

Minutes

of the 11th General Assembly of the European Fair Play Movement, held at the Karolina Hotel in Vilnius, on September 23, 2005.

1. Welcome and approval of the Agenda

1.1. The President of the European Fair Play Movement, Dr. Carlos Gonçalves, welcomes the members and the guests especially invited by the Organizers for the case.

1.2. Confirmation of the necessary quorum of 40% of the total number of the EFPM members, in order to consider the General Assembly open. Twenty two (22) EFPM members are present, fulfilling thus the requirements of the Statutes.

1.3. Introduction of the representatives from the new-coming countries Latvia, Estonia and Hungary as well as of the new representative of Portugal.

1.4. The participating members approve the agenda of the 11th EFPM General Assembly.

2. Greetings from European Sports Organisations and Institutions

The General Assembly welcomes the video message of Mr. T. Bayatli, President of the European Olympic Committees.

Mr. J. Kamuti, President of the International Committee for Fair Play (CIFP), being a guest of honour, extends the greetings of CIFP to the EFPM General Assembly.

On behalf of ENGSO, Mr. Cardoso speaks about the importance of warm relations and the necessity to work together for the ideals of Fair Play in the sportsworld.

Both speakers received a warm applause from the audience.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 10th EFPM General Assembly (Vienna, September 25th, 2004).

The Minutes are approved with one remark, namely the change of the numeration of the agenda points (point 17 turns to be 18 and point 18 turns to be 19).

4. Presentation of the proceedings of the 10th EFPM Congress (Vienna, 2004)

Mr. C. Hinterberger presents the DVD and the Book of the Proceedings of the Vienna Congress. The President congratulates Askö for the excellent work done.

5. Admission of new members

Mr. I. Psilopoulos informs the General Assembly about the relevant applications of Estonia, Latvia, Hungary and the change of the organization representing Portugal in EFPM (It shall be the Portuguese Sports Confederation instead of the Portuguese NOC).

The applications are unanimously accepted by acclamation. The EFPM has now 40 members.

The representatives of the new members present themselves to the General Assembly of the EFPM, which in turn welcomes them with a warm applause.

6. President's report

The President reports to the G.A. about the progress of the work within the EFPM and the member organisations in the years 2004/2005. The report is included as an appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly.

7. General-Secretary's report

7.1. Mr. van der Veen, acting as an Executive Manager, informs the General Assembly about the highlights of the activities of the Executive Committee during the last year. There were two sessions at Amsterdam and Vienna hosted by the NOC*NSF and Askö respectively. The Executive Committee dealt with the following topics:

- * The participation of the EFPM in the General Assembly of the EOC at Dubrovnik
- * The steps that EFPM plans to take, in order to be recognized as the unquestionable European body, under the auspices of which the European Countries will develop the Fair Play initiatives.
- * The establishment of specific working groups:
 - finances and communications
 - concepts and projects
 - organisations and strategy
 - fair play awarding jury
- * The participation of EFPM at Lignano (European Youth Olympic Festival)
- * The preparation of the 11th congress at Vilnius
- * The system of distributing the Play Fair Magazines
- * The financial aspects of EFPM
- * The first steps for establishing a concrete and fruitful relation with the new Commissioner of Sport in the European Union Mr. Jan Figel
- * The candidatures for the organization of the two next Congresses of EFPM in 2006 and 2007.

7.2. Mr. Blankenstein speaks about his ideas for developing the EFPM office in the direction of a service offering institution for all the Fair Play family in Europe. He is looking forward to open a discussion about the functions of the office as a knowledge and information exchanging centre, aiming to have a concrete proposal in the next General Assembly. The President expresses the support of the EC to these plans of the General Secretary, underlining with this opportunity the deep satisfaction of the EC for the recovery of Mr. Blankenstein and his presence in the post of the General Secretary again.

8. Report on financial situation as per 31 -12-2004.

8.1. Mr. Blankenstein reads the report of the Board of Auditors, proposing the approval of the financial transactions of EFPM for 2005: The General Assembly approves it unanimously.

8.2. The budget for 2006.

The representatives of Israel and Italy draw the attention of the Executive Committee on the problem of sponsoring, giving their opinion on the subject matter. Mr. Alcanterini proposes

the cooperation with the National Organizations. The Treasurer Mr. Diderich underlines the firm decision of EFPM not to interfere with the home procedures of the individual member organizations.

The General Assembly approves the budget of 22.200 Euro. (Appendix).

9. Election of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly accepts by acclamation the proposal of the Executive Committee, to elect Mrs. Kveta Peczova (Czech Rep.), Mrs. Zdravka Yordanova (Bulgaria) and Mr. Charalambos Lottas (Cyprus) as members of the new Board of Auditors.

10. EFPM participation at the 8th EYOF edition

The presentation of the Report is made by Mr. I. Psilopoulos, in name of the EFPM delegation.

11. European Fair Play Awards

Mr. M. Cerar introduces the Report of the Jury for the year 2005. The Awards proposed by the Jury and accepted by the General Assembly are:

European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma: Volley-ball Team Slavia Sport School Trentin, for the development of Fair Play of a National Organization;

European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma: Mr. Pranas Majuaskas, Lithuania: for the contribution made to the spread of the values and principles of Fair Play and Tolerance;

European Fair Play Diploma: Carmen Ross Macheriotou, Cyprus: for the contribution made to the spread of the values and principles of the Fair Play and Tolerance.

12. EFPM Communication:

12.1: PLAY FAIR Magazine. The report is introduced by Mr. E. Aripinar, who asks once more for the contribution of all EFPM members as regards reports, papers, news, photos etc. for the PLAY FAIR magazine.

12.2. EFPM website: The President underlines the necessity of the EFPM website and the importance of having it constantly and duly updated.

13. EFPM – Honorary membership

The President introduces the proposal of the EC to nominate Mr. Vladimir Rodicenko as Honorary Member. The General Assembly gives its full commitment to the proposal. Mr. Rodicenko expresses his deep satisfaction and honour and promises to continue his activities in the field of Fair Play.

14. 12th EFPM Congress and General Assembly 2006

The President introduces the official application of the Italian Fair Play Committee to organise the next event in Udine, with the help of the Friuli-Venezia-Giulia Fair Play

Commission, on the 26th – 30th of September 2006.

The General Assembly accepts the Italian candidature and the Italian Fair Play Committee President Mr. R. Alcanterini addresses his many thanks to the General Assembly.

15. Candidature 13th EFPM Congress and General Assembly

Mr. M. Lämmer submits the official application of the German Olympic Committee for this event, keeping a reservation as regards the finally hosting city, which will be chosen by the German NOC.

16. EFPM Declaration

The General Assembly adopts the declaration, taking into account as well the remarks of Mrs. I. Mastora and Mr. M. Lämmer.

17. Miscellaneous

Mr. Barah of Israel suggests that the EC would have to develop a program for scholarships within the Fair Play philosophy and include it in the next General Assembly for discussion.

The Lithuanian organizers of the 11th EFPM Congress and General Assembly hand over the EFPM banner to the Italian successors. The ceremony ends with a big applause from the participants.

Having dealt with all the points of the Agenda, the President closed the meeting.

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John Blankenstein, EFPM General Secretary