

ERSO AGM Minutes 25.11.2023



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 of Denmark and Portugal were not present. Representatives of Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Slovakia and Sweden as well as ERSO Board members Jana Černa and Pavlina Hadova were present via Google Meet.

3. President's welcome

Silke also welcomed everybody to the hybrid AGM. This year ERSO celebrated its 30th anniversary. ERSO was founded back on May 28th 1993 in Sweden. A big thanks to the founders, especially to Kajsa, who is still actively involved in the sport.

4. Welcoming words from the International Jump Rope Union

Unfortunately, Shawn Hamilton was not able to make it to today's meeting. Therefore, no welcoming words from the International Jump Rope Union were spoken. They wish the best luck for the European Show Contest 2023.

5. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was slightly updated two weeks ago and sent out with the invitation link. It was voted on the approval of the changed agenda.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Agenda approval	12	0	0



6. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM 2022

The meeting minutes of the 2022 AGM were sent out with the invitation. The minutes of the 2022 hybrid AGM were approved unanimously.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Meeting Minutes 2022	13	0	0

7. Annual reports

President's report

Silke introduced the new vision and mission of ERSO, which was formulated during the ERSO Board Meeting in November 2022. The vision and mission are defined as follows.

Vision: "As the European platform for the organised sport of rope skipping / jump rope in all its aspects, ERSO empowers our athletes with the recognition, support and opportunities to elevate to next levels"

Mission: "ERSO works to establish and develop rope skipping / jump rope in all European countries, support volunteers across Europe to work collaboratively towards advancing our sport and represent the European view on the international level within IJRU."

Currently ERSO has 15 members but some countries in Europe are still without a national governing body. The aim of ERSO is to spread the sport and elevate the professional aspects of the competitive sport.

Silke further noted that there is still a vacant position on the board of directors. Eight of the nine board positions are filled with motivated people. Silke encouraged the members to suggest people who are interested and to get in contact with us.

Treasurer's report

Sebastian reported about the finances of the ERSO. He explained the usage of the fees and how the ERSO income is structured and updated for the upcoming events and future. Income sources are membership fees and events, namely competitions such as the European Championships and the European Show Contest and other events such as Europe Holidays or Start to Coach.

Membership fees should cover the normal operations of ERSO such as bank fees and social media expenses. Event fees should cover event costs. The profit can be used for future events.

We divide the competition fees into a registration fee and a competition fee. The registration fee is used to cover general competition expenses such as rent for meeting rooms. The competition fee should cover specific competition expenses, such as the scoring, medals and event venue.



In general, the financial plan aims to have a reserve of 20.000€. Additionally, as a non-profit organisation the aim is not to have a certain income as profit.

Sebastien explained the expenses for a two year period so that expenses from EC and other events are not split into two financial years (see annex) to get a better understanding on the split of event fees and competition fees.

The financial year 2022/2023 was concluded with 50.923,25€. The financial year started with 37.829,86€, so there was a surplus of around 13.000€

The financial report was approved with 15x yes unanimously.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Treasurers Report	15	0	0

Auditor's report

The auditors Richard and Kajsa checked the accounts of ERSO. Richard reported on behalf of both auditors. They checked the activities from the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 and found no errors in the sent documents. Richard and Kajsa thanks Sebastien for the clear documentation.

The auditor's report was approved unanimously.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
auditors report	14	0	0

8. Relief of the board of Directors

It was voted on the relief of the board of directors on their actions during the last year.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Relief	15	0	0



9. Membership

Mia reported that the Hellenic Cheerleading Federation from Greece wants to become an observational member. Eleni Touloumenidou, the representative of the Greek federation, introduced the Hellenic Cheerleading Federation briefly and shared the first steps they have taken to introduce the sport in Greece.

Silke explained that the board of directors decided to give the Hellenic Cheerleading Federation the status of an observational member because the sport is not yet part of the work of the Federation. Therefore, there is a difference to the IJRU member status. It was voted to accept the Hellenic Cheerleading Federation as an observational member.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Hellenic Cheerleading Federation	15	0	1

It was voted that the Nederlands Rope Skipping Organisatie (NRSO) changes their membership status from observational to provisional member. The votes regarding the on changing the status of the NRSO are in the table below.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
NRSO	17	0	0

10. Elections to the Board of Directors

Since the ERSO board is working on a rotational basis, every year the terms of three members of the board end. This year the terms of Jana, Sebastien and Nicolai end. Jana and Sebastien want to continue on the Board of Directors. Nicolai wants to continue on the Board of Directors until the next EC and will resign after the EC from the board.

From Summer 2024 there will be another vacant position in the board additionally to the recent vacant position in the board.

ERSO did not receive any other application for the vacant position and/or the other positions on the board.

Jana told that she has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2014 and she would like to continue helping the sport to grow. Sebastien didn't want to share anything before the voting. Nicolai would like to focus more on his career and therefore he plans to resign after the next EC. He still is willing to help in the future with lower input.



The following table states the voting of the board positions. The voting was carried out one by one.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Jana Cerna	15	1	0
Sebastien Hoek	17	0	0
Nicolai Lorke	16	0	0

11. Elections of the Auditors

Additionally, the terms of office of the auditors have come to an end. Both would like to continue supporting ERSO. The voting on the auditors is stated in the following table.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Kajsa and Richard	16	0	0

12. ERSO European Record Recognition Policy

Since IJRU created a world record recognition policy, ERSO decided to create an European Record Recognition Policy. The major difference is that in the IJRU policy the IJRU system must be used to have a record recognized. This will not be the case for ERSO since not many countries use the IJRU system for now. Furthermore, the ERSO policy does not differ between junior and senior records. Further, the ERSO will not include virtual records.

The European Records and the record policy will be published on the ERSO homepage. The NGB's will be informed when they are published.

Svante pointed out that the phrase referring to the IJRU manuals needs to be changed.

The voting on the European Record Recognition Policy with the changes explained above is stated in the following table.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Record recognition policy	14	0	2



13. European Championships 2024

The 2024 European Championships will be hosted in Eger, Hungary. ERSO will do a site visit on the first weekend of December 2023.

Inofficial deadlines will be:

January - Package information

March - Deposit Payment

As soon as more information is available, ERSO will inform the NGB's.

For the European Championships we divided the finals into two days and therefore we combined age groups for the open tournament. If a country sees the need to split the age groups, please let us know so we can take it into consideration for future events.

14. ERSO Show Contest - future of this event

Sebastien shared the development of the European Show Contest compared to the previous. He mentioned that there are concerns/rumours that the low participation is due to bigger expenses with international competitions (IJRU - America, Japan 2025).

During the meeting we asked for feedback from the perspective of the members. Especially, we wanted to know whether the financial aspect is the limiting factor and why some countries do not participate or participate less than before.

Belgium suggested including it in the EC and mentioned that they like the flair of having it in a theatre.

Switzerland told that it is not about the money, because the Show Contest is an option for athletes that are not competing on worlds. It would be a pity to kick the event out.

Sweden mentioned that they had a lot of expenses during this year (world gymnastada, WC travel costs, also Nationals far away) and coaches, who are the same people to support, cant take the time.

Germany mentioned the expensive WC and the challenge of having no time due to competition schedule, since top skippers have to do too many events.

Sebastian plans to organise a meeting with all members to discuss the future of the Show Contest in Winter/Spring next year.

15. Adjournment

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



Annex 1 - Attendees list

Country	Delegate		Auditors	
Austria	Gerhard Blümel		Richard Stannard	
	Christina Blümel		Kajsa Murmark	
Belgium	Eva Vandemeulebroeke			
Czech Republic	Olga Kepková		ERSO Board of Directors	
Denmark	not attending		President	Silke Fürnschuß
Finland	Kimmo Hietanen		Vice-President	Mia Mønster
France	Nadia Aidli		Treasurer	Sebastien Hoek
Germany	Uwe Nielsen		Secretary General	Nicolai Lorke
	Wiebke Wagner			
Greece	Eleni Touloumenidou			Miriam Hägele
Hungary	Judit Apostol-Kovacs			Jana Černá
Italy	Chiara Canoci			Pavlina Hadová
Portugal	not attending		not attending	Kurt Moens
Slovakia	Katarina Satury			
	Katarina Boskova			
Sweden	Svante Bengtson			
	Liv Murmark			
Switzerland	Matthias Zedi			
The Netherlands	Jeroen van der Mark			



Annex 2 - Treasurer's report

Balance of account, 30.06.2022	37.829,86 €
Debits, 01.07.2022 – 30.06.2023	14.348,51 €
Credits 01.07.2022 – 30.06.2023	27.441,90 €
Final balance of account and cash, 30.06.2023	50.923,25 €