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Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome

At 9.39h, the EUROSAF president Josep M. Pla (AND) opened the meeting and gave the floor to Csaba Haranghy (HUN), president of the Hungarian Sailing Federation, who welcomed all attendees. Then the president welcomed all delegates, observers, and guests to the 2024 EUROSAF General Assembly. He thanked the Hungarian Sailing Federation and Csaba Haranghy for their invitation and organization of the meeting.

2. Roll call and apologies for absence

By means of a roll call, secretary general Doris Gstatter (AUT) noted that 28 Members were represented by the delegates (9 via proxies). Apologies were received from UKR. The list of all attendees is attached to the minutes (appendix 1).

3. Nomination of scrutineers

The president proposed to nominate Dieter Neupert (SUI), Nino Shmueli (ISR), and Malav Shroff (IND) as the scrutineers of the General Assembly. The proposal was approved unanimously.

4. 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. Vice-president and treasurer Timo Hass (GER) explained the expansion of the Race Officials Exchange Programme. The Executive Board has decided to expand the programme in a logical regional way to include Mediterranean states. Furthermore, to bring the programme forward, a cooperation with the Asian Sailing Federation (ASAF) shall start, which will be an important cooperation between continental associations. He reported that Malav Shroff, president of ASAF, has offered to help with implementing an IT platform. Nevertheless, if delegates know somebody to create such, their support would be most welcome. When Ion Echave (ESP) asked about more details, the president replied that this would follow later. Vice-president Yana Dobzhitskaya (RUS) reported about EUROSAF events and the 2024 plans and vice-president Anne Mallédant (FRA) about the support of new classes like the 69F class last year. Vice-president Marco Predieri (ITA) reported about eSailing and a new ERASMUS+ project with EUROSAF to protect water. Regarding the idea to launch a common insurance he stated that due to different laws this would not be easy. The president apologised for the absence of vice-presidents Pınar Coşkuner Genç (TUR) and Alexandru Octavian Micu (ROU), both for health reasons. Then he spoke about the



next European Games in Istanbul, that would be presented later. He mentioned the EUROSAF Mixed Offshore European Championship which might take place end of September 2024 between Italy and Croatia; Marco Predieri added the interest from Italy to host the Inclusive European Championship from 7 to 13 October 2024. The full report is available at <https://eurosaf.org/general-assemblies/>. There were no further questions or comments.

5. Report of the secretary general

The secretary general reported about office activities related to EUROSAF Meetings and Events, external and internal communication efforts, and current office projects. The report is available at <https://eurosaf.org/general-assemblies/>. Lucas Landolt (SUI) mentioned that the Swiss Sailing Federation has developed a digital platform for Members' information, and proposed that all should share their efforts in Europe. The secretary general added that all Federations should forward any EUROSAF information to their clubs and sailors.

6. World Sailing statement

The president handed over to World Sailing president Quanghai Li (CHN). He highlighted the importance of communication, that this could not only be done online but also in meetings to talk and discuss, and the importance to collect information to take right decisions. He thanked the European Sailing Federation and its Members for their contribution to the development of World Sailing. World Sailing's president encouraged the attendees to contact him.

7. Members in arrears

The treasurer reported that there were four Members in arrears: ARM, AZE, MKD, and UKR. Maybe AZE and MKD forgot to pay for 2024. With UKR there was an agreement in place that they would pay annually one past and the current fee. Due to the current situation the fees were waived for 2015, 2016, 2022, and 2023. ARM was a Member, then asked to step out as they did not see benefits from EUROSAF. They came back in 2021; since then the membership fees are outstanding. The treasurer mentioned maybe we should not force them to stay as Members if they are not interested. The president proposed to waive the membership fees for UKR for the years 2024 and 2017. The proposal was approved unanimously.

8. 2023 Financial report

The treasurer presented the accounts, sent to all Members before the meeting, for the year ending on 31 December 2023 and explained the financial situation. Regarding additional income, he highlighted that EUROSAF needs to generate new funding. He



mentioned the investments above budget, related to promotion and trademarks. The report is available at <https://eurosaf.org/general-assemblies/>. There were no questions or comments.

9. Report of the auditors

The auditor present Wolfgang Mayrhofer (AUT) reported that together with Marie Björling Duell (SWE) they had gone through the accounts, agreed on them, and supported their approval. The report is available at <https://eurosaf.org/general-assemblies/>. As auditor he congratulated the Executive Board and the treasurer in terms of transparency and cooperation via the online tool. There were no questions or comments. The president thanked the auditors for their job.

10. Decision on approval of 2023 Accounts

The president proposed to approve the 2023 Accounts. The proposal was approved unanimously.

11. Granting of relief to the Executive Board.

The president proposed to grant relief to the Executive Board. The proposal was approved unanimously.

12. Appointment of auditors

The president explained that one auditor, Wolfgang Mayrhofer, had to leave after completing his term. After asking whether there were other candidates, he proposed to elect Giuseppe D'Amico (ITA) as an auditor for two years in addition to Marie Björling Duell who has one more year of term. There was one abstention (ITA); the proposal was approved.

13. Decision on approval of 2024 Budget

The treasurer detailed the 2024 budget, sent to all Members before the meeting. He explained that EUROSAF could go on with the current income/expenses for three more years, but the funding of the Austrian Ministry was decreasing and the funding contract would end at the end of 2024. The Executive Board was in discussion with the Austrian Ministry about possibilities to get another funding. The treasurer stated that in the long-term membership fees would need to be increased. For the moment there are three different membership categories; he questioned whether they should be kept or expanded. Any Members who wanted to join this discussion would be welcome. He suggested having an extraordinary General Assembly in autumn to decide the fees before the next ordinary General Assembly.



Csaba Haranghy (HUN) stated that all Members should discuss how revenue could be increased. Lucas Landolt added that last year SUI proposed to raise their membership fees and that there is a need for cooperation in race officials and events. He asked whether EUROSAF has checked potential funding by EU or SUI government. He suggested increasing fees or taking fees for programmes, i.e. those using them should pay. The treasurer stated that EUROSAF was in contact with the EU regarding funding, but this was especially for projects (3 Members plus EUROSAF as partner), there was no such funding for associations. EUROSAF has not been in contact with the SUI government. If Lucas would see a chance to have support in SUI, EUROSAF would be happy to use it. The treasurer added that EUROSAF should create higher event income. There were no further questions or comments. The president proposed to approve the 2024 budget. The proposal was approved unanimously.

14. Future General Assemblies

The Austrian Sailing Federation applied to host the 2025 Ordinary General Assembly. Wolfgang Mayrhofer presented the proposal to host all connected meetings from Friday 25 to Sunday 27 April 2025. The president added that 2025 would be an election year for EUROSAF, so the venue should be easy to reach. Ion Echave suggested to take a transfer from/to the airport as precondition for any future proposals. Olivier Bovyn (FRA) reminded to have the EBA meeting dates in mind, as it clashed with the current meeting. The president commented that many sailing organisations have their meetings in the first months of the year and it is difficult to accommodate all dates; he mentioned DEN and SWE having their GAs also that very day. Wolfgang Mayrhofer stated that there would be a shuttle service at the airport, still to be defined. The president proposed to hold the next ordinary General Assembly on 26 April 2025 in Neusiedl am See, Austria. The proposal was approved unanimously.

15. Other business

The president explained that next year's elections would be for president and vice-presidents, which meant seven people. From his seven years' experience as president of EUROSAF he believes that candidates need to fulfil some points to contribute in a meaningful way and to achieve their goals; they need to put some time: on average the president approximately two days a week, vice-presidents one day. He explained the Executive Board is now organized with three physical meetings a year – at the Race Officials Exchange meeting, at the OGA, and in autumn, plus weekly online meetings; of course this may be changed. Two vice-presidents, Anne Mallédant and Alexandru Micu, could be re-elected; therefore, a president and at least 4 new vice-presidents are needed.



Inga Jacobson (LAT) asked about needed documents for candidates. The president responded that these will be sent together with the 2025 OGA information. He reminded the election process: first the president is elected, then all vice-president together in a single ballot. Ion Echave referred to article 18 of the EUROSAF Constitution for dates and system of elections. He wondered whether a candidate for president could also be a candidate to vice-president candidate if he was not elected, as otherwise this could lead to EUROSAF losing a good candidate. The president recalled that in 2017, with the current Constitution, there was a candidate for both positions. Tomasz Chamera (POL) stated that all European Federations should join forces. Ion Echave stated that EUROSAF needed better integration into World Sailing. Nino Shmueli questioned why the other 15 countries were not present in the OGA? The treasurer replied that some had cancelled for illness, some had other apologies, and some Nordic Federations would struggle with the last elections and activities of EUROSAF. It was important to include them, which might be easier with new elections. Olivier Bovyn asked what was the difference between vice-president and first vice-president. The president explained that the first vice-president is chosen by the president after the election.

16. Meeting close

The president thanked all attendees for their presence and support and the Hungarian Sailing Federation for their wonderful organisation and generous hospitality, and closed the 27th Ordinary General Assembly at 12.07 CET.



Following the General Assembly there were presentations of interest for the Members of EUROSAF:

Deniz Çiçek (TUR), Executive Board member of the Turkish Sailing Federation, reported about the European Games 2027, which will take place in Istanbul. She encouraged all EUROSAF Members to support sailing being part of the European Games by contacting their National Olympic Committees. There were a lot of comments to her presentation.

After a lunch break, Rafa González (ESP), Managing Director EUROSAF Sailing Academy, gave an impressive report about the activities in the first year of the Academy.

György Dulin (HUN), Member of Hungarian Keelboat Committee, presented the keelboat competition system in Hungary and the results of a European survey on national keelboat competition systems.

Malav Shroff, president of the Asian Sailing Federation, presented the rapid development and the activities in ASAF of the past years, when EUROSAF was a benchmark for his Federation. Furthermore, he described the envisaged closer cooperation with EUROSAF in connection with the Race Officials Exchange Programme, where a working group had been set up. He proposed to support the development of the IT platform.

Finally, Roberto Guerini and Virginia Jacquemod (ITA) from the BioDesign Foundation explained their projects to clean the seas, countries, and ultimately the planet, especially through “The Custodian Plastic Race” project of clean-ups that already partnered with EUROSAF.



Appendix 1: List of Attendees

Delegates		
Adloff	Katrin	GER + proxy DEN
Bovyn	Olivier	FRA + proxy ROU
Chamera	Tomasz	POL
Chandakas	Stefanos	GRE + proxy CYP
Çiçek	Deniz	TUR
D'Amico	Giuseppe	ITA + proxy SMR
Echave	Ion	ESP
Ermakova	Tatiana	RUS + proxy BLR
Jaić	Ivo	CRO
Jakobsone	Inga	LAT + proxy ISL
Landolt	Lucas	SUI
Mayrhofer	Wolfgang	AUT
Mifsud	Michael	MLT
Mydlik	Martin	SVK + proxy CZE
Pintov	Smadar	ISR
Pla	Josep M.	AND + proxy POR
Scott	Nick	GBR + proxy IRL
Stevanovic	Goran	SRB
Wossala	George	HUN



Observers and others			
Bajada	Christian	MLT	Observer
Chang	Tian	CHN	Observer
Dobzhitskaya	Yana	RUS	EB member
González	Rafa	ESP	Presenter
Gstatter	Doris	AUT	Secretary general
Guerini	Roberto	ITA	Presenter
Hajdu	Balázs	HUN	Observer
Haranghy	Csaba	HUN	Observer
Hass	Timo	GER	EB member
Holczhauser	András	HUN	Observer
Ilyin	Oleg	RUS	Observer
Jacquemod	Virginia	ITA	Presenter
Li	Quanhai	CHN	Observer
Mallédant	Anne	FRA	EB member
Molnár	Dóra	HUN	Observer
Neupert	Dieter	SUI	Observer
Predieri	Marco	ITA	EB member
Regnemer	Roland	AUT	SG assistant
Shmueli	Nino	ISR	Observer
Shroff	Malav	IND	Presenter
Toronyi	Bence	HUN	Observer