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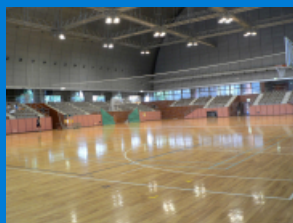
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Angus Epp

Japan World Cup Website

web-jpfa.jp/wc/en/



Japan World Cup 2007

BumB Tokyo Sports Center

FIPFA World Cup, Japan, October 6-15, 2007

A Message from Angus Epp, the Canadian Delegate to Japan

Hello Power Soccer Players Across Canada!

The FIPFA World Cup Tournament in Japan is coming up soon. I'm honored to be your representative at the World Congress meeting that follows the Tournament. For those of you who don't know, the *Canadian Power Soccer Association* (CPSA) met in July of 2007 at the Mountain Madness Tournament and decided to ask me to be their voting delegate.

I thought I would tell you a little bit about myself. I'm an Assistant Coach for the Surrey Transformers, and have been a Power Soccer player for 10 years. I'm a committee member of the CPSA and I participated in the Atlanta Summit in 2006 (where the FIPFA constitution and rules were established). I also recently completed a Coaching Course Level 1.

At the World Congress, representatives from each country (8 in total) will be meeting to discuss the future of Powerchair Football. It is my job to listen to whatever you as players have to say, so that when I am voting on any issues that come up at the Congress, I'll know what you think, and this will help me when I'm putting forward a Canadian point of view.

I will also be talking with the *Canadian Power Soccer Association* directors and I will be meeting with Ross McDonald at *Sportability*, because he is responsible for Sport Development in BC, and *BC Power Soccer* is a member of Sportability, so he is there to help Power Soccer as well as other sports to develop.

I'd like to invite everyone, including the players or officials from Quebec to send me any concerns by email: acepp@shaw.ca

What happens at a FIPFA World Congress

This is the agenda for the World Congress meeting, which takes place on October 14, 2007, for half a day at the end of the World Cup in Japan.

1. Approve the agenda.
2. Propositions and amendments (reading, discussion, vote).
3. Other questions.
4. Executive council election.
5. Conclusion.

Specific items have not yet been added and presented to the countries.

If there are any amendments to the Constitution, FIPFA will inform the countries ahead of time so that their members can discuss them and give input to their delegates who will be attending the Congress.

FIPFA has already received nominations from all the countries for the

FIPFA Website

www.fipfa.org/?lang=en

Remember when?



19" Sparteck Ball



10" Sparteck Ball,
Presented in Portugal



13" Sparteck Ball,
Currently Used

Executive Council Election (the *Canadian Power Soccer Association* sent in one for Cheryl Epp for the position of Treasurer of FIPFA). There will only be a vote if there is more than one nomination for a position. If this happens, then Angus Epp, as voting delegate, will vote for Canada.

Other questions, there will probably be a vote to accept a minimum criteria classification system. Canada has already sent comments made by the CPSA directors and committee members to the FIPFA Classification Committee, and Terrie Moore from BC (a Canadian Classifier for Boccia, familiar with the International Paralympic Committee Classification code) is a member of that committee.

Fundraising for the Canadian Delegate to Japan

If you would like to make a donation, or can think of someone who might like to, to help cover Angus' costs plus his attendant's cost (less 750 which Angus has offered to pay as his contribution), you can check out his pledge page on the website of **Pinc Giving** at **www.pincgiving.com/campaign/power_soccer_world_cup**. This is a foundation that helps out worthy causes by setting up a pledge page on their website and collecting online donations. They have chosen **Sending a Canadian Power Soccer Delegate to Japan** as one of their projects. If more donations are raised than Angus' goal, the donations will go to the *Canadian Power Soccer Association*. *Pinc Giving* has a charitable number and gives tax receipts. They offer a way to receive donations, but Angus still has to go out and find sponsors or individuals to make donations.

If you go to their link and type in Angus or Power Soccer in the search box, it will take you to the story about his project. It mentions the *Canadian Power Soccer Association*, and after he gets back, they want to print a story about his trip and send it to 60,000 businesses to help raise awareness about the *Canadian Power Soccer Association*. This may help to find a business sponsor for CPSA.

Sparteck Ball Chosen for World Cup

Sparteck, a Canadian ball manufacturer from Burnaby, BC, has been making Power Soccer balls for several years now. Here is some of the history.

BC Power Soccer used to receive 19" balls as gifts from Japan, whenever they happened to visit and play the Vancouver team. Shipping from Japan was costly and difficult, so one of the BC coaches phoned all the ball manufacturers in the area to see if anyone would be interested in making a ball. Lido Peloso, from *Sparteck*, was the only one who responded positively. He worked with us, without charging for production costs, developing 3 of the larger style balls until a suitable style was found. Later on, when FIPFA started up, Canada, U.S. and France asked him to develop a ball, a little larger than a basketball, because France wasn't able to get a suitable ball made for their style of play, and of course an international set of rules was being developed at the time, so there was a great deal of interest in trying different sizes and styles of balls.

The new ball was presented at the Congress in Portugal in October 2005 and received a favourable response. This is where 13" was decided upon for a ball size and *Sparteck* again made a ball to take to Atlanta in 2006. After experimenting with different balls the glossy style was decided upon, and before the Referee Training and Executive Meeting in Paris in April of 2007, *Sparteck* made another ball based on the new recommendations.

GVEWSS Website

www.geocities.com/gvewss/

BC Power Soccer Website

www.geocities.com/powersoccerbc/



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Canadian Power Soccer Association Website

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This new ball was accepted in Paris by the FIPFA Executive Committee as the Official Ball of the FIPFA 2007 World Cup. Thanks to Lido and *Sporteck* for putting Canada on the map with Powerchair Football!

Mountain Madness Tournament Burnaby BC

A big thank you to the **Greater Vancouver Electric Wheelchair Sports Society** (GVEWSS) for hosting a wonderful tournament this July!

This was the first opportunity for two Canadian teams, BC and Quebec, to play a National Game in the history of Power Soccer in Canada. It was also the first opportunity to invite a team from Washington to a BC Tournament. Thank you to all the participants in this incredible event. Go to the link provided to get a complete story on the Mountain Madness Tournament.

It was also an opportunity for *BC Power Soccer* to hold a Referee Training before the Tournament. Thanks to Gordon Marks from *BC Power Soccer* and Chris MulHolland from Virginia, USA, assisted by the Fernando Foundation and FIPFA, for putting on this well-attended event.

Who's Who at CPSA

Directors and Committee Members

Cheryl Epp (President /Constitution Committee)

Claude Guilbault (Vice-President)

Carol Turnbull (Secretary/Treasurer)

Ana Lu (Director, also a player representative)

Terrie Moore (liason with BC CP Sports, classification and tournament committees)

Jo-Ann Arvey (liason with Quebec CP Sports)

Gordon Marks (BC Rep)

Raymond St. Jean (Quebec Rep and Constitution Committee)

Jordan Marks (Membership Committee)

Dale McLeod (Website Communications Committee)

Angus Epp and Spencer Williams (Newsletter Committee)