor after the event.

NEW MEMBERS

As of today the only candidate ready for approval is Monaco. In 2019 at the congress in Almaty we have introduced a new instittition to attract non-members to take part in our championship so called "Wild card". Host country of WFFC 2021 Finland has decide to appoint Lituania to join our championship and we can declare that it paid off as Lithuania right after the event showed an intention to join us in the future and so we all hope to see their application soon. In February Board contacted all other potential members and asked for update, just poor progress received. Therefore Board decided to proactively ask FIPS-ED and FIPS-MER to provide a contact list of its Members in order to indicate some potential candidate Members and to map their intention for Membership or to provide a contact on flyfishing federations/association/clubs in the country for further communication. As result of it FIPS-Mouche extended a pipeline of potential Members by 10 other countries. I would like to thank FIPS-ED and FIPS-

MER for cooperation and for providing its contacts. Now it is up to the new Board to start off in offensive pipeline conversion to the new FIPS-Mouche Members.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (election term 2017-2021)

Over the past years FIPS-Mouche team has been collecting new ideas and identifying the gaps in Competition rules. In 2018 and in 2021 there were prepared quite a big packages of CR changes that were later on submitted for approval of GA in Almaty Kazakhstan and in Comano Terme Italy. The changes were dedicated to the competitors gear and duties, care of fish, intro of combined championships, controllers as well as the captains. As usually we involved into the preparation process also team of International Supervisors and Technical commission. Besides of that we prepared also significant set of updates in Guidelines that were recently released as version 2021 (set of technical documents reflecting standards in organizing the championships) mostly regarding the captains meeting organization, Covid protocol, marketing and promo requirements, bidding for championships, medal awarding procedure and the others. In addition to that we have prepared also a set of amendments to Statutes mainly regarding the Zones, election process and membership to harmonize our Statutes with the CIPS one. In order to compact our work during the championship we have been working on internal document named SOP (Standard operating procedures) summarizing internal processes and policy, so having them we can deliver to the championships even more consistent services and support. A significant improvement has been achieved also with our website. In 2021 there was incorporated an automatically notification system (when a news posted each member gets email notification on it) as well as a new section included with ranking of historical results ever. Our Board intensively works also in the area a sponsoring. Our 3 year contract with Cortlandline ended up in 2019 but we succeeded to agree with our partner the prolongation of the contract by further successive 3 years so we can continue in external subvention of the Youth competition to keep it wide open for many other federation member teams. In 2018 we succeeded to arrange a sponsorship agreement with Norwegian company Grudens (provided clothes for Board members and team of supervisors). To strengthen a bit our position in negotiation with the potential sponsors we wrote down a sponsorship value proposition, providing a main framework of cooperation, categorization of sponsorship and counter value we offer to our partners/sponsors. However this is an area where Board must be more active in the future.

At the end of this report I would like to express my hope that after a one year of pandemical break fly fishing sport community can come back to its beloved sport. I would like to express my deep thank to all Board members, members of the Technical committee, team of International Supervisors, CIPS and other fly fishers for their valuable volunteer contributions they gave to move competitive fly fishing again a bit further. Thank you.

Tight lines.



Accounts 2020

		€	€	€	\$	\$	\$
		Current	Deposit	Total	Current	Deposit	Total
Balance	Balance from 2019	€ 11 342,78	€ 82 422,61	€ 93 765,39	\$ 20 266,02	\$ 20 027,95	\$ 40 293,97
Income	CIPS Treasurer	€ -	€ -	€ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	World 2019	€ 3 875,00	€ -	€ 3 875,00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	transfer	€ 82 419,11	€ -	€ 82 419,11	\$ 20 057,46	\$ -	\$ 20 057,46
	Intrest	€ -	€ -	€ -	\$ -	\$ 33,66	\$ 33,66
Income total		€ 86 294,11	€ -	€ 86 294,11	\$ 20 057,46	\$ 33,66	\$ 20 091,12
Expenditure	Congress	€ -845,20	€ -	€ -845,20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Euro 2020	€ -649,06	€ -	€ -649,06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Fee	€ -37,00	€ -	€ -37,00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Gauges	€ -1 500,00	€ -	€ -1 500,00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Inpection	€ -400,00	€ -	€ -400,00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Masters 2020	€ -183,34	€ -	€ -183,34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Medals/Salvers	€ -302,50	€ -	€ -302,50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Meetings	€ -1 292,65	€ -	€ -1 292,65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	office	€ -111,32	€ -	€ -111,32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	website	€ -140,75	€ -	€ -140,75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	World 2019	€ -371,00	€ -	€ -371,00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	youth 2013-2014-2015	€ -1 500,00	€ -	€ -1 500,00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Youth 2020	€ -174,28	€ -	€ -174,28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Fee	€ -	€ -3,50	€ -3,50	\$ -16,16	\$ -4,15	\$ -20,31
	transfer	€ -	€ -82 419,11	€ -82 419,11	\$ -	\$ -20 057,46	\$ -20 057,46
Expenditure total		€ -7 507,10	€ -82 422,61	€ -89 929,71	\$ -16,16	\$ -20 061,61	\$ -20 077,77
Surplus/ benefit		€ 78 787,01	€ -82 422,61	€ -3 635,60	\$ 20 041,30	\$ -20 027,95	\$ 13,35
Balance	Balance from 2020	€ 90 129,79	€ -	€ 90 129,79	\$ 40 307,32	\$ -	\$ 40 307,32

Financial assets on 31/12/2020 according to bank

\$ 40 307,32 1,2271 € 32 847,62

Debtors Stefan Allacker Euro 2020

€ 122 977,41
€ 144,51

Creditors

Stock

€ 9 615,79

Overall assets

€ 132 737,71

Rome 01 Jan 2021