



EUROPEAN SAILING FEDERATION

THE CONTINENTAL ASSOCIATION FOR SAILING IN EUROPE
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24th Ordinary General Assembly

Zoom

17 April 2021 – 10.00-14.30h CET

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome

At 10.06h CET, the president, Josep M. Pla (AND), welcomed all delegates and observers, together with World Sailing president Quanhai Li (CHN) and vice-presidents Özlem Akdurak (TUR) and Tomasz Chamera (POL), to the 2021 EUROSAF Ordinary General Assembly. He shortly explained the rules of the meeting and the voting procedure. The meeting was recorded by the secretary general, Doris Gstatter (AUT).

2. Roll call and apologies for absence

At the technical entering to the Zoom meeting Roland Regnemer (AUT), assistant to the secretary general, carried out the attendance check. At the beginning of the meeting there were 36 Members represented; from 11.20h CET onwards there were 37. The list of attendees is attached to the minutes (appendix 1).

Apologies for absence were received from Jack Roy (IRL) and Anne Mallédant (FRA), both candidates for the Executive Board.

3. World Sailing statement

The World Sailing president expressed his regrets that the meeting could not take place physically. He summarized the current situation at the IOC with the Mixed Offshore discipline. Referring to the relationship between World Sailing and EUROSAF, he stressed the importance of building strong ties between the two organizations and expressed his support to continue consolidating them. He also pointed out the World Sailing Regional Townhall Meetings, the new World Sailing Newsletter, and the importance of two-way communication.

The president thanked him for attending the meeting and for his extended hand.

4. Nomination of scrutineers

The president handed over to the secretary general for a test vote with the electronic voting system "NemoVote".

The Executive Board proposed to have a physical meeting later this year, if possible.
Voting result: Yes: 28 – No: 1 – Abstain: 3

After the test vote, and in view of the long time needed to run the process, the president proposed to take the decisions by general assent to speed up the process. Before every decision, he would ask if anyone wanted a formal vote. If no delegate



asked for a formal vote, he would then go into general assent by asking if anyone would want to vote against, or abstain. This simplified procedure could not be used for the vice-presidents' election, of course.

The president proposed to nominate Eyal Jaffe (ISR) and Stanislav Kassarov (BUL), members of the Legal Committee, and Tomasz Chamera, EUROSAF and World Sailing vice-president, as the scrutineers of the General Assembly.

Voting result: The proposed scrutineers were accepted unanimously by general assent.

5. Report of the president and the Executive Board

The report was sent to all Members before the meeting. The president stated that Executive Board members would only highlight some points in their areas of responsibility and that some items would be added. Vice-president Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR) reported about the Race Officials Exchange Programme, Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS) reported about EUROSAF Events, Timo Hass (GER) about the cooperation with the Austrian Sailing Federation and communications, Tomasz Chamera (POL) about his continued support of EUROSAF, and Marco Predieri (ITA) about eSailing activities and collaboration with Members for new initiatives. The report is available at <https://www.eurosaf.org/past-activities/69-ordinary-general-assembly-2021>. There were no questions or comments.

6. Report of the secretary general

The secretary general reported about office activities, new workflows, and the strengthening of communication channels to meet the new requirements. The report is available at <https://www.eurosaf.org/past-activities/69-ordinary-general-assembly-2021>.

Charles Glover (GBR) asked whether the support from the Austrian Sailing Federation had been enhanced to have the secretary general and now also an assistant, inquired about the definition of responsibilities between them, and suggested to integrate Instagram as an information channel. The president explained that the funding from the Austrian Ministry of Sport provided for a part-time secretary and additional administrative support. At the beginning of the relationship, the support had been provided by staff from the Austrian Sailing Federation; with the handover to Doris, this was changed to someone specifically, which is Roland. The secretary general explained she is the contact person for everybody, and the tasks are split internally to get the best solutions. She stated that Instagram would be a next step, as soon as the secretariat has the capacity to include more channels by using them actively and successfully.



7. Members in arrears

Timo Hass, treasurer, reported there were two Members in arrears. With one Member EUROSAF had found an agreement, with the other there are discussions to solve the issue. For 2020 and 2021 there was no Member in arrears.

He also reported that in 2011 Armenia was admitted as a Member but they left in 2013. Now they had asked to become a Member again.

The Executive Board proposed to accept Armenia as a new Member of EUROSAF. Voting result: The proposal was approved unanimously by general assent.

8. 2020 Financial report

The treasurer presented the accounts, sent to all Members before the meeting, for the year ending on 31 December 2020 and explained the financial situation. As there were nearly no events in 2020 and the Executive Board deemed incurring expenses was not reasonable in the pandemic situation, the figures differ from the budget and show a surplus. He also explained the property expenses for the office in Neusiedl. The report is available at <https://www.eurosaf.org/past-activities/69-ordinary-general-assembly-2021>.

Olivier Bovyn (FRA) asked whether the property expenses reported are a one-off; the treasurer confirmed they are a one-off covering the period from 2018 to the end of 2021. Charles Glover asked whether the Executive Board feels comfortable with the 2020 extraordinary surplus as a result of taking membership fees and having almost no expenses – especially as many Members are under significant financial pressure as a result of COVID. The treasurer explained that until mid-2020 EUROSAF was not even sure it would receive the funding from the Austrian Ministry; if not, the accounts would only have been balanced. And if the funding is not extended, it will be the same situation next year. On the other hand, membership fees are between 235 EUR and 835 EUR, which he considered quite low. Alexandru Micu (ROU) stated that fees should stay as they are and the money be invested in events. The president added that the money should be invested in projects that bring added value to Members.

9. Report of the auditors

The auditor Dušan Vanický (SVK) reported that together with Yiannos Photiou (CYP) they had gone through the accounts prepared, agreed on them, and supported their approval. The report of the auditors is attached to the minutes (appendix 2). There were no questions or comments.



10. Decision on approval of 2020 Accounts

The president proposed to approve the 2020 Accounts.

Voting result: The proposal was approved unanimously by general assent.

11. Granting of relief (discharge of responsibility) to the Executive Board

The president proposed to grant relief to the Executive Board.

Voting result: The proposal was approved unanimously by general assent.

12. Good Governance proposal

The Executive Board had drafted a proposal for a EUROSAF Code of Ethics. The proposal had been circulated before the meeting and is available at <https://www.eurosaf.org/past-activities/69-ordinary-general-assembly-2021>.

Ion Echave (ESP) stated that as chairman of the Legal Committee he had been involved in the preparation of the proposal. He explained the difficulty of such an ethereal concept as ethics, which relies on what is acceptable and what is not from an ethical perspective, which may differ from place to place.

The president proposed to approve the Code of Ethics.

Voting result: The proposal was approved unanimously by general assent.

13. Amendments to the Constitution

The Executive Board had brought three proposals of amendment to the Constitution that were outlined at the Extraordinary General Assembly in January 2021. The president explained them briefly. The documents are available at <https://www.eurosaf.org/past-activities/69-ordinary-general-assembly-2021>.

The president proposed to approve the amendment of Article 18.1 (elections every four years).

Voting result: The proposal was approved unanimously by general assent.

The president proposed to approve the amendment of Article 13bis (Electronic General Assemblies).

Ion Echave explained that the amendment does not intend to replace physical meetings.

Voting result: The proposal was approved unanimously by general assent.

The president proposed to approve the amendment of Article 31 (Consulting Bodies).



Voting result: The proposal was approved unanimously by general assent.

The next point in the agenda being the elections, the president proposed that honorary president György Wossala (HUN) chair the General Assembly through the election of the Executive Board.

Voting result: The proposal was approved unanimously by general assent.

The meeting was paused and continued later at 13.00h CET with György Wossala as chairman.

14. Election of the Executive Board

The chairman summarized there was only one nomination for president, former president Josep M. Pla. The candidate explained his reasons for standing for re-election, namely EUROSAF's multiplying effect that he encouraged all Members to experience and benefit from, and also mentioned the difficulties with the previous fights inside EUROSAF.

Olivier Bovyn reassured him and stated that EUROSAF had made a big step forward, also with the office in Neusiedl, and thanked Josep for his peace role.

The chairman proposed to elect Josep M. Pla as president of EUROSAF for the next term.

Voting result: Josep M. Pla (AND) was elected as president of EUROSAF unanimously by general assent.

Then György Wossala handed over the chair to the president, who thanked all delegates for their trust.

Going forward to the election of vice-presidents, the president summarized there were six vice-presidents to be elected and eight candidates. Then he left the floor to each candidate to present themselves. The secretary general announced the candidates in alphabetical order. Anne Mallédant, absent for professional reasons, introduced herself in a video. Jack Roy, absent for health reasons, had sent some lines that were read by the president. The vote was conducted with the electronic voting system. After the vote the meeting was paused for 15 minutes.

At 14.05h CET the meeting was reconvened and the president announced the results.

Voting result: 37 delegates attending; abstain: 1

Miroslav Bjelajac (CRO)	19 votes
Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR)	33 votes
Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS)	35 votes
Timo Hass (GER)	35 votes



Anne Mallédant (FRA)	32 votes
Alexandru Octavian Micu (ROU)	22 votes
Marco Predieri (ITA)	26 votes
Jack Roy (IRL)	14 votes

Thus Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS), Timo Hass (GER), and Marco Predieri (ITA) were re-elected as vice-presidents. Anne Mallédant (FRA) and Alexandru Octavian Micu (ROU) completed the Executive Board for the next four years.

15. Appointment of auditors

Timo Hass explained that one auditor, Dušan Vanicky, had to leave after completing his term. The Executive Board proposed to elect Susanne Kuusansalo (FIN) as an auditor in addition to Yiannos Photiou.

Voting result: The proposal was approved unanimously by general assent.

16. Decision on approval of 2021 Budget

The treasurer gave an overview on the 2021 budget, which was sent to all Members before the meeting and is available at <https://www.eurosaf.org/past-activities/69-ordinary-general-assembly-2021>. There were no questions or comments.

The president proposed to approve the 2021 budget.

Voting result: The proposal was approved unanimously by general assent.

17. Future General Assemblies

As the 2020 and 2021 General Assemblies could not take place physically, the Croatian and the Hungarian Sailing Federations generously kept their proposals for the coming years.

2022 General Assembly: Miroslav Bjelajac presented his Federation's proposal to host the meeting in Zagreb (CRO) on 9 April 2022.

The president proposed to approve the proposal for the 2022 General Assembly.

Voting result: The proposal was approved unanimously by general assent.

2023 General Assembly: György Wossala presented his Federation's proposal to host the meeting in Balatonfüred (HUN) on 22 April 2023.

The president proposed to approve the proposal for the 2023 General Assembly.

Voting result: The proposal was approved unanimously by general assent.

18. Other business

There were no further items, questions, or remarks.



19. Meeting close

The president thanked all attendees for their support and closed the 24th Ordinary General Assembly at 14.33h CET.

**Appendix 1: List of Attendees**

Delegates		
Adalsteinn	Jens Loftsson	ISL
Anastasiou	Niki	GRE
Bjelajac	Miroslav	CRO
Bovyn	Olivier	FRA
Brabec	Vaclav	CZE
Coşkuner Genç	Pınar	AZE
D'Amico	Giuseppe	ITA
Dobzhitskaya	Yana	RUS
Echave Aranzabal	Ion	ESP
Ekman	Annika Kristina	SWE
Franken	Rob	NED
Gamulin	Anna Jasna	SLO
Glover	Charles	GBR
Golovina	Polina	BLR
Hass	Timo	GER
Jakobsone	Inga	LAT
Janicic	Aleksandra	MNE
Khachatryan	Ashot	ARM
Kuusansalo	Susanne	FIN
Lesny	Maja	POL
Luka	Rodion	UKR
Markert	Line	DEN
Mayrhofer	Wolfgang	AUT
Micu	Alexandru Octavian	ROU
Mifsud	Michael	MLT
Özmen	Fatih	TUR
Photiou	Yiannos	CYP
Pintov	Smadar	ISR
Pla	Josep M.	AND
Predieri	Marco	SMR
Prekrasnov	Tanja	SRB
Rocha	Luis Miguel	POR
Steine	Guro	NOR
Vanický	Dušan	SVK
Vekemans	Leo	BEL
Vogler	Martin	SUI



Wossala	György	HUN
Observer		
Akdurak	Özlem	TUR
Goulartt	Armando	POR
Hagin	Vincent	SUI
Hausser	Dominique	SUI
Ilyin	Oleg	RUS
Kaskouras	Vassilis	GRE
Kouris	Stavros	GRE
Lerche	Christian	DEN
Li	Quanhai	CHN
Pelinka	Alfred	AUT
Sobolev	Pavel	RUS
Neupert	Dieter	SUI
Scrutineers		
Chamera	Tomasz	POL
Jaffe	Eyal	ISR
Kassarov	Stanislav	BUL

Appendix 2: Report of the auditors



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**TO: EUROPEAN SAILING FEDERATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021**

Košice, Slovakia, 22 February 2021

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

According to the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference responsible to the General Assembly, **we did conduct a limited revision** of the accompanying financial statements of the European Sailing Federation (EUROSAF) as of December 31st, 2020, which comprise the balance sheet on that date and the income and expenditure account the year then ended.

The treasurer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements. This responsibility includes; designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances; and providing the Audit Committee with all relevant documents and information.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our limited revision. We conducted our revision in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements described are free from material misstatements in view of the accounts presented and their supporting documents, which were composed of a statement of issued invoices, documents for expenditures, and a list of bank transactions.

We have thoroughly reviewed the documents and statements provided by Timo Hass and believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our limited revision opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, as per documents provided, the financial position of EUROSAF as of December 31st, 2020, and its financial performance for the year then ended.

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