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20th Ordinary General Assembly

Saturday, 18th March 2017
Hotel Best Western Expo, Sofia

Meeting Minutes

Start of Meeting: 09:05
End of Meeting: 12:55

Introduction & Welcome

The Minister of Sport, Ms Daniela Dasheva, and the President of the Bulgarian Sailing Federation, Evgeni Mavrodiev, jointly welcomed all delegates and observers to the meeting. Marco Predieri (ITA), EUROSAF's President, gave them a response expressing the gratitude of all present for their hospitality.

The 20th Ordinary General Assembly was called to order at 09:10 Roland Regnemer, the new Secretary General, gave a short introduction and an explanation of proceedings.

1. Election of Meeting Chairman & Election Panel

The Executive Committee proposed that György Wossala (HUN, Honorary President) be the chairman of the meeting. The vote was unanimously in favour.

The Executive Committee proposed that Olivier Bovyn (FRA), Ivo Jaić (CRO), and John Friend (GBR) form the Election Panel. The proposal was approved unanimously.

György Wossala assumed the chair.

2. Presents and Apologies for Absence

John Friend read out attendance details. There were 38 countries represented, 12 of whom were proxy delegates. A list of delegates is appended to these minutes. No apologies were received.

3. Minutes of 19th Ordinary General Assembly in 2016

Minutes of the OGA & SGA in 2016, which included amendments received, had been approved in accordance with Article 8 h) of the Constitution. The minutes were signed by the retiring President.

The 20th Ordinary General Assembly was adjourned at 09:20 to give way to the 14th Special General Assembly.

Dated:



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The Special General Assembly was closed at 09:50 and the Ordinary General Assembly reconvened at 10:10.

4. To Receive the Financial Report for 2016

The retiring Treasurer, Andreas Denecke (GER), presented the accounts for the year ending on 31st December 2016. He highlighted a profit of about € 8.000, mostly due to significantly lower investments than originally budgeted in all areas.

5. To Receive the Auditors Report

On behalf of the Audit Committee, François Schluchter (SUI) read a statement, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The Committee concluded that, in their opinion, the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, as per the documents provided, the financial position of EUROSAF as of December 31st, 2016 and its financial performance for the year then ended, and recommended the General Assembly to approve the accounts for 2016. The General Assembly was informed that some countries had not updated their subscription and urged the Treasurer to follow up this situation.

6. To Approve the Financial Statements for 2016

The accounts for 2016 were approved unanimously. A copy of the accounts for the year ending on 31st December 2016 is appended to these minutes.

7. To Receive the Annual Report from the Retiring Secretary General

Annual report from retiring Secretary General focused on his time in office, rather than just the last 12 months and the years prior to that as Secretary and Vice-President.

8. Granting of Relief (Discharge of Responsibility) of the Retiring Executive

The meeting was to note that the responsibilities of the retiring members of the Executive Board, including the President and four Vice-Presidents, were discharged.

9. Election of the new Executive Board and the Audit Committee

The candidates for President, Stig Hvide-Smith (NOR) and Josep M. Pla (AND), were invited to present themselves and their programmes before the vote. After the presentations Stig Hvide-Smith withdrew his candidacy. Ion Echave (ESP) asked for a vote to elect the President, even though there was only one candidate. Josep M. Pla was elected by all delegates present but one abstention.

Armando Goulartt (POR) withdrew his candidacy for Vice-President and the remaining candidates had the opportunity to present themselves. After a secret ballot, the elected Vice-Presidents were (in alphabetic order): Mar Castanedo (ESP), Tomasz Chamera (POL), Pınar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS), Timo Hass (GER), Marco Predieri (ITA).



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François Schluchter (SUI) and Maja Leśny (POL) were re-elected to the Audit Committee for one year; François Schluchter proposed that after that term one of them goes on for one more year to insure continuity.

After the elections were completed, Josep M. Pla took over the presidency of the meeting, thanking György Wossala.

10. To Receive and Approve the Budget for 2017

Andreas Denecke explained that, due to the renewal of the whole Executive Board, he was not in a position to prepare a budget on behalf of the new Executive Board. It was agreed that the new Executive would draw up a budget, circulate it to the Members, and obtain their approval via email.

11. Other Business

a) To approve the venue for the AGM in 2018 and welcome offers to host the 2019 meeting.

After confirmation was received from Armando Goulartt (POR), it was decided that the General Assembly 2018 will convene in Vilamoura, Portugal on 9th March 2018.

Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR) invited the AGM to convene in Turkey in 2019, dates and exact location pending confirmation.

b) To invite all delegates to an informal meeting after the closure of the General Assembly.

Josep M. Pla invited all delegates to an open discussion with the Executive Board in the afternoon to share their views and their specific challenges.

The 20th Ordinary General Assembly was closed at 12:55.