

**FIR Annual General Meeting 2009**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 20.30 – 22.30 Löhne/Germany**

**Present People except Country Representatives**

Council Rules	Poku Salo
Result Reporter	Rickard Tauson
Russia	Levitin Maxim

<b>Present Country Representatives</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total votes 84</b>
Austria	Marcel Weigl	votes 7
Belgium	Hans van Daele	votes 7
Canada	Jeremy Easterbrook	votes 9
Czech Republic	Svatopluk Rejthar	votes 4
England	Stuart Foster	votes 8
Estonia	Priit Toomjoe	votes 2
Finland	Martti Vottonen	votes 4
Germany	Michael Eubel	votes 8
Hungary	Zoltan Albert	votes 4
Italy	Diego Bertoldo	votes 2
Latvia	Zigmars Pujkevics	votes 2
Netherlands	Marc Veldkamp	votes 6
Poland	Krzysztof Samonek	votes 3
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>Phil Reid</b>	<b>votes 4</b>
Sweden	Lennart Eklundh	votes 8
Switzerland	Christian Schäfer	votes 6

**Votes not present**

Bulgaria	votes 1
France	votes 2
Greece	votes 2
Hong Kong	votes 2
India	votes 2
Malaysia	votes 2
Russia	votes 2
Slovakia	votes 2
Slovenia	votes 2
USA	votes 2
<b>Total votes 19</b>	

**84 out of 103 possible votes were present at the AGM 2009, which is 82% and more than 50%. The AGM can thus take final decisions on all points on the Agenda.**

**1 Welcome Note**

a) FIR Member Countries

FIR currently still has 26 member states. Marcel reminds that the process is too slow and asks for help of everyone to achieve goal of 40 member states by June 2010 to become Sports Accord Member by June 2011. Next countries on the list:

Lithuania, Luxemburg, Serbia, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Portugal, Bulgaria, Pakistan, Ukraine, Belarus; Israel  
N. Ireland, Wales, Eire  
Denmark  
Norway  
Spain  
Liechtenstein

Marcel Weigl  
Ray Jordan  
Thomas Troedsson  
Lennart Eklundh  
Marc Veldkamp  
Karim Hanna

Council has decided that FIR will loan money for costs of the foundation of new federations until these federations have organised tournaments and can pay back. In addition any founders of new federations can play one international tournament for free without entry fee to get a picture. This shall be financed by FIR.

b) Sports Accord Update

Marcel is in contact with Sports Accord (former GAISF – General Association of Sports Federations) and has now found out that all national Racketlon federations must get a paper by their NOC – National Olympic Committee or NSF – National Sports Federation saying that the respective national Racketlon Federation is recognised as the governing body of Racketlon in the respective country. Membership is not a condition only recognition. Austrian Sports Federation has already issued such a paper for the RFA – Racketlon Federation Austria as an example. It will be e-mailed to everyone together with the AGM minutes.

c) EU funding

The FIR project fo(u)r Racket Women for 150.000 Euro was one of 227 applications for four different topics. Nevertheless the gender project was the right field to be handed in, because only 27 applicants handed in a gender project. Marcel suspects that two possible reasons of rejection was the not so good financial situation of FIR compared to other projects and that Racketlon is not a recognised sport yet. Marcel will try to get more information which projects got selected.

## **2) Confirmation of Minutes AGM 2008 and Finances 2008**

The minutes of the AGM 2008 and the Finances were confirmed by all country representatives **unanimously**.

## **3) Report of the Council 2009**

a) Marcel Weigl reported and showed a powerpoint presentation on behalf of the Council from 2009. The presentation is sent together with these **Minutes per E-mail** to all country representatives.

b) Council has named Volker Sach, Zoltan Albert and Phil Reid for further three years from 2010 to 2012 as representatives of the Court of Arbitration to solve any disputes in FIR.

## **4) Financial Report 2009, prediction 2010**

a) Reviewed Balances for 2009

Due to mainly less collected licences than predicted the current prediction for 2009 is a minus of 2192€. This is although Marcel to freeze his payments from November 2009 including January 2010 and pay it to a later point or not at all. FIR Office will thus only be open one day a week on Wednesday from 8h to 15h in December and January.

#### b) Balances 2010

The prediction for 2010 is better if all licenses are collected that year and the sponsoring contract brings in the predicted 6000€. Then at the end of 2010 FIR should have a plus of 2237€ according to the prediction by Treasurer Lennart Eklundh.

The current balance for 2009 and the prediction for 2010 is attached as an Excel File. Hakan Granberg and Stefan Adamsson will act as auditors from 2010 – 2012.

### **5) FIR Proposal for change of Statutes**

Rules Officer Karim Hanna has sent out a proposal for adaption and thinning of the FIR statutes with no major changes except for wording and clarification.

The AGM agreed on the new Statutes **unanimously**. Karim to adapt them and Marcel to hand them in to Austrian authorities.

### **6) National Federations Proposal requests**

a) President of the Netherlands Marc Veldkamp has sent out a proposal for change of the Squash Double rules for elite draws to play real Squash doubles. After a short discussion a vote takes place with Sweden (8), Finland (4) and the Netherlands (6) voting for the proposal. As this is only 21% of the present votes the **proposal was rejected**. Nevertheless it was agreed that at least two World Tour events 2010 may test real doubles in elite draws. One will be Dutch Open, the other is still open.

b) English President Stuart Foster requests that paypal shall be installed on the resultreporter. This is promised by FIR.

### **7) Any other Business**

a) Country representatives request FIR to make a list of sponsors of all World Tour events and send it out per e-mail.

b) Marketing Officer Martti Vottonen reports that Dunlop or a betting company could be World Tour Sponsor 2010 and all World Tour events should be aware of the new Tournament Specifications concerning sponsors

c) Marcel Weigl reports that Council has decided a format change of the nationalteam event from 2010 with men doubles replacing the 3<sup>rd</sup> men singles but asks AGM for approval. This is approved by AGM with all votes except Canada, Finland and Switzerland.

d) For more transparency of FIR, Council has decided that from now on all minutes of Council Meetings and General Meetings shall be sent to all country representatives per e-mail and posted on [www.racketlon.net](http://www.racketlon.net) for all the Racketlon community to read.

e) Canada (World Ranking Events) and Hong Kong by letter remind the AGM of the financial problems in their countries and Asia specifically for future members.

### **8) Resultreporter Presentation**

Rickard Tauson held a presentation on all the features of the new Resultreporter. The presentation shall be attached to these minutes.

**Attachments:** Budget 2009/2010, Resultreporter Presentation, RFA Letter of Recognition for national federations, Council Meeting Löhne Minutes

Next AGM schedules for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010 in Zoetemeer/Netherlands during World Champs Singles

*Minutes taken and written by Marcel Weigl on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2009*