

**MINUTE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF EVAA****IZMIR (TUR)****26th August 2014, Atatürk Stadium****Present:**

HansjörgWirz	President of European Athletics
Jean Gracia	Vice-President of European Athletics
FatihCintimar	President Turkish Athletic Federation
NihatDoker	General Coordinator
YavuzTunc	President of Local Organizing Committee
Serge Beckers	WMA Vice President Stadia
Margit Jungmann	WMA Executive Vice President
Winston Thomas	WMA Secretary
Giacomo Leone	WMA Vice President Non-Stadia
Selma Turkal	WMA Women's Representative
Kurt Kaschke	EVAA President
Jerzy Krauze	EVAA Vice-President
Jean Thomas	EVAA Treasurer
Jean-Marcel Martin	EVAA Acting Technical Director and Stadia Manager
Helena Maria Pires	
De Carvalho	EVAA Acting Secretary and Indoor Manager

Delegates of affiliate countries

1. OPENING AND FORMALITIES

1.1 Opening of the General Assembly: at 9:00h EVAA President Kurt Kaschke welcomed the President of EA Hansjörg Wirz, the Vice-President of EA Jean Gracia, members of the WMA Council, delegates and guests.

Mattias Sunnborn, from Sweden was honoured before the GA started. He had been elected as European Best Veteran Athlete in 2013.

There were welcoming words from Margit Jungmann of Stan Perkins, WMA President.

Kurt Kaschke asked for a minute of silence for all friends in sports who passed away, as a tribute to their involvement in the Masters' Movement.

1.2 Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved with no objections.

1.3 Confirmation that GA has been properly convened

Vesa Lappalainen (FIN) said that "the General Assembly has not been properly convened as the agenda arrived only on the 16.07.2014, meaning 2 days late, and the invitation showed no mentioning of date, place and time for the GA. At the same time the booklet arrived online on 05.08.2014 and some days later by post". His proposal was to postpone this GA for Torún and

make this GA not official. EVAA President explains the misunderstanding and proposed to the assembly to vote for the continuation of the GA. The result of the voting: NO – 9 votes, YES- 44 votes and abstentions - 5 votes.

1.4 Nomination of two (2) Delegates for the Certification of the Minutes:

The elected persons are Selma Türkkal (Turkey) and Laine Kreicere (Latvia)

1.5 Election of two (2) Scrutineers for the Ballots:

The elected persons are Winston Thomas (WMA Secretary) and Michel v. Osch (Netherlands)

2. Presentation of the Reports

2.1 Report of the President

No comments and no questions.

2.2 Report of the Vice-President

No comments and no questions.

2.3 Report of the Secretary (Acting)

Before passing on to Acting Secretary report Kurt Kaschke gave some explanation about the resignation of René Honderlink, the former Secretary.

No more comments and no questions.

2.4 Report of the Technical Director (Acting)

Before passing on to Acting Technical Director report Kurt Kaschke gave some explanation about the resignation of Nicola Maggio the former Technical Director. The vacant position was delegated to Jean Marcel Martin, EVAA Technical Board Manager of Stadia.

Finland – represented by Vesa Lappalainen - intervened, saying that this delegation was against the Constitution because Council had to have 5 members from different countries and Jean Thomas and Jean Marcel Martin are from the same country – France.

Serge Becker (BEL) intervened, saying that EVAA Council must respect the constitution and the ballots.

The EVAA President informed that in the constitution the verb was "may" and not "must" and EVAA acting Technical Director has no power to vote.

No more comments and no questions.

2.5 Report of the Treasurer

Vesa Lappalainen said that the report of the treasurer was very good, very clear and well done, but on page 26 the budget for 2014 shows an estimated deficit of 18.500 Euros. He said that the expenses could be better managed. He hopes that at the end of the year 2014, the deficit will be less.

Treasurer Jean Thomas replied that EVAA expected more athletes in Izmir and then more income fees from these Championships.

No more comments and no questions.

2.6 Report of the Auditors

The opinion of the Auditors was that the report was well structured and clear. The financial report is to be approved. Voting: Yes - 58 votes No - 0 votes Abstentions - 0 votes

3. Approval of the Reports

3.1 Reports of the Council Members

The Council proposed to the GA to approve the Reports of the Council Members as they were presented before.

All reports were approved by GA.

3.2 Report of the Auditors

The report was accepted by General Assembly.

3.3 Nomination of two (2) Auditors and one (1) Deputy, for the next 3 years.

Auditors - Nicola Maggio (ITA) and Vesa Lappalainen (FIN)

Deputy - Zlatan Hrelja (BIH)

Voting: Yes – 55 votes No - 1 vote Abstentions - 2

4. Proposals

4.1 Negotiations with the Organisation of European Master Games (FIN)

Proposal of Finland – To join in the future the European Master Athletics Championships with European Master Games.

Great Britain (Arthur Kimber) said - The standard of European Master Games is not compatible with our championships. They are a promotional organization; they are more interested in the financial aspects.

Winston Thomas – the president of Masters Commission said that the study is on progress.

Kurt Kaschke - This proposal does not concern the constitution but seems to be an important item to discuss because the future of European Master Athletics and European Master Games is a development that we cannot and should not close our eyes to.

4.2 Change from “Veterans” to “Masters” and EVAA to EMA (FR / ITA / GER)

Proposal from the affiliates from France, Italy, and German were accepted by GA with 3 abstentions, as well as the new logo presented by the EVAA Council.

Vesa Lappalainen said that this change will generate some additional expenses.

5. Elections

Proposal to elect the following members, not all together, but individually.

5.1 Election of Vice-President

Jerzy Krauze (nominated by PMAA) is elected EVAA Vice President for the next 3 years, by acclamation of GA

5.2 Election of Secretary: Helena Carvalho (nominated by ANAV) is elected EVAA Secretary for the next 3 years by acclamation of GA.

5.3 Election of Technical Director

Speech of Maurice Doogan (nominated by BMAF), followed by the speech of Tony Liestol (nominated by NMAC).

Total votes represented: 64 votes

Abstentions	5 votes
Maurice Doogan	18 votes
Tony Liestol	41 votes

Tony Liestol will be the EVAA Technical Director for the next 3 years.
Kurt Kaschke congratulated Tony Liestol for his election and thanked the GA for the Confidence they granted him.

6. Presentations of EVAA next Championship

Torún (POL) presented by Waclaw Krankowski invited the athletes to EMACI 2015
Aarhus (DEN) presented by Egon Pulson invited the athletes to EMACS 2017
Lisbon (POR) presented by Alexandre Monteiro invited the athletes to EMACNS 2016

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 Hansjörg Wirz, a partner to EVAA for many years. "Thank you for your support and commitment of Masters' Athletics over the years you ruled and managed European Athletics. May your successor have a sensitive way to handle "athletics for life" in his management as well as you have done over the years of your presidency".



Kurt Kaschke
EVAA President



Helena Pires de Carvalho
EVAA Secretary

Delegates for the certification of the General Assembly minute



Selma Türkkal
WMA Women Representative



Laine Kreicere
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