

Minutes of the ECU Ordinary General Assembly 2016

Vienna, Austria – Multiversum arena
Friday 1 July 2016, 15.00-18.00 hours

ECU Board, present:

President - Aljaž Britvič
Vice-President - Ursula Hann
Secretary General - Tone Sparby
North Europe - Mikael Sohn Ottesen
West Europe - Derek Kent
Middle Europe - Dr. Jan Becker
East Europe - Andrey Kokoulin
South Europe - Slavica Donkov

Minute Taker: Thea Halgard

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Opening of the ECU Ordinary General Assembly 2016 by ECU President Aljaž Britvič.

The president welcomed everyone to the General Assembly, apologised for the delayed start of the meeting and proceeded directly to the roll call.

2. ROLL CALL

ECU Members:

| No. | Country | Federation | Present |
|-----|------------------------|---|---------|
| 1. | Armenia | All Armenian Association of Perform Art | X |
| 2. | Austria | Austrian Cheerleading and Cheerdance Federation | X |
| 3. | Belarus | Belorussian Federation of Cheerleading | X |
| 4. | Belgium | Belgian Cheerleading Federation | X |
| 5. | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Cheer Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina | |
| 6. | Croatia | Croatian Cheerleading Federation | X |
| 7. | Czech Republic | Czech Cheer Association | X |
| 8. | Denmark | Danish American Football Federation | X |
| 9. | England | British Cheerleading Association | X* |
| 10. | Finland | Finnish Cheerleading Federation | X |
| 11. | France | French Federation of American Football | |
| 12. | Georgia | Georgian National Cheerleading Federation | |
| 13. | Germany | Cheerleading and Cheerdance Federation Germany | X |

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| 14. | Greece | Hellas Cheerleading Union | X |
| 15. | Hungary | Hungarian Cheer Federation | X |
| 16. | Ireland | Irish Cheer Sport Association | X* |
| 17. | Israel | CDA Israel | |
| 18. | Italy - FISAC | Italian Federation of Acrobatic and Choreographic Sports | X |
| 19. | Moldova | Federation of Modern Dances of Moldova | |
| 20. | Netherlands | Dutch Cheerleading Association | X* |
| 21. | Norway | Norwegian Federation of American Sports | X |
| 22. | Poland - PDF | Polish Dance Federation | X |
| 23. | Romania | Romanian Majorettes Association | |
| 24. | Russia - RCU | Russian Cheer Union | X |
| 25. | Scotland | Scotchcheer | |
| 26. | Slovenia | Slovenian Cheerleading Association | X |
| 27. | Spain | Spain Cheer and Dance | X* |
| 28. | Sweden | Swedish Cheerleading Federation | X |
| 29. | Switzerland | Cheerleading and Cheerdance Association Switzerland | |
| 30. | Ukraine | All-Ukrainian Cheerleading Federation | X |
| 31. | Wales | CheerSport Wales | |

* Arrived with a slight delay; not present at the beginning of the General Assembly.

ECU Associate Members:

| | Country | Federation |
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| | Italy - FICEC | Cheerleading and Cheerdance Italian Federation |
| | Russia - RCF | Russian Cheerleading Federation |
| | Poland - PCA | Polish Cheerleading Association |

All representatives signed the attendance list upon arrival.

With 28 members in good standing, the required number of participating countries to reach the quorum was 14. At the start of the meeting there were 17 countries present, 1 more arrived during agenda item number 7 and 3 more during the break after agenda item number 12, leaving the total number of countries present at 21.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The ECU Ordinary General Assembly 2016 agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Roll call
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of the Rules of Procedure for the meeting

5. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
6. Yearly reports
7. Financial matters
8. Modification of statutes
9. Suspension or expulsion of a member
10. Decisions on changes in member status
11. New membership applications
12. Proposals submitted
13. Appointment of two auditors.
Election of the host for the ECU Europeans in 2018
14. Date and place of next meeting

The Agenda was unanimously approved.

4. RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. A majority of the member federations with voting rights and in good standing must be present at a meeting to constitute a quorum of the General Assembly.
2. Every member country, where its member federation(s) has / have satisfied all its / their financial obligations in full towards the ECU from all previous fiscal years is entitled to one vote.
3. The General Assembly is chaired by the President.
4. Regular voting is done by a show of hands.
5. Each member federation can have 5 minutes of time to present its opinion or ask a question regarding the subject that is discussed by the General Assembly.
6. Voting for the selection of the host for the European Cheerleading Championships is done by ballot papers. On these ballot papers, each member federation may vote for one of the candidates bidding to host the European Cheerleading Championships. The candidate with the largest number of votes will win the bid. In the event of a tie, a second round shall take place after the elimination of the candidate who has obtained the least number of votes in the first round. In case of persisting equality between candidates, the decision shall be reached by drawing lots.
7. Elections are done by secret ballot papers. If there is no absolute majority reached in the first ballot, a second round will be organized, under the rule of the relative majority (the highest number of votes). In the event of a tie, a third round shall take place after the elimination of the candidate who has obtained the least number of votes in the second round. In case of persisting equality between candidates, the election shall be decided by drawing lots. If only one candidate is proposed and delegates entitled to vote have no objections, the candidate may be elected by acclamation.
8. A new member applicant organization cannot attend the General Assembly meeting before the General Assembly's final decision regarding their admission to ECU membership. During the point

of discussion a new membership applicants can have 10 minutes of time for a short introduction and can answer questions of other General Assembly delegates. Otherwise new member applicant is not present during the discussion of their membership. If new applicant is granted an ECU membership then they have a right to participate and vote on the General Assembly from the start of the next agenda point.

9. ICU and ECU officials can participate on the General Assembly without any right to vote but they have the right to address the General Assembly.
10. Other rules of the procedure are determined by the ECU Statutes.

The Rules of the Procedure was unanimously approved.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GA

- Annex 1: Minutes of the ECU Ordinary General Assembly 2015 (Ljubljana)

Minutes of the ECU Ordinary General Assembly 2015 sent to all members on 8 February 2016.

No written notification with the correction of or alternation to the minutes was sent by any ECU member.

The Minutes of the ECU Ordinary General Assembly 2015 was unanimously approved.

6. YEARLY REPORTS

President Aljaž Britvič presented the yearly reports, giving an overview of the situation in the federation highlighting the growth of the organisation as a positive tendency. The growth has resulted in issues regarding increased demand upon the organisation and difficulties regarding an increased workload for the volunteers. The president thanked the vice president, Ursula Hann, and the secretary general, Tone Sparby, for their hard work and proceeded to ensure that the board is working towards a solution to the issues regarding the increased workload.

Secretary general Tone Sparby then introduced the leaders of the committees, referring to the reports annexed to the invitation.

6.1 ECU BOARD REPORT

6.2 JUDGES COMMITTEE REPORT

6.3 COMPETITION RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

6.4 ATHLETES COMMITTEE REPORT

6.5 ECL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

All yearly reports under item 6 were unanimously approved.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The vice president Ursula Hann gave an overview of all financial matters and answered questions. She specified that the outstanding membership fees mentioned in item 7.1 have been settled and that the auditor reported that ECU finances for the year 2015 are in order. Item 7.3. was discussed and key points regarding the loss budget was explained.

7.1. FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

7.2. AUDIT REPORT 2015

7.3. ECU BUDGET 2016 AND 2017

All financial matters under item 7 were unanimously approved.

8. MODIFICATION OF STATUTES

No changes proposed.

9. SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF A MEMBER

No proposals.

10. DECISIONS ON CHANGES IN MEMBER STATUS

No proposals.

11. NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The ECU has received membership applications from Serbia and Slovakia. The Secretary General Tone Sparby explained:

- *Serbia was granted provisional membership by the board.* The federation is very new but seems to be doing well so far, however, they have not yet submitted the necessary forms and documentation and the general assembly was therefore not asked to accept Serbia as a new member yet.
- *Slovakia's application was rejected.* The applicant organisation did not seem to fulfil the necessary criteria of a not-for-profit organization with the aim of growing the sport and after several months of no contact with the applicants the board decided to reject the application.

No proposals.

12. PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

No proposals received.

13. ELECTIONS

ECU AUDITORS

Proposals from the General Assembly:

Spela Planinc, Slovenia
Romy Möbius-Kramer, Germany

The proposed auditors were unanimously approved.

ECU EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

The ECU Board received four bids for hosting the Europeans in 2018, and selected three bids to be presented to the General Assembly:

Finland – Helsinki
Norway – Oslofjord
Russia – St Petersburg

Representatives from each of the three selected nations presented their bids at the General Assembly.

The voting was completed by secret ballot; the results were as follows:

Finland: 8
Norway: 7
Russia: 6

The ballots were counted three times by non-bias representatives.

Finland won the bid to host the ECU European Championship 2018.

14. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

ECU Ordinary General Assembly 2017 will be held on the 23rd June 2017 in Prague, Czech Republic.

15. AOB

No other business.

President Aljaž Britvič thanked the Austrian Cheerleading and Cheerdance Federation for hosting the meeting and thanked all delegates present for coming.



Aljaž Britvič, ECU President



Thea Halgard, Minute taker