

MINUTES

FIR Council Meeting

Saturday 25th February, 18:30 – 20:00
Hyllie Sportscenter, Malmö, Sweden

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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)
Anna-Klara Ahlmer, Social Media Officer (Sweden)
Amke Fischer, Treasurer (Germany)
Radu Ionescu, Recognition Officer (Romania)
Kirsten Kaptein, World Tour Officer (Netherlands)
Duncan Stahl, new Marketing Officer (Great Briatin)

Absent:

Marcel Weigl, Vice-President EU Projects (Austria)
Poku Salo, Vice-President Rankings Officer (Finland)
Richard Middleton, Head of Delegates (Great Britain)
Patrick Laplante Jr, Non-European Country Development (Canada)
Thorsten Deck, Sponsorship (Germany)

1) Open items (Graham King)

- Hall of fame update → will be presented on new homepage (Natalie Paul)
- “volunteer of the year” → closed without completion
- revision of rules 2016 → done
- referee rules → no change necessary
- relocation of FIR seat → seat to stay in Austria
- 2017 posters and logos to be produced → Duncan Stahl to look into it
- introduction of “+45 B” category → still open (Graham King)
- presentation of statistics → transferred to Hans/ Thorsten Lentfer

2. Finances and Auditing (Amke Fischer)

- finances 2016 going to auditor: still open → Amke Fischer
- Frank Kleiber wishes to resign as auditor → “open position” to be updated and published on racketlon.net (Natalie Paul)
- invoices for membership fee:
 - invoice to India not sent, as two persons both active for Indian Racketlon.
Solution found: both persons have now agreed to work together
→ invoice to be sent to both persons (Natalie Paul)
 - Poland invoice sent to Rav’s Sponsor, but no response
→ invoice to be sent again (Natalie Paul)
 - the majority of members have not paid their annual country membership fees
→ reminders to be sent with warning that players will be excluded from future FIR tournaments, starting with Czech Open (Natalie Paul)

3. Website (Kresten Hougaard, Natalie Paul)

- on progress
- meeting with Emil Gunarsson

4. Monthly ranking (Anna-Klara Ahlmer, Natalie Paul)

- to be presented (Natalie Paul) on the new homepage
- photos missing from three players → to be contacted (Anna-Klara Ahlmer/Natalie Paul)

5. EU project (Radu Ionescu)

- 400€ travel costs for Radu → invoice to Treasurer (Radu Ionescu/Amke Fischer)
- no more costs expected

6. Euro Champs 2017 (Kresten Hougaard)

- website online in German (www.euro.racketlon.at); English version will follow soon
- AGM approximately on 31st of August/1st of September
- Kresten Hougaard to contact the Austrian federation to request that players can play in both one doubles and also one mixed doubles event, as well as singles at EC

7. World Champs 2018 (Kirsten Kaptein)

- E-mail to be sent (Kirsten Kaptein) to all tournament directors to ask if they want to host one or two parts of the WC in combination with other tournament possibilities

8. Live draws and draw sizes (Hans van Daele, Graham King, Kresten Hougaard)

- live draws may be done for all tournaments on Facebook live by tournament directors
- kick-off will be done by Kresten Hougaard for Club La Santa Open on Lanzarote
- it would be great to get a famous player to support the draw like Daryl Selby for the Champions League draw

9. General Secretary (Natalie Paul, Kresten Hougaard)

- Natalie Paul will resign as General Secretary at least by September
- “open position” to be updated and published on racketlon.net (Natalie Paul)

10. Open positions in Council (Kresten Hougaard)

- Ray Jordan (Media officer) resigned
- Duncan Stahl will take over as Marketing officer → has to be approved by AGM
- Sponsorship Officer: → Kresten Hougaard to ask Thorsten Deck to resign
- profile of open position to be produced (Kresten Hougaard) and published on racketlon.net (Natalie Paul)

11. Other

- a) request by Marcel Weigl to define and publish the criteria and to change the rules for the size of Elite draws (presented by Radu Ionescu)
 - suggestion refused; as current system considered to function well for the overwhelming majority of tournaments
 - no change of rules
- b) request by Marcel Weigl to award World Ranking points for First Timer events
 - suggestion refused; as First Timers don't pay the FIR licence, they don't get ranking points
 - no minutes of the EGM in Germany are available where this was ruled otherwise
- c) request by Michael Eubel to ask for support in chasing unpaid registration fees at the 2016 World Championships by 3 players who did not pay their registration fees
 - Players & Draws Regulations, section 3.12, defines exactly that the players must either pay these fees, or be banned from future tournaments, so a Council vote is unnecessary
 - Graham King to communicate this to the players

Council Meeting minutes taken by General Secretary Natalie Paul and Amke Fischer and confirmed by Graham King