

Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting of the EUROPEAN SQUASH FEDERATION

WROCLAW, POLAND
SATURDAY 5th MAY 2018

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The President, Zena Wooldridge, opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees, who introduced themselves. It was noted that 22 MNAs were present, one more than 2017.

Zena Wooldridge confirmed the observers present, and confirmed no proxy votes received.

The President confirmed there were no motions submitted or constitutional changes.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Member Nation Associations:

Guernsey and Norway

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 Member National Associations Represented

Delegates were present from:

Austria	Daniel Haider
Belgium	Serge Maggi
Czech Republic	Tomas Cvikl
Denmark	Rasmus Tander
England	Eamonn O'Rourke
Estonia	Aliis Allas
Finland	Mika Monto
France	Jean Denis Barbet
Germany	Stephen Mann
Gibraltar	Barry Brindle
Greece	Athanassios Piliounis
Ireland	Rosie Barry
Israel	Moshe Avraham
Poland	Tomasz Banasiak
Portugal	Luis Ferreira
Romania	Daniel Sima
Russia	Alex Andreev
Scotland	James Hay
Sweden	Asa Wallin
Switzerland	Pascal Bruhin
Turkey	Hasan Ozturk
Wales	Richard Bennett

No proxy votes received

3.2 Observers Present

Belgium	Hugo Hannes
England	Keir Worth
Greece	Nikolaos Dimitriadis
Ireland	Gar Holohan
Poland	Jakub Zalotynski
Poland	Maciej Chadzynski
Romania	Anca Stefancu
Sweden	Thomas Troedsson
Turkey	Guven Karakus

3.3 Others Present

3.3.1 By Right

ESF President	Zena Wooldridge
ESF Vice-President	Jackie Robinson
ESF Vice-President	Marcel Borst
ESF Vice-President	Pavel Sladecsek
ESF Treasurer	Peter Derrick

3.3.2 By Invitation

ESF Office Manager	Claire Leech
WSF CEO	Andrew Shelley

4. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

- 4.1 Bulgaria has recently paid 2016, 2017 and 2018 Membership fees in full
- 4.2 The list of Members was circulated in advance of the meeting for information, and there were no questions or comments.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

None received

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2017 minutes were presented. There were no comments or questions.

The 2017 minutes were approved unanimously as a correct record.

7. THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

The annual report for the period 1st January to 31st January 2017 was presented, and received no comment or questions from Members.

The annual report was approved unanimously.

8. FORWARD PLAN 2018/19

The forward plan was presented and received no comment or questions.

The forward plan for 2018/19 was adopted unanimously

9. FINANCE

9.1 To adopt the accounts for the year to 31st December 2017

The Treasurer reported an underlying surplus of over €65,000 with the largest factor being an exchange rate gain of €13,000. The other main reasons for the variance were underspends on salaries (€5,000), committee expenses (€8,500) and officer travel (€2,500).

A provision in the accounts has been made with €56,500 transferred into a Capital Fund to allow for investment in systems, projects and other one-off spends in future years without impacting on the revenue budget.

The Treasurer stated that the accounts show a true and fair view of the overall financial position of ESF and have been independently scrutinised.

The Treasurer expressed thanks to Steve Mann and Luis Ferreira for acting as internal scrutineers. The Treasurer advised that the scrutineers' letters are available for examination. He also thanked the Office Manager for her input and support in the absence of an Office Assistant. No other questions were raised.

The accounts for the year 2017 were adopted unanimously

9.2 To appoint two Internal Examiners for the 2018 accounts

Moshe Avraham (Israel), Stephen Mann (Germany) and Luis Ferreira (Portugal) were appointed as internal examiners for the 2018 accounts.

The appointment of examiners were approved unanimously

9.3 To receive the Budget for the financial year 2018 (1st January to 31st December)

The Budget 2018 was approved unanimously

The President expressed her thanks to Peter Derrick for support throughout the year as Treasurer and Company Secretary.

10. MOTIONS CONCERNING GENERAL MATTERS

The President confirmed there were no motions submitted.

11. MOTIONS CONCERNING THE RULES GOVERNING THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The President confirmed that there were no motions submitted.

12. ELECTION OF THE ESF MANAGEMENT BOARD

The President confirmed there were four nominations for three vacant positions for Vice President:

- Rosie Barry nominated by Ireland
- Hugo Hannes nominated by Belgium
- Pavel Sladeczek nominated by Portugal
- Thomas Troedsson nominated by Sweden

The voting procedure was explained to delegates. Michael Khan and Martin Wren were proposed and approved as scrutineers to carry out the vote count. There were 22 eligible votes, from the 22 Nations present.

The nominees presented to the delegates prior to the voting process. The election results were as follows:

1st vice-president position:

Hugo Hannes achieved a majority on the second round of voting

2nd vice-president position:

Thomas Troedsson achieved a majority on the first round of voting

3rd vice-president position:

Rosie Barry achieved a majority

The President thanked Pavel Sladeczek for his 4 years' service on the Board. She also proposed a vote of thanks and presented a gift to Marcel Borst who has completed his 6 year term as ESF Vice President.

The President presented a lifetime achievement award to Martin Wren, highlighting the extent of Martin's contribution to ESF as Board member and technical delegate to almost 60 ESF Championships over almost 20 years.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Jackie Robinson presented the U15/U17 playing format which received general approval.

13.2 The junior eligibility motion which was defeated at the WSF AGM was raised for further consideration with the presence of the WSF CEO. Tomasz Banasiac (Poland) thanked the ESF Board for supporting the motion, and asked for consideration for how the concern might still be addressed, as the motion appeared to have strong support within Europe.

Andrew Shelley (WSF) suggested the wording of the previous motion may have caused some concerns to certain WSF member nations, particularly around 'international' students studying in a country may become eligible under a one-year eligibility rule. A new motion needed to address this concern.

It was agreed the new ESF Championships Committee and new ESF Board would agree a revised motion for the WSF AGM in October.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next ESF Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday 4th May 2019 in Birmingham, England.

The President thanked everyone for attending, and especially thanked the Polish Federation for hosting. The meeting was closed at 12:12pm.