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# Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the EUROPEAN SQUASH FEDERATION

**BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND  
SATURDAY 4th MAY 2019**

## 1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The President, Zena Wooldridge, opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees, who introduced themselves. The Board also introduced themselves. It was noted that 19 MNFs were present.

Zena Wooldridge confirmed the observers present.

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Member Nation Federations :

Denmark, Luxembourg, Romania, Slovakia, Spain and Switzerland

Honorary Members :

Joyce Buckley, George Mieras, Philip Van Der Van, Chris Stahl

## 3. ATTENDANCE

### 3.1 Member National Federations Represented

Delegates were present from:

Austria	Michael Khan
Belgium	Serge Maggi
Croatia	Vedran Rezic
Czech Republic	Tomas Cvikl
England	Keir Worth
Finland	Mika Monto
France	Catherine Ezvan
Germany	Stephen Mann
Gibraltar	Barry Brindle
Ireland	Christine Lowry
Israel	Moshe Avraham
Italy	Piero Bartoletti
The Netherlands	Sven Wouters
Norway	Otto Kalvo
Poland	Tomasz Banasiak
Portugal	Luis Ferreira

Scotland	Maggie Still
Sweden	Ville Munne
Wales	Richard Bennett

**No proxy votes received**

**3.2 Observers Present**

Italy	Tim Simpson
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**3.3 Others Present**

**3.3.1 By Right**

ESF President	Zena Wooldridge
ESF Vice-President	Rosie Barry
ESF Vice-President	Hugo Hannes
ESF Vice-President	Jackie Robinson
ESF Vice-President	Thomas Troedsson
ESF Treasurer	Peter Derrick

**3.3.2 By Invitation**

ESF Office Manager	Claire Leech
ESF Office Assistant	Joanne Collins
WSF CEO	Andrew Shelley
Nominee for Board	Jim Hay
ASB	Jan Marek

**4. MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

The list of Members was presented in advance of the meeting for information, and there were no questions or comments.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2018 minutes were presented. There were no comments, questions or matters arising.  
*The 2018 minutes were approved unanimously as a correct record.*

**6. THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The annual report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 was presented, and received no comment or questions from Members.  
*The annual report was approved unanimously.*

**7. FORWARD PLAN 2019/20**

The forward plan was presented and received no comment or questions.  
*The forward plan for 2019/20 was adopted unanimously*

## **8. FINANCE**

### **8.1) To adopt the accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

The Treasurer reported an underlying surplus of over €37,500; €30,000 more than budget. This was mainly as a result of additional income of €8,000 from Entry fees, Juniors and Masters Ranking Fees, together with Committees underspend of €18,000.

During the year, two payments were made from the newly established Capital fund, £25,000(€28,250 euros) to the WSF WSO project and €6000 for the acquisition of Live Scoring Equipment. In view of the scale of the 2018 surplus, the Board agreed a further contribution of €34,000 to the Capital fund.

The Treasurer stated that, in his view, 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 Moshe Avraham (Israel), Luis Ferreira (Portugal) and Steve Mann (Germany) for their work in reviewing the Accounts and advised that the Scrutineers letters were available for examination.

He also expressed his thanks to the Office Manager and Office Assistant for their input and support during 2018.

A question was raised from Wales regarding referee underspend and it was explained that the planned Referees conference had been rescheduled. The Marketing budget underspend was also highlighted and this reflected difficulty in developing a marketing strategy. It was noted that ESF is lacking in specialised volunteers in this field and candidates were invited.

*The accounts for the year 2018 were adopted unanimously*

### **8.2) To appoint two Internal Examiners for the 2019 accounts**

Moshe Avraham (Israel), Stephen Mann (Germany) and Luis Ferreira (Portugal) were appointed as internal examiners for the 2019 accounts.

*The appointment of examiners were approved with one abstention.*

### **8.3) To receive the Budget for the financial year 2019 (1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December)**

*The 2019 Budget was approved unanimously*

The Treasurer updated that the budget had been increased by €21,000 to provide support to Championship hosts.

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

## **9. MOTIONS CONCERNING GENERAL MATTERS**

Motion proposed by the Management Board :

To change the articles of Association from a 2 to 3 year term for President and Vice Presidents for maximum 6 years.

*The Motion was passed.*

## **10. MOTIONS CONCERNING THE RULES GOVERNING THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Motion proposed by Turkey :

It was suggested to change the Championship Regulations to allow financial flexibility with Championship events. Germany explained it is the problem of every nation to resolve their own financial issues and timings. Poland commented that despite having empathy, it was felt that the rules should be consistent for all MNFs. Wales agreed this would increase the risk for hosts. No opposing views received.

*The Motion failed.*

## **11. ELECTION OF THE ESF MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The President confirmed there was one nomination received for President. Hugo Hannes, nominated by Belgium, was elected by acclamation.

The President summarised that there were two Vice Presidents positions. Jackie Robinson was nominated by England. Jim Hay nominated by Scotland. Both elected by acclamation.

The new Board was announced :

*Hugo Hannes was elected as President for 2 years.*

*Jim Hay was elected as Vice President for 2 years.*

*Jackie Robinson was elected as Vice President for 2 years.*

## **12. ELECTION OF EDAP CHAIR**

The President confirmed there was one nomination received from Volker Bernardi for the Chair of EDAP. The President passed on thanks to Germany for the nomination.

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

On behalf of the Board, Jackie Robinson proposed to the Members to make Zena Wooldridge an Honorary Member. This proposal was accepted.

The President gave a farewell speech, concluding that it had been a privilege and pleasure to have served.

## **14. NEXT MEETING**

The next ESF Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held during ETC1&2 2020 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The date to be confirmed.

The President thanked everyone for attending, and special thanks were expressed to England Squash for hosting. The meeting was declared closed at 10:15am.