

FIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

Thu. 20. November 8:00 a.m.
Sportwerk Sports Centre
Wroclaw/Poland



1. WELCOME NOTE (Video CL)

➤ Apology and explanation of moving WC from Poznan to Wroclaw by Marcel Weigl and Fairplayce owner Ryszard Flisikowski.

➤ Confirmation President and Country Representatives of 42 members

1. Armenia, 1	16. Greece, 1	31. Pakistan, 1
2. Australia, 1	17. Hong Kong – China, 1	32. Poland, 2
3. Austria, 5	18. Hungary, 3	33. Romania, 1
4. Belgium, 4	19. India, 1	34. Russia, 1
5. Brazil, 1	20. Iraq, 1	35. Scotland, 1
6. Bulgaria, 2	21. Ireland, 1	36. Slovakia, 1
7. Canada, 4	22. Israel, 2	37. Slovenia, 1
8. Croatia, 1	23. Italy, 1	38. South Africa, 3
9. Czech Republic, 3	24. Latvia, 1	39. Sweden, 6
10. Denmark, 2	25. Liechtenstein, 1	40. Switzerland, 6
11. England, 6	26. F.Y.R.O. Macedonia, 1	41. Turkey, 1
12. Estonia, 1	27. Malaysia, 1	42. USA, 1
13. Finland, 3	28. Mongolia, 1	Total 85 votes (>50% = 43)
14. France, 2	29. Netherlands, 2	
15. Germany, 6	30. New Zealand, 1	

1.1 MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New:

- Ghana 2014, Marcel Weigl
- Malta 2015 World Tour event, Duncan Stahl

Exclusion 2015:

- Mongolia
- Pakistan

No contact since at least 2 years

➤ Why is FIR membership so important?

From 2014 only players with passports or resident permits from FIR members are allowed to play on the FIR World Tour in ALL DRAWS!

1.2 SPORTACCORD MEMBERSHIP

Sportaccord (former GAISF - General Association of International Sports Federations) groups together international sports federations. Sportaccords role consists in recognizing, assisting and representing the International Federations in realms of common interest within the Olympic and Sports Movement and governmental and non-governmental bodies. To become Sportaccord member Racketlon must be played in 40 countries on three continents around the world and FIR must count the same number of legally registered national federations, of which 40 (originally 10) must be recognised by the NSF - National Sports Federations or NOC – National Olympic Comitees..

- **Sportaccord membership rejected**, Only 11 FIR members recognized by by NSF or NOC
- Big problem some NSF say they cannot recognize the national Racketlon federation because FIR is not recognized by Sportaccord, but Sportaccord says they cannot accept FIR as a member as long as not all 40 national Racketlon federations are recognized by their national NSF or NOC.
- Scotland not counted as Sportaccord only accepts United Kingdom as one
- 4 FIR members are Badminton federations: Armenia, Bulgaria, Iraq, Macedonia
- 3 FIR members are clubs: Croatia, Turkey, Romania
- Marcel Weigl personal meeting with Sportaccord president Marius L. Vizer in Budapest and was invited to Sportaccord Annual General Meeting in Antalya/Turkey 2014
- **Vizer kept his promise and FIR application fee of 3500 Euro was returned**

1.2 SPORTACCORD MEMBERSHIP

Next steps 2015:

- If available: recognition paper of national NSF or NOC
- If not available paper by NSA or NOC stating why recognition is rejected
- FIR will within EU project issue letter to Union of NSA`s and NOC`s addressing this problem
- Badminton federations and clubs to form real national Racketlon federations
- Letter by International Tabletennis federation promised at meeting in Paris, but new president. Badminton and Tennis still needed
- National federations simple websites online
- Continental Championships 2015 (European Champs, African Champs etc.)

Membership is so important for FIR:

- Officially recognized sport worldwide
- Funds from EC or other public institutions
- Guarantee of seriousness for sponsors, media and betting companies
- Seriousness for media coverage and betting companies
- Funds for national Racketlon federations



2. CONFIRMATION MINUTES EGM 2014

- Confirmation Minutes EGM Sa. 23.8. 2014, Surrey/London

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL 2014

- Day to day work, E-mails, contacts, information
- Solving problems like moving World Champs Teams and Doubles
- Reached a record of 42 member countries
- Application for Sportaccord membership, personal presidents meeting between Marcel Weigl and Marius L. Vizer
- Invitation to Sportaccord General Meeting in Antalya as sign of support by Vizer
- Tournament Software replaces Resultreporter
- FIR-Delegates and Co-Delegates at all World Tour events
- Published Racketlon magazine together with World Champs in England

4. Financial Report

- by Lennart Eklundh
- Final result for 2013: Minus of 2185 Euro is confirmed and signed by auditors
- Summary of all results since 2002: Minus of 165 Euro
- The prognosis for 2014: Minus of 2203 Euro (originally minus 1750 Euro)
- 2014 includes startup costs of Tournament Software 6655 Euro

5. MEMBERS REPORT 2014

- Due to the lack of time issue at the World Champs members the members report 2014 is skipped.

6. COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2015 - 2017

- Marcel explains why he has put together his team
- Although the team stands for elections for a period of three years according to FIR statutes, the entire team only stands for one year for the time being, depending of possible financing and changing structures in FIR
- Standing for elections again
 - Executive President, Marcel Weigl (AUT)
 - Vice-President/Treasurer, Lennart Eklundh (SWE)
 - Social Media, Phil Todd (ENG)
 - New members/Balkan, Puzant Kassabian (BUL)
 - Rankings/Olympic draws, Poku Salo (FIN)
 - Subsidiaries/Arab countries, Ahmad Bahadli (IRQ)
- New on the council
 - World Tour/Female Policies, Kirstin Kaptein (NED)
 - Tournament Software/Rules, Graham King (SUI)
 - Non-European Policies, Patrick Laplante Jr. (CAN)

7. COUNCIL PREVIEW 2015

- Optimize Tournament Software
- Assignment Agreements with national federations holding World Tour events in their countries especially in concern to all fees, liabilities and fines
- Get all FIR members to do their homework and present papers to Sportaccord
- Re-Structure FIR with at least 1,5 fix employees through EU projects
- Alternative ways of financing: „World Tour sponsor lottery“
- 1st European University Championships in Szombathely/Hungary 16.-18.6
- 1st ever European Championships in Prague/Czech Republic 19.–22. 11
- Other Continental Championships such as Oceanic Australia/New Zealand
- New World Tour events Turkey (1.-3.4.) and Malta (2.-4.10)

7. FIR WORLD TOUR 2015

1. 2-4 Jan	IWT	Vienna Classics	Austria
2. 20-22 Feb	IWT	Swedish Open	Malmö
3. 2-4 April (Thu-Sat)	IWT	Turkish Easter Open	Antalya
4. 17-19 April	IWT	Czech Open	Prague
5. 22-24 May	IWT	Danish Open	Copenhagen
6. 5-7 June	SWT	King of Rackets	Oudenaarde/Belgium
7. 21-22 June	IWT	Canadian Open	Granby
8. 26-28 June	IWT	9. Swiss Open	Zürich
9. 17-19 July	IWT	Bulgarian Intern.	Sofia
10. 24 - 26 July	IWT	German Open	Nussloch
11. 7 – 9 August	SWT	Racket Masters	Surrey/London
12. 28-30 August	IWT	ALTERNATE Open	Linden
13. 11–13 September	SWT	Austrian Open	Wr. Neudorf/Vienna
14. 2-4 October	IWT	Malta Open	Malta
15. 16–18 October	IWT	Finnish Open	Kauniainen/Helsinki
16. 30 Okt. – 1 Nov.	IWT	Hungarian Open	Budapest

Continental Championships:

End November

1st European Championships, T.B.A.

7. EU PROJECT REPORT

- initiated by Romanian president Radu Ionescu
- Erasmus+ project Collaborate partnerships
- Small project 625.000 Euro (500.000 Euro subsidiary)
- Two year project
- FIR together with 14 FIR member and partners
- Project to help indirectly foundation of European federation, indirect help
- Heart of project solve the problem of recognising a sport
- 20 Million Euro in the pot, around 40 projects to be chosen
- Estimated 80% chances for FIR to receive the project
- Erasmus+ project European sport events
- Big Project 1,1 Million Euro (880.000 Euro subsidiary)
- One year project: European Week of Sport 7th-13th September 2015
- FIR is sole applicant but participants from 12 EU countries
- 4 Million Euro in the pot, only around 3 projects to be chosen
- Estimated 50% chances for FIR to receive the project
- News in December!

7. MARKETING, WORLD TOUR LOTTERY

- An alternative Idea for FIR to get in money
- The idea: World Tour name sponsor via lottery
- The risk: for buyers none; for seller non-financial
- The rules: Aim is to sell 111 tickets (minimum 50 tickets) for 1000€ sold to sponsors
- The winner: World Tour Sponsor 2016 worth 111.000€
(11.000€ reserved for the production material)
- The benefits: According to World Tour regulations 2015
- The draw: At World Champs Team and Doubles
- The effect: Big story in Racketlon community, big story for media
- The sellers: national Racketlon federations to their sponsors and players with private companies
- For each sold ticket the federation gets a bonus of 100€ if a minimum of 50 tickets are sold
- START: TODAY

7. Livestreaming Project

- Mediahouse 24
- Started at Austrian Open/Champions League

<http://austrianews.mediathek24.at/video/racklet-european-champions-league/>

- Livestream
- Connection to social networks
- Video productions
- Talk and sport shows
- Cooperation in marketing
- Smart TV
- New interactive FIR website

8. FINANCES PREVIEW 2015

- Forecast for 2015 with same structure: Plus of 2910 Euro
- FIR even in results after 2015

9. REQUEST BY FIR MEMBERS AND COUNCIL

FIR Council has requested the AGM to exclude Mongolia and Pakistan from FIR, as there has been no contact and no membership payment for the last two years

This is accepted by FIR AGM unanimously, Pakistan and Mongolia excluded from 1.1.2015!

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Racketlon Trademark, Marcel Weigl has accepted invitation. Peter Landberg, Hans Mullama, Lennart Eklundh and marcel Weigl are now 25% owners
- Court of Arbitration Albert Zoltan, Volker Sach called by Keith Lesser. Phil Reid would like to be replaced for the next period.



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