

Minutes of the Spring Meeting of Euromeetings Valencia, Spain

9th March 2008

Hotel Hilton

Room Valencia 1

The meeting began at 9.15 am.

1. Welcome by the President

On behalf of Euromeetings, the President, Rajne Soderberg, welcomed all the members to the Spring Meeting in Valencia.

2. Roll call

The attendance list was circulated for signature at the beginning of the meeting (see annex 1).

3. Minutes of the General Assembly in Malta

There were no comments on the minutes of the General Assembly, which had taken place on 11th October 2007 in Malta (see annex 2).

4. Report by the Board

There were several issues. Some meeting organisers were invited to attend the AMM meeting in Miami, as well as a seminary organised by EAA and IAAF and some sponsors. One of the most important issues was the creation of a disciplinary board. It was also brought to the attention that there was an issue with late withdrawal of athletes prior and after the championships. All meeting directors, if this happens, were invited to inform Euromeetings should this issue arise.

Advertising: Amendments were made to the advertising rules (see annex 3). For the future, it was requested from IAAF to send a pdf version with the amendments highlighted so it would be easier to see the changes (see points 3, 6 and 8, and bibs).

5. Calendars 2009/2010

The schedules were reviewed and the changes were made directly on screen (see annexes 4a and 4b and 4c).

For the future, it was requested to send the draft calendars together with the agenda so the members could already check these and save time during the meeting.

The IAAF was requested to contact the meeting organiser of Athens to clarify their dates for 2008-2009-2010. Amendments for 2009 and new dates for 2010 can be mailed to Rajne Soderberg, Alfons Juck or Dani Stettler.

6. New applications/resignations/auditor's election

There was only one proposal for the auditor's position. It was proposed to have Ulf Saletti as auditor for the next two years. This proposal was accepted by all those members present.

7. Any other business

Patrick Mcgyar informed the members about the Forum to take place on Monday 10th March 2008 and the agenda of this meeting. Some journalists were interested to attend the meeting but it was not meant to invite them. This was a tricky point and it should be important for the future to think about who to invite. A press release would be made by Euromeetings after the end of the forum and posted on our website.

8. Euromeetings funds

The question was raised by Alain Blondel on how Euromeetings would spend its money. Some of the funds will be used for the upcoming Forum to be held on Monday 10th March 2008. It was also proposed to use the funds for new projects (youth athletics, athlete of the year, Euromeetings's cup). It was also suggested to help in priority the members of Euromeetings rather than athletes, for which the federations were already responsible for. Alain Blondel stressed out that it should be a long-lasting investment, also to show the media and journalists that the members cared for athletics and that we wanted to make improvements for this sport.

9. Date of the General Assembly 2008

It was discussed to have the GA separated from the Calendar conference and to do something with the managers' organisation. Due to the economic situation, some managers might not come if the GA is hold on a separate date as it would make one more travel for them. The president would speak with Christian Milz, director of EAA, to include more meeting dates for Euromeetings in the EAA program (16 and 18 October 2008) to be held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, on

the occasion of the 2008 World Indoor Championships. Discussions were made regarding place and time for General Assembly but will be decided at a later stage depending on the new EAA Convention Programme.

As for the next forum, this issue would be discussed during the 1st forum of Monday 10th March 2008. Patrick Mcgyar, responsible for the organisation of this first forum, mentioned that the timing was not the best one as it was in the middle of the fall holidays. For the future, it was proposed to move the convention to the beginning of November.

As vice-president of EAA, Svein Arne Hansen informed the members that there would be a new format for the EAA convention in which Euromeetings would also be included. As for the managers, there should be no problem to include them in the new format as well.

10. Policy doped athletes

Dwain Chambers case: It is not forbidden but strongly recommended not to invite any recognised doped athlete to the competitions. During the Board meeting, Ian Stewart and Alfons Juck were requested to compile their list and send it to the members to have an update. One has to pay close attention to the wording used. It is very important to use the word **recommendation** and not decision. The president thanked every member for their attention.

The president thanked everyone for taking part in this meeting.

The meeting ended at 11.45 am.

Lausanne, March 9th March 2008

i.o. Jacky Delapierre
Honorary Secretary

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