

Minutes of the General Assembly of Euromeetings Malta

**11 October 2007, 5pm
Dolmen Hotel, room Dolmen
Malta**

The meeting began at 5 p.m.

1. Welcome by the President

On behalf of Euromeetings, the President, Rajne Soderberg, welcomed all the members to the General Assembly in Malta. It was also with deep sorrow that we learnt the passing away of Andy Norman on 24 September. The members rose for a minute of silence.

2. Roll call

The attendance list was circulated for signature at the beginning of the meeting (see annex 1) and the members of the meetings were called out.

3. Minutes of the spring meeting in Birmingham

There were no comments on the minutes of the spring meeting, which had taken place on 1st March in Birmingham, UK (see annex 2).

4. Report by the Board

The president read out his report (see annex 3). In the name of the Board, he informed also the members about the case "Marion Jones" and presented the statement that he requested all the members to pay attention to. Of course it remained the choice of the meeting organiser to invite or not any athlete susceptible to be doped. A list of the banned athletes issued in the years 2003 to 2005 was distributed to the members. Also the IAAF would keep a list of the doped athletes. The banned athletes can be found under the address:

<http://www.iaaf.org/antidoping/downloads/section=128/kind=1073741824/index.html>

The IAAF informed the floor that they had received a letter signed by Marion Jones. It seemed utopia to think that she would pay back the prize money she won to the meeting organisers. It was proposed that the IAAF would send an update of the situation to all members.

5. Report by the treasurer

The treasurer read out his report and accounts (see annex 4). Some meetings still had not paid their annual fees and were requested to do so within short time.

6. Report by the auditor

The auditor confirmed that all the accounts and amounts were correctly reported. He proposed to accept the report by the treasurer and discharged the treasurer.

7. Calendars 2008/2009

The schedules were reviewed and the changes were made directly on screen (see annexes 5a and 5b or website <http://www.euromeetings.org/about.asp>).

8. European competition calendar (structure, possible improvements, problems and solutions)

Hansjörg Wirz informed the floor about the actual structure, which was quite difficult to understand. He proposed a new structure with some solutions of what it could look like (see annex 6). Pierre Weiss also informed the members regarding the IAAF position. He informed that a working group had been set up but the solution that was found did not work out as they wished. They worked out a new proposal. Pierre Weiss also gave out the conditions to qualify for the Olympic Games in the relay events (see annex 7).

The Board was looking forward to this new structure to avoid any collapse of meetings in the future, to make it as optimal as possible.

Alain Blondel also asked how the winter indoors could be included in the calendar. This point was noted by Hansjörg Wirz as he already thought about those meetings. This question would be taken into consideration but only after they could have sorted out the summer meetings. Often, the indoor meetings have a problem with European meetings taking place the day prior or after some World championships.

The point 10 of the agenda is moved prior to point 9.

9. Athletes' representatives – Euromeetings evaluation 2007

Further to the president's mail and reminder, only 3 meetings replied to the questionnaire regarding the representatives. It was recommended not to rank the managers but work together with the IAAF to have much stronger criteria to become a manager.

10. Residency of Euromeetings

The financials will be settled in Hengelo, and the secretary will have his residency in Lausanne, Switzerland. This point is still on hold and the members would be informed at a later stage.

11. New applications/resignations/auditor's election

A new meeting, the EAF in Bydgoszcz, General Director Krzysztof Wolsztyński sent in its application request to the Board of Euromeetings. The application of the Polish meeting was accepted and welcomed in the Euromeetings structure.

The president informed the floor that at our last General Assembly, it was not decided to elect a new auditor. Percy Hirsch informed the floor that due to heavy workload, he would retire from this position.

A new auditor would be elected during our next spring meeting. All candidates were requested to inform the Board at the latest 2 months prior to the next meeting.

12. Any other business

- Amount of the account of Euromeetings: Alain Blondel asked what was done with the money on Euromeetings account. The Board welcomes ideas how to best use the funds and will also discuss this matter at the next board meeting to have a suggestion to our spring meeting.
- Andreas Brugger and Heinz Lueger were appointed Honorary members and the president proposed that the previous president Svein Arne Hansen also to be appointed honorary member which was accepted by the meeting.
- Accreditation for Valencia. Dani Stettler is in contact with Veronique Marchal-Rejaud from IAAF who would send her the accreditation and registration form as soon as it would be ready. **The final deadline for registration is 14 February 2008.**
- Bids for the future. Valencia will try to have the names of the athletes on the bids. This would be a test as it never was the case before. The rules of the IAAF were clear; the meeting organisers could either have the name or the number. This choice was up to each member and no strict policy was set (see annex 8).
- José Luis de Carlos also informed of the minimum requests that were to be fulfilled by the meeting organisers when organising their meeting. Clear information was to be sent soon after the meeting.
- Gigi took the floor and asked Hansjörg Wirz, as president of the EAA, who is considered the members of Euromeetings were integrated in the structure. The second question was to the president of Euromeetings on the role of development of athletics. Hansjörg Wirz answered that athletics could not exist without meetings. Rajne Soderberg replied that after one

year of presidency, there were still a lot of improvements to make and to work very close with all bodies of this sport.

13. Date of the Spring Meeting 2008

The next meeting was proposed to be held in Valencia on Sunday 9 March 2008 on the occasion of the 2008 World Indoor Championships at 9 am. The exact place will be sent out together with the agenda at a later stage.

The president thanked everyone for taking part in this meeting and wished everyone an enjoyable stay.

The meeting ended at 19:10 p.m.

Lausanne, 11 October 2007

i.o. Jacky Delapierre
Honorary Secretary

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