



DRAFT MINUTES

2018 Extraordinary General Assembly of European Member National Rowing Federations Berlin, Germany Thursday, 22 November 2018

Subject

1. Opening of the session.

The Chair of the European Rowing Management Board ("ERMB") Ryszard Stadniuk (POL) opened the 2018 Extraordinary General Assembly and introduced the members of the ERMB: Nebojsa Jevremovich (SRB), Eva Szanto (HUN), Annamarie Phelps (GBR), Algirdas Raslanas (LTU), Roland Weill (FRA) and Patrick Rombaut (BEL). Mr. Stadniuk thanked the Berlin organisers for their excellent organisation of the general assembly.

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

A roll call was made and there were 26 member federations represented, each with one vote. An absolute majority would thus be 14 votes, if all voted, and a two-thirds majority would have to be 18 votes, if all voted.

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

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

- Sandu Pop (ROU)
- Gwenda Stevens (BEL)

4. Consideration and approval of the Minutes of the 2018 General Assembly in Glasgow

This was moved to the 2019 ERC GA in Lucerne

5. Consideration and approval of the establishment of a new European Rowing Confederation ("ERC") and its Constitution (no change in the draft of 5 Sept - document available at: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/european-rowing/general-assembly>)

Annamarie Phelps presented the proposed new constitution.

Two questions were raised; one by the Swiss Federation relative to the formation of commissions or working groups, and the other by the Dutch Federation relative to the attribution rules.

6. Discussion on a transitional protocol from current to the new Constitution

Annamarie Phelps explained the transitional steps to be taken and approval needed.

7. **Consideration and approval of the proposed changes to the European Rowing Championships Rules of Racing** (no change in the draft of 5 Sept - document available at: <http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/european-rowing/general-assembly>)

Eva Szanto presented the proposed changes for the rules.

Three questions were raised by the Swiss Federation relative to the events, minimum entries and eligibility.

8. **Discussion around the general principles of a Cooperation Agreement between ERB and FISA**

This document is still under discussion even though there are no major issues envisioned.

9. **Consideration and attribution of the European Rowing Indoor Championships for the 2019-2020 season in Prague, CZE**

The delegates voted to attribute these championships to the Czech Rowing Federation to be staged in Prague, CZE.

10. Voting

Voting took place on the constitution and the rules together and the vote was 25 in favour, zero against and zero abstentions. The new ERC Constitution and Rules were approved, effective immediately.

11. Any other business

- a. **Replacement** - Roland Weill was due to retire at the end of 2018 and he was sincerely thanked by the assembly for his great contribution to European Rowing. As he was a member appointed by the FISA Council, the Council proposed that Dusan Machacek CZE replace Roland from 1 January 2019 and complete his term of office (until end of 2019). The delegates voted 24 in favour and 2 against, thus Dusan was approved to serve on the ERB.
- b. **2022 European Multi-sport Championships** – Matt Smith gave an update on the discussions currently taking place related to the 2022 event. There were several confidential discussions taking place with prospective hosts but the date for the event was a major point as the 2022 Commonwealth Games have taken the end of July/beginning of August slot in the calendar.

The 2018 Extraordinary General Assembly ended.

For the European Rowing Management Board:

Ryszard Stadniuk
Chair