



Full Report

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM) 2010 Palamondo, Via Industriale Cadempino, Lugano (Switzerland). Thursday 28th October 2010

Present:

Erik Sommer (Denmark)	IISHF President	(ES)	no vote
Jean-Daniel Muller (Switzerland)	IISHF Vice President	(JD)	no vote
Ingo Goerke (Germany)	IISHF Financial Director	(IG)	no vote
Andreas Heidinger	Austria	(AH)	no vote
Michael Kottas	Austria	(MK)	with vote (2 votes)
Claes Fréder	Denmark	(CF)	with vote (2 votes)
Per Kyed	Denmark	(PK)	no vote
Stefan Brütt	Germany	(SB)	with vote (3 votes)
Stefan Gehrig	Germany	(SG)	no vote
Dee Dalton	Great Britain	(DD)	with vote (2 votes)
Liz Jeffries	Great Britain	(LJ)	no vote
Paul Crauwels	Netherland	(PC)	with vote (1 vote)
Saskia van de Weijer	Netherland	(SW)	no vote
Tamara Bütikofer	Switzerland	(TB)	with vote (3 votes)
Ueli Strueby	Switzerland	(US)	no vote

1. (A) Welcoming Address from the Presidium

ES opened the meeting at 7.00 PM and welcomed all of the delegates to the EGM in Lugano (Switzerland) and thanked them all for coming.

2. (B) Confirmation of the Agenda

ES asked the members if they will agree and confirm the agenda.

=> All agreed (13 votes)

3. (C) Proof of correct announcement convening of General Meeting

IG confirmed that according to point 11.4 IISHF Constitution the announcement convening the

Extraordinary General Meeting has been sent out on time. Furthermore according to point 11.5 – 11.7 IISHF Constitution the agenda, all reports and proposals have been sent out on time.

4. (D) Confirmation of membership applications

IG informed that no new countries have applied for membership. **ES** added that Pakistan had been invited to attend the Event but they had to postpone their participation. Pakistan intends to attend the AGM 2011 in Amsterdam, Netherland.

5. Establishment of Voting Rights and the Quorum

IG confirmed that according to point 11.8 IISHF Constitution a quorum for the Extraordinary General Meeting shall consist of no less than one third of the Council of Members (NMAs) which is definitely given. No NMA was suspended and all NMAs have fulfilled their payments regulations incl. membership fees 2010. According to point 11.11 IISHF Constitution the Members were entitled to vote as follows:

Michael Kottas	Austria	(MK)	with vote (2 votes)
Claes Frédéric	Denmark	(CF)	with vote (2 votes)
Stefan Brütt	Germany	(SB)	with vote (3 votes)
Dee Dalton	Great Britain	(DD)	with vote (2 votes)
Paul Crauwels	Netherland	(PC)	with vote (1 vote)
Tamara Bütikofer	Switzerland	(TF)	with vote (3 votes)
Total number of votes			total 13 votes

6. (F) Confirmation of the minutes of previous years General Meetings

All delegates had received the minutes from the previous meeting AGM 2010 (Malaga, Spain). According to point 11.17 IISHF Constitution no objections to the minutes have been sent to the IISHF within two weeks of receipt.

We also discussed that the minutes of the AGM held in February 2010 were difficult to read due to the referrals to different documents. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have two versions of the minutes: one being a full report of the general meeting and one being a summary of decisions being made during the meeting.

The IISHF Presidium asked with reference to the IISHF Communication Letter 2010-12 the NMA's to correct the number of elected members of the IISHF Appeals Committee elected at the AGM 2010 so that it's in accordance to the IISHF Constitution.

The Appeals Committee

Members of the new Appeals Committee (elected for 4 years at the AGM 2010/EGM 2010):

Saskia van de Weijer, Netherland (Chairman)

Stefan Brütt, Germany (Vice-Chairman)

Dee Dalton, Great Britain (as member)

=> All agreed (13 votes) with the modifications as described that the Minutes were a true and accurate record.

7. (G) The business for which the EGM is convened

Group 1: Working Group on Voting System

Dee Dalton, Great Britain made on behalf of the working group no. 1 (Working Group on Voting System) a presentation of their work. The future acting of this working group was decided to be more focused on a general revision of the Voting system. The group should continue its work with the renamed Title: "Working Group on Revision of Voting System".

Regarding this working group it had also been discussed that Liz Jeffries had withdrawn herself as chairman of the working group. Dee Dalton stepped in as an interim chairman until the EGM. It was discussed that the members of this voting group would amongst themselves vote for a new chairman. (This was done and Dee Dalton was selected as chairman).

Group 2: Working Group on Hosting Title Events

Paul Crauwels, Netherland made on behalf of the working group no. 2 (Hosting Title Events – the funding system) a presentation of their work with focus on their work creating a questionnaire. The Working Group will continue their work.

To assess what causes the fact that there is a 'lack' of hosting countries the working group has made a questionnaire that will be sent out to all member countries. The questionnaire contains different questions regarding problems which countries have met organizing a tournament or the reasons why they haven't organized a tournament in the past 8 years. This is meant to get a clear image on problems member countries meet or expect in organizing a tournament and will also give an indication what is needed to change this.

The questionnaire has been sent out to all members of the working group for a final check. Dee Dalton has been asked to correct the questionnaire to proper English. The working group is planning to send out the final questionnaire to all member countries within one week after the EGM. The NGB's are asked to respond before the 31st of December 2010 so the results can be presented at the AGM.

Both Denmark and Switzerland have requested a longer responding time because they will need to translate the document. It was agreed the questionnaire will be sent out and response will be asked a.s.a.p but no later than 31th of December 2010. If needed exceptions can be made.

Group 3: Rules

The Working Group on Rules proposed that the membership countries approved a Rules Committee at the EGM 2010. The matter was discussed and it was supported that the group with the rules experts should continue their work with a general mandate to prepare proposals for Rules Changes. Errors and minor adjustments can be corrected by the group in cooperation with the IISHF Presidium: The final changes of the Rules of the Games would however still have to be approved by the NMA's at the General Meeting.

The first task of the Rules Committee has been to update and implement all changes discussed and agreed upon at the 2010 AGM. By some mistake not all changes were implemented in the Rulebook sent out after the AGM. A proposal for corrections of a number of minor adjustments were presented.

There was a discussion on WHAT the exact task of the Rules Committee should be. It was discussed they should prepare proposals for rules changes which then should be voted on during the

AGM, whereas others state the Rules Committee should have a mandate a vote on changes themselves to prevent discussions on rules to be held at the AGM again.

If the last option where to be the task of the Rules committee it has also been discussed how the voting system within the committee should be organized. Some favor to handle the same voting system as within the AGM but others oppose to that. They state that giving the rules experts (who not necessarily have to be referees) a different amount of votes would in fact mean that one expert will be held 'more important or more qualified' than other experts. This would not be right. All experts should have the same say in rules matters.

Besides Rules changes it was discussed the Rules Committee should be able to correct errors and put forward minor adjustments to improve the readability of the rulebook without approval of the AGM. And furthermore the Rules Committee has been granted to adjust the rulebook to the changes made at the AGM in February 2010.

Finally it was decided that the group with the rules experts should continue their work with a general mandate to prepare proposals for Rules Changes. Errors and minor adjustments can be corrected by the group in cooperation with the IISHF Presidium: The final changes of the Rules of the Games would however still have to be approved by the NMA's at the General Meeting.

=> **All agreed (13 votes) – attached please find updated IISHF Rules of the Games 2010.**

8. (H) Any other Business

The selection of teams for the Men Invitation Cup (organised for the first time in 2011) was discussed. It was decided that as a general rule a team can only participate in one Men Club Title Event that being either the Men European Cup or the Men Invitation Cup except for the hosting club and the Title holder. The participating teams for the Men Invitation Cup will be selected from the National Cup Tournaments if they take place or from the National Championships. The National Champions automatically qualifies for participation in the Men European Cup. So teams will first be selected for the Men European Cup and then next for the Men Invitation Cup.

Erik Sommer presented the overall preference by the IISHF Presidium that the European Cups should take place if possible before the Summer vacation and the European Championships should take place if possible after the Summer vacation. There is also a preference for having the events on a 20x40 meters pitch whenever possible.

Paul Crauwels presented the venue for the Junior European Championship 2011 in Zaandam, Netherland and he asked the member countries to give their approval of the facilities as presented. The members present gave their acceptance.

Paul Crauwels presented the Dutch plans for their hosting of the AGM 2011 in Amsterdam, Netherland on February 26-27, 2011.

The matter of why we have Kitchek at tournaments was brought up for discussion in reference to the handling of the non-matching equipment. It was discussed it is not a kit check referees job to notify a team if they are not wearing the same color helmets, shirts, trousers and so on. It is a kit check referees job to see if the equipment meets all technical requirements. A team/player should be aware of the rules of the game and should mind the similarity of the equipment themselves.

However it was agreed on that during the team managers meeting this could be pointed out as an extra service to the (new) teams.

The Extraordinary General Meeting was closed on 9.15 PM.

Copenhagen, 26.11.2010

Signed by
Erik Sommer
IISHF President
(President)
26.11.2010

Signed by
Saskia van-de Weijer
(Secretary EGM 2010 recording minutes)
(Netherland)
26.11.10