

**Minutes of the WMCR meeting of countries
taking part of the 9th World Championships for tether cars
Tallinn, Estonia on August 12, 2004 at 19.00**

Representatives of the following countries were present:

Finland, USA, Australia, Sweden, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Ukraine, Russia, Hungary, Switzerland, Germany, Estonia (altogether 12 countries).

In addition to that 3 WMCR directors were present: Paul-Otto Ströbel, Nick Tucci II, Robert Buckley.

The meeting was lead by Paul-Otto Ströbel, president of FEMA.

Three topics were in the agenda which were discussed in the form of free conversation.

1. Differences of bridle dimentions in the current FEMA and WMCR rules.

The dimentions and screw sizes of bridles are in FEMA rules in spots smaller than in WMCR rules and that can cause misunderstandings at World Meet competitions. As speeds are continually increasing, WMCR is not willing to reduce the dimentions in their rules. Then a proposal was made by Urs Bach (Switzerland) to discuss this question inside FEMA in order to find solutions of how to similize the FEMA bridle specifications with those of WMCR starting from 2008.

2. Paul-Otto Ströbel gave a survey about the current situation in FEMA:

- too many competitions during the season and therefore not so many paricipants at every competition;
- the real number of people who are engaged in gets smaller year after year;
- competitions are not that rich in participants and exciting anymore, especially in certain classes where not enough new engines and spare parts are available to everybody.

He informed that discussions have already been started in FEMA about what could be changed in the nearest future to improve the situation.

Dan Bridges from the USA noted that the same problem exists also in WMCR. He suggested forming a certain group or committee (worldwide maybe even more of them) which would be working on the different ideas and opinions. After 3 years each of them would give a report taking into consideration all available factors.

With this proposal the theme was closed. Nobody was personally named to start working with this investigation and it was left under the supervision of the three WMCR directors.

3. Organising the next World Championships.

It was agreed with America and Australia that the next World Meet will take place in Europe, after that one in Australia and one in America. From Europe came a proposal to hold the next World Meet in Jaroslawl, Russia. After long discussions it was agreed that the time will be September, 2007.

The minutes were taken by Lembit Vaher, race director of the 9th World Meet in Tallinn, Estonia.