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14th Special General Assembly

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

Meeting Minutes

Start of Meeting: 09:20
End of Meeting: 09:50

The meeting Chairman, György Wossala (HUN), called the meeting to order at 09:20 with 38 members present or represented.

Stanislav Kassarov (BUL) exposed the goal of the meeting as being to discuss and vote upon the proposed new Constitution and the various amendments brought forward by the Executive Board and some Members. Stanislav Kassarov explained that the Working Party convened by the General Assembly in Minsk the previous year, led by him, had drafted the proposed text.

Josep M. Pla (AND) submitted a motion whereby the General Assembly should:

(1) approve

- (a) the Constitution as drafted by the Working Party, known as version 3 and sent to the Members in due time, together with
- (b) the proposal submitted by BUL that clarified the election of the Executive Board members and
- (c) a friendly amendment to the BUL proposal whereby six Vice-Presidents should be elected, rather than three Vice-Presidents and three Executive Board members;

(2) defer all other proposed amendments; and

(3) instruct the Executive Board to convene a Working Party to

- (a) receive proposals of amendment from the Members,
- (b) study them, and
- (c) bring them to the General Assembly in 2018.

In support of his proposal, Josep M. Pla explained that the Working Party had done a great job in drafting the text; that the text was in line with Swiss law, a clear necessity; and that, among other improvements, the Executive Board gained two members, a welcome increase of manpower. He considered that approving the text would bring in these benefits to EUROSAF and also signal a new start, both of which he valued positively. He added that the time to bring forth proposals to amend the draft had been short and that the amendments proposed did not include the opinions expressed by some Members and this situation, in his view, could be better handled by a paused examination by a Working Party. György Wossala seconded the motion.

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Kjell Borking (SWE) put forward an alternative motion, namely that

- (1) the current Constitution should remain in force for a further year;
- (2) the proposed new Constitution drafted by the Working Party plus all proposed amendments should be referred back to the new Executive Board for further consideration; and
- (3) a new draft should then be presented to the General Assembly in 2018. He added that EUROSAF should consider ways of making its Constitution closer to that of World Sailing.

François Schluchter (SUI) seconded the motion.

Ion Echave (ESP) exposed that a decision had to be taken and looked forward to a debate.

Nino Shmueli (ISR) asked at what time the new Constitution would come into effect if approved. Both Stanislav Kassarov and the retiring Secretary General, John Friend, confirmed it would come into effect immediately.

The chairman asked for a vote on the first motion, submitted by Josep M. Pla. The vote resulted in 29 in favour, 6 against, and 3 abstentions. György Wossala announced that as the motion had received the support of more than two thirds of the Members present or represented, the new Constitution had effectively been approved and that there was no need to vote on the second motion, submitted by Kjell Borking.

The Special General Assembly was closed at 09:50.