

MINUTES

FIR Council Meeting

Friday 2nd June, 18:00 – 19:30
Recrean Sportscenter, Oudenaarde, Belgium

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Present:

Kresten Hougaard, FIR President (Denmark)
Graham King, Vice-President Tournament Software (Switzerland)
Natalie Paul, General Secretary (Germany)
Hans van Daele, Rules Officer (Belgium)
Duncan Stahl, Marketing Officer (Great Britain)
Richard Middleton, Head of Delegates (Great Britain)

Absent:

Marcel Weigl, Vice-President EU Projects (Austria)
Poku Salo, Vice-President Rankings Officer (Finland)
Radu Ionescu, Recognition Officer (Romania)
Patrick Laplante Jr, Non-European Country Development (Canada)
Thorsten Deck, Sponsorship (Germany)
Anna-Klara Ahlmer, Social Media Officer (Sweden)
Amke Fischer, Treasurer (Germany)
Kirsten Kaptein, World Tour Officer (Netherlands)

1. Open items (Graham King)

- 2017 posters and logos to be produced → logos in dropbox
2018: new World Tour logos and FIR logo → Duncan Stahl
- introduction of “+45 B” category → vote at AGM definite costs to be calculated (Graham King)
- tidy-up of seniors & juniors ranking still pending → Graham King
- presentation of statistics → still open Hans van Daele to ask Thorsten Lentfer
- resignation of Frank Kleiber as auditor: new auditor found: Joachim Gersdorf → Natalie Paul to give dropbox excess to Patrik Wartia and Joachim Gersdorf
- European Champs: request that players can play both one double and one mixed doubles event, as well as singles → players can play both
- World Champs 2018: no proposals yet; Great Britain, Lanzarote and Switzerland possible → Graham King to ask Esther Dübendorfer

- General Secretary: open position to be updated and published on racketlon.net → still open (Natalie Paul)
- Sponsorship Officer: still open → profile of open position to be produced (Kresten Hougaard) and published on racketlon.net (Natalie Paul)

2. Finances and Auditing (Graham King in absence of Amke Fischer)

- Finances largely on track
- Country memberships largely paid
- Player licence payment (8'557.40) ahead of pro rata budget (7'007.92)
- All TournamentSoftware invoices paid
- All other costs well within budget

3. Membership and pending expulsion (Graham King)

- countries that haven't paid yet:
 - Armenia
 - Brazil
 - Bulgaria
 - Macedonia
 - Ghana
 - India
 - Ireland
 - Italy
 - Malaysia
- Graham King to send a reminder mail to presidents and players of the vote to expel them at the AGM
- participation of Bulgaria at the European Champs → Graham King to contact Marcel Weigl
- India to be handled separately, due to the issue of who should be the official representative → Kresten Hougaard

4. India (Kresten Hougaard)

- three different possible federations
- solution: previous federation to be suspended because of non-payment of membership; expulsion to be voted on at the AGM; letter to be send (Kresten Hougaard)
"RISA" as new official federation: Mr. Cheema and Mr. Abhinav to work together

5. New website (Natalie Paul)

- presentation of the new homepage
- new: structure, Instagram feed, monthly top 10 rankings, tournaments, Hall of fame
- *“What is Racketlon?” to be included (Natalie Paul)*
- *some changes to be made by Natalie Paul*
- *Natalie to distribute link to Council members for review*
- *homepage finished and published by Emil Gunarsson*

6. New regulations

- Text for revision of Tournament Regulations agreed. Graham to finalise and pass to Kirsten for 2018 World Tour applications

7. SportAccord workshop in Lausanne, 15th/16th June

- FIR to be represented by Radu Ionescu and Cédric Junillon
- *agenda to be send to Radu and Cédric (Natalie Paul)*

8. Ambassadors for Racketlon (Duncan Stahl)

- four ambassadors; one of each sport; 4-5 social media posts every year
- *Duncan Stahl to write a proposal and to contact professional athletes*

9. Livestream solution for the World Tour (Kresten Hougaard)

- simple solution and free of charge; users (viewer) have to register online
- FIR has to provide 4 iPhones/iPads; one for each court
- will be tested in 2017 and if applicable used for 2018

10. Suggestion on earlier entries (Graham King)

- suggestion of Esther Dübendorfer to increase entry fees for late entries (e.g. less than 2 weeks before close of registration) considered positive
- in case of cancelation, difference possibly to be paid before the general entry deadline but after the early entry deadline
- Graham to prepare information for a full Council discussion later this year

11. Suggestion on multiple age classes (Graham King)

- suggestion of Hilde van Onderbergen to hold less age categories. Many points to consider
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Council Meeting minutes taken by General Secretary Natalie Paul and confirmed by Graham King