



European  
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## **Minutes**

**of the 13th General Assembly of the European Fair Play Movement, held at the INTERCONTINENTAL Hotel in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007.**

### **1. Welcome and approval of the Agenda**

1.1. Confirmation of the necessary quorum of 40% of the total number of the EFPM members, in order to consider the General Assembly open. Twenty four (24) EFPM members were present, fulfilling thus the requirements of the Statutes.

1.2. The President of the European Fair Play Movement, Dr. Carlos Gonçalves, welcomed the members and the guests especially invited by the Organizers for the case and introduced the proposed Agenda of the General Assembly. He further welcomed the representative of Montenegro Mr. Dragomir Becanovic, who is the Fair Play Ambassador of his country and represents as well the newly established National Olympic Committee of Montenegro.

1.3. The EFPM Members approved the proposed Agenda.

### **2. Greetings from European Sports Organisations and Institutions**

Mr. Togay Bayatli, Member of the Executive Committee of the European Olympic Committees and EOC Commissioner for the relationship with EFPM addressed to the General the warm greetings of EOC and its President Patrick Hickey.

On behalf of ENGSO, Mr. Cardoso addressed to the General Assembly the warm greetings of the Organization he represents.

ICSSPE President Prof. Dr. Gudrun Doll Tepper, addressed to all the members of the EFPM family the heartily greetings of the Organization she presides.

Finally, Dr. Ioanna Mastora read the greetings letter of the IFOSE President Mr. Antonios Tzikas.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> EFPM General Assembly (Udine, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006).**

The Minutes were approved unanimously.

### **4. Admission of new members**

Mr. I. Psilopoulos informed the General Assembly about the establishment of the new National Olympic Committee of Montenegro and the relevant application for being full member of the EFPM family.

Furthermore, Mr. Psilopoulos informed the General Assembly about the decision of the Executive Committee to propose as supporting Member according to the stipulations of the EFPM Statutes the WILLIBALD GEBHARDT INSTITUTE" of Germany.

The General Assembly unanimously accepted by acclamation the affiliation of the National Olympic Committee of Montenegro as full Member as well as the affiliation of the WGI as supporting Member.

## **5. Presentation of the proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> EFPM Congress in Udine**

Vice President Dr. Manfred Laemmer presented the Book of the Proceedings of the Udine Congress, which was edited in Germany due to unpredictable difficulties with the Italian Organizers.

President Gonçalves congratulated all those that worked for the edition of said Proceedings in such a successful and excellent way.

## **6. President's report**

The President reported to the G.A. about the progress of the work within the EFPM and the member organisations in the years 2006/2007. The report is included as an appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly.

During the introduction of the President's Report there was an intervention of Mr. Yotic, representative of Serbia, who informed the G.A. about what happened in EYOF, Belgrade in July 2007. He underlined the totally embarrassing situation as regards the non contribution of the participating NOC's to the Fair Play Awards procedures. He explained that the representatives of the NOC's did not fill-in the appropriate application forms for the Awards, despite the fact that he and the EFPM representatives distributed the relevant forms four times during the Games and were informing the participants continuously.

The EOC Commissioner for Fair Play Mr. T. Bayatli expressed his embarrassment for the situation, claimed as a possible explanation the complete reforming of the EYOF Commission and staff and promised to bring the matter for discussion in the next EOC General Assembly in Valencia, Spain, in order to settle it.

Closing his Report, President Gonçalves presented an Award to the former Exec. Officer of EFPM Mr. Johannes van der Veen, expressing his warm thanks for the work he offered to EFPM.

## **7. General Secretary's report**

Gen. Secretary I. Psilopoulos, thanked sincerely the EFPM Members for their kind words of acceptance for his election in the post and presented the relevant Report, which is included as an appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly.

## **8. Report on financial situation as per 31 -12-2006.**

The Treasurer Mr. Diderich presented the current financial situation of EFPM and introduced the 2008 Budget which sums up to a total of 28.760 Euros.

Mr. Ruggero Alcanterini, representative of Italy, stated that if Fair Play is as important as all the speakers continuously declared during the Congress, then why the CDDS, EOC or even the European Union itself does not contribute with a financial aid to EFPM equally warm and effective as the words they use for Fair Play. He promised to try and arrange a bridge communication with these Institutions through his connections, in order to proceed with the promotion of our goals.

EOC Commissioner for Fair Play Mr. T. Bayatli expressed the opinion that sponsoring in general is not bad, but when the time comes to decide in favour of one sponsor or another then the case becomes dangerous and tricky. Only with a trustable bank or a relevant institution one can be ease enough. He believes that by issuing "projects" and proposing them to the higher institutions, we can get financed in a more safe way.

President Gonçalves thanked the speaker for the challenges he introduced to EFPM as regards the ways of developing our plans.

The General Assembly approved the Treasurer's report and the proposed budget.

## 9. Report of the Board of Auditors

Gen. Secretary Mr. I. Psilopoulos informed the G.A. about the need to elect a person to replace General Ch. Lottas in the Board of Auditors, because the latter has become Member of the Executive Committee. According to the Statutes, the candidate ought to be one of the participating Members and he proposed the representative of France Dr. Christian Blareau in the name of the EC. Dr. Blareau accepted the proposal and the Gen. Assembly elected him unanimously.

EC Member Mr. Christian Hinterberger explained the procedure for the introduction of the Report and called Dr. Kveta Peckova, member of the Board of Auditors, to present the Report of the Board.

Dr. Peckova introduced the Report, proposing the approval of the financial transactions of EFPM for 2007: The General Assembly approved it unanimously.

## 10. European Fair Play Awards

Mr. M. Cerar introduced the Report of the Jury for the year 2007. The Awards proposed by the Jury and accepted by the General Assembly are:

1. **The European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma for a National organization** and for the contribution made to support with appropriate initiatives the preservation of ethical values in sports and reinforcing consequently the values and principles of fair play and tolerance is awarded to the **OLYMPIC AND SPORTS LIBRARY** in Istanbul, Turkey, nominated by the National Olympic Committee of Turkey.
2. **The European Fair Play Plaque of Merit and Diploma for an Individual** and for the personal contribution and services rendered to the implementation of values of sports, the education of youth and athletes in the spirit of fair play and tolerance and the study and better understanding of ethics in sports is awarded to **Prof. Dr. VLADISLAV STOLYAROV**, Chief of Chair of Philosophy, Sociology and Theory of Olympic Education of the Russian State University of Physical Culture, Sport and Tourism, nominated by the Russian Olympic Committee.
3. **The European Fair Play Diploma for an Individual** and for the contribution made to support with appropriate initiatives the preservation of ethical values in sports and

reinforcing consequently the values and principles of fair play and tolerance is awarded to **Mr. STELIOS ANGELOUDIS**, President of the Sports Museum in Thessaloniki, Greece, Member of the Hellenic Olympic Committee and president of the Hellenic Handball Federation, nominated by the National Olympic Committee of Greece.

4. **The European Fair Play Diploma for an Individual** and for a remarkable gesture and behavior made during a sport event is awarded to **Mr. TOMAS PITONAK** from Slovakia, active Curling player, captain of the Slovak National Team in the European Championships of 2006, nominated by the Slovak Olympic Committee. With his behavior, Mr. Pitonak became a perfect example of fair play and an excellent ambassador of the sports ethics.

## **11. EFPM Communication**

11.1. **PLAY FAIR Magazine.** The report was introduced by Vice President Mr. E. Aripinar, who asked once more for the contribution of all EFPM members as regards reports, papers, news, photos etc. for the PLAY FAIR magazine.

Furthermore, Mr. Aripinar explained that the cost of the Magazine covers mostly its distribution (posting etc.) as well some editing expenses, while printing etc. are gratis thanks to the Turkish Olympic Committee.

11.2. **EFPM website.** Mr Aripinar underlined the necessity of the EFPM website and the importance of having it constantly and duly updated.

## **12. EFPM Declaration**

President Gonçalves informed the Gen. Assembly that due to the fact that this years declaration was extremely difficult to be prepared, taking into account that we had to deal with a vast number of topics (politics, economics, education, youth, legislation issues, doping etc.), the EFPM Executive Committee decided to elaborate the declaration after the closing of the Gen. Assembly, and distribute the draft edition to the members for reviewing and/or comments. The proposal was accepted by the members.

## **13. 14<sup>th</sup> EFPM Congress and General Assembly 2008**

The EC Member General Ch. Lottas informed the General Assembly about some details of the next event which will take place in Nicosia, Cyprus next October 2007. He also presented a video concerning Cyprus and Nicosia, as well as a video concerning the venue for the Congress, namely the HILTON PARK Hotel.

## **14. Candidature for the 15<sup>th</sup> EFPM Congress and General Assembly in 2009**

Gen. Secretary Mr. I.Psilopoulos informed the General Assembly that the National Olympic Committee of Azerbaijan submitted the official application for this event and gave grounds for this application. He also reminded to the participants that Azerbaijan had applied for the 2008 event as well and explained that, according to the Statutes, the deadline for the relevant applications is the end of March 2008 and the final decision of the EC will be taken in May 2008.

## **15. Miscellaneous**

15.1. The German organizers of the 13<sup>th</sup> EFPM Congress and General Assembly handed over the EFPM banner to the Cypriot successors. The ceremony ended with a big applause from the participants.

15.2 Mr. Johannes van der Veen expressed his warm thanks and gratitude to the EC Members and the EFPM members for their fruitful cooperation with him during his service as Exec. Officer of EFPM.

15.3 Dr. Kveta Peckova informed the G.A. about the changes in the Board of the Czech Fair Play Commission and the visions of the new Board.

15.4 Mr. Louis Borg, representative of the Malta Sports Council, explained the new situation as regards the Malta representation in EFPM.

15.5 Mrs. Biserka Perman , President of the Croatian Fair Play Commission of the Croatian Olympic Committee, gave information about said Commission as well as about her being also representative of the European Shooting Confederation.

15.6 Mr. Ruggero Alcanterini proposed to establish connections with AIPS looking forward for their cooperation. Mr. Bayatli answered to him under his capacity as former President of AIPS, and said that AIPS is a World Association, while we have to contact the European Association of Sports Journalists, which has as General Secretary Mr. Yannis Darras from Greece. Mrs. Mastora and Mr. Psilopoulos informed the G.A. that they have already started the discussions with Mr. Darras on the matter.

Having dealt with all the points of the Agenda, the President declared the General Assembly closed.

For the records

Ioannis Psilopoulos, EFPM EC Member