

MINUTES FIR AGM 2015

Friday 27th November, 9:00 – 11:00

Sportscentre/Hotel STEP, Prague/Czech Republic

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Chairs:

FIR-Executive President Marcel Weigl (before elections)

FIR Vice-President Lennart Eklundh (during elections)

FIR President Kresten Hougaard (after elections)

Vienna 20th December 2015

28 Countries present or voting power allocated with a total of 67 votes:

1. Armenia (1), votes to Bulgaria
2. Austria (5), Christoph Krenn
3. Belgium (3), Geert Bloomaert
4. Bulgaria (2), Puzant Kassabian
5. Canada (4), votes to Denmark
6. Czech Republic (3), Svatopluk Rejthar
7. Denmark (2), Kresten Hougaard
8. England (6), Keith Lesser
9. Estonia (1), Timm Rannu
10. Finland (2), Poku Salo
11. France (2), votes to Belgium
12. Germany (6), Thorsten Deck
13. Ghana (1), votes to Finland
14. Greece (1), Georgios Georgoudis
15. Hong Kong - China (1), votes to Austria
16. Hungary (3), Robert Laszlo
17. India (1), votes to Sweden
18. Iraq (1), Ahmad Bahadli
19. Latvia (1), Zigmars Puikевичs
20. Liechtenstein (1), votes to Switzerland
21. Netherlands (2), Guus van de Burgt
22. Poland (2), Rav Rykowski
23. Romania (1), Radu Ionescu
24. Russia (1), Maxim Levitin
25. Slovakia (1), votes to Czech Republic
26. Sweden (6), Anna-Klara Ahlmer
27. Switzerland (6), Beat Ladner
28. Turkey (1), Ersoy Koror

67 out of 83 possible votes were present at the AGM 2015, which is 80,7% and more than 50%. The AGM can thus take final decisions on all points on the Agenda. For the normal majority (50%) a minimum of 34 votes are needed. For the qualified majority (66,6%) a minimum of 56 votes are needed.

13 Countries not present with a total of 16 votes

1. Australia (1)
2. Brazil (1)
3. Croatia (1)
4. F.Y.R of Macedonia (1)
5. Ireland (2)
6. Israel (1)
7. Italy (1)
8. Malaysia (1)
9. New Zealand (1)
10. Scotland (1)
11. Slovenia (1)
12. South Africa (3)
13. USA (1)

Final Agenda

- 1) Welcome note members
- 2) Confirmation of Minutes EGM 2015 and Finances 2014
- 3) Report of Council 2015
- 4) Financial report 2015
- 5) Final report President Marcel Weigl 2006-2015
- 6) New FIR Council elections, proposal by Danish president Kresten Hougaard:
President, Kresten Hougaard (DEN)
Vice-President Special Projects, Marcel Weigl (AUT)
Vice-President Rankings, Poku Salo (FIN)
Vice-President Tournament Software, Graham King (SUI)
World Tour Officer, Kirsten Kaptein (NED)
Non-EU Countries Development Officer, Patrick Laplante Jr. (CAN)
New:
Treasurer, Amke Fischer (GER)
Head Delegate Officer, Richard Middleton (GB)
Recognition Officer, Radu Ionescu (ROM)
Media Officer, Ray Jordan (GB)
Social Media Officer, Anna-Klara Ahlmer (SWE)
Rules Officer, Hans Van Daele (BEL)
Sponsorship Officer, Thorsten Deck (GER)
- 7) Council preview 2016-2018
- 8) Finances preview 2016
- 9) Requests by FIR Members: Denmark change of FIR statutes
- 10) Any Other Business: Members report 2015

1) Welcome note, members, Sportaccord application (Marcel Weigl)

FIR president Marcel Weigl welcomes all representatives and reports:

- Bulgaria, Armenia, F.Y.R.O. Macedonia have done their homework and have founded separate Racketlon federations out of existing Badminton federations
- Georgia has applied for FIR membership
- Malta under the head of Duncan Stahl is about to form the national federation as promised
- Former SportAccord President Marius L. Vizer has kept his promise and requested a statutes change at the SportAccord General Assembly 2015, so that only 10 of the national (Racketlon) sports federations needed to be recognized by the NSF – National Sports Federation or NOC – National Olympic Committee as precondition for SportAccord membership. Such a statutes change needed 2/3 majority which is 66,67% and got only 63,8%. **Practically FIR missed membership by 3%!**
- Meanwhile SportAccord President Vizer has resigned due to a quarrel with Olympic Committee head Thomas Bach and the future of SportAccord is uncertain

2) Confirmation of Minutes EGM 2015

The minutes of the EGM 2015 held on Friday 17th July 2015 in Nussloch/Germany are confirmed by the AGM unanimously

3) Report of the Council 2015 (Marcel Weigl)

A short list of the main issues FIR has achieved 2015:

- Day to day work, E-mails, contacts, information
- FIR Workshop day during EGM at German Open in Nussloch
- Statutes change on Agenda of SportAccord Assembly for recognition of new sports federations
- World Tour Officer tasks handed over to Kirsten Kaptein
- Installation of Rankings Workgroup
- Improved FIR-Delegates and Co-Delegates at all World Tour events thanks to FIR Head Delegate Richard Middleton
- First ever European University Championships in Szombathely/Hungary and first ever European Championships Teams and Singles in Prague
- **First ever continental championships in Europe, Oceania and America**

4) Financial Report 2014, 2015 (Lennart Eklundh)

- Final result for 2014: Income 36.431 €, Costs 40.025 € which gives a deficit of 3.594 €. Result has been confirmed and signed by auditors
- Summary of all results 2002-2014: Minus of 3.760 €
- Prognosis for 2015: Income 34.000 €, Costs 40.000 € which gives a surplus of 4.000 €
- **After 2015 finances of FIR will be around 400 € surplus for handover to new FIR Council**

5) Final Presidents Report 2006 – 2015 (Marcel Weigl)

- First contact with Racketlon 2002
- 6 funding countries of FIR: Sweden, Finland, France, Bulgaria, England, Scotland. Today 41 member countries after only 10 years
- Established World Tour from 4 tournaments 2002 (English, Scottish, Finnish, Gothenborg) to an average of 15 per year plus Challengers
- FIR-Delegates and Co-Delegates at all World Tour events
- Regular published FIR-Magazine with all information and history until 2014
- Setup of new website and Tournament Software replaces Resultreporter
- Existence of Racketlon acknowledged internationally by SportAccord, other sports federations, NOCs, NSFs
- **Small contribution to world peace by competing and celebrating with each other regardless country and religion**

6) Council Elections (Lennart Eklundh)

Although the FIR Council was elected only last year for the period 2015 to 2017, early this year Executive President Marcel Weigl had announced to retire as president at the AGM 2015 together with Vice-President and Treasurer Lennart Eklundh. Danish president Kresten Hougaard took the initiative to stand for new FIR president and expand the council from 9 to 13 persons.

Standing for elections FIR Council 2016 – 2018

1. President, Kresten Hougaard (DEN)
2. Vice-President EU-Project, Marcel Weigl (AUT) (until AGM 2016)
3. Vice-President World Rankings, Poku Salo (FIN)
4. Vice-President Tournament Software, Graham King (SUI)
5. World Tour Officer/Female Policies, Kirsten Kaptein (NED)
6. Non-EU Countries Development Officer, Patrick Laplante Jr. (CAN)
- New:
7. Treasurer, Amke Fischer (GER)
8. Head Delegate Officer, Richard Middleton (GBR)
9. Recognition Officer, Radu Ionescu (ROM)
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Lennart Eklundh then took over the chair of the AGM to thank leaving FIR Council members Puzant Kassabian and Ahmad Bahadli for their work and lead the Council Elections.

All candidates of the new FIR Council were elected by the AGM unanimously!

7) Council Preview 2016 – 2018 (Kresten Hougaard)

A short list of the main FIR wants to achieve 2015:

- RACI – new structure of FIR, spreading workload
- Working on new world ranking system
- Recognition of FIR by SportAccord or other entity
- New more interactive official website
- Monthly newsletter information for players
- Improve social media strategy
- New strategy to support national federations development of Racketlon
- One day „First Timers“ tournament during FIR events
- Installation of Non-EU countries committee
- EU project subsidies and private sponsorship

8) Finances Preview 2016 (Kresten Hougaard)

Kresten reports FIR income 2016 shall be similar to 2015. The costs will be calculated and re-distributed by new council and prediction sent to AGM per e-mail asap. Budget shall be even after 2016

9) Request by FIR members

Denmark has requested a change of FIR statutes, see AGM invitation

After a short discussion the changes were accepted by FIR AGM unanimously!

10) Any other Business: EU-Project (Marcel Weigl)

- In total 406 eligible applications for Erasmus+ Sport Programme calls „Collaborative Partnerships“ and „Not-for-profit European Sport events“
- Funding threshold for „Collaborative Partnerships covering topics on EU Guidelines“ was over 81,5 out of 100 possible points. FIR reached 37,5 points
- Marcel started a Business Master Programme at University: „Management of EU projects“ in order to become specialist
- Total Budget Erasmus+ Sport 2016: approx. 27,5 Million Euro
- Collaborative Partnerships 24,1 Million Euro divided:
 - 1,2€ Million European Week of Sport 8 projects, max. 150.000€ grant
 - 3,3€ Million small Collaborative P. 57 projects, max. 60.000€
 - 19,6€ Million Collaborative Partnerships 70 projects, max. 400.000€
- Application deadline 12.5.2016, Project duration 12-36 months
- 25% projects each on the topics: physical activity, integrity of sports, social integration, good governance

Minutes taken by Marcel Weigl & confirmed by Lennart Eklundh, Graham King, Kresten Hougaard

FIR AGM 2016: TBA during World Championships Singles 24th to 27th November in Germany

Attachments: FIR AGM 2015 Power Point Presentation; FIR Finances 2014 with signature of Auditors; FIR Finances Forecast 2015