

Additional Information on the Coup that took place regarding the IVV Presidium

Editor's Note: This document is a supplement to the article on the take over that took place at the July Meeting of the IVV in Estonia. It contains additional information from Curt Myron and a historical perspective from Bob Wright. As well as an update of the August 11th AVA Meeting from Curt Myron & Skip Coburn.

From Skip Coburn

Dear Friends,

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Regional Director in the Atlantic Region. I am dedicated to doing the best possible job for you, and I am trying to learn as much as I can in the fastest way possible. All of the new Regional Directors have just completed a two-day training session in San Antonio.

Last month, in the midst of my learning the responsibilities of a Regional Director a catastrophe occurred at the IVV's annual Congress of Delegates. It has taken a couple of weeks for me to become informed and figure out how to best summarize a chain of events which occurred in Europe. My summary primarily draws from a series of first-hand accounts, from the AVA President, Curt Myron; Lynn Clark, who has served on the IVV Presidium for approx. ten years, and others. Those accounts and commentaries follow and/or are attached so you may draw your own conclusions. In addition to these attachments, I also have a series of emails between various parties discussing all of this, which I will forward to anyone interested in receiving them.

As many of you may know, the AVA is the fifth largest country affiliated with the IVV. The IVV was founded by four European countries with the goal of fostering and spreading Volkssporting and international friendship and understanding. It appears to me that, over the years, the IVV was so successful at spreading Volkssporting to so many countries (now over 40), that the original founders and other early members became outnumbered and have viewed themselves as losing power and losing control over "their" association.

Last year, nine members from the federations in central Europe met in Como, Italy to develop a strategy to remove the sitting Presidium of the IVV (six officers) and install a new one more representative of central Europe. In July, at the IVV Congress of Delegates meeting in Estonia, holding a majority of votes, they demanded the sitting Presidium resign or be ousted in a no confidence vote. The group succeeded though several other federations pointed out the process employed did not conform to the IVV's Bylaws and Standing Rules. After removing the sitting Presidium, they voted in a group of six (of their choosing), almost entirely from central Europe.

In the midst of all these politics, it was truly unfortunate that Lynn Clark, who was 1st VP of the Presidium, and who has been such a dedicated servant to the AVA, Volkssporting, and the IVV for so many years, was falsely accused of flying First Class to IVV meetings. Lynn Clark's denial of this charge was validated by the IVV Treasurer and verified by the IVV's own Disciplinary Committee.

The AVA, the Canadian Volkssport Federation, and several other countries are considering how to respond to this political problem which has occurred at the IVV's highest level. AVA President Curt Myron will be issuing a summary update report on what the AVA Executive Council has just said about this issue shortly. I will forward it to you as soon as I receive it.

Sincerely,

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IVV Report – July 2007

From: Lynn Clark

Last year (2006) the IVV Congress of Delegates meeting (membership meeting) took place in Italy in June. At this meeting, IVV President Odd Ivar Ruud resigned because of personal financial problems which involved IVV. He later explained his mistakes and apologized to the members by letter but, at that meeting in order to avoid a lack of leadership and possible damage to IVV's reputation, President Ruud was asked by the members to continue in his position until the following year.

Almost immediately a group of representatives from members (nine - Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Italy, South Tyrol, Netherlands) in central Europe began meeting, theoretically to coordinate events and share ideas but IVV politics had also become their focus. From reports of their meetings, there were statements of their "entitlement" to the leadership of IVV because they were the founding and first members. They said they wanted a "new beginning". They decided they would take advantage of this internal IVV discord and replace the entire Presidium (officers).

Along with the other Presidium members I received a rather crudely arrogant letter last October, signed by Presidents from eight of these associations, asking that by December 31, I submit a statement that I agreed to resign at the 2007 meeting. A similar letter of their intent was sent to all IVV members; however, in spite of the fact that IVV has two official languages – German and English – the letter was sent only in German. I replied with a simple letter to each of them that since I was elected by the members in an individual election (in other words, I was elected as Lynn Clark, Vice President rather than the entire Presidium being elected together as a group), I would resign only after a majority of the members agreed on my removal and after justification had been given for this request.

The 2007 IVV Delegates meeting had been set for July 12 in Estonia. Throughout the winter and spring the European group continued to meet and false accusations against the Presidium began to emerge -an obvious attempt to discredit the Presidium as a whole and also personally. For example, in a report made (with copies distributed) by a Belgian Vice President, Joseph Emonts-Gast, at a Belgian association membership meeting he accused me of traveling First Class to IVV meetings.

(I immediately referred this to the IVV Disciplinary Board that wrote and asked him to submit proof of his accusations. Later at the Estonia meeting this Board made their report to the members, that Emonts-Gast had been unable to provide his proof nor did the IVV Treasurer or auditors see any such irregularities in my travel expenses. The man was asked to send me his written apology but he refused and I have not heard anything further.)

During the spring disturbing things continued. There was talk of the Presidium abusing budgeted travel funds for personal gain (taking personal trips with IVV paying). There was talk that the members were being deliberately kept unaware of expenses -the IVV Treasurer keeps meticulous records of all expenses, they are audited annually, and any member is welcome to view the records at any time (no member has ever asked to do so). Accusations were made that Presidium travel was not yielding new IVV development (in addition to more than 12 new Direct member countries added in the years the current Presidium has been leading, there were 2 new association members approved at the Estonia meeting itself). There were specific questions about details of the IVV interpreter's expenses (this refers primarily to her time spent translating German into English for me and the English speaking members). There were statements that this European group intended to reduce IVV members' fees by 30-40% and return the money "to the walkers" (IVV membership fees have NEVER increased since the 1970s, in spite of normal rising expenses in almost everything).

Prior to the Estonia meeting most members of this group sent identically worded motions to the meeting agenda requesting removal of the Presidium, again providing no reasons other than questions on travel expenses – that they did not relate to development and a vague "missing are ineffective development of a modern management."

As the meeting approached, it was obvious that this European group probably had enough votes between them (IVV's voting system is complicated- the number of votes depends upon the number of clubs within the member's country) to control the meeting. Curiously, we noted (based on this Belgian's report) that they had included Japan in a list of members that were "on their side". We found out why later (explained below).

At the meeting strong vocal arguments were made by AVA, CVF and BWF representatives that the procedures and motions proposed by this group challenged the intent of the IVV Statutes and in some instances contradicted the words the Statutes. Even the "Routine Orders" (the rules which govern the conduct of the meetings) were disregarded. Karl-Heinz Beckmann, the IVV Treasurer who was directing the meeting at times completely ignored questions and objections from the English speaking representatives. For example, even though the Statutes clearly gives direction in the circumstance the President is no longer in office (that 2 Presidium members assume the leadership), the group was successful in ignoring that and forcing an election for a new President. Josef Gigl, the DVV President, and I were nominated. I declined the nomination on the grounds that any election for new President was contrary to the Statutes. Gigl was then elected with a number of members voting against or abstaining.

I strongly objected to the motions demanding removal of the Presidium (all to be removed in one vote) as also being unconstitutional. My argument was that each Presidium member is elected separately in an individual election for his particular position, so each should be removed the same way. I demanded that this group give their reasons for asking for MY removal. The only answer I got was the vague reference to the wording in the motions (mentioned above). The motions were put to vote and were approved.

There were immediate calls for elections of a new Presidium. I was nominated for Vice President but again declined to accept the nomination stating it made no sense to vote me out one minute and for me to accept a nomination for re-election the next. It was also clear by this time that the European group had enough votes to control the meeting and that they had already chosen the new Presidium members. As a result IVV now has the new President (Josef Gigl) from Germany, 3 new Vice Presidents- from Italy (Giuseppe Colantonio), Luxembourg (Raymond Claude) and Japan (Mitsumasu Miyashita), a new Secretary from France (Daniel Burette) with Karl-Heinz Beckmann from Germany continuing as Treasurer. Most noticeable is that Miyashita is the only person outside this central European block to be elected (5 out of the 6 represent these central European countries). Gigl does not speak English, Colantonio does not speak English or German, Burette and Beckmann do not speak English, and Claude and Miyashita speak and write only limited English. Also noteworthy is the fact that in papers revealed from earlier planning sessions of this European group, Miyashita had obviously been contacted several months ago and agreed to join their coalition. At the AVA convention in conversations with Curt Myron, Shirley Lindberg and me regarding IVV 's problems, he chose not to reveal his intentions or his connections with this group.

Boldly the group had listed a division of all IVV members into 3 classifications: "central Europe", "rest of Europe", "the others". Yet these classifications were not lists by geography (England, Norway and the rest of the Scandanavian countries were classified in "the others") but by language group and by voting preference (Japan having been added to the "central European list).

At this time, I have not heard from any of this new Presidium. I cannot predict how this might affect AVA or any of the English speaking members in the future. I DO know that the Scandinavians and eastern European countries are very angry. Not only is this a grave insult to all English speaking members but it signals a definite shift in policy (in the past it has always been agreed that there would be an English speaking member of the Presidium) that can only be interpreted as a clear disinterest in having the English speaking members' participation in the leadership of IVV and a lack of caring what these same members might think about this. In short the English speaking members have been relegated to the dictates of this new Presidium. The organization seems to have fractured into 2 distinct groups. Sadly, regardless of my personal opinions I cannot help but to believe that this has/ and will have a severe adverse effect on IVV as a credible international organization and on the English speaking members involvement in it..

Report on the IVV Congress of Delegates, July 12, 2007

By Curt Myron

While the administrative portion of the meeting proceeded without fanfare, the remainder of the meeting was a contentious, unconstitutional sham in which nine central European countries, with complete disregard of IVV Bylaws and meeting rules, seized control of IVV by voting out of office the entire Presidium and by voting six of their members into a new "Presidium". Their actions were clearly planned in advance, perhaps even rehearsed.

I attended the last three annual Congress of Delegates (COD) meetings as an AVA delegate. The other AVA delegates at this meeting were: Shirley Lindberg, Martha Myron, and Hans Dieter Fuhr (AVA's appointed representative to IVV). COD meetings are usually chaired by one of the IVV Officers, in this instance the Treasurer, Karl-Heinz Beckman, from Germany. Although the IVV has Bylaws and Standing Rules, which govern IVV meetings, the Chair of this meeting blatantly disregarded IVV Bylaws and meeting rules, ignored motions by authorized delegates, and manipulated both rules and the agenda to assure the "firing" of all IVV Officers except himself and the election of new officers to run IVV, including himself.

It was apparent to me that the meeting agenda was rehearsed and that a group of nine central European countries: Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, South Tyrol, Switzerland, Austria, Netherlands, and Luxembourg, combined forces with the Chair/Treasurer to elect themselves. I believe that there is no possibility that these countries could have achieved their goals without the cooperation of the meeting Chair.

Upon the resignation of the IVV President, Odd Ivar Rudd, the Chair/Treasurer called for an election of a new IVV President. This action is contrary to IVV Bylaws, which say that upon the resignation of the President, two of Presidium members will fulfill the President's duties until the end of the normal term of office. In spite of motions to follow existing IVV rules from the Presidents of AVA and the Canadian Volkssport Federation, the Chair/Treasurer ignored these motions and conducted an election of a new IVV President. IVV VP Lynn Clark and Josef Gigl of Germany were nominated. Lynn Clark protested the illegality of the issues and declined to participate. Her protest was ignored and Josef Gigl was elected to a full four-year term.

Immediately following this, the Chair/Treasurer combined five separate, but similar agenda items to call for the resignation of all the rest of the IVV officers. VP Lynn Clark protested the combined agenda item in that each IVV Officer was individually elected and should therefore be individually removed if the Congress desired to do so. The Chair insisted that the agenda item be followed. VP Lynn Clark asked delegates for a justification for her removal. No one had a justification, and when asked directly by VP Clark, Josef Gigl volunteered that he had no issues with VP Clark's performance over her ten years of service. VP Clark's second request to be considered separate from the entire Presidium was rejected by the Chair/Treasurer without a vote or solicitation of opinion from the Congress delegates. Subsequently, the entire Presidium was removed from office with the group of nine central European countries voting as a block.

Disregarding any required notices to member countries, and without an agenda item pertaining to the election of new officers, the Chair/Treasurer proceeded to call for a new election. He asked for a volunteer to conduct the elections (IVV rules required the election of at least three delegates to an Election Committee to oversee the election). After he received the first three nominations, the Chair/Treasurer solicited no other nominations, seated the three at the front of the room, and yielded the conduct of the meeting to their German member, allowing them to conduct the election of themselves as the Election Committee (IVV Bylaws Article 2 requires that a Chair must relinquish chairmanship for any deliberation, election or vote involving himself). Once they oversaw their own election, the Election Committee proceeded to elect new IVV officers, one by one. When VP Lynn Clark was nominated for a new VP position, she declined the nomination, again protesting the illegalities of the meeting and asking the membership why they would fire her and then ask her to run again for office.

It became clear to me in the voting for the three IVV Vice Presidents, that the group of nine central European countries, with Japan as an ally, had planned and orchestrated this takeover. Of the three VP positions, none of the group ran against each other so that all votes of the group of nine were cast for one nominee.

After election of the first two VP positions, I, and the Canadian President, were each asked if we would run for some IVV office. Realizing that our election would only add legitimacy to this electoral sham, we each declined to participate, citing the disregard of IVV Bylaws and Standing Rules.

On a curious note, later in the meeting, when the IVV voted to endorse Turkey as the country site for the 2011 IVV Olympiad, the Austrians, who had also bid for the Olympiad, complained that the new Presidium was not “following the rules”, apparently accepting previous deviation from the rules until they, themselves, became a victim. In this case, the rule that an Olympiad may be awarded only to an IVV member country was ignored, because the Olympiad vote came before the vote on granting full member country status to Turkey. While the Austrians had a valid complaint, the rules had apparently been ignored too many times by that point.

This meeting was a mockery. The “gang of nine” or perhaps only these individuals, placed their personal desire for power and control above harmonious relations among member countries who desire to promote the cause of sport for all people.

I have since read minutes from a meeting of the nine countries involved, held in Como, Italy several months prior to the Congress of Delegates. In spite of their public denials that they only addressed IVV politics at this meeting, the minutes clearly show their planned takeover. The minutes reveal that they classified all IVV member countries into three groups, “Central Europe”, “Rest of Europe”, and “Other”. Their group labeled “Other” includes: USA, Canada, England, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Korea. The minutes contain their comment that “. . . other English-speaking countries are very far off, and without us, they would fail for we “Central Europe” we are the financial base for all.”

Together with the insulting treatment of a valuable and competent American IVV officer, their repeated, intentional violations of IVV Bylaws and rules bring shame upon our entire movement. We must take the strongest action possible to protest this “putsch” and restore the importance of IVV ideals of unity of purpose and sport for all among IVV country members. If we cannot achieve a balance, then we just decide to pursue these ideals by some other means.

I have attached a second eyewitness perspective to the IVV Congress of Delegates meeting by including a document titled “IVV Report – July 2007,” written by Lynn Clark, former AVA President and AVA Hall of Fame member.

One Individual’s view of Historical Perspective on Recent IVV Events by Bob Wright

My sense is that there has been a growing dissatisfaction in the DVV ever since Odd Ivar Ruud assumed the IVV presidency—first non-German (and non former DVV president) to hold that office. Until 1993 in Denmark, the DVV had held most of the positions on the managing presidium; that began to change earlier, but I believe it tipped in 1993. Regardless of the exact timing, the DVV has been feeling left out. (You know that at the 1993 Congress there was maneuvering against the German candidate for IVV President [Kraft?]¹—because many felt he wasn’t well suited for the job.)

From the Como meeting comments at the meeting (“‘Central Europe’ as the [IVV’s] financial base” and that “without ‘Central Europe’ nothing would work in the IVV”), I sense a frustration that as the IVV has grown, with English as a first or second language around the world, the German speaking countries that formed the IVV found themselves on the outside looking in. As a bloc they hold the majority of the votes and provide the majority of the IVV’s funding from dues and IVV calendar sales, thus feeling an entitlement to run the organization

(that's politics, but not the IVV's history of internationalism and embracing all countries, evidenced, for example, by the decision to have an English-speaker on the presidium). The IVV has become more cosmopolitan in membership and on the presidium, but "Central Europe" felt left out.

There could be a sense of the IVV Rules becoming diluted too. I presume you are well aware of where the AVA does not follow the IVV Rules. And recall how Ted Ballman engineered passage of the 5-km distance - by secret ballot, which allowed newer members who felt somewhat beholden to the central European countries to still vote their consciences without overtly offending the Germans, etc. Don't know if some federations still smart from that.

Though I have not seen IVV statistics (numbers of clubs in each federation, IVV calendar sales by country) in more than a decade, I know the DVV saw a dramatic decline since the US greatly reduced its troop presence in Germany. (Can't tell if there's a national pride issue as well—Germany sees itself as the premier nation in continental Europe; Iraq led to a distain of the English-speakers [anti US and UK sentiment], and the US reciprocated, to include studying relocating its forces from Germany. And with the European Union concept there is a greater sense of stature and empowerment for central Europe in general and Germany in particular.)

Most telling is the comment that the IVV "Presidium has no ideas, nor the will, nor the time." Others probably have a better sense of what the "big travel agency" comment means - I can't tell if it refers only to your so-called first class travel or that having presidium meetings and Olympiads around the world takes up a large part of the IVV's funds that should be used in other ways to promote volkssports. By the way, is the "financial support" reference regarding the IVV-Europe committee or the IVV as a whole? The federations that banded together seem to think they have "new ideas" and ideas about "sponsors in order to benefit people" rather than fund global presidium travel - another possible sign of a more central Europe centric viewpoint.

Being merely a volkssporter, I may be too far down the line to receive information about what the IVV has been doing. From my vantage point and the information available to me, I would have to say the IVV won some excellent endorsements, continued to spread the IVV banner around the world, entered into a partnership with the IML (now IWA), and started some special programs of its own. If there was more, that information didn't reach my level either from the IVV's website, including IVV World Report, or through the AVA. This could merely be a communications issue. But if I am correct, or close, on either or both counts, there is some truth to where the central European federations are coming from.

Aside: The DVV office should do a good job administering things that the IVV has done with volunteers on the presidium. There used to be an Abzeichenwart in each DVV state who took care of processing most of the IVV books and presenting the patches and pins. As the AVA learned as it grew, you need staff to keep up as the work becomes overwhelming for volunteers. Cost shouldn't be great - look at how many people are completing the IVV Cup, etc. Another example of the Germans falling back on something familiar - their efficient DVV office.

My concern is that these countries, the IVV-Europe Committee, could have achieved their end without the messy situation they caused. They want a new beginning, seemingly to want to focus the IVV's resources on strengthening the current federations, especially those in central Europe (though for what purpose remains unclear), with perhaps less interest in globalization. That's an approach. You might know if the presidium would have been amenable to this segment of the IVV working on financial and sponsorship arrangements that would have benefited them alone. In the end, though, the committee may have felt the IVV's lack of ideas (and purpose?) was what was blocking the federation's development. My greatest fear is that this represents the central European countries turning inward and slowing the trend of international growth—categorizing federations by affiliation (which probably could be characterized as the core [central Europe], those the core developed [eastern Europe], and the others who joined the IVV in between [Scandinavia, the US, UK, Canada, Asia, South America, Africa, etc. less Japan which is awkwardly included with central Europe]) seems to imply their intent.

Until such time as the AVA, CVF, BWF and others think they know this group is anti English-speaking, I would hope the approach would be to continue expressing displeasure with the process—one that appears in contradiction to the IVV Statutes—and an apparent lack of caring and concern for the entire IVV family while expressing optimism that the new presidium's fresh ideas and plans for financial sponsorship will lead to the continued growth of the IVV to more countries and strengthening direct member clubs so that in time those countries too would join the as full-fledged members, or whatever your vision is for the IVV. I would watch to see if the new presidium's perspective remains international or retrenches on central Europe.

If the AVA, etc. are concerned that the presidium is ignoring them, put together your own group and a positive plan for international engagement by the IVV. Frame it in such a way as to engender IVV-wide support. The presidium and the bloc of nine plus Japan might come on board; if not, they show their hand (true direction, ignorance, indifference, whatever). Even if you count your votes and come up short, you already know you're in the minority, go forward - that at least will show solidarity for another specific approach.

I hope this has added a useful historical perspective to what's been going on lately.

From Curt Myron:

Dear AVA Volkssporters:

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I want to assure you that this subject was discussed in length at our AVA meeting and AVA Officers have agreed unanimously on how to deal with this situation. This message is to inform all AVA Clubs in this region of the situation.

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Second, we passed a motion to form a committee (commission or working group) to further assess this situation and make recommendations to the AVA's Executive Council regarding the nature of the AVA's future relationship with the IVV.

Third, we passed a motion to encourage all AVA clubs to submit Event Sanction Requests for as many events anticipated for 2008 as possible BEFORE September 1, 2007.

The reason for this is that in the midst of the discussions in Europe, it was stated that the AVA was not that significant and that all anyone had to do to verify this was to look at the IVV's Schedule of Events.

It is true that in the IVV's Annual World-wide Schedule of Events book, the list of events occurring in the USA is rather small compared to most of the other country members. This is because, in order to be published in their annual book, like our "Starting Point," all events must be sanctioned and submitted to the IVV by September 15th. For events to be sanctioned by the AVA and submitted to the IVV by that date, they must be sanctioned by the AVA by September 1st.

Email from Curt Myron, President of the AVA re: IVV Happenings

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