

CONGRESS MINUTES  
PANAMERICAN TRIATHLON CONFEDERATION  
PATCO 2011

**1. Roll-call of Members.**

In the city of Puerto Vallarta, Guadalajara, Mexico, at 09:30 pm on Friday, October 21, 2011. At such place, day and hour to conduct the Congress Meeting of the Pan American Triathlon Confederation, the President Alberto Fonollosa called to the General Assembly to the order and asked to the Chair of the Credentials Committee, Adonay Mancía, to inform the presence of the delegates attending this meeting. Mancía, reported that the following delegates from twenty-nine national federations of the region were present:

**Antigua**

Lakeram Doorgen  
Jo-Ann Lewis

**Argentina**

Fernando Baez  
Eugenio Balbi

**Belize**

Giovanni Alamilla

**Bermudas**

Patty Petty

**Bolivia**

Jorge Castro Fiorilo

**Brazil**

Carlos A. Machado Froes  
Roberto Menescal

**Canada**

Stephen Holmes  
Luc Laundriault

**Chile**

Wladimir Gajardo Escobar  
Fernando Suárez Pérez

**Colombia**

Jose Luis Echeverry A.  
Claudia Patricia Sabogal G.  
Carlos Felipe Guzman R.

**Costa Rica**

María Cristina González C.  
Silvia González Pinto

**Cuba**

Flabio Carmona  
Rolando Herrera

**Ecuador**

Cornelio Serrano R.  
Piedad Ulloa Camposano

**El Salvador**

Adonay Osmin Mancía  
Luis Mario García

**USA**

Bob Wendling

**Guatemala**

Roberto Estuardo Vergara  
Jorge Mario Cordón

**Honduras**

Leslie Poujol  
Pablo Rubio

**USA Virgin Islands**

Scott Fricks

**Jamaica**

Alan Beckford

**Mexico**

Jaime Cadaval  
Gerardo Gutierrez Zetina  
Patricia Cebrián

**Nicaragua**

Antonio Silva Palacios

**Panama**

Ivette Bourette

**Paraguay**

Walter Eisenkowitz

**Peru**

Mario Venero

**Puerto Rico**

Fernando Delgado  
Claudio Adam

**Dominican Republic**

Luis López  
Fernando Tiburcio

**Suriname**

Guno Van der Jagt

**St. Kitts y Nevis**

Gregg Phillip

**Uruguay**

Santiago Rafael Moyano

**Venezuela**  
Pedro Miguel Espejo Paz

Adonay Mancía informed that the following National Federations sent their accreditation documents for their delegates but by the time of the call to the order they were not present:

**Barbados**  
Greg Kealey

**Grenada**  
Marc DeCaul

**St. Lucía**  
David Peterkin

It is also reported by Adonay Mancía that the delegate from St. Lucia Triathlon National Federation and the delegate of Barbados Triathlon Federation made their entry after the closing time and indicated that the General Assembly will decide if they are allowed to participate with all their rights in the Assembly.

Once the General Assembly has known the quorum, this was unanimously approved and legally constituted with the rights of voice and vote to each National Federation.

## **2. President's Report.**

The President of PATCO, Alberto Fonollosa, welcomed the delegates and emphasized that all information about the conducted activities from January to September 2011 was previously sent to all National Federations.

## **3. Financial Statements.**

Based on the documents submitted, the report of the annual budget 2010 and the fiscal year report until 30-09-2011 were submitted to approval of the General Assembly. It was agreed unanimously to approve the financial statements as presented.

Alberto Fonollosa noticed the presence of Marisol Casado, President of the International Triathlon ITU, Loreen Barnett, Secretary General of the ITU Triathlon Federation and Les McDonald, Honorary President also the ITU International Triathlon.

Marisol Casado, President of the ITU expressed she is grateful to be able to attend the General Assembly of PATCO as part of her work as ITU President and Member of the International Olympic Committee, merits that help our sport to move forward in its development. Additionally, she shared a brief summary of her activities after the Beijing ITU World Congress held in September.

She also thanked Alberto Fonollosa, for his leadership as President of PATCO in the past years and also for been a source of inspiration to all of us; she expects that Mr. Fonollosa will continue with his support to the development of PATCO.

## **4. 2011 Sport Development Activities Report.**

Gustavo Svane, Continental Coordinator of ITU-PATCO, summarized the administration of funding for the sport development activities in the region from January to September 2011. The Executive Board asked the approval of the report to the General Assembly and it was unanimously approved.

Alberto Fonollosa informed that they had some troubles with PATCO account in Argentina with electronic transfers due to circumstances beyond PATCO administration. The problem came up from the bank in which PATCO has its account and that was the reason why some payments were delayed but at this time PATCO is working on these payments process.

Gustavo Svane reported also about sports development activities that were conducted in the region, and indicated that PATCO actually is divided into three main development areas: governance and administration, sport events and coaches and athletes.

Also informed about the administrative activities of PATCO: Website, translation of material, notes and news of ITU and PATCO, identification of working NFs affiliated and no affiliated, implementation of toolbox, administrative restructuring with the incorporation of Vicky Reyes as Administrative Assistant.

Among the sports development activities, PATCO held five Technical Officials courses and four Coaches' courses during the year.

The Athlete Assistance Program for Emerging and Developing Federations in 2011 received 151 applications from NFs, increasing in a 44% the number of submitted applications in 2010. PATCO granted the assistance to 122 athletes, representing 72% of the applications received with an estimated budget of U.S. \$ 123,000 with the funding contribution of the local organizing committees of the Continental Cups.

The Americas competition calendar for the current year 2011 was integrated by a total of 4 World Cups, 5 Pan American Championships, 19 Continental Cups and 3 Junior Sub Regional events.

Gustavo mentioned that is already in process the draft of the calendar for the 2012 events which will include two new scenarios, Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados.

## **5. Sport Development Continental Program**

Rodrigo Milazzo, Chair of Coaches Commission reported about the development activities in the area of coaches and athletes. He remarked the importance in achieving goals jointly with ITU Development Department in all the development programs of PATCO.

**Joint Activities Iberoamerican Triathlon Association.** It is remarked by Alberto Fonollosa the importance of this program in the development of every national federation. This resource is provided by the Spanish Cooperation Agreements and it is necessary to know the process on how to apply.

**Project Proposals.** Junior Final Ranking, Team PATCO, Talent Detection, PATCO High Performance Center and PATCO E-Learning coaches' development..

Rodrigo Milazzo reported about the Junior Athletes Development 2011 and 2012. Classification and Ranking: The Junior Sub-Regional selective competitions adopted in 2011 to classify for Edmonton, Canada Pan American Junior Championships were: The North American Junior Triathlon Championships in Clermont, USA; the South American Junior Triathlon Championships in Salinas, Ecuador; and the Central American and Caribbean Junior Triathlon Championships in Guatapé, Colombia. With this new classification system the participation of 106 athletes was achieved and for the next year 2012 PATCO will adopt the same system and the new proposal of Junior Ranking as well as the proposal of creating a

Junior Athlete Assistance Program so PATCO will be able to keep developing junior athletes competing and thus achieve maximum participation at the Junior Pan-American Championships.

## **6. Approval PATCO Constitution Amendments.**

The Executive Board through the Vice-President, Dr. Mario Rodríguez, indicated that the proposal of PATCO Constitution Amendments will be discussed in more detail because it is an issue that must be analyzed carefully. The Constitution Committee, whose members will be elected at this meeting, will have the duty to bring up the subject again and propose other changes for the approval of the General Assembly.

## **7. 2012 London Olympic Games.**

**Continental Athlete's Attendance Report.** Rodrigo Milazzo presented the evolution of the participation of athletes from the region since Triathlon was included at the Olympic Games in Sydney 2000. He emphasized that the number of athletes of the continent has been significantly reduced and that a better analysis has to be done to increase the participation of more athletes and flags.

Wladimir Gajardo indicated that it is essential to improve the quality of athletes in order to participate at this event.

Alberto Fonollosa expressed that the 2011 Pan American Games has achieved a historical number of participating at this event; the quotas for men and women were all filled and a waiting list of women was still pending, for this reason PATCO will be working to increase the quota for women for the next Pan American Games in order to have an equal number of half men and half women at this great event.

Marisol Casado congratulated Rodrigo Milazzo for his report and indicated that it is necessary to make a study of the impact that faces our continent with the actual ITU classification system. Rodrigo Milazzo indicated that the athletes of the Americas are in disadvantage with the actual Olympic Classification System because they do not have the opportunity to participate in all competitions of the region because travel costs, etc..

Luis López expressed his opinion about the actual system of classification for the Olympics. He indicated triathlon is a solid and strong sport. He also emphasized that if one of the goals of ITU is to include more flags at the Olympic Games they should evaluate the actual classification system of points. In other sports there are classification systems by continents or even in groups where there are a certain number of places granted. The ITU actual system of dragging points from previous years and the accumulation of points in the competition year give less opportunity to the athletes of our region and because of this it is necessary to do a real study in order to analyze the quotas that can be given by regions not forgetting about athlete's quality. In our continent we have many athletes with the capacity to participate and represent us at a great level at the Olympics, he says.

Luis López also requested to the ITU staff, to continue encouraging the inclusion of new medals for Triathlon in Olympic events.

José Luis Echeverry commented about the problem his National Federation had to deal with the Colombian National Olympic Committee when the NOC denied to grant them the third slot won by his

country for the PanAms saying that they do not consider the third athlete may do a representative role. He remarked that if the team medal had been available in the Pan American Games they could have achieved a better position. Because of this situation he asked ITU staff to continue their efforts to strengthen the negotiation of new medals and also requests to Mr. Antonio Alvarez to keep working jointly in order to integrate this medal at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto.

Marisol Casado notified that there is actually an ITU working group who is in charge of these issues.

## 8. 2011 Guadalajara Pan-American Games

**Organizing Committee Report.** Jaime Cadaval welcomed NFs and reported that the scenario for the competition is the one used in the test event for the Pan American Triathlon Championships in 2010. The swimming course had some changes based on the proposals made by the technical delegates, Mario Rodriguez and Enrique Quesada, who worked very hard in partnership with the Local Organizing Committee.

He remarked that if any National Federation needs support he will be more than grateful to help them.

**Technical Delegates Report.** Dr. Mario Rodríguez, one of the Technical Delegates of the event, reported that they have had a great support from the City of Vallarta after the event in 2010. The City of Vallarta has made substantial investments in order to have a safe and high quality event for all participants.

The details about the competition, circuits, etc.. were previously sent to all National Federations by the Technical Delegates Mario Rodriguez and Enrique Quesada.

## 9. Elections 2011-2015.

Following the agenda, Alberto Fonollosa, informed to the General Assembly that there is consensus among all nominated persons to the election positions to present a single list of election and therefore he submitted to the General Assembly this single proposal for their approval. The General Assembly unanimously and by acclamation approved the proposal and elected the following people for the different positions of the Executive Committee, Standing Committees and Commissions for the next period 2011-2015.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

<b>President:</b>	Dr. Mario Rodríguez	GUATEMALA
<b>Secretary General:</b>	Jaime Cadaval	MEXICO
<b>Vice-president:</b>	Stephen Holmes	CANADA
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Bob Wendling	USA
<b>Members:</b>	Carlos Machado Froes	BRAZIL
	José Luis Echeverry	COLOMBIA
	Cornelio Serrano	ECUADOR
	Wladimir Gajardo	CHILE
	Luis López	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

<b>Honorary President:</b>	Alberto Fonollosa	ARGENTINA
<b>Honorary Member:</b>	Antonio Álvarez	MEXICO
<b>Subregional Representatives:</b>	Melissa Merson	USA
	Ivette Bourette	PANAMA

#### **MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

Roberto Nahon	BRAZIL
Lenin Hernández	CUBA

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Luc Landriault	CANADA
Elizabeth Farnan	USA
Mario Venero	PERU

#### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Piedad Ulloa	ECUADOR
Patricia Cebrián	MEXICO
Gerardo Zetina	MEXICO

#### **CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

Roberto Menescal	BRAZIL
Rob Kasper	USA
Adonay Mancia	EL SALVADOR

#### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Fernando Suarez	CHILE
Sheila O'Kelly	CANADA
Esteban Benitez	MEXICO
Julio Segovia	VENEZUELA
Leslie Pujol	HONDURAS

#### **COACHES COMMISSION**

Rodrigo Milazzo	BRAZIL
Marco Laporta	BRAZIL
Ángel Matute	ECUADOR
Ana Lecumberri	CHILE
Claudio Adam	PUERTO RICO
Mario Cordon	GUATEMALA
Roberto Solano	COSTA RICA
Edgar Rodríguez	MEXICO
Steve Kelley	USA
Nahuel Cabrera	ARGENTINA
Manuel Iván Hernández	COLOMBIA
Craig Taylor	CANADA

#### **WOMEN COMMISSION**

Ivette Bourette	PANAMA
Melissa Merson	USA
Piedad Ulloa	ECUADOR
Virginia Reyes	GUATEMALA
Claudia Sabogal	COLOMBIA

#### **10. New Business**

Promotional video presentation of the Triathlon World Cup to be held in Guatapé, Colombia next November and invitation to the event presented by Claudia Patricia Sabogal of the Colombian Federation of Triathlon.

Fernando Baez made the invitation to all National Federations to participate in the Pan American Triathlon Championships to be held in La Paz, Argentina 14 and January 15, 2012. In this activity he indicated that the Organizing Committee is working steadily in every detail to give the continent a great event.

Meeting adjournment at 01:30 p.m.