

Minutes

of the 18th General Assembly of the European Fair Play Movement, held at the Gran Guardia Palace in Verona, on October 27th, 2012.

1. Welcome and approval of the Agenda

- 1.1. The quorum was confirmed with Twenty Three (23) EFPM Members present (equal to 59% attendance) and the General Assembly was opened, in accordance with the requirements of the Statutes.
- 1.2. The President of the European Fair Play Movement Carlos Gonçalves, welcomed the members and the special guests invited by the organizers, and presented the proposed Agenda to the General Assembly.
- 1.3. The EFPM Members approved the proposed Agenda.

2. Greetings from European Sport Organizations and Institutions

The European Union Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth Mrs Androula Vassiliou send a video message, which was warmly accepted by the participants.

The EFPM Gen. Secretary Ioannis Psilopoulos read the message of the ICSSPE President Mrs. Margaret Talbot.

ENGSO Member Mr Carlos Cardoso addressed a warm welcome to the EFPM members expressing her pleasure and honour to be present at the Gen. Assembly and described the perspectives of the relationship between ENGSO and EFPM.

CSIT representative Vice President Vilfan Vivian expressed the sincere satisfaction of CSIT for the close and fruitful cooperation with EFPM, promising its steady continuation and invite the EFPM family to the 2013 Workers Olympic Games in Varna, Bulgaria.

CIFP President Jenö Kamuti communicated the hearty greetings of the organization he presides to all the members of the EFPM family. He also underlined the new era of this cooperation which started with the signing of the Joint Venture between CIFP and EFPM.

Following this declaration, Dr. Kamuti and President Goncalves signed officially the Join Venture under the warm applause of the participants.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the 17th EFPM General Assembly (Porec 2011)

The Minutes were approved unanimously.

6. President's report

The President reported to the G.A. about how the work within the EFPM and the

member organisations had progressed in the years 2011/2012. The report is included as an appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly.

7. General Secretary's report

The Gen. Secretary Ioannis Psilopoulos, thanked the EFPM Members for their trust and support, as well as the Hellenic Olympic Committee for the continuous support for smoothly fulfilling the Gen. Secretary's duties. After that, he presented the relevant Report, which is included as an appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly.

8. Financial Report as per 31-12-2011.

The Interim Treasurer Georges Diderich presented the current financial situation of the EFPM and the 2013 Budget.

The relevant Report is included as an appendix to the Minutes of the General Assembly.

9. Report of the Board of Auditors

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

Mrs. Peckova presented the Report, proposing the approval of the financial transactions by the EFPM in 2011.

10. Approval of the EFPM EC administrative and financial transactions

The General Assembly having heard the Reports of the President, the Gen. Secretary and the Treasurer as well as the Report of the Board of the Auditors approved unanimously the EFPM Executive Committee administrative and financial transactions.

11. Revision of Article 3 of the EFPM Statutes

The Gen. Secretary Mr. Psilopoulos justified the proposed modifications of the Article 3 of the Statutes, which deals with the Members of the EFPM.

The Gen. Assembly approved unanimously the modifications and relieved the Executive Committee from all responsibility for the period 01/01/2011 - 31/12/2011.

12. Presentation of the Book of Proceedings from Porec

Mrs Biserka Perman, Mrs Biserka Vrbek and Mrs. Romana Caput-Jogunica presented the Porec Book of Proceedings.

President Gonçalves thanked the two ladies and announced the completion of the respective Congresses procedures.

13. European Fair Play Awards

Mr. Miroslav Cerar, President of the EFP Awards Jury, presented the Report of the Jury for the year 2012. The Awards proposed by the Jury and accepted by the General Assembly are:

1. Plaque of Merit and Diploma (Organization)

To the *Hospital School of Ledina Primary School of Ljubljana* (*SLOVENIA*), for its remarkable original and successful 20 years of carrying out the Hospital Olympic Games, based on ethical values and respect for varying abilities of children and youths regardless of the status of their illness or injury (proposal coming from the Slovenian Olympic Committee).

2. Plaque of Merit and Diploma (Individual)

To *Mr. Efstathios GEROSIDERIS* (Greece), Trainer of the Fencing Club of Florina and International Arbitrator of the International Fencing Federation, who gave an exceptional example of Fair Play to the young fencers during the team games of the 2012 National Championship for children of 10-13 years old (proposal coming from the Hellenic Olympic Cpommittee).

3. Diploma (Organization)

To the **SPOR A.S. Istanbul** (Turkey) for its continuous and remarkable contribution to the implementation of the ethical values in Sports and the education of youth in the spirit of Fair Play and Tolerance (proposal from the Turkish Olympic Committee).

4. Diploma (Individual)

To *Miss Christiana Pavlou* (Cyprus) for her remarkable act of Fair Play during the K2 200m sprint of the Cyprus Canoe-Kayak Championship race held at Germasogia on 25 September 2011, an act that gained the respect and the applause of all the sport fans in Cyprus and not only.

14. EFPM Communication

14.1. The Magazine: PLAY FAIR!

The report was presented by the Vice President Erdogan Aripinar, who asked once more for the contribution by all EFPM members in respect of reports, papers, news, photos etc. for the magazine PLAY FAIR!

Furthermore, Mr. Aripinar explained that the cost of the Magazine covers mostly its distribution (posting etc.) as well some editing expenses.

The Vice-President Manfred Laemmer underlined the non-ending problem of the texts that are submitted as regards their linguistic correctness. He asked once more the members to take care of this issue and send texts in correct English.

14.2. EFPM website.

Erdogan Aripinar underlined the necessity of the EFPM website and the importance of having it constantly and duly updated.

14.3 EFPM Flash News.

Katarina Raczova informed the Gen. Assembly about this initiative and the importance of having the Flash News always up-to-date with news on all the Fair Play activities and regularly distributed in Europe.

15. 19th EFPM Congress and General Assembly of 2013

President Gonçalves informed the Gen. Assembly that the seat of the 2013 Congress will be Istanbul on 04 – 09/06/2013 and gave the floor to the Turkish delegation to present their event. The Head of the Turkish Fair Play Commission Mr. Murat Ozbay and Dr. Bilge Donuk presented the Istanbul infrastructure and a relevant video, which were welcomed by the Gen. Assembly. At the end of the presentation, President Gonçalves and Mr. Murat Ozbay signed the associated Contract for the organization of the event.

17. 20th EFP Congress and EFPM General Assembly of 2014

The Gen. Secretary I. Psilopoulos informed the General Assembly that the EFPM Executive Committee, having no concrete confirmation from the Montenegro Olympic Committee and the Montenegro Sport Authorities for their commitment to organize the said event, decided to open the door for further candidatures (including of course the Montenegro Olympic Committee) up to the end of 2012.

The Latvian Olympic Committee Vice President Mr. Bergmanis took the floor and expressed his deep interest to undertake the responsibility for organizing the event in Riga, as the Latvian Capital will be the Cultural Capital of Europe for 2014. The Gen. Assembly accepted warmly this statement and Mr. Psilopoulos explained that the decision will be taken during the next Executive Committee meeting, which will take place in Istanbul, in February 2013.

18. EFPM Declaration

Gen. Secretary I. Psilopoulos presented the 2012 EFPM Declaration. He informed the Gen. Assembly that the distributed Declaration is a Draft Document to be reviewed and/or commented on by the Members by the end of November.

19. Handing over of the EFPM flag to the delegation of the Croatian Olympic Committee

Mr. Ruggero Alcanterini President of the Italian Fair Play Committee, accompanied by the EFPM President Carlos Gonçalves, handed over the EFPM flag to Mr. Murat Ozbay, Head of the Turkish Fair Play Commission, responsible for the organization of the 2013 EFP Congress and EFPM Gen. Assembly.

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

20. ELECTIONS

Gen. Secretary I. Psilopoulos presented the proposal of the former Executive Committee as regards the formation of the Board of scrutinisers. The proposal calls for Carlos Goncalves as President, Lieke Vloet and Salhat Abbasova as members. The Gen. Assembly accepted the proposal and the Board took their seats for the commencement of the election procedures in accordance to the Statutes.

Twenty three members voted and the results are:

For Presidency

Christian Hinterberger 233 votes (elected)

For Members of the Executive Committee

Ioannis Psilopoulos 233 votes (elected) Miroslav Cerar 223 votes (elected) Erdogan Aripinar 213 votes (elected) Kveta Peckova 213 votes (elected) Katarina Raczova 203 votes (elected) Charalambos Lottas 173 votes (elected) Biserka Vrbek 172 votes (elected) Ruggero Alcanterini 142 votes (elected) Arvydas Juozaitis 112 votes (not elected)

The President of the Board for the Elections announced the results to the General Assembly and submitted the relevant Report and the votes to the new President Mr. Hinterberger, who declared the whole procedure closed expressing his deep gratitude to the General Assembly participants for their trust in him and the new Board.

21. Extra-ordinary EC Meeting

President Christian Hinterberger called the newly elected Executive Committee for an extra ordinary meeting to form the new Board. Following his proposals, the new Board is formed as follows:

President: Christian Hinterberger Vice President: Erdogan Aripinar Vice President: Miroslav Cerar Gen. Secretary: Ioannis Psilopoulos

Treasurer: Katarina Raczova

Members: Kveta Peckova, Gen. Charalambos Lottas, Biserka Vrbek, Ruggero Alcanterini

George Diderich will continue offering his services to EFPM up to the 31 of December 2012, in order to conclude the fiscal year transactions and pass over the Treasury to Mrs Raczova.

The new Executive Committee decided to nominate Prof. Dr. Carlos Goncalves and Prof. Dr. Manfred Laemmer as EFPM Honorary Members in accordance with the stipulations of the EFPM Statutes.

Finally, the new Board discussed in short several issues of priority for the EFPM, i.e. the possibilities of transferring the EFPM headquarters seat in the future, the financial situation, the EFPM publications, the web-page etc. The General Secretariat's seat remains in Athens.

After that, the meeting was declared as closed.

For the records

Ioannis Psilopoulos, EFPM General Secretary