

# ERSO AGM 2020

## Minutes of the virtual meeting – 28.11.2020

Board of Directors – 30.11.2020



### 1. Welcome and voting instructions

Steven welcomes everybody and asks everybody to mute the microphone when not talking. It is also explained how the voting will work.

### 2. Roll call

Pieter goes through the list of attendants (see annex 1).

### 3. President's welcome

Silke welcomes everybody to this first virtual meeting. It is a first in a lot of areas: virtual AGM, postponement and cancellation of a WC, virtual WC, moving of an EC by one year ... She hopes that everyone is in good health, which is the most important in these times, and that athletes, clubs and NGB's can handle these difficult times. She thanks everyone for the efforts to keep the athletes involved.

It is also communicated that the Board of Directors decided to waive the membership fee for 2020.

### 4. Agenda approval

The agenda was approved unanimously.

### 5. Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 AGM

The minutes were approved unanimously.

### 6. Annual reports

#### **President's report**

After the successful EC in 2019, ERSO started working on the different projects. Silke would like to thank the ERSO board members and volunteers for their work on these new projects. We have worked out in detail the Start-to-Coach program with a first session in Finland, but it had to be postponed, as well as a second in Italy.

We are very happy to welcome Malta to the meeting, and hope to see more new countries soon.

We intensified our relationship with IJRU and are working on a MOU.

We all work as volunteers but still would like you to pay more attention to the deadlines. This also reduces the amount of work for the ERSO volunteers. A mail will be sent out to the countries with information about a WhatsApp group, for easier communication. Everybody agrees to set up a whatsapp group with all member countries for easier communication.



We also should try to be involved in as many projects as possible. e.g. IJRU is looking for physicians or people with a medical background to become a member of the Anti-Doping panel of IJRU. Please contact IJRU in case you want to volunteer.

Question from Russia: What is the relation between ERSO and IRSO?

Response Silke: As mentioned in the proposal of new bylaws, ERSO recognises IJRU as global organisation and not IRSO.

### **Treasurer's report**

It was decided to change the fiscal year to 1/7 – 30/06. This would mean that the numbers will always be up to date (taking into account all from EC) at the AGM.

The detailed report can be found in annex 2.

### **Auditor's report**

Richard and Kajsa had a closer look at the account status and invoices/receipts and consequently herewith officially confirm according to §14.2 of the ERSO Bylaws, that the accounting for the financial year running from 01.07.2019 to 30.06.2020 shows no irregularity and that the funds have been used during this period of time in accordance with the articles of the organisation.

The financial reports were approved unanimously.

## **7. Relief of the board of Directors**

All member countries approved unanimously.

## **8. New member ratification**

MSFA (Malta Sports For All) requested to join ERSO as representative for Malta. All members accept. Silke welcomes the new member and is convinced ERSO will be able to help more when COVID stabilises.

## **9. Elections to the Board of Directors**

Sebastien Hoek, Nicolai Lorke and Jana Cerna were all up for election and decided to continue for another term. They were accepted unanimously.

## **10. Europe Holiday 2021**

Nicolai gave a summary of the event. The presentation is added in annex 3.

Question Belgium: What is the minimum age to join?

Response: In order to follow the courses you should have a good knowledge of English. The age limit might be 10-12 years but also younger people can take the package without joining the courses.



## 11. Show Contest 2021

It is very unfortunate that also the Show Contest had to be moved due to COVID. We plan to organize it at the end of 2021. We will keep you posted but have the intention to still organize it in Mechelen.

## 12. EC 2022

As mentioned, the next EC will take place in 2022. At present, there is one country interested to organise it. In case you are also interested, please contact ERSO as soon as possible. We do not know yet how many days of competition we will have. The first “in-person” IJRU WC will most probably only take place in 2023.

## 13. ERSO Bylaws

The board members of ERSO in collaboration with IJRU have worked on the Bylaws of which you received the version to vote on 6 weeks ago. No comments were received. Since we do not have club-membership any more, The Netherlands and Estonia will not be member for now, but they are working on that. The bylaws were approved with more than the needed  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority.

## 14. Ratification of ERSO members according to the new Bylaws

The following countries and type of member were approved unanimously

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|---------------|--------------------|
| • Austria     | Provisional Member |
| • Belgium     | Full Member        |
| • Denmark     | Full Member        |
| • Finland     | Full Member        |
| • Germany     | Full Member        |
| • Hungary     | Full Member        |
| • Italy       | Provisional Member |
| • Malta       | Provisional Member |
| • Slovakia    | Provisional Member |
| • Sweden      | Full Member        |
| • Switzerland | Full Member        |

## 15. Approval of ERSO membership fees

The following proposal of membership fees was approved unanimously

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|------------------------|-------|
| • Full member          | 100 € |
| • Provisional member   | 100 € |
| • Observational member | 50 €  |



## 16. Any other business

The new bylaws state that honorary membership does not exist any more, but ERSO will have an honorary panel. Kajsa will be member automatically. Silke proposes to make Richard Stannard as member too. All members approved.

Sebsatien reminded everyone that the first session of the seminar will take place on Wednesday second of December.

## 17. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 15:17 CET.



## 1. Annex 1 – Participants:

<b>Members</b>	Austria	Gerhard Blümel
		Tina Kretschmer
	Belgium	Simon Mahy
		Eva Vandemeulebroecke
	Czech Republic	Petra Holcová
		Stefanie Zonygová
	Denmark	Ulla Christensen
		Nanna Christiansen
	Finland	Miriam Hägele
	Germany	Uwe Nielsen
		Achim Toscani
	Hungary	Judit Apostol-Kovács
	Russia	Andrey Kokoulin
	Slovakia	Martin Kolčák
	Sweden	Svante Bengtson
	Switzerland	Luana Casillo
		Lara Zedi
	The Netherlands	Jeroen van der Mark
	Malta	Marco Tomasini
	Estonia	Küllike Ustav
		Sigrit Ustav
<b>Auditors</b>		Richard Stannard
		Kajsa Murmark
<b>Board of Directors</b>	President	Silke Fürnschuß
	Vice-President	Mia Mønster
	Treasurer	Steven Stannard
	Secretary General	Pieter Himpe
		Jana Černá
		Pavlina Hadová
		Sebastien Hoek
		Nicolai Lorke
		Liv Murmark



## 2. Annex 2 – Financial report

### 2019 – 2020

Steven Stannard – Silke Fürnschuß

<b>Balance of account, 18.07.2019</b>	<b>38.619,86 €</b>
Cash, 18.07.2019	15,00 €
*Debits, 18.07.2019 – 31.12.2019	10.987,75 €
Credits 18.07.2019 – 31.12.2019	21.633,24 €
<b>Balance of account, 31.12.2019</b>	<b>49.260,35 €</b>
Cash, 31.12.2019	20,00 €
*Debits, 01.01.2020 – 30.06.2020	635,09 €
Credits 01.01.2020 – 30.06.2020	2,17 €
<b>Final balance of account and cash, 30.06.2020</b>	<b>48.647,43 €</b>

\*Debits: bank account costs, website, EC2019 (final payment medals, expenses, certificates, scoring system, shirts), material for courses