

## MINUTES FIR AGM 2014

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 8:15 – 9:30**  
**Sportwerk Sports Centre, Wroclaw/Poland**

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Chairs: FIR-Executive President Marcel Weigl and FIR Vice-President Lennart Eklundh

Participants or voting power allocated Total 73 votes:

1. Armenia (1), Nikolay Angelov
2. Australia (1), votes to New Zealand
3. Austria (5), Christoph Krenn
4. Belgium (4), Lieselot de Bleeckere
5. Bulgaria (2), Puzant Kassabian
6. Canada (4), votes to Austria
7. Croatia (1), votes to Sweden
8. Czech Republic (3), Svata Rejthar
9. Denmark (2), Kresten Hougaard
10. England (6), Richard Middleton
11. Finland (3), Poku Salo
12. F.Y.R of Macedonia (1), Stelian Stankov
13. France (2), votes to Denmark
14. Germany (6), Thorsten Deck
15. Greece (1), votes to Hungary
16. Hong Kong (1), votes to Finland
17. Hungary (3), Balasz Francia
18. India (1), votes to Bulgaria
19. Iraq (1), Ahmad Bahadli
20. Italy (1), votes to Germany
21. Latvia (1), votes to Liechtenstein
22. Liechtenstein (1), Mirianda Frick
23. Malaysia (1), votes to Liechtenstein
24. New Zealand (1), Jason Granville
25. Poland (2), Kristof Samonek
26. Romania (1), votes to Macedonia
27. Russia (1), votes to England
28. Slovenia (1), votes to Armenia
29. South Africa (3), votes to Czech Republic
30. Sweden (6), Lina Lindholm
31. Switzerland (6), Graham King

## 11 Countries not present

	Total votes 12
1. Brazil	votes 1
2. Estonia	votes 1
3. Ireland	votes 1
4. Israel	votes 1
5. Mongolia (no notice given)	votes 1
6. Netherlands (Tom Joosten mixed up the day)	votes 2
7. Pakistan (no notice given)	votes 1
8. Scotland	votes 1
9. Slovakia	votes 1
10. Turkey	votes 1
11. USA	votes 1

**73 out of 85 possible votes were present at the AGM 2014, which is 85,9% and more than 50%. The AGM can thus take final decisions on all points on the Agenda. For the normal majority (50%) a minimum of 37 votes are needed. For the qualified majority (66,6%) a minimum of 49 votes are needed.**

## Final Agenda

1. Welcome Note, members
2. Confirmation of Minutes EGM 2014
3. Report of Council 2014
4. Financial report 2013, 2014
5. Members report 2014
6. FIR Council elections
7. Council preview 2015
8. Finances preview 2015
9. Requests by FIR Members and FIR Council
10. Any other business

### **1) Welcome note, members, Sportaccord application (Marcel Weigl)**

FIR president Marcel Weigl welcomes all representatives and gives the word to Fairplayce Sportscentre owner Ryszard Flisikovski, who apologizes in a long talk for the move of the FIR World Championships Doubles and Teams from Poznan to Wroclaw due to missing fire emergency permits in the newly built Fairplayce Sports centre. He also confirms that all transport and hotel re-booking measures are taken that none of the players should have any additional costs if they have handed in the claims until the deadline before the beginning of the tournament.

Marcel then reports further:

- Existing members must do homework and register sole national Racketlon federations, create simple websites, get official answers from NSA – National Sports Associations or NOC – National Olympic Committees after Sportaccord membership rejected

- Sportaccord president Marius L. Vizer has kept his promise and returned 3500 Euro Sportaccord application fee
- With Ghana FIR has a new member thanks to charity cooperation of RFA - Racketlon Federation Austria and Dekpor highschool initiated by Cornelia Schmickl. RFA has also sent over Badminton and tennis rackets for the children to get started
- Malta under the head of Duncan Stahl has been awarded a World Tour event 2015 with the obligation to form the national federation until then

## **2) Confirmation of Minutes EGM 2014**

The minutes of the EGM 2014 held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2014 in Surrey/London are confirmed by the AGM unanimously

## **3) Report of the Council 2014 (Marcel Weigl)**

A short list of the main issues FIR has achieved 2014:

- Day to day work, E-mails, contacts, information
- Solving problems like moving World Champs Teams and Doubles
- FIR reached a record of 42 member countries
- Application for Sportaccord membership, personal presidents meeting between Marcel Weigl and Marius L. Vizer
- Invitation to Sportaccord General Meeting in Antalya as sign of support by Vizer
- Tournament Software replaces Resultreporter
- FIR-Delegates and Co-Delegates at all World Tour events
- Published Racketlon magazine together with World Champs in England

## **4) Financial Report 2013, 2014 (Lennart Eklundh)**

- Lennart reports that the final result for 2013 presented at the EGM 2014, a minus of 2185 Euro, has now been confirmed and signed by the auditors Hakan Granberg and Stefan Adamsson and is attached to these minutes
- Summarizing all results since 2002, FIR started the year 2014 with minus of 165 Euro
- **The forecast for 2014 is increased to a minus of 3203 Euro** (originally 1750 € pred. result)
- The 2014 result included start-up costs of Tournament Software with 6655 Euro

## **5) Members Report 2014**

Due to the lack of time at the World Champs members there is no members report by FIR members. On request only Germany`s president Deck brought up an issue, if FIR can please E-mail **the three possibilities and costs of “national Tournament Software” use to all members.**

## **6) Council Elections (Jason Granville)**

Marcel thanks resigning Council members Karim Hanna (Sui), Nathalie Zeoli (Ger) and Dany Lessard (Can) for their work for FIR in the past years. Then Marcel states that although the team stands for elections for a period of three years from 2015 to 2017 according to FIR statutes, Lennart, Graham, himself and maybe others will re-consider an early re-assignment in one year's time already, depending on possible financing and changing structures in FIR.

### **Standing for elections FIR Council 2015 – 2017**

To continue:

1. Executive President, Marcel Weigl (AUT)
2. Vice-President/Treasurer, Lennart Eklundh (SWE)
3. Social Media, Phil Todd (ENG)
4. New members/Balkan, Puzant Kassabian (BUL)
5. Rankings/Olympic draws, Poku Salo (FIN)
6. Subsidiaries/Arab countries, Ahmad Bahadli (IRQ)

New:

7. World Tour/Female Policies, Kirstin Kaptein (NED)
8. Tournament Software/Rules, Graham King (SUI)
9. Non-European Policies, Patrick Laplante Jr. (CAN)

Jason Granville then took over the chair of the AGM to thank FIR Council for their work and lead the Council Elections.

**All candidates of the new FIR Council were elected by the AGM unanimously!**

## **7) Council Preview 2015 (Marcel Weigl)**

A short list of the main FIR wants to achieve 2015:

- Optimize Tournament Software
- Assignment Agreements with national federations holding World Tour events in their countries especially in concern to all fees, liabilities and fines
- Get all FIR members to do their homework and present papers to Sportaccord
- Re-Structure FIR with at least 1,5 fix employees through EU projects
- Alternative ways of financing: „World Tour sponsor lottery“
- 1st European University Championships in Szombathely/Hungary (16.-18.6)
- 1st ever European Championships end of November
- Other Continental Championships such as Oceanic Australia/New Zealand
- New World Tour events Turkey (1.-3.4.) and Malta (2.-4.10)
- Livestream project started at Austrian Open with Mediahouse 24
- News if FIR will receive an EU project is expected for December 2014

FIR has finally confirmed the following tournaments for 2015:

#### World Tour 2015

1.	2-4 Jan	IWT	Vienna Classics	Austria
2.	20-22 Feb	IWT	Swedish Open	Malmö
3.	2-4 April (Thu-Sat)	IWT	Turkish Easter Open	Antalya
4.	17-19 April	IWT	Czech Open	Prague
5.	22-24 May	IWT	Danish Open	Copenhagen
6.	5-7 June	SWT	King of Rackets	Oudenaarde/Belgium
7.	21-22 June	IWT	Canadian Open	Granby
8.	26-28 June	IWT	9. Swiss Open	Zürich
9.	17-19 July	IWT	Bulgarian Int.	Sofia
10.	24-26 July	IWT	German Open	Nussloch
11.	7-9 August	SWT	Surrey/London	Racket Masters
12.	28 – 30 August	IWT	ALTERNATE Open	Linden/Germany
13.	11-13 September	SWT	Austrian Open	Wr. Neudorf/Vienna
14.	2-4 October	IWT	Malta Open	Malta
15.	16-18 October	IWT	Finnish Open	Kauniainen
16.	30 Okt. – 1 Nov.	IWT	Hungarian Open	Budapest

[fir.tournamentsoftware.com](http://fir.tournamentsoftware.com)

#### Continental Championships 2015

End November 1<sup>st</sup> European Championships, T.B.A.

#### FIR Challengers 2015

21-22 Feb. Welsh Open, Cardiff

27.2.-1.3. Vancouver Island Open, Canada

29. March Turkish Winner Organisation Challenger, Antalya

6-8 Nov. Belgian Challenger

#### European University Championships 2015

16-18 (Tue-Thu) June 1<sup>st</sup> European University Championships, Szombathely/Hungary

<http://www.uniracketlon.com>

### **8) Finances Preview 2015 (Lennart Eklundh)**

- Lennart presents the budget for 2015 assuming the same FIR structure as in 2014 and no EU-Project obtained with a plus of 2910 Euro
- This should even the loss of 2014 and FIR should be even in results at the end of 2015

### **9) Request by FIR Council and FIR members**

FIR Council has requested the AGM to exclude Mongolia and Pakistan from FIR, as there has been no contact and no membership payment for the last two years

**This is accepted by FIR AGM unanimously, Pakistan and Mongolia excluded from 1.1.2015!**

### **10) Any other Business (Marcel Weigl)**

- Marcel informs the AGM that after informing the EGM in Surrey he has now accepted the offer of owning 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the trademark Racketlon by current owners Hans Mullama, Peter Landberg and Lennart for the benefit of international Racketlon. The four now own 25% each.
- Marcel informs that the Court of Arbitration has been called by Keith Lesser concerning fees for the Single World Champs 2014. The court with the majority votes of Volker Sach and Zoltan Albert has ruled that the FIR payment specification is to be corrected by deducting fees for non-entry-fee-paying council members and then to be paid immediately.
- Phil Reid will be replaced in the Court of Arbitration on his own wish. FIR has nominated former Council member Dany Lessard, who has accepted this position.

*Minutes taken by Marcel Weigl and confirmed by Lennart Eklundh and Graham King*

**Klosterneuburg 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

### **FIR AGM 2015**

To be announced

#### Attachments:

FIR AGM 2014 Power Point Presentation  
FIR Finances 2013, signature of Auditors  
FIR Finances Forecast 2014  
FIR Budget 2015