

ERSO AGM Minutes 18.07.2019



In Graz, Austria

Participants (see Annex 1):

Denmark, Belgium, Sweden, Estonia, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Russia, Austria, Hungary

Board members: Richard Stannard, Pieter Himpe, Mia Mønster, Silke Fürnschuß, Kajsa Murmark, Pavlina Hadova, Jana Cerna (Sebastien Hoek and Steven Stannard absent)

The ERSO president opens the meeting at 20:10h, welcomes everybody and thanks them for taking the time to come to the AGM in the ASKÖ Sports Center in Graz, Austria and share ideas.

1. President's report and ratification of current board

ERSO is now registered in Graz, Austria since 23.04.2019. This also implies that the GA has to ratify that all current board members are the board members of this non-profit organisation. All participants of the General Assembly are in favour of having Richard Stannard (Germany), Silke Fürnschuß (Austria), Mia Mønster (Denmark, Pavlina Hadova (Slovakia), Jana Cerná-Beránková (Czech Republic), Kajsa Murmark (Sweden), Steven Stannard (Germany), Sebastien Hoek (Netherlands) and Pieter Himpe (Belgium) to continue as board members.

Since the last AGM in Bratislava we had a very successful SC2018 in November 2018 with 140 registrations, 14 Show Contest teams and 23 Wheel Contest teams.

ERSO organised the second ERSO conference in Mechelen in March 2019. According to the survey, it was again a very big success and money well spent. 39 people from 16 different countries (also non-European) attended the conference again.

ERSO has also spent a lot of energy in creating a document which explains the vision/mission/strategy of ERSO in such a way it is clear for everyone where ERSO would like to go.

ERSO is also in contact with Italy who have shown interest in organising the next Show Contest and Wheel Competition in Autumn of 2020. Belgium mentions they might be interested as well. Please let us know by beginning of October 2019 at the latest whether this interest will be pursued.

Concerning IJRU, ERSO supports the concept of a single World Organisation and is more than willing to share its opinion and experience with IJRU, hoping that a common direction can be found.

2. Treasurer report

At the moment ERSO has 38.634,86 Euro on the bank account at 18/07/2019. The financial report is in Annex 2. The main expenses since last AGM were due to the ERSO conference, which was fully paid by ERSO for up to two participants per ERSO country.

3. Rules report

Presently the technical committee of IJRU is still discussing/clarifying the rules for the first IJRU WC in 2020. ERSO invited Benjamin Schmitz to explain the current rule set – ratified by the IJRU AGM last week - on the Monday morning following the competitions.



4. Vision – Mission - Strategy

Pieter presents the document. The document is added in Annex 3.

In summary: ERSO needs volunteers to help with these projects which will help us to achieve the vision. ERSO will also share this vision/mission/strategy during the closing ceremony, including the question for the search of volunteers.

The countries like the idea, but are afraid that people might want more details on what these volunteers should do.

At this moment we are looking for:

- One social media owner to update the social media of ERSO on a very regular basis with input from the ERSO Board and also input from each country of what they are doing, what they need help with, ...
- One person from each country to tell this social media owner of ERSO what the country is doing, what the country needs help with, ...
- Countries willing to organise a championship or tournament. The bidbooks can be found on the ERSO website.
- People to form a workgroup to brainstorm about the new rewarding system (several skype meetings)
- People to form a workgroup to brainstorm about the (inter)national coaches clinics (several skype meetings)
- People to form a workgroup to brainstorm about the coaches box (several skype meetings)
- People willing to travel to teach teachers how to teach.

5. Elections

ERSO has a maximum of 9 board members, each voted in each time for 3 years. Each year 3 of them have to be voted on. This year Mia Mönster's, Steven Stannard's, Pavlina Hadova's terms are up. They all agreed they would like to do another term.

The General Assembly members voted them all in again unanimously.

Richard Stannard decided to step down from the board after 11 years, 8 years of which as president and Kajsa Murmark also decided to leave the board after 26 years.

This means there are 2 positions free. Three people applied to fill these 2 positions:

- Nicolai Lorke (Germany)
- Liv Murmark (Sweden)
- Andrey Kokoulin (Russia)

The AGM has voted in a secret ballot and decided that Nicolai Lorke and Liv Murmark will be the new board members. We welcome both and thank Richard Stannard and Kajsa Murmark for all their hard work.

The new board and the members of the General Assembly is in favour of the proposal of the executive board to appoint Silke as new president at of the end of the closing ceremony.



Steven Stannard volunteered to take on the position of Treasurer. Everyone is in favour.

According to the new Bylaws ERSO requires two Auditors voted in by the General Assembly, to control the regularity of the accounting. Kajsa Murmark and Richard Stannard volunteered to take on this task. The General Assembly agreed unanimously and voted both of them in.

6. Next events

As mentioned previously, do contact us in case you would be interested to organise the Show Contest in 2020. Also for the next EC in 2021 (although not yet known how the competition will be ran) we are looking for candidates. Please contact us before beginning of October in case you are interested.

The President closes the meeting at 21:28h.

Additional Election held during the closing ceremony on 21.07.19

Before stepping down from the board and passing his position as President to Silke Fürnschuß, Richard Stannard nominated Kajsa Murmark to become an Honorary Member of ERSO. He asked not only the members of the General Assembly for their agreement, but also all participants of the closing ceremony for their opinion. A vast majority (probably all) agreed, resulting in Kajsa formally becoming an Honorary Member of ERSO as from 21.07.19.