MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ANCONA (ITA) - 31st MARCH 2016 - PALAINDOOR

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Present:
Jean Gracia EAA Vice-President
Pierre Weiss IAAF Master Commission
Giacomo Leone FIDAL Vice President
Serge Becker WMA Vice President Stadia
Selma Turkal WMA Women’s Representative
Kurt Kaschke EMA President (1 vote)
Jerzy Krauze EMA Vice-President (1 vote)
Jean Thomas EMA Treasurer (1 vote)
Martin Roald Arboel EMA Acting Technical Director and Stadia Manager
Helena Maria Pires de Carvalho EMA Secretary and Indoor Manager (1 vote)

The 56 Delegates of affiliate federations who have sent in advance the name of their delegates

AUT 2 Brigitte Orsolits – Dr Franz Kropik
BEL 2 Carol Wright – Karel De Vriendt
CRO 1 Ivan Puksar (Dragana Ciganovi)
CZE 1 Geiza Valenta
DEN 3 Knud Hoyer - Inge Falager – Martin Roald Arboel
EST 1 Lembit Talsepp
FRA 4 Colette Ruineau – Louis Bellevue – J.Claude Derymy – J. Yves Prevost
GER 5 Dr Matthias Reick – Jörg Reckemeier – Karl Heinz Flucke – Alfred Hermes – Gisela Stecher
GBR 5 Arthur Kumber – Kevin Dillon – Bridget Cushen - Maurice Doogan – Archie Jenkin
GRE 1 Georgios Constantopoulos
IRL 1 Anne Gormley (Finola Moore)
ITA 5 Mauro de Carli – Barbara Greco – Giogio Carbonaro – Nencini Antonio – Giuseppe Romeo
LAT 1 Dace Braksanis (Avids Vitolis)
NED 2 Fennie van Osch – Michel van Osch
NOR 2 Kalle Glomsaker – Torrey Enoksen
POL 4 Waclaw Krankski – Aneta Kaczmarek – Leszek Bobrzyk – Janusz Rozum
POR 1 Alexandre Monteiro
ROU 1 Valeriu Rosetnic
SMR 1 Paola Carinato
SVK 1 Milan Beliansky
SLO 1 Marko Booziek
ESP 4 Manuel Cortes – Ricard Rof – Jose Manuel Rodriguez – Lluisa Casanovas (German Alonso)
SWE 3 Jenny Akervall – Ivar Soderlind – Anna Ek
SUI 1 Margaritha Daehler-Setler (Pino Pilotto)
TUR 3 Ercan Özkan – Güner Gungör – Dr Murat Kaçar
1. OPENING AND FORMALITIES

1.1 Opening of the General Assembly:
At 08h00, EMA President Kurt Kaschke welcomed the Vice-President of EA Jean Gracia, Vice President of FIDAL Giacomo Leone, members of the WMA Council, delegates and guests. A special welcome was addressed to the new Affiliate from Kosovo.

There were welcoming words from Jean Gracia too who gave us a lot of information and details about Introduction of Athletic Masters in EA, only one identity, working hand by hand developing our athletics and the situation versus doping and its outcomes for some countries. The main goal now was to restore confidence and protect the clean athlete in all athletics community.

Serge Beckers in name of WMA President Stan Perkins found that EMA has contributed a lot to the Master Movement and that is reflected in the change of the Constitution according with the WMA Constitution.

EMA received a couple of excuses of members and individuals which cannot attend this meeting.

It was asked to all presents to stand up and to share a minute of silence for our friends in sports who passed away.

1.2 General Information
EOGA booklet was sent by email and distributed before this meeting. EMA old constitution is not clear in its wording, concerning the mandate and the GA because of the change of the stadia and indoor championships.

It was present by EMA Council to the Delegates a motion to give EMA Council the support for continuing their mandate as follow:
> The mandate of the Treasurer and the President will continue until the General Assembly (Stadia Championship) in 2017 in Aarhus (Denmark).
> The mandate of the Secretary and Vice-President will end in 2017 in Aarhus as well.

The motion was approved, as follows:
Yes (approval): 59 votes  No (rejecting): 0 vote  Abstention: 1 vote.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved with no objections.

1.4 Confirmation that EOGA has been properly convened
The General Assembly has been properly convened as the agenda arrived on time, and the invitation letter showed the date, place and time for the GA. At the same time the booklet arrived online on 03.2016 and distributed before the EOGA Ancona 2016.

1.5 Election of two (2) Delegates for the Minutes of Meeting
Proper Minutes of today's meeting (of the discussions as well as the resolutions) shall be held, by two Delegates. The elected persons was Colette Ruineau (France) and Fennie van Osch (Netherlands) that shall be responsible for the certification of the minutes of the meeting.

1.6 Appointment of two (2) Scrutinisers for the Ballots
According to Art. 6.5 the chairman designates two scrutinisers The elected persons were Luisa Casanovas (Spain) and Dr. Matthias Reick (Germany) as the scrutinizers of the present Assembly.
1.7 Proceedings for the Voting and the Election
According to Article 6.5 of the Constitution, elections and resolutions shall take place openly. Furthermore, please note that upon request of 2/5 of the members, the EOGA may decide on secret ballot on particular items.

2. RECEIPT OF THE REPORTS

2.1 Report of the President
Kurt Kaschke presented a few remarks concerning the future of EMA and officers who should be elected in 2017 in Aarhus and referred also to the election that will be held in 2016, in Perth, Australia. He added that to run for any position the candidates must support our movement, have time, skills, communicate in English easily and have the support of the National Federation itself and of the family.
No comments and no questions.

2.2 Report of the Vice-President
Jerzy Krauze informed the audience that the Marathon excluded from EMACS might be integrated on Marathon in Wroclaw, Poland.
No comments and no questions.

2.3 Report of the Secretary
Nothing to add. No comments and no questions.

2.4 Report of the Treasurer
Jean Thomas added that he is open to any question from the Assembly.
No comments and no questions.

2.5 Report of the Auditors
Vesa Lappalainen pointed out that the EMA treasurer did a great job, very good work, although regretting the fact that the Auditors had no access to Council minutes.

2.6 Report of Statistics
Ivar Soederlind was grateful for all the information provided by European Affiliates. Kurt Kaschke thanked Ivar and his team for their excellent statistical work. All athletes with a new European Record received an EMA Diploma in honor of their record. responsible person for these diploma is Bernd Rehpenning (GER).

2.7 Report of EMA Academy and Women Representative
Emanuela Baggioni reported that has a seminar “Athletics for Life” will be held on 2nd of April for all the athletics Community.

2.8 Report of the Anti-Doping and Advisor
Martine Prévost had made a great job too.

3. APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS

3.1 Reports of the Council members
The Council proposed to the EOGA to approve the reports of the Council Members as they were presented to them. The reports put to the vote was approved, as follows:
Yes (approval): 55 votes  No (rejecting): 0 vote  Abstention: 4 votes.
3.2 Report of the Auditors
The report of Auditors was approved, as follows:
Yes (approval): 59 votes  No (rejecting): 0 vote  Abstention: 1 vote.

There should be the Election of two (2) Auditors and one (1) Deputy in the General Assembly.
EMA Council presented the following proposal.

The previous Auditors and the deputy must continue their duties until the next General Assembly in Aarhus 2017. So the following persons has been accepted as Auditors and Deputy by the Assembly, respectively: Nicola Maggio (ITA) and Vesa Lappalainen (FIN) as Auditors. And Zlatan Hrelja (BiH) as Deputy.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 EMA Council Proposal of a new Constitution
This proposal concerned the constitution prepared by EMA Council together with Pierre Weiss and sent to all delegates on December 30th 2015 after the feedback of countries affiliates.

The President gave the floor to Pierre Weiss who as accepted (as he did for the WMA) to act as a legal adviser and to reflect on the changes which had to be made in the EMA legal documents. Indeed, the current Statutes (even amended three times since its creation) has be written in 2004 and the By Laws approved by the 2008 Congress in Ljubljana.

Pierre Weiss explained that to have two documents (Statutes and By Laws) was maybe not the best situation: it creates confusion when someone is looking for a specific clause and does not know where to find it! Furthermore, it was found out that some clauses of the By Laws were in contradiction with the Statutes itself. The study which was conducted concluded also that some basic topics were neither in the Statutes, nor in the By Laws.

During its meeting in Basel in December 2014, the Council came to the conclusion that a single document would be the best option! It would be longer of course, but will be far much more clear to understand and more coherent. Several versions were circulated in the last 18 months amongst the EMA Council members, bearing in mind that the new EMA Statutes has to:
  . take advantage of the experience of the IAAF Statutes,
  . be in line with the WMA Statutes approved by the August 2015 WMA Congress in Lyon
  . to be in compliance with the Swiss Law (Code Civil Suisse), the EMA Headquarters being located in Lausanne.

In December 2015, EMA has circulated the text to all it National members (with even a slightly amended version on 2nd March 2016). In fact there were no major changes; the additional clauses were clarifying the issues of:
  . Membership; affiliation procedure, termination of membership … (section C). organisation of the General Assemblies: nomination of the delegates, quorum, requested majorities … (section D)
  . vacancies on the Council … EMA dissolution … Dispute … matters

Pierre Weiss also explained to the Congress why the words “Elections and” at the start of the clause 12.12 had to be deleted.

Came then a long debate regarding the “auditors” ! It was first agreed to add “including minutes of the EMA Council” in the clause 24.4.
Then came the question on who should be auditors (clause 24.1): two people nominated by the Congress? or an “independent professional auditor”? It was agreed that the use of an independent professional auditor (whose choice was in the hands of the Council – clause 17.2.29) was a real benefit for the association and had the merit to guarantee the accuracy of the EMA Finances on the accounting aspect. But several Delegates took the floor to insist on keeping the “auditors nominated by the Congress within representatives of the Federations” having therefore a possibility to judge if the finances were handled in line with the Congress decision! The proposal by Vesa Lapalainen (Delegate of Finland) to give to the auditors the right to judge the general administration of EMA was not agreed; another Delegate suggested that EMA should create a “Governance Commission” which would have this authority: to be discussed in the future.

At the end of the discussion, there were two options: only one professional auditor or a combination between this professional auditor and two auditors appointed by the Council. A vote was held and, by 27 to 25, the second option was chosen.

Finally, based on the comments made by Artur Kimber, delegate of Great Britain, the Congress approved that the text of the new Statutes should be revised in order to have a perfect English text, as IAAF does with the clause 4.45 of its own Constitution.

To conclude, Pierre Weiss indicated that the next steps were:
- Approval of the Statutes by the 2016 EMA Congress in Ancona
- Registration by the EMA Council of this text to the “Registre du Commerce du Canton de Vaud” in Lausanne, Switzerland
- Approval of the text by the Swiss authorities

The Congress took the following decisions (all unanimously with one exception detailed above or the clause 24.1)
- to approve the changes discussed during the Council in the clauses 12.12, 24.1 and 24.4 (as well as the consequent changes in other clauses)
- to give mandate to the Council to improve the quality of the English ("editorial amendments") based on the IAAF Statutes clause 4.5
- to approve the amended text
- to give mandate to the Council to register this text in Switzerland
- to agree that this text will come into force as soon as the Swiss Authorities will have accepted it
- to consider then, as non valid anymore, the current EMA Statutes and EMA By Laws

4.2 Election of the hosting City of EMACS 2019
The representatives of the City of Venice (Jesolo, Carole and Ereklea) presented their bidding and promise a great Championships of ever. After a few questions from the Assembly the proposal was approved by acclamation Kurt Kaschke congratulated the team of FIDAL and LOC for this excellent preparation and he passed the baton of team work to the people who will work together the three years to prepare excellent Masters Athletics Stadia Championship in a beautiful area of the north part of Italy. Team baton will be given by the whole EMA Council to the team of the LOC.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 EMACNS 2016 in Vila Real de Santo Antonio
Alexandre Monteiro (Managing Director) presented the Championship and after some questions made by some delegates, he asked for the cooperation of the Team Leaders.
5.2 EMACS 2017 in Aarhus (Denmark)
The representatives of Aarhus presented a Power Point and made the invitation to all Delegates to be present in Aarhus on 2017.

5.3 EMMC 2017 Wroclaw (Poland)
Wroclaw presented as the place to hold the EMMC 2017 by Jerzy Krauze that invited all delegates to be there on 2017.

5.4 EMACI 2018 Apeldoorn (NED)
Representatives of Apeldoorn did not show their championship because they have some questions about the contract, but they are working hard in this direction.

5.5 EMACNS 2018 London (GB and NI)
EMA cannot accept the bid of the British Masters Athletics legacy in cooperation BMAF because it is not sanctioned by the National Governing Body (UKA). At this moment nothing is signed by the Municipality nor the UK Federation.

EMA then have to find another bidder for the EMACNS 2018. Kurt Kaschke encouraged delegates to contact their National Federation to send EMA Council a letter of interest referring to this championship. It would be nice to pass the flag of EMA in Vila Real de Santo Antonio.

6. INVITATION TO EMA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017 IN AARHUS
The next Ordinary General Assembly will be during EMACS 2017 in Aarhus (Denmark) on August 1st at 9.00h.

7. CLOSING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Kurt Kaschke ended GA thanking the members on behalf of the Council for the confidence which was granted to them, and thanked for the approval of all decisions made. His further thanks were given to Jean Gracia, Alfio Giomi and Pierre Weiss who always have been a partner to EMA and for their support and commitment of Masters Athletics in European Athletics. May we all enjoy “Athletics for life”.

Kurt Kaschke
EMA President

Helena Pires de Carvalho
EMA Secretary

Delegates for the certification of the General Assembly minutes

Fennie van Osch
Netherlands

Colette Ruineau
France