



**DRAFT MINUTES (250416)**  
**General Assembly of European National Rowing Federations**  
**Poznan, Poland**  
**Saturday, 30 May 2015**

**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), Patrick Rombaut (BEL) and Roland Weill (FRA).

Mr. Stadniuk thanked the Poznan organisers for their excellent organisation of the regatta and of the general assembly. He continued with his thanks to the Racice OC for the organisation of the fifth European Junior Championships two weeks earlier.

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

The Secretary of the Board, Eva Szanto, made a roll call. There were 30 member federations represented, each with one vote. A majority was thus 16 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:

Norbert Lambing (AUT)  
Henning Bay Nielsen (DEN)

**4. Approval of the Minutes from the 2014 General Assembly in Belgrade**

The Chair asked for any comments on the minutes from the 2014 General Assembly. There were no comments or questions therefore he considered that the minutes were approved.

**5. 2014 Report of the European Rowing Management Board**

The Chair commented on the ERMB report on their activities for 2014 and the beginning of 2015. He especially highlighted the two excellent championship regattas in 2014; the European Championships in Belgrade at which 36 nations were represented and the European Junior Championships at which 31 nations were represented. The report was included with the agenda papers. There were no further questions.

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

a. 2016 European Rowing Championships in Brandenburg

The Brandenburg OC gave an update on the progress of preparations for the 2016 event. All was reportedly going well.

b. 2016 European Rowing Junior Championships in Trakai

The Trakai OC gave a report on the progress of preparations for the 2016 Junior event. It was proposed that the event be staged on the weekend of 9/10 July 2016 which was approved by the delegates.

**7. Attribution of the venue for the 2017 European Rowing Championships**

The Czech Rowing Federation led by president Dusan Machacek presented information on the bid of Racice to host the 2017 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 2017 championships were attributed to Racice, Czech Republic.

**8. Attribution of the venue for the 2018 European Rowing Championships**

Representatives of the European Sports Championships project and British Rowing presented information on the new Multi-Sport event to take place in Berlin (athletics) and Glasgow (Rowing, Golf, Gymnastics, Swimming and Triathlon). The venue for rowing and triathlon will be Strathclyde Country Park, near Glasgow, Scotland. The dates will be moved to the first weekend of August (3-5 August 2018) to match the period of the other sports' European championships. The delegates approved and attributed the event.

**9. Attribution of the venue for the 2017 European Rowing Junior Championships**

Due to the withdrawal of Munich as a possible bidder, the delegates agreed to give the authority for this attribution to the ERMB. Krefeld, Germany was presented as a potential host subject to completion of the bidding documents and commitments.

**10. Continuation of the discussion on the European Rowing Under 23 Championships**

No bids were received at this point for this event. The delegates were asked if they would allow the ERMB to appoint an organiser for a low-cost European Rowing Under 23 Championships starting in September 2017. The delegates approved.

**11. Report on 2015 European Ergometer Championships**

A report was made to the assembly on this event which took place in Szczecin, Poland, in January 2015.

**12. Attribution of the 2016 European Indoor Rowing Championships**

This event was attributed to the Hungarian Rowing Federation for the City of Gyor, Hungary.

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

The management board position held by Eva Szanto was due for election; Ms. Szanto was re-nominated by the Hungarian Rowing Federation for a further four year term.

The delegates confirmed their appreciation for Eva by acclamation and she was considered re-elected for a four year term ending in 2019.

#### **14. FISA Strategic Plan, European Rowing Strategic Plan**

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 Sochi at the Winter Olympic Games and ends in early December at an extraordinary session of the IOC in Monaco. 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.

#### **15. Any other business**

##### **a. European Games**

The delegates were aware that rowing was not present at the first edition of the 2015 European Games in Baku, Azerbaijan because there was no suitable regatta venue. At the moment there is no organiser for the 2019 edition.

##### **b. European Rowing University Championships**

Information was provided on the interesting European University event: the European University Rowing Championships scheduled in Hannover, Germany in September 2015. The 2016 European University Games will take place in Zagreb, Croatia in July 2016. The EUSA president Adam Roczek was present at the general assembly. Website is [www.eusa.eu](http://www.eusa.eu)

##### **c. European Union sport issues**

A discussion took place to establish formal contact with the European Union.

##### **d. Row Battle project from Denmark**

A presentation was made on this innovative project of the Danish Rowing Federation.

##### **e. Lucerne Rotsee Update**

The president of the Swiss Rowing Federation Stephane Trachsler took the floor to update the delegates on the progress with the renovation of the Lucerne boathouse due to be completed for the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta in May 2016.

The General Assembly ended at 18:35 hrs.

For the European Rowing Management Board:

Ryszard Stadniuk  
Chair

Eva Szanto  
Secretary