



**DRAFT2 MINUTES 290317**  
**General Assembly of European National Rowing Federations**  
**Brandenburg, Germany**  
**Saturday, 7 May 2016**

**1. Opening of the session.**

The Chair of the European Rowing Management Board ("ERMB"), Ryszard Stadniuk (POL), opened the 2015 General Assembly and introduced the members of the board: Dag Danzglock (GER), Nebojsa Jevremovich (SRB), Eva Szanto (HUN), Algirdas Raslanas (LTU) and Roland Weill (FRA). Apologies were received from Patrick Rombaut (BEL). Mr. Stadniuk thanked the Brandenburg organisers for their excellent organisation of the regatta and of the general assembly.

**2. Identification of the delegates and confirmation of their authority.**

The Secretary of the Board Eva Szanto made a roll call. There were 33 member federations represented, each with one vote. A majority was thus 17 votes if all participated in the voting.

**3. Appointment of scrutineers for the period of the Meeting.**

The Chair asked and received approval to nominate the following delegates as scrutineers:

- Annamarie Phelps (GBR)
- Vladimir Meglic (SLO)

**4. Approval of the Minutes from the 2015 General Assembly in Belgrade**

The Chair asked for any comments on the minutes from the 2015 General Assembly. There were no comments or questions therefore he considered that the minutes were approved.

**5. 2015 Report of the European Rowing Management Board**

The Chair commented on the ERMB report on their activities for 2015 and the beginning of 2016. He especially highlighted the two excellent championship regattas in 2015; the European Rowing Championships in Poznan and the European Junior Championships. The report was included with the agenda papers. There were no further questions.

**6. Update on preparations for future Championships**

- a. 2017 European Rowing Championships in Racice, CZE  
The Racice OC gave an update on the progress of preparations for the 2017 event. All was reportedly going well.
- b. 2017 European Rowing Junior Championships in Krefeld, GER  
The Krefeld OC gave a report on the progress of preparations for the 2017 event.
- c. 2017 European Rowing Under 23 Championships in Kruszwica, POL  
The Kruszwica OC gave a report on the progress of preparations for the 2017 first-time event.
- d. 2018 European Rowing Championships in Strathclyde, GBR  
The Strathclyde OC gave a report on the progress of preparations for the unique 2018 event staged together with six other sports. The broadcasters requested that this event be staged

over four days (two days of finals) and this was presented to the federations for a vote. The vote was strongly in favour of this modification.

#### **7. Attribution of the hosting rights for the 2019 European Rowing Championships**

The Swiss Rowing Federation led by president Stephane Trachsler presented information on the bid of Lucerne to host the 2019 European Rowing Championships. The ERMB confirmed that the bid met all standards requested for championship bids and recommended approval by the delegates. The delegates expressed their satisfaction with applause and the 2019 event was attributed to Lucerne, Switzerland.

#### **8. Attribution of the hosting rights for the 2018 European Rowing Junior Championships**

The French Rowing Federation led by president Jean-Jacques Mulot presented information on the bid of Gravelines to host the 2018 European Rowing Junior Championships. The ERMB confirmed that the bid met all standards requested for championship bids and recommended approval by the delegates. The delegates expressed their satisfaction with applause and the 2018 event was attributed to Gravelines, France.

#### **9. Attribution of the hosting rights for the 2018 European Rowing Under 23 Championships**

The Belarus Rowing Federation presented information on the bid of Brest to host the 2018 European Rowing Under 23 Championships. The ERMB confirmed that the bid met all standards requested for championship bids and recommended approval by the delegates. The delegates expressed their satisfaction with applause and the 2018 event was attributed to Brest, Belarus.

#### **10. Attribution of the hosting rights for the 2017 European Rowing Indoor Championships**

This event was attributed to the French Federation for Paris.

#### **11. Election of one position on the European Rowing Management Board**

The management board position held by Ryszard Stadniuk was due for election; Mr Stadniuk was re-nominated by the Polish Rowing Federation for a further four year term. The delegates confirmed their appreciation for Ryszard by acclamation and he was considered re-elected for a four year term ending in 2020.

#### **12. FISA Session**

FISA President Jean-Christophe Rolland and Executive Director Matt Smith presented the latest issues in the Olympic movement and how they impact rowing as well as European Rowing. Rolland reported on the IOC Agenda 2020 project which was launched in 2014. He warned the delegates that change is coming fast in the Olympic Movement and in the world of sport. He suggested that rowing needs to carefully consider all issues and drive change rather than have change overtake rowing.

#### **13. Any other business**

- a. **Additional boat classes** – There were extended discussions on boat classes for the future editions of the European Championships. As additional boat classes can only be added in the post-Olympic year at an Extraordinary Congress, it was agreed that exhibition events would be staged at the 2017 European Championships while awaiting the decision of the FISA Extraordinary Congress in February 2017 and the IOC Executive Board's decision in July 2017. The exhibition boat classes will be W4-, LW2- and LW4x.

The General Assembly ended.

For the European Rowing Management Board:

Ryszard Stadniuk  
Chair

Eva Szanto  
Secretary