

Minutes of the WSA GA 2013 in Aschau / Tyrol

Saturday, 21 September 2013

Opening of the meeting 13:44 hrs

Prior to Topic 1, Chairman Arno Steichler explained that the French WSA Vicechairman Laurent Berge is absent for professional reasons (he is a member of the French Air Force and involved in the Syria conflict). However, he has indicated that he is available for re-election. The two auditors Chris Langer from Switzerland and Roderick Glastra from the Netherlands were not able to attend either. Both would like to stand down from their roles as auditors. However, a letter was received from the auditors confirming that the books were checked and to be found in good order and no objections are made against discharging the treasurer.

Manuela Petutschnig also sends her apologies. She attended yesterday's Board meeting, but due to a family celebration (wedding) is unable to attend the GA. She is also available for re-election. The doping officer Dr Karsten Hesse is equally unable to attend the GA for professional reasons but available for re-election. Bernd Reif from Germany would like to stand down as Director Pulka. He wishes the WSA all the very best. The representatives of the Slovak Association Askino Alpha are unable to attend in person because they are currently in Alaska. An email with their apology was sent to the WSA .

The Chairman points out that according to the WSA Statutes, meetings can be held in German as well as in English. In the light of Topic 16 of the Agenda, it was agreed that the General Assembly would be held in German particularly as with Irene Valenkamp from the UK there was someone at the meeting who was able to translate the discussions immediately into English.

In Manuela Petutschnig's absence, Rolf Münch from Germany and Irene Valenkamp from the UK were asked to write the minutes.

Topic 1 13:50 hrs

Welcome and Report of the Chairman in German and English, see appendix. In this context, a minute's silence was held for Udo Nässl.

The following topics were discussed in German and translated into English by Irene Valenkamp.

Topic 2 13:58 hrs

The Invitation and Agenda were accepted unanimously without any votes against or abstentions.

Topic 3 14:00 hrs

Delegates and Board Members present were instructed to sign the attendance list and make a note of the amount of votes they represented. The Chairman reminded the Assembly that individuals can represent a maximum of 2 votes. Votes can be transferred but only to members of the same club and among Board members.

Delegates of members seeking admission to the WSA were advised to add their names to the list. They will be entitled to vote once their request has been approved and Topic 6 has been closed.

21 delegate votes and 9 Board votes were counted. A total of 30 votes.

Topic 4 14:13 hrs

Cindy van den Brink (Treasurer) from the Netherlands presented her financial report. Overall, a positive trend can be observed. Also, the afore-mentioned report of the Auditors Langer and Glastra was read out.

Upon request, the Treasurer and the Board were discharged unanimously (30 yes / 0 abstentions / 0 no).

Topic 5 14:20 hrs

On behalf of the absent Vice-Chairman Laurent Berge, the Chairman announced that in 2014, the intention is to organize a European Dryland Championship near Paris in collaboration with the IFSS. Laurent Berge and the IFSS Board member Bernard Pepin of France are in close contact.

With a vote of 16/3/11 the GA gave Laurent Berge the mandate to continue to work with the IFFS on behalf of the WSA on realizing this project.

Topic 6 14:25 hrs

New membership applications. The Board had reviewed and was in support of all applications.

Results:

Scotland (SDAS) : 30/0/0

New Zealand (SDNZ) : 30/0/0

Slovakia (SZPZ) : 30/0/0

Sweden (SPHK) : 30/0/0

Switzerland (SSV) : 30/0/0

Thus, all membership applications were approved unanimously.

Topic 7 14:45 hrs

Following the accession of the new members, the total number of votes present increased to 35. The Board has to be elected by secret ballot and the election of an Election Committee, which takes over the management of the GA until a Chairman is elected, is required. The Election Committee also monitors the election of the other Board Members and counts the ballot papers. The Assembly suggested Robert Schiesser from Switzerland and Christian Geier from Italy for this role. There were no further suggestions. The Election Committee was elected unanimously and Robert Schiesser took over the Assembly.

1 Chairman: Proposed: Arno Steichler - no further proposals. Result: 35/0/0

2 Vice-Chairman: Proposed: Laurent Berge - no further proposals. Result: 29/0/6

3 Director Sport: Proposed: Jacek Wlodarczyk - no further proposals. Result: 33/1/1

4 Treasurer: Proposed: Cindy van den Brink - no further proposals. Result: 28/1/6

5 Secretary: Proposed: Manuela Petutschnig - no further proposals. Result: 31/3/1

All Board members accepted their re-election or had communicated in advance their willingness to stand for re-election.

The proposal to destroy the ballot papers was unanimously carried.

The election of the Board was followed by a short break.

Topic 8 15:30 hrs

It was explained that unless a secret ballot was requested, the Extended Board could be elected by show of hands. There were no requests for a secret ballot.

1 Director Sprint: Proposed: Christof Diehl - no further proposals. Result: 33/2/0

2 Director MD: Proposed: Michael Landau - no further proposals. Result: 34/1/0

3 Director Pulka: Proposed: Teunis Bos - no further proposals. Result 32/3/0

The number of votes increased to 36.

4 Veterinary / Anti-Doping: Proposed: Dr.vet. Karsten Hesse - no further proposals. Result: 36/0/0

5 PR / Webmaster: Proposed: Chris Helm - no further proposals. Result: 34/2/0

6 Director Dryland: Proposed: Rolf Münch - no further proposals. Result: 36/0/0

The number of votes increased to 37.

In this context, the Chairman pointed out that the Dutch member DSO had submitted a motion to reduce the number of Board Members. However, as this application didn't meet all the formal requirements in order to be put forward to this year's GA, the motion was withdrawn. However, the motion was discussed at yesterday's Board Meeting and at the 2014 GA the intention is to put a motion regarding the Extended Board to the membership. It's the intention to reduce the Directors Sprint / MD / Pulka / Dryland to two directors.

Topic 9 15:45 hrs

The WSA Race Judge Committee is composed of the WSA Director Sport and two elected WSA Race Judges. Thus as Director Sport, Jacek Wlodarczyk is automatically a member. The Assembly proposed:

1 Roderick Glastra from the Netherlands

2 Chris Langer from Switzerland.

There were no other suggestions. Both were re-elected unanimously (37/0/0) and accepted the election.

Topic 10 15:50 hrs

Both auditors have indicated that they would like to stand down from their duties. As successors the Assembly proposed:

- 1 Irene Valenkamp from the UK
- 2 Elena Shepeleva from Russia

There were no further proposals. Irene Valenkamp was elected 37/0/0 and Elena Shepeleva 36/0/1. Both candidates accepted the election.

After a break, the meeting was continued at 16:15 hrs.

Topic 11 16:15 hrs

The proposal by the Dutch member DSO was carried with 35/2/0 votes.

The Race Rules will be amended accordingly. The time limit does not apply in cases of approved assistance.

The Swiss motion for standardization of the race classes with the IFFS was withdrawn following feedback from the Chairman. Not only would the motion have required a change in Race Rules but would also have triggered a change to the WSA Statutes as the race classes are also specified there. The motion was not received within the necessary timeframe to do so and wasn't adequately formulated as the proposed amendments to the Statutes were missing. The Swiss member withdrew its motion and will present it again at the next GA.

The second Swiss motion for a change of dog age/ alignment with the IFFS was rejected 03/07/27.

In this context, the Chairman noted that even though there is certainly a desire to work more closely with the IFFS going forward, it should be a give and take. Therefore, the IFFS is also requested to think about their rules.

Topic 12 16:45 hrs

The Chairman explained the bid for the 2014 World Championship in Kandersteg and communicated his excitement about the event. On 18./19.10.2013, a small WSA delegation will visit Kandersteg to meet with the organizing committee and wrap up final event details. Also at the periphery of the GA, positive discussions were held. The GA confirmed Kandersteg's bid unanimously.

Topic 13 16:55 hrs

The Chairman explained that in 2015, it will be the WSA's 20th anniversary. To celebrate this, the WSA Board considers hosting a Jubilee World Championship. The Austrian member RSSC together with Bad Mitterndorf has submitted a bid to host this event. No other applications have been received to date. The Jubilee Championship is awarded unanimously to Austria. For 2016, inquiries have been received from the Swedish member who is contemplating including the Östersund Ski Stadium in the event. However, so far this has only been an inquiry/ preliminary talks. The Chairman indicated that further applications are expected from other members for the next GA.

The following venues were accepted unanimously for the WSA Eurocup series 2013/14:

- 1 Langtaufers / Italy
- 2 Campo Felice / Italy
- 3 Unterjoch / Germany
- 4 Angerberg / Austria
- 5 Lenk / Switzerland
- 6 Bad Mitterndorf / Austria

Topic 14 17:05 hrs

After verification of the documents submitted, Arnold Petutschnig from Austria has met all the requirements that are necessary for the appointment of an WSA Race Marshall. Arnold Petutschnig was unanimously appointed a WSA Race Marshall.

Topic 15 17:10 hrs

The Chairman reported on the circumstances that led to the separation between the WSA and the IFFS in 2006. Contact has been made again since. The GA decided unanimously that the talks should continue.

To great applause the Eurocup Winners 2012/2013 were honored .

There was a break until 17:35 hrs.

The Chairman explained that Topic 16 could not be discussed until 17.30 hrs as a number of people had the right to be present for the discussion of this topic. Tamara Schlemmer and her lawyer had also been informed that according to the agenda the matter would be discussed at 17.00 hrs. Therefore, the topic wouldn't be discussed until 17:30 hrs. Additionally, it was pointed out that copies of the files sent to Tamara Schlemmer's lawyers were available for review in German and English. Questions could be submitted anytime.

Topic 16 17:37 hrs

The GA imposed a lifetime ban/ exclusion from the WSA on Tamara Schlemmer.

The meeting was closed at 19:20 hrs

Minutes:

Irene Valenkamp Rolf Münch

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signed:

Arno Steichler, WSA Chairma