



***2006 IRF Geneva Board of Directors Meeting
Paris, France***

Thursday, 19 September 2007

Minutes

1. Opening and welcome by the Chairman

Michel Demarre welcomed the Board in the facilities of the National Federation of Public Works. He gave a short briefing about the FNTP's structure and activities.

Chairman Jean Beauverd welcomed all members to the meeting. List of presence, apologies and proxies are attached at the end of these minutes.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting (Istanbul, 17 May 2007).

The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

3. Report of the Chairman

The report of the chairman as distributed is an integral part of these minutes.

Jean Beauverd gave a brief overview of the Ambassador project to develop a stronger regional and national presence. The basis of the concept was approved by the Executive Committee. The concept will be elaborated in more details.

4. Secretariat Activities Report 2007

The report of the secretariat as distributed is an integral part of these minutes.

Sibylle Rupprecht presented the concept and the look of the new website. Patrick Lepercq congratulated the secretariat to this user-friendly website. Two issues were raised: the possibility to change an attributed password and the importance of having knowledge pages.

5. Financial report by the Treasurer

Jerome Munro Lafon presented the first draft budget to the Board. The document as distributed is an integral part of these minutes.

The projected loss for 2007 results mostly from the Istanbul event combined with the honoraria paid to Tony Pearce for this event. The Istanbul conference was once again praised for its impact on the IRF visibilities, politics and profile.

Therefore, Jerome Munro Lafon had instructed Sibylle Rupprecht to produce a very conservative and modest budget for 2008, based only on known figures. Any initiative needs to be found in advance.



Jerome also stressed that the reserves were dangerously low and that any contribution by a members would be very welcome.

As of January, the secretariat will have an additional staff in the person of Caroline Visser, an expert in PPP. A person of her caliber and qualification could play an important role in attracting new members, professionalise the IRF's PPP activities, and to do paid consultancy work for members.

The importance of a very successful World Road Meeting in 2009 is confirmed. The cash income of such an event helped in the past to build the reserves.

He recommends accepting the first draft of the 2008 budget. The budget was accepted unanimously.

6. Activities Report Permanent Technical Committee for Road Safety

The distributed report of the PTCRS is an integral part of these minutes.

Jean-Claude Roffe reported about the meeting of the Road Safety Task Force whose mission it is to harmonize the road safety voice of the IRF. The members of this Task Force are Antonio Amengual from BPC, Michael Dreznes from WPC and himself form GPC. The following are the conclusion of this meeting:

I.- Definition of the target of IRF-RSTF:

"To harmonize the actions and activities on Road Safety of the three IRF-PCs, in order to (i) not create confusion in front of third parties, (ii) avoid any contradiction or competition between PCs (iii) avoid overlapping and conflicts either between PCs and members and (iv) reinforce the image, role and position of IRF on Road Safety at the international level"

II.- Basic Grounds of IRF-Road Safety Policies:

- 1.- In any Event/Publication organized by a PC and dealing with Road Safety or including Road Safety as a subject, the organizer shall give floor and room to the other PCs.
- 2.- In any Event/Publication organized by a PC and dealing with Road Safety or including Road Safety as a subject, the contents of "technical presentations" and "commercial presentations" shall to be clearly identified and separated.
- 3.- The participation, contribution and agreement of the three PCs in any IRF Road Safety Award is needed.
- 4.- Nobody shall represent or undertake the representation of the global IRF Road Safety Community in front of any third party unless expressly appointed by the three PCs for it.

Sibylle Rupperecht presented the activities with the World Health Organisation and its Road Safety Collaboration Group. Patrick Lepercq mentioned that there will be a WHO meeting in Shanghai at the Michelin Bibendum involving the private sector.

The Board recognised the hard work put into the Road Safety by Michael Bernhard. A note of thanks shall be sent to him.

The report as presented was approved unanimously.

7. Activities Report Environment

The distributed report of the Environment is an integral part of these minutes.



There was a lively discussion about the choice of priority topics of the working group. Sibylle Rupprecht pointed out that the working group felt that these topics were important issues. The emission problems, the currently hot topic, is dealt with separately first with the Green House Gas protocol (Carbon Calculator) and the off-setting possibilities.

It was recognised that emissions, tolling, mobility pricing were closely linked and certainly should be followed up. Sibylle Rupprecht encouraged interested members to give input on such subjects to Suzanna Zammataro who is in charge of the environment group so that the group could consider it.

The report was approved as presented.

8. Activities Report of PPP Working Group

Michael Demarre introduced Michel Demarre reported on his paper. He stressed the objective which is to concentrate on partnership and actual issues. The paper shall be considered a lobbying paper. The Board recognized the importance of this work and a lively discussion followed.

The report was approved as presented.

9. World Road Statistics 2007

Sibylle Rupprecht presented the WRS 2007 book which was fresh from the press. The board was encouraged to give comments, sources, suggestions and corrections to Imed Ben Hamadi who will consider them gladly. Imed was congratulated and thanked for his work.

10. Programme 2007/2008

Jean Beauverd presented very briefly the programme 2007/2008. The report as distributed is an integral part of these minutes.

Matija Vilhar introduced the TRA 2008 which will be held from 21-24 April 2008 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. All present are invited to propose key note speakers and to register for the conference. IRF will have a stand at this event.

Jaakko Rahja presented the Finnish Winter Congress which is held in Turku, Finland from 12-14, February, 2008.

Another highlight in 2008 will be Intertraffic. During this major event, the IRF will organise daily sessions of 1-1 ½ hours on a particular topic. They will be presented at the market place on the show floor. IRF will also be present with a stand.

In 2008 the IRF will celebrate its 60th birthday. The possibility of organising an event in North Africa is currently investigated.

11. Presentation of the World Road Meeting 2009

Henrique Machado presented the first outline of the World Road Meeting 2009. During a discussion it was stressed that the name should be changed from IRF World Meeting (implying a closed meeting) to World Road Meeting 2009 with the IRF mentioned in the logo and on all communications. It was also stressed that 1 ½ years of preparation are very short. All IRF members should be involved in the promotion of it.



12. Any Other Business

Jean Beauverd proposed the board to put forward the recommendation to nominate Tony Pearce as life member. This recommendation will be submitted for approval to the WEB.

13. Date and Venue for the next meeting

The date and venue for the next meeting of the Board of Directors and General Assembly of the GPC is proposed to be on Monday, 21 April 2008 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in the morning. This meeting will precede the opening of the TRA 2008. The EC will meet on Sunday 20th April 2008.

14. Adjournment

Jean Beauverd thanked the delegates for their presence and their continued support of the IRF. The meeting was adjourned.

*Sibylle Rupprecht
October 2007*



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List of Presence

Present

Name	Country	Company
Allam Samir	Egypt	Hassan Allam Sons
Beauverd Jean	Switzerland	Colas Suisse S.A
Demarre Michel	France	FNTP
Evdoridis Harry	UK	Birmingham University
Hecke Walter	Austria	Kapsch Telematic Services GmbH
Heeremans Remco	Netherlands	Bouwend Nederland
Kapila KKK	India	ICT
Lepercq Patrick	France	Michelin
Machado Henrique	Portugal	CRP
Mix Michael John	Romania	Bechtel
Munro-Lafon Jerome	UK	Scott Wilson Group
Rahja Jaakko	Finland	Finnish Road Association
Roffe Jean-Claude	France	Colas
Roffet Daniel	France	EUROVIA
Rupprecht Sibylle	Switzerland	IRF Geneva
Swarovski Alexander	Austria	Swarco Central Services
Vandervivere Max	France	EUROVIA
Vilhar Matija	Slovenia	DRC
Vodzinska Ludmila	Slovakia	C/o National Motorway Company
Winghart Jean-Antoine	France	ASFA

Proxies and Appologies

			Proxy entrusted to:
Erdem Yücel	Turkey	Turkish Road Association	Jean Beauverd
Lavassani Hamid	Switzerland	Caterpillar	Jean Beauverd
Swarovski Manfred	Austria	Swarco Central Services	
Fisher Ray	Australia	Australian Road Forum	
Sakki Maria	Greece	Greek Road Federation	
Prévost François	France	URF	Jean-Claude Roffe
Stanciu Michael	Romania	Search Corporation	
Nuyttens Rik	Belgium	3M Europe	