

## Protocol for the meeting with manufacturers in Brezno

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Place: Brezno

Present: Stefan Pauly - Pauly, Martin Kozak – ZAKO, Zoran Pavlic – MP bowling, Miloš Milivojević – ARX bowling, Marcel Pintyoke – president of NBC, Nikola Filipović – Chairman of Technical committee

At the beginning of the meeting I expressed my greeting to all present manufacturers and installers. The invitation was sent to all of European manufacturers and installers.

The themes of the meeting were:

1. News about new WNBA economic guideline
2. Quality of materials installed in modern bowling alleys
3. Software used on big competitions
4. Their ideas for improving bowling alleys.

1. There were no complaints about new economic guidelines, all of present manufacturers and installers accepted the decision. Miloš Milivojević said that the yearly amounts should be higher.

2. I informed everyone present that the quality of materials installed lately are not at the highest level and I expect better assembly and performance in the future. All of the present manufacturers swear they are using quality materials even though I am not convinced, some bowling alleys installed lately have problems several months after assembly, mostly on the Balkan region.

We talked about the problem with lino which happened in WC Varaždin, and the same problem was present in WC Brezno. After a first few days of both World cups the balls faded and lost their glossy finish. I told them I expect this will not happen again on the World cup, as it doesn't happen on regular bowling alleys. Martin Kozak mentioned they have problems with the quality of lino material because of European politics of using recycled materials.

3. I mentioned problems with software in WC Varaždin where the software did not work properly during the whole Championship, Final four of the Champions League in Bačka Topola where there were some issues with software during the competition. Zoran Pavlic from MP bowling admitted he should have tested the bowling alley few days before and said he will not be competing for any more World championships. Miloš Milivojević thinks his software runs flawless even though I presented the video materials where he could see the flaws.

I also told all of them the Technical committee expects them to follow the article 2.1. of the WNBA Technical regulations where the fallen pins can be registered only inside the 4 seconds frame. Unfortunately in Brezno there was a 5 seconds period and when I confronted Mr. Pauly about it he said it is just a delay in a computer registration of fallen down pins. When you watch the tapes from Brezno you can see this is not true.

So it is a mistake from the lane inspector who inspected the bowling alley and we should be more strict in the next WC.

4. I asked for all of the manufacturers for their ideas and improvement proposals. They asked if they can be involved in the next changes of Technical regulations because they think they can answer what can and can not be implemented. They also mentioned they were members of the Technical committee in the past. My opinion is they can be present on the meeting but either we should invite all of them or none.  
There was a discussion about certification of equipment. They said the problem with certification in current form is they can not install the equipment anywhere before they have a licence, and nobody can allow them to install the equipment without licences because they can not get a certificate for the bowling alley. Their proposal was to grant a provisional licence for a year and test the equipment in that period so if everything is in order they can get a licence for the equipment. I said we will discuss the proposal in our next meeting.