

FIR Annual General Meeting 2008
Friday 28th November, 10.45 pm – 00.45 am Fürth/Germany

Present People except Country Representatives

President	Marcel Weigl
Council candidate	Poku Salo
Result Reporter	Rickard Tauson

Present Country Representatives

		Total votes 85
Austria	Christoph Krenn	votes 5
Belgium	Gert Peersman	votes 6
Canada	Horatio Pintea	votes 8
Czech Republic	Svatopluk Rejthar	votes 3
England	Stuart Foster	votes 6
Estonia	Priit Toomjoe	votes 2
Finland	Martti Vottonen	votes 4
Germany	Irene Seifert	votes 6
Hungary	Zoltan Albert	votes 4
Italy	Riccardo Calassare	votes 2
Netherlands	Marc Veldkamp	votes 5
Poland	Krzysztof Samonek	votes 3
Slovakia	Puha Zsolt	votes 2
Sweden	Lennart Eklundh	votes 8
Switzerland	Nico Hobi	votes 7

Votes passed over to

Greece	Votes to Martti Vottonen	votes 2
Hong Kong	Votes to Christoph Krenn	votes 2
Slovenia	Votes to Gert Peersman	votes 2
USA	Votes to Marcel Weigl	votes 2

Total votes present **votes 79**

79 out of 85 possible votes were present at the AGM 2008, which is 93% and more than 50%. The AGM can thus take final decisions on all points on the Agenda.

Votes not present

Bulgaria	Puzant Kassabian (No legal national federation)	votes 1
France	Florence Bouet (Membership fee 2008 not paid)	votes 2
Scotland	Phil Reid (No legal national federation)	votes 3

1) Welcome note and GAISF

President Marcel Weigl welcomes all participants count and gives an overview of the number of members and the status of the application to GAISF – General Association of Sports Federations.

Marcel Weigl reports that process in forming new members is much too slow. Only one new member since the AGM 2007 gives a total of 22 FIR national federations. The deadline for GAISF membership application (6 months ahead) at the GAISF AGM in June 2009 has passed. New aim 30 nations until June 2009, in order to become GAISF member in June 2010. Contacts exist to Malaysia, South Africa, Russia, Latvia and others.

Action: The designated Vice-President shall take care of new potential FIR members

2) Confirmation of Minutes AGM 2007

The minutes of the AGM 2007 were confirmed by all country representatives **unanimously**.

3) Report of the Council 2006-2008

Marcel Weigl reported and showed a powerpoint presentation on behalf of the Council, what has been achieved the last 3 years. The presentation is sent together with these **Minutes per E-mail** to all country representatives.

4) Financial Report 2006-2008

Treasurer Lennart Eklundh shall report on the balances of FIR. The finances 2006 and 2007 have been closed and checked by the FIR Auditors Hakan Granberg and Mathias Fagerström and shall be sent out together with these Minutes. FIR had a positive balance of 3235€ at the end of 2007. **The AGM confirmed the FIR finances until 21.12.2007 unanimously.**

5) Discharge of the FIR Council 2006

President: Marcel Weigl (Aut)

Vice-President: Georgios Georgoudis (Gre)

Treasurer: Lennart Eklundh (Swe)

6 Other Members: Michael Dickert (Aut), Ray Jordan (Eng), Martti Vottonen (Fin), Hans Mullamaa (Swe), Phil Reid (Sco), Stuart Foster (Eng)

The AGM thanked the Council Members for their work in the past three years and voted **for the discharge of the FIR Council unanimously**.

6) FIR Council Elections 2009-2011

Marcel Weigl presented a Powerpoint presentation with the duties and goals of the Council 2009-2011, which will be sent out per E-mail together with these Minutes. The main change shall be the employment of a paid General Secretary.

Running for the Elections were:

President: Marcel Weigl (Aut)

Vice-President: Marc Veldkamp (Ned)

8 candidates for 7 other Council member positions: Michael Dickert (Aut), Ray Jordan (Eng), Poku Salo (Fin), Martti Vottonen (Fin), Karim Hanna (Sui), Lennart Eklundh (Swe), Thomas Troedsson (Swe), Hans Mullamaa (Swe)

Marcel Weigl, Marc Veldkamp, Poku Salo, Nico Hobi for Karim Hanna, Lennart Eklundh for Thomas Troedsson and Gert Peersman for Hans Mullamaa used two minutes each to present themselves.

Belgian representative Gert Peersman was head of the elections and informed the AGM that the voting procedure will take place exactly the same way as in London 2005. Council candidate protested against this beforehand, but the AGM voted **unanimously for the procedure Gert Peersman had foreseen**. Each country representative received as many voting papers as he had votes. On each voting paper there were yes or no boxes for the president and vice-president and the 8 other council member candidates. While the president and vice-president could be elected with yes or no, each country representative could give his votes to a maximum of 7 other council members.

The Results of the Elections:

President	Marcel Weigl	Aut	79 votes	100%
Vice-President	Marc Veldkamp	Ned	79 votes	100%
7 Other Council Members	Michael Dickert	Aut	79 votes	100%
	Ray Jordan	Eng	79 votes	100%
	Karim Hanna	Sui	79 votes	100%
	Lennart Eklundh	Swe	76 votes	96%
	Martti Vottonen	Fin	75 votes	95%
	Thomas Troedsson	Swe	73 votes	92%
	Poku Salo	Fin	70 votes	89%
	Hans Mullamaa	Swe	16 votes	20%

With only 20% of the voting power **Hans Mullamaa** has the least votes for the positions of the seven other Council positions and will thus **not belong** to the new council any longer.

7) Resultreporter New

Resultreporter Inventor Rickard Tauson gave a short presentation of Resultreporter new with its functions and possibilities and what this means for the tournaments and its directors.

8) Proposals and Requests by FIR Members

Before the voting on the Rules changes Albert Zoltan (4 votes Hungary), Puha Zsolt (2 votes Slovakia) and Priit Toomjoe (2 votes Estonia), Svatopluk Reijthar (3 votes Czech Republic) left the AGM meeting so the **total voting power was reduced to 68 votes, which meant 46 votes were needed for a 2/3 majority for any rules changes**.

Proposed Changes

More than 2/3 of the countries with a **total of 57 votes** except England (6 votes against) and Netherlands (5 votes no vote) decided that the Squash Doubles Rules should be changed. The winner was possibility number one:

- 1) **31 votes Squash Doubles Order: Let Them Choose before the tournament**
- 2) 22 votes Squash Doubles Order: Let receiving team chose during each match
- 3) 10 votes Squash Doubles Split (2 sets to 11)

4) The AGM voted **unanimously** that the **towel break rule is removed** from the Racketlon rules. Breaks are only allowed at 11 points during each set and between the sets.

5) Only Italy (2 votes), Finland (4 votes), Greece (2 votes), Germany (6 votes), Netherlands (5 votes) and the USA (2 votes) give a **total of 21 votes** which is not enough of a 2/3 majority for a rule change of only one Point Margin to Win Sets, meaning at 21:20 a set would be over. **Thus the rule to extend to two points margin is NOT changed.**

6) The **NEW Coaching rule at all breaks in the middle of the set of 11 and between all sets was carried unanimously by the AGM.**

7) **Receiver Side (forehand/backhand) in Tennis Doubles; Opportunity to Switch at 11 points of each set was also carried unanimously by the AGM.**

ALL RULES CHANGES ARE VALID FROM 1. JANUARY 2009

You can find the full explanations of the rules on
<http://www.racketlon.com/rulesprop08.html>

Next AGM schedules for November 2009 in Fürth/Germany during World Champs

Minutes taken and written by Marcel Weigl on the 4th of December 2008