



IRF Annual General Meeting - DRAFT at the Fourth IRF English Racketlon Championships Held in London on Saturday 15 October 2005 between 21.10 and 22.40

Minutes compiled by: Stuart Foster, who chaired the meeting.

In Attendance:

Austrian representative: **Marcel Weigl** (Also been allocated the Czech Rep votes)
Belgian representative: **Gert Peersman** (Also been allocated the German & Greece votes)
English representative: **Stuart Foster** (Also been allocated the Scottish votes)
Finnish representative (replacing **Martty Vottonen**) : Henry Bruun (Also been allocated the Bulgarian votes)
Swedish representative (replacing **Lennart Eklundh**): **Stefan Adamsson**
Poland representative (replacing Pawel Kozlowski): Michael Dickert

Apologises:

President: **Hans Mullamaa** Sweden

Previous Minutes: Germany 2005-08

The Proposed Agenda:

1. Elections of president and council
2. Delegation of the officer positions and tasks plus time schedule
3. Any other business

The Minutes:

1. Elections of president and council

International Racketlon Federation for the first time in history will elect its Council.
Before the election could start, there were two items to be agreed.

a) Stuart withdrew his challenge to the German meeting minutes concerning constitution and voting allocations. All agreed.

b) All agreed the German meeting voting allocation is correct as listed below:-

The voting power for the 13 member states of the IRF is currently measured by number of national players on the world ranking and a legal status of a respective national federation (NF), with each country having at least one basic vote. Countries with a legal registered federation receive one extra vote. The voting power is as follows:

Sweden 4
Belgium 4 + 1 (NF)
Finland 3 +1 (NF)
Austria 2 + 1 (NF)
England 2
Germany 2
Scotland 2
Canada 2
Czech Republic 1 + 1 (NF)

Bulgaria 1
Poland 1
France 1
Greece 1 + 1 (NF)
Total = 31 votes

France and Canada did not allocate their votes. This means that more than 75% of the votes will be present at the meeting and the voting will be anonymous, Gert made the necessary arrangements. Nine candidates shall stand as representatives of the newly formed council as listed below, who were elected anonymously by the country representatives of the IRF member states present at the meeting.

Marcel Weigl Austria standing & elected as President (100%)
Georgios Georgoudis Greece standing & elected as Vice-president (100%)
Michael Dickert, Austria standing & elected as a Council member (100%)
Stuart Foster, England standing & elected as a Council member (100%)
Ray Jordan, England standing & elected as a Council member (100%)
Matti Vottonen, Finland standing & elected as a Council member (100%)
Phil Reid, Scotland standing & elected as a Council member (100%)
Lennart Eklundh, Sweden standing & elected as a Council member (100%)
Hans Mullama, Sweden standing & elected as a Council member (67%)

Congratulations to all those elected. And a special thanks to the out going president Hans Mullama, who has been a magnificent pioneer for the sport of racketlon over the last 4 years, awesome foresight and diplomacy skills to raise the sports awareness in so many ways. He has decided to take a step back to become a regular council member. Good luck.

2. Delegation of the officer positions and tasks plus time schedule

Marcel the IRF President elected gave a presentation outlining the IRF aims & objective goals for 2005 - 2008 as detailed below:-

- **COUNCIL STRUCTURE**
 - President: Delegation, representation, control, national registrations
 - Vice-President: Help president, legal matters
 - Treasurer: All financial matters, book keeping, previews, reviews
 - Contact Officer: Answering E-mails, Day to day communication, players database
 - Communication Officer: Build up press contacts and write press texts
 - Homepage Officer: Updating with, results, pics, rankings, texts from tour organisers
 - World Tour Officer: Coordination of Tour, Requirement specification, control
 - Ranking Officer: Rankings, Seedings, Elite Draws
 - Marketing Officer: Concept for global marketing world tour, contact sponsors
- **IRF INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION**
- **RELAUNCH OF www.racketlon.com**
- **HARMONISATION, IMPROVEMENTS**
- **MEMBER OF GAISF**
- **WORLD TOUR MARKETING**
- **APPLICATION FOR THE WORLD GAMES**

More information can be gained off the following web link below:-
http://racketlon.at/racketlon_e/html/media/documents/20051006155026

Gert will write to all newly elected Council members about if they accept and what position would they like to take on. The council will have a shared responsibility and

be part of a working team (instead of only being a deciding body) that is pre-condition of Marcel's acceptance of taking over as president. The council members now have time until Vienna to choose which Officer position they want to take over. This means they are in charge of this position and it is up to them to build work groups, which can also include non council members. At the World Championship IRF council meeting it shall be finally agreed upon who will be taking on what role on the council.

3. Any other business

a) Marcel stated that in the statutes the abbreviation IRF needs to be changed as another organisation (International Racquetball Federation) has already registered it as their own. One suggestion tabled was IRLF, this is to be agreed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of all Country representatives at the Worlds in Vienna.

b) Marcel suggested that the legal identity of the IRF should not be in Austria as the document would have to be translated into German, where we have already agreed it would be in English and that the official language of the IRF is English. Therefore, an alternative should be sourced to be investigated by Stuart (London?) Marcel & Gert (Brussels) and Georgious (Athens) until the 1st November latest.

c) Gert raised an potential grey issue with the voting allocations in the statutes. How will they be calculated? Is it by all the countries on the ranking or by IRF countries on the rankings? This is to be agreed at the next General Meeting of all Country representatives at the Worlds in Vienna.

d) Marcel raised a number of points from Hans (the out going president) email dated 12 October 2005, concerning racketlon.com address, sponsorship, World Tour 2005 and other aspects to be raised at the next General Meeting of all Country representatives and Council Meeting at the Worlds in Vienna. Meanwhile Hans Mullama is asked to finish fixing the schedule for the World Tour 2006, WITHOUT bringing in Satellite tournaments. The formal decision that it is too early to bring in Satellites 2006 shall be taken in Vienna.

e) The RFA – Racketlon Federation Austria is helping with the first Hungarian Open to be held from 3-5 February 2006 in Pecs (2hrs from the capitol by train) with cheap hotel etc. Christoph Krenn and Marcel Weigl will inspect the venue on Sunday the 30th October and if everything is ok will then ask for Hans Mullama to put it on the Tour calendar 2006. Again the formal decision shall be taken in Vienna.

f) Gert raised the fact that there will be an girls u21 competition at this years World Championships and providing players for it and the other nations should too.

Date of Next Meeting

Vienna on Friday 25th November 2005

7.30 pm	Council Meeting for all Council members
9.00 pm	IRF Extraordinary General Meeting for all Country representatives