



## **DRAFT MINUTES (040514)**

### **Extraordinary General Assembly of European National Rowing Federations Amsterdam, the Netherlands Friday, 29 August 2014**

#### **1. Opening of the session**

The Chair of the European Rowing Management Board (“ERMB”), Ryszard Stadniuk (POL), opened this 2014 Extraordinary 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 Amsterdam organisers for their helping to arrange this extraordinary meeting. The Extraordinary Assembly was called in points 13 b and 13 f of the 2014 Belgrade General Assembly to follow up on two surveys of the membership.

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

The Secretary of the Board, Eva Szanto, made a roll call. There were 25 member federations represented, each with one vote. A majority was thus 13 votes if all participated in the voting. A two-thirds majority was 17 votes.

#### **3. European Rowing Under 23 Championships**

A survey was carried out following the 2014 Belgrade General Assembly to determine several questions related to the proposal to stage this event. The results of the survey are reported in a document entitled: “European Rowing Survey – Introduction of the European Rowing U23 Championships and Changing the Bid Timeline”.

The main questions of the survey were discussed again at this assembly.

- a. Establish a European Rowing Under 23 Championships? Large majority Yes
- b. When to stage the event: May – 11 votes, September – 11 votes.

There was no clear majority for one or the other option and the rest of the voting was ended.

After much discussion, it was proposed to start in 2017 using the majority results of the survey, including:

- a. Date: September 2017
- b. Format: Single event
- c. Boat classes: same of the World Under 23 Championships

This proposal was sent to the national federations for an “official” email vote and the result was:

- a. 27 of 28 (96% of those voting) agreed to start a European Rowing Under 23 Championships
- b. 22 of 28 (78%) agreed to start this event with 2017 only and based on the survey results

This was approved and implemented.

#### **4. Bid Timeline**

The second question held over from Belgrade was the Swiss proposal to increase the bidding timeframe for the European Championships from the current two years. The results of the survey were mixed. The following question was proposed:

Extend the bidding period of the European Championships to three years: Yes – 15, no – 0, abstentions – 2

This proposal was sent to the national federations for an “official” email vote and the result was:

- c. 21 of 28 (75%) voted in favour of attributing the European Championships three years in advance.

This was approved and implemented.

#### **5. European Sports Championships**

There were new developments in the project to combine several major European sports' European Championship events into one two-week period in 2018. Rowing was asked to be a core sport in this innovative project. In order for rowing to participate, FISA and the ERMB asked the assembly to allow them to conduct exclusive negotiations with the city that was proposed by the consortium working on this project.

The assembly was asked that, if the city presented for this multi-sport event could offer all the standard conditions to successfully stage the European Rowing Championships for 2018, would the assembly authorise FISA and ERMB to conclude an event agreement without a formal assembly vote? Yes – 25, no – 0

FISA and ERMB will now move forward to start negotiations for the European Sports Championships and report back to the 2015 General Assembly.

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For the European Rowing Management Board:

Ryszard Stadniuk  
Chair

Eva Szanto  
Secretary