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EUROSAF Conference Call

Date: 28 March 2020
Organized with: MS Teams
Start of Meeting: 09:00h
End of Meeting: 11:30h

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Roll Call:

Due to the technical conditions the secretary general, Roland Regnemer (AUT), was using the organizational entering of the call as attendance check. After finishing the roll call, EUROSAF President Josep M. Pla (AND) welcomed all participants of the first EUROSAF Members Conference Call. 41 attendees representing 28 Members joined the virtual meeting. The president pointed out that no votes would be taken during the call and the voting process would be handled via email the following week as already communicated to Members.

Nomination of Scrutineers

Following EUROSAF Constitution three EUROSAF Board members were announced as scrutineers for the Electronic General Assembly taking place the following week: Pinar Coşkuner Genç (TUR), Timo Hass (GER), and Marco Predieri (ITA). The chairman of the Legal Committee, Ion Echave (ESP), would be supervising the voting process.

Report of the President and the Executive Board

The president gave a short overview about the activities of EUROSAF over the previous year. Followed brief notes given by each Executive Board member on their areas of responsibility. The detailed report was sent to delegates and Members before the conference call and is available on <http://www.eurosaf.org/past-activities/58-ordinary-general-assembly-2020>.

Michael Röllich (FIN) asked for some details about the plans for the mentioned online-education for Race Officials. Pinar Coşkuner Genç, as responsible vice-president, gave a brief overview and concluded that, due to the development process of the last weeks driven by the Corona virus crisis, the whole matter would need to be reviewed.



Vice-President Marco Predieri, together with Martin Vogler (SUI) and Rob Franken (NED), pointed out the possible opportunities eSailing can offer and that a European Championship could be considered using the existing platform of Virtual Regatta already used by World Sailing.

2019 Financial Report & 2020 Budget

Treasurer Timo Hass (GER) presented the accounts for the year ending on 31 December 2019 and gave a brief presentation about the financial situation.

Charles Glover (GBR) gave a friendly notice: Although we have a positive cash and balance sheet position, we need to be careful not to respond emotionally to the current position and use Members' funds wisely and for the long term benefit of the sport. The president echoed the comment and added an overview about the current funding situation from the Austrian Ministry of Sport.

Report of the Auditors

Miroslav Bjelajac (CRO) gave the auditor's report. The auditors 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 31 December 2019 and its financial performance for the year then ended.

2020 Budget

The treasurer presented the budget plan for 2020. Jørgen Stang Heffermehl (NOR) remarked that the budget shows a significant amount for traveling and accommodation and due to cancellation of events this should be reconsidered. The treasurer and Charles Glover both responded that this should be reconsidered when the likely effects of the current crisis can be evaluated.

Appointment of Auditors

Yiannos Photiou (CYP) was candidate as new auditor, as Miroslav Bjelajac had to step down after two years.

Membership Fees

Again the treasurer took the lead and presented a draft proposal for discussion, not decision, he insisted. Annika Ekman (SWE) asked for the base or criteria used for the Member subscription budget. The treasurer explained the calculation base, the different figures, and the reason for a proposal by the Executive Board for a new system for membership fees. He additionally gave a note to EUROSAF Event Organizers that EUROSAF is not collecting event fees until the situation is clear and the events' schedule is confirmed. Line Markert (DEN), on behalf of Nordic and Baltic Members, pointed out that many MNAs will face a very crucial financial situation in the next years and thus that fees should not increase.



Report of the Secretary General

The annual report from the secretary general focused on the development of standardized processes and workflows as well as the expansion of the online archive and general communication.

2020 Extraordinary General Assembly

The president opened the floor for an open discussion about a re-scheduled physical meeting following the renewed invitation of the Croatian Sailing Federation and planned for late September if travel and meeting conditions allow. Several opinions, both for and against such a meeting, were presented by delegates.

2021 General Assembly

The president announced the date, 17 April 2021, that would be put to the vote for the 2021 General Assembly in Hungary, as decided by last year's General Assembly.

Other Business

Annika Ekman read a document on behalf of World Sailing's Group G Members stating their joint support to EUROSAF activities aiming to develop sailing. The president thanked her for giving these Members' views and asked for the document to be sent to the secretary general.

Charles Glover advocated looking ahead to opportunities brought by the current situation, such as more solidarity, less pollution, and new ways of working, such as the current meeting.

Ian Walker (GBR) commented on the anticipated problems created by the current trend to postpone events to after the summer, trend that will result in a crammed calendar, and suggested EUROSAF could be of help to coordinate the European calendar.

Participants agreed that it was a very good decision to hold this initial conference call. There was also consensus that this type of virtual meetings is a very good addition, but not a substitute, for real, physical meetings.

The president thanked all participants for taking the time to attend the call and closed the meeting at 11:30h.



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List of Attendees		
Akdurak	Özlem	TUR
Algon Giorgianni	Burcu	AZE
Anastasiou	Niki	GRE
Bjelajac	Miroslav	CRO
Brabec	Václav	CZE
Casanueva	Julia	ESP
Cavallucci	Walter	ITA
Chamera	Tomasz	POL
Christoforou	Andreas	CYP
Coşkuner Genç	Pinar	TUR
Dobzhitskaya	Yana	RUS
Echave	Ion	ESP
Ekman	Annika	SWE
Franken	Rob	NED
Gamulin	Ana Jasna	SLO
Glover	Charles	GBR
Golovina	Polina	BLR
Hass	Timo	GER
Heffermehl	Jørgen Stang	NOR
Ilyin	Oleg	RUS
Kallas	Ott	EST
Kuusansalo	Susanne	FIN
Leśny	Maja	POL
Luka	Rodion	UKR
Markert	Line	DEN
Matinee	Vita	LAT
Møinichen	Tor	NOR
Natorp	Hans	DEN



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Özmen	Fatih	TUR
Pelinka	Alfred	AUT
Photiou	Yiannos	CYP
Pinke	Normans	LAT
Pla	Josep M.	AND
Predieri	Marco	ITA
Prekrasnov	Tanja	SRB
Regnemer	Roland	AUT
Röllich	Michael	FIN
Vanický	Dušan	SVK
Vogler	Martin	SUI
Walker	Ian	GBR
Wossala	George	HUN