



**Minutes of the  
ECF Annual General Meeting  
held in Stavanger, Norway  
on November 29, 2013 at 10:00 hours**

In attendance:	Olli Rissanen	President
	Karel Kubeska	Vice-President
	Andras Rokusfalvy	Member at Large
	Edith Hazard	Member at Large
	Robert Susanj	Member at Large
	Björn Rudström	Rep. Northern Europe
	Hew Chalmers	Rep. Great Britain & Ireland
	Gerrit-Jan Scholten	Rep. Central Europe/Director of Finance
	Marjan Petric	Rep. Eastern Europe
	Saskia Krügl	Secretary General

**The 35 member nations were represented as follows:**

Member nations represented in person  
with full voting rights:

AUT, BLR, CRO, CZE, DEN, ENG, FIN, FRA, HUN,  
LAT, LTU, NED, NOR, ROU, SCO, SLO, SVK, SWE,  
SUI, TUR, WAL

Member nations represented by proxy:  
Member nations not represented or  
without voting rights:

GER, IRL, ITA, LUX, POL

AND, BEL, ESP, EST, GRE, ISL, LIE, RUS, SRB

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The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked both the Norwegian Curling Association and the Local Organising Committee for hosting such great games. He invited Morten Sjøgaard to address the members. He also welcomed everybody to Stavanger and wished everyone a pleasant stay.

**1. Reading of Notice of Assembly**

The Secretary General announced that the Annual General Meeting had been convened by intimation to the members on October 30, 2013.

**2. Report on Credentials of Representatives and Quorum**

More than one half of the member nations were represented in person. The Secretary General therefore reported that there was a quorum and that the total number of votes available was 26 (21 votes represented in person, 5 votes represented by proxy.)

**3. Exclusion / suspension of a Member Association**

None

**4. Additions to the agenda**

None

**5. Approval of the agenda**

Alain Contat (FRA) seconded by Marcus Schmitt (AUT) moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**6. Reading of the Minutes of the last General Assembly and approval thereof**

The minutes of the ECF Annual General Meeting 2012 (Karlstad, SWE) were taken as read. Helena Klange (SWE) seconded by Marcus Schmitt (AUT) moved to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**7. Business arising out of the minutes**

None

**8. Report of the President**

President Rissanen reported that the ECC 2013 event is the first European event organised exclusively by the WCF and he confirmed that the ECF has nothing to do with the organisation of the European events anymore except some formalities.

The President also reported that he had visited the EMCC 2013 at Edinburgh and explained that he had attended the Opening Ceremony whereas WCF President Kate Caithness had attended the Closing Ceremony. He thanked the WCF for arranging the European Championships. Also, he explained that the ECF Secretary General had now been taken over by the WCF and expressed his thanks for that.

**9. Report of the Executive Board and Committees**

None

**10. Report of the Director of Finance**

The Director of Finance reported that at the Board Meeting after the AGM in Karlstad on November 29, 2012 the Board had decided to appoint him as the ECF Director of Finance. His acceptance at that time had been conditional as although he was working for the largest private bank in the world, he was not a financial bookkeeper. However he had been honoured by the appointment and promised to do the best he could.

The Director of Finance presented the Financial Report from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. He added that the remaining budgeted income items were as follows:

- Publicity Mount 10 EUR 20,000.00
- WCF support EUR 5,000.00
- Curling Centre Champéry EUR 5,000.00

He added that in the meantime the WCF had acknowledged the Mount 10 publicity fee in principal but the exact amount still needed to be calculated. As the WCF is now organising the ECF events there will be no further financial support from WCF to ECF in future. He also explained that the Curling Center in Champéry had been invoiced for the amount of EUR 5,000.00 as per the existing contract. Payment was still awaited.

He added that on the expenditure side the expenses of the President, the Board and the Secretary General have slight variations but are basically within the budget.

The Balance Sheet as per 30 June 2013 showed a fortune of EUR 110,477.79. (In the previous year it had been EUR 134,150.87).

**11. Report of the Auditors**

The Director of Finance reported that the accounts had been audited by KPB Fiduciary and that the accounting records and the financial statements comply with Swiss law and the articles of the federation. KPB Fiduciary did also recommend that the financial statements be submitted to the AGM for approval.

**12. Approval of the Financial Statements**

Helena Klange (SWE) moved, seconded by Bruce Crawford (SCO) that the financial statements be approved and the Executive Board be discharged. The motion was carried unanimously.

**13. Appointment of the Auditors**

It was moved and seconded that KPG Fiduciary be appointed again as auditors. The motion was carried unanimously.

**14. Approval of the budget**

The Director of Finance presented the budget for 2013/2014. Alie Kramer (NED) moved, seconded by Marcus Schmitt (AUT) that the budget be approved. The budget was approved unanimously.

**15. Approval of annual subscriptions**

The Director of Finance explained that corresponding to the budget there would be no change this year regarding the annual subscriptions. These would remain at EUR 0.00.

**16. Changes to the constitution and bye-laws**

None

**17. Resolutions**

None

**18. Further business**

The ECF Board presented a proposal which was after minor amendments approved by the ECF AGM as follows:

1. European Commission (EC) means all the European Member Associations (MAs)
2. Project oriented working groups will be established. Proposals for project leaders shall be directed to the WCF Board and the WCF Board shall appoint those project leaders and the members of the working groups from nominations received from the MAs. The representation for regions is not necessary.
3. The project leaders plus the European Vice President could then meet at a strategic level to manage the flow of information between the European Commission and the WCF Board.
4. The European Commission will meet twice a year: at the WCF Congress and at the European Championships.

Bruce Crawford (SCO) asked for more details about the procedure of the winding-up of the ECF. The meeting was informed that the ECF Board was currently working out a proposal how the remaining ECF money should be used. This would be discussed further at the Congress 2014. As the fiscal year ends as of 30 June it was anticipated that the financial books would be closed after the AGM, i.e. as of 31 December 2014. Hew Chalmers (SCO) added that the ECF money should be ring-fenced for European projects.

**19. Acceptance of a new member association**

None

**20. Date and location of next General Assembly**

The next ECF General Assembly will take place on Friday, November 28, 2014 at Champéry, Switzerland during the European Curling Championships 2014.



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Saskia Krügl, Secretary General