

ERSO AGM Minutes 19.7.2024



Hybrid Meeting

Attendees: see annex 1

Treasurer's report: see annex 2

1. Welcome and voting instructions

Sebastien welcomed all participants of the AGM. Further, he explained the voting structure of this year's AGM.

2. Roll call

Nicolai went through the list of attendants (see annex 1). Representatives that are marked with a * were registered but not present during the meeting. Additionally, some guests were attending the AGM. The ERSO board welcomed Shaun Hamilton, the president of the International Jump Rope Union, Iana Belonoschenko, the president of Israel Jump Rope, and invited Ingo Reinhardt (GER) and Gerhard Blümel (AUT) as potential auditors.

3. President's welcome

Silke welcomed everybody to the AGM. She mentioned that there are some votes for today. ERSO is excited for the Finals within the next two days. She planned to keep the meeting as short as possible.

4. Welcoming words from the International Jump Rope Union

Shaun Hamilton welcomed everybody with a warm welcome. He expressed his condolences of the passing of Richard Stannard and highlighted the work that Richard has done to advance the sport in Europe and the World.

Shaun was impressed by the running European Rope Skipping Championships and expressed his thanks to all the volunteers and organisers of the event as they are doing a tremendous job.

Shaun asked to fill in the market survey of the IJRU since the feedback from the NGBs is necessary to provide an accurate number and representation of the sport for potential sponsors.

He informed that there is a new landscape within the organisation of Olympic recognized sports. GAISF, the former Olympic recognition association is dissolved. AIMS is the new organisation with new criteria of Rope Skipping/Jump Rope, and other sports, to be recognized as a sport.

Additionally, IJRU is updating their strategic plan for 2025 to 2030 with some new goals and aims.

The world championships in 2025 will be held in Kawasaki, Japan, tentative dates are July 27th - August 3rd.



5. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda, which was sent out with the invitation link, was slightly updated due to the unexpected passing of Richard Stannard. It was voted on the approval of the changed agenda.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Agenda approval	22	0	0

6. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM 2023

The meeting minutes of the AGM 2023 were sent out with the invitation. The minutes of the 2023 hybrid AGM were approved unanimously.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Meeting Minutes 2023	21	0	3

7. Annual reports

President's report

The 2024 European Rope Skipping Championships had approximately 640 athletes attending. In comparison, in 2022 there were 727 participants registered including all judges, officials, coaches and supporters. Having a growing sport, more volunteers and helping hands are appreciated for future events.

Silke thanked all the volunteers that are working at the 2024 European Rope Skipping Championships. Silke asked the NGBS to contact their members if there are talented people that like to engage and are willing to help out with organising future events.

With Nicolai stepping down from the Board of Directors, ERSO has two vacant spots on the board. We hope we can fill them in the near future.

Treasurer's report

Sebastien showed the balance and cash flow of the 2023/2024 fiscal year. A summary of the treasurer's report is in the appendix. ERSO is using an online booking system for the cash flow of all competitions and expenses. Sebastien raised concerns that some invoices were not paid fast enough, some NGBs



only paid their expenses shortly before or on the beginning of the event. Luckily, ERSO had enough funds to prepay most of the expenses, however, this might not hold true for future events.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Treasurer's Report	22	0	1

Auditors' report

Due to the passing of Richard Stannard, there is no auditors report to this date. ERSO will provide an auditors report by the end of September. It was voted that it is ok to approve the auditors report via email by the attendees of the meeting.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Auditors Report - Moving of the Report	24	0	0

*Remark 09.10.2024: The auditors report, created by the new auditors Ingo Reinhard (GER) and Gerhard Blümel (AUT) will be sent out soon to the NGB's.

**Remark 25.11.2024: The auditors' report was approved via email during November 2024 (9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).

8. Relief of the Board of Directors

It was voted to vote on the relief of the Board of Directors via email after receiving the auditors report. If the Board of Directors will not be relieved, we will organise a general meeting.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Relief of the Board - Moving of the Report	24	0	0

**Remark 25.11.2024: The relief of the Board of Directors was approved via email during November 2024 (9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).



9. Membership

The ERSO board accepted Israel Jump Rope as an observational member. Iana Belonoschenko, the president of Israel Jump Rope, was present in the meeting. In sport Israel is considered to be included in European competitions even though geographically Israel is part of Asia.

Israel Jump Rope:

Iana Belonoschenko introduced herself and the work they do to structure, organise and grow the sport in Israel. During the discussion, Belgium representatives asked for additional information from Iana based on the political situation in the country and her personal background in Russia. Iana explained that she moved to Israel after the war in Ukraine started. Before, she has been a representative of the Russian organisation but no longer belongs to that organisation and fully represents Israel Jump Rope.

Sebastien mentioned that during discussing the membership of Israel Jump Rope the Board of Directors also had a discussion about criteria for organisations to become a member. In the past, ERSO had some countries that were approved, but neither worked on growing the sport in their country nor paid membership fees. ERSO is planning to determine clear criteria for potential members.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Israel Jump Rope	13	4	8

This means the motion carries. Silke welcomed Israel Jump Rope as an observational member in ERSO.

10. Elections on the Board of Directors

The terms of Silke Fürnschuß and Kurt Moens have come to an end. Both said that they would like to continue in the Board of Directors. The voting was conducted on each of them separately.

Silke Fürnschuß

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Silke Fürnschuß re-election as president	24	0	2

Kurt Moens:

Kurt Moens sees a lot of work that needs to be done and he wants to carry on to help the development of the sport.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
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Kurt Moens re-election as board member	26	0	0
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For now there are two vacant positions on the Board of Directors. We did not receive any applications for new board members yet, but there is an interested coach from Hungary who will send her CV to ERSO.

11. Changes in the function

Since Nicoali Lorke is stepping down from the Board of Directors, the secretary general position needs to be assigned. The board discussed potential members to fill in the position and suggested Miriam Hägele to take the position of Secretary General. The Board of Directors thanked Nicolai for all the tremendous work he did for ERSO.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Miriam Hägele	25	0	1

12. Assigning the Auditors role for the next fiscal year

The Board of Directors asked Gerhard Blümel and Ingo Reinhard whether they would like to become the auditors of ERSO. Both agreed to step in for Kajsa and Richard. The auditors will provide the auditors report by the end of September.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Gerhard Blümel	24	0	2
Ingo Reinhard	23	0	0

13. European Rope Skipping Championships 2026

Silke presented the potential host of the 2026 European Rope Skipping Championships, the Oslofjord Convention Center in Norway. It is located 100 km south of Oslo. The planned dates would be at the end of June/beginning of July. There might also be an option to have the event in August.

The representatives of Greece, who have participated in the 2024 European Cheerleading Championships, stated that they had a great time in Oslofjord during the competition and they can imagine that the venue would fit perfectly for Rope Skipping/Jump Rope.



In a brief discussion, it was stated that smaller NGBs might be interested in hosting the event but holding off since the general organisation is too much for too few volunteers. For bigger delegations a solution without accommodation would mean a lot of additional work.

Several countries expressed concerns about the proposed date for the EC at the end of June/beginning of July. They noted that this timing falls outside of school holidays, which would make it difficult for some athletes to attend. On the other hand, the option in August is the first week after the Summer holidays in some Nordic countries and therefore having EC 2026 in August is not optimal as well. ERSO will try to book the venue for the second week in August.

14. ERSO Show Contest - Future

It is planned to have the next Show Contest in 2025. ERSO will organise a meeting discussing the future of the Show Contest in fall. The invitation will be sent out via email to the NGBs.

15. Any other information

No other topics were discussed during the AGM.

16. Adjournment

Silke thanked the representatives for their time and their participation in the hybrid AGM.



Annex 1 - Attendees list

Country	Delegate		
Austria	Laura Göttfert		
	Timna Kretschmer		
Belgium	Simon Mahy		
Czech Republic	Martina Varkočková		ERSO Board of Directors
	Jan Dostál		
Denmark	Ulla Christensen		President - Silke Fürnschuß
	Christina Pedersen		
Finland	Matias Ruotsalainen		Vice-President - Mia Mynster
France	Nadia Aidli		Treasurer - Sebastien Hoek
	Jonathan Mahoto *		
Germany	Uwe Nielsen		Secretary General - Nicolai Lorke
	Wiebke Wagner		
Greece	Eleni Touloumenidou		Pavlina Hadova
Hungary	not attending		Jana Cerna
Italy	Sabrina Monteduro		Miriam Hägele
	Alessia Di Latte		
Portugal	David Silva		Kurt Moens
	Angelo Santos		
Slovakia	Anton Kozak		
	Zdena Bohmova		



Sweden	Liv Murmark		Guest: Shaun Hamilton - President of the International Jump Rope Union
	Ann Nässel		
Switzerland	Matthias Zedi		Guest: Iana Belonoschenko - Israel Jump Rope
	Selina Lüchinger		
The Netherlands	Jeroen van der Mark		Guest: Ingo Reinhardt, Gerhard Blümel
	Tessa van der Mark		



Annex 2 - Treasurer's report - Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Beginning cash balance 30.06.2023	50.923,25 €
Cash flow from operating activities	
-Accounts receivable	-153.925,80 €
-Accrued expenses	316.708,00 €
-Net assets	45.475,23 €
-Unearned revenue	5,00 €
	208.262,43 €
Ending cash balance 30.06.2024	259.185,68 €