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Subject: Minutes of the ECU Ordinary General Assembly 2013
Glasgow, Thistle Hotel
Friday, June 28th, 2013

Minutes Recorded By:
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1. Opening of the meeting (15:16pm)

Opening and Welcome by Tone Sparby, President of ECU.

The congregation mourned the sad loss of Steven Walls, vice president and co-founder of ECU and President of Scotcheer, with a minute of silence.

2. Roll Call

Delegates from following member countries present: (17 voting members + 1 provisional member (Finland))

Austria
Belgium
Croatia
Czech Republic
Denmark
England
Finland
Germany
Ireland
Italy
Netherlands
Norway
Russia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Ukraine

3. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved unanimously

4. Approval of the Rules of Procedure for the meeting

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Rules of Procedure were approved unanimously.

It was made clear that new members receive the voting right after being accepted as a full member.

5. Decisions on changes in member status

5.1 ECU has two member federations from Croatia: Croatian Cheerleading Federation (CCF) and Croatian Cheerleading and Cheerdance Association (CCCA).

According to the ECU Bylaws Article 7.1 the ECU GA must decide on the National Representative status for one of the current federations, after a 2-year period if the federations have not merged or formed an umbrella-federation.

The ECU Board proposed to the AGM that the National Representative Status is given to the CCF.

Vote for the Board proposal: 16 votes for yes, 0 votes for no, 1 abstention

5.2 Italy - FISAC

(during this point the Belgium delegates joins the GA)

The ECU member federation from Italy, FISAC, has entered into a cooperation with another Italian federation for cheerleading, FICAD. FICAD is a member of ECA and IFC, and organizes the ECA European Cheerleading Championships.

The ECU Board proposed to the AGM: FISAC is temporary suspended from ECU effective from 1st July 2013 and until the cooperation with FICAD is terminated or until FICAD is no longer IFC/ECA member.

The Secretary General informed that a letter was received by the ECU Board shortly before the AGM, in which FICAD is stating that it will not renew its IFC/ECA memberships from 2014. This letter was new to the board and the AGM agreed on a short break so the present board members could discuss new facts that were presented by this letter.

After the break the Secretary General informed: "The FICAD letter is very clear but it does not change the situation or the facts. However, ECU Board feels that such important decision should be made by the ECU GA as the highest body of ECU."

The matter was discussed by the representatives present.

Vote on the proposal to temporary suspended FISAC from ECU membership affecting from 1st of July 2013 and until the cooperation with FICAD is terminated or until FICAD is no longer IFC/ECA member: 2 votes for yes, 13 votes for no, 2 abstention.

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6. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting were approved unanimously.

7. New membership applications

Following new membership applications had been sent to ECU:

1. Finland – Finnish Cheerleading Federation
2. Armenia – All Armenian Association of Perform Art
3. Georgia – Georgian National Cheerleading Federation
4. Azerbaijan – Azerbaijan Social & Modern Dance Association
5. Romania – Middle School “Gheorghe Sincai” Floresti, Cluj
6. Italy – Federazione Italiana Cheerleading Acrobatico e Dance
7. Italy – Federazione Italiana Cheerleading e Cheerdance
8. Russia – AP Russian Cheerleading Federation

Finland, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan

These federations had been granted provisional membership by the Board.

Vote on the proposal to admit the Finnish Cheerleading Federation, All Armenian Association of Perform Art, Georgian National Cheerleading Federation and Azerbaijan Social & Modern Dance to ECU membership.

17 votes for yes, 1 vote for no, 0 abstentions.

Romania

Vote on the proposal to admit the "Middle School of Gheorghe Sincai" Floresti, Cluj to the ECU membership".

17 votes for yes, 1 vote for no, 0 abstentions

Italy - FICAD

The Board had given a negative recommendation to this application.

The Board proposed to the AGM: Federazione Italiana Cheerleading Acrobatico e Dance's membership application is declined.

The AGM discussed the matter.

Vote on the proposal to decline Federazione Italiana Cheerleading Acrobatico e Dance's ECU membership application:

4 votes for yes, 9 votes for no, 4 abstentions

Italy – FICEC

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The Board had given a positive recommendation to this application.

Vote on the proposal to admit the "Federazione Italiana Cheerleading e Cheerdance" to ECU membership.

16 votes for yes, 0 votes for no, 1 abstention

Russia - RCF

The Secretary General informed that the applicant had provided documents containing irregularities including potential false signatures and wrong dates.

The Board had given a negative recommendation to this application.

The AGM discussed the application.

Vote on the proposal to decline AP Russian Cheerleading Federation's ECU membership application:

16 votes for yes, 1 vote for no, 1 abstention

8. Yearly Reports

The reports had been sent out with the Agenda to the AGM.

The President informed that the date and place announcement for the 2014 Europeans had to be postponed, as the Board needed more time to review the received bids.

The reports were unanimously approved.

9. Financial matters

The financial reports had been sent out with the Agenda to the AGM.

The reports were unanimously approved.

10. Proposal Submitted

Proposal from Russia: ECU should establish a Para Cheer Board for disabled persons.

The proposal was presented by Andrey Kokoulin.

15 votes for yes, 0 votes for no, 3 abstentions

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Proposal from the ECU Competition Rules Committee: ECU adopts the “Recommendation for age groups outside the ECU Rulebook” that was prepared by the ECU Competition Rules Committee.

The matter had been discussed at the ECU Rules conference in Vienna in February 2013, and was raised based on a request from this conference.

Vote on the proposal to adopt the recommendation for age groups outside the ECU Rulebook:

15 votes for yes, 1 vote for no, 3 abstentions

11. Elections

The Secretary General informed that some of the applications for Board positions were received after the deadline. He asked the AGM to approve that all received applications were accepted and the candidates eligible for voting.

13 votes for yes, 2 votes for no, 3 abstentions

The candidates presented themselves to the AGM before the elections.

The result of the elections:

ECU Board

President: Tone Sparby, Norway – unanimous vote

Vice President: Andrey Kokoulin, Russia – by 13 votes

Secretary General: Aljaz Britvic, Slovenia – unanimous vote

East Europe Representative: Anna Andriyenko, Ukraine – unanimous vote

West Europe Representative: Derek Kent, England – by 15 votes

North Europe Representative: Mikael Sohn Ottesen, Denmark - unanimous

South Europe Representative: Slavica Donkov, Croatia – by 16 votes

Middle Europe Representative: Barbara Katzmayer, Austria - unanimous

ECU Auditors

Lynn Veal, England

Jonas Miller, Germany

Both elected by unanimous vote.

12. Date and place of the next meeting

The President made the remarks that the next general assembly should take place one day before the ECU European Cheerleading championships, and in the same city. Date and place to be communicated in August after the Board has made a decision about the host of the next championships.

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