



MEETING MINUTES: General Assembly August 27th 2022

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The General Assembly of SRE was held on August 27th 2022 at the Trend Hotel Europa in Graz, Austria. The meeting began at 11.30. and ended at 13.10. The Chairman was Giova Gionchetta

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Piergioanni Gionchetta (PC)	representing IISHF
Paul Hildreth (PMH)	representing VX
Petar Turkovic (PT)	representing Nanbudo
Radu Ionescu (RI)	representing Racketlon

MEMBER APOLOGIES:

Kira Savchenko (KS)

No other apologies were received

AGENDA

1	<p>Welcome Address</p> <p>PG welcomed the participants to the meeting and opened the General Assmby. No introductions were necessary.</p>	
2	<p>Establishment of the Voting Rights</p> <p>To date four Federations have paid. One paid in 2022 (when no fee was required because of Covid) so this was carried forward, therefore we currently have five paid-up Federations who have voting rights. These Federations are Kettlebell, Racketlon, Nanbudo, VX and In-Line Skating</p> <p>Action : verify and update accurate email accounts list to ensure that all members have received invoices</p> <p>PT was of the opinion that at least another two Federations are in a position to pay their fees and are willing to do so, and therefore he questioned whether they had received the invoices.</p> <p>Action : ensure that all member Federations have received invoices</p> <p>The Quorum for the meeting is three. At the time there are five paying Federations of which four were represented. The meeting was therefore quorate.</p>	RI, PT
3	<p>Confirmation of the Agenda</p> <p>PMH asked if all participants were happy with the agenda and if there was anything that needed to be added outside of aob. This was confirmed</p>	
4	<p>Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2021</p>	

	<p>PG asked if all participants were happy with the Minutes from the 2021 General Assembly</p> <p>This was confirmed</p>	
5	<p>Confirmation of Membership Applications</p> <p>It was confirmed that the five fully-paid up members are currently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nanbudo • Kettlebell • Racketlon • VX • InLine Skating <p>SRE had heard from some members saying they are unable to afford the membership at the moment but we had not heard from a couple of pro-active members, which led PT to surmise that they had not received their invoices. These members to be re-contacted</p> <p>Action : check contact details and resubmit invoices</p>	PT
6	<p>Report from President and EXCOM</p> <p>PT reported that the Executive Committee has been holding regular, monthly Zoom meetings. These have involved PG, PT, PMH and KS.</p> <p>KS's Federation is based in Ukraine and is obviously currently experiencing significant difficulties.</p> <p>PMH has been busy with communications, keeping the FaceBook page updated and writing the quarterly newsletter</p> <p>KS has been maintaining the website.</p> <p>When RI resigned from the EXCOM PMH nominally took over as General Secretary with part of the work being shared between other members.</p> <p>Pavlos Gavalas (PG) has identified three potential federations. PG has, however, now resigned due to pressure of work.</p> <p>PT emphasised that we need new members of the EXCOM.</p> <p>PG has also indicated his intention to resign as President. He is willing to remain as a member of EXCOM (but not as an officer)</p> <p>At the moment, therefore, practically all the duties are resting on the shoulders of PT and PMH. This is a situation which is not sustainable and we need new people on the Executive Committee. This will be further discussed under Point 8.</p> <p>RI asked what will happen to the bank account. PT responded that we have looked at a number of options. It is impossible to move to the UK (Not only is the UK not in the Eurozone it is, sadly, no longer part of the EU). In fact it is difficult to move the account out of Switzerland however it looks like PT could travel to Lugano to sign to be an authorised signatory and at some point another ExCom member could do the same</p> <p>Action : PT to become authorised signatory</p>	PT ; PG
7	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>PG reported that there had been no financial activity in 2021 except Zoom fees. No income and no outgoings except the Zoom fees.</p> <p>At the end of 2021 there were 8090 Swiss Francs in the account</p> <p>in 2022 we had income from the memberships outlined above.</p> <p>There are General Assembly expenses</p>	

	<p>There has also been a web invoice – the website was the subject of a hacker attack and professional help had to be sought to repair it and put further safeguards in place.</p> <p>There are currently 8638.86 SF in the account but a budget has been set that allows for the General Assembly expenses</p>	
8	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>PG reiterated his intention to resign as President.</p> <p>PMH and PT indicated they were willing to continue in their posts if re-elected.</p> <p>KS had also said she would be willing to be an ExCom member.</p> <p>The posts that need filling are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President • Vice President • Treasurer • Secretary <p>PMH nominated PT to be Vice President. RI seconded this. PT was elected Vice President</p> <p>PT nominated PMH to be secretary. RI seconded this. PMH was elected secretary.</p> <p>a discussion was held about the post of President. RI was not willing to stand on a permanent basis but suggested he could be Acting President until such time as we could find someone else to be President at which time an Emergency General Meeting could be called to elect the new President</p> <p>PT proposed RI for the role of Acting President. PG seconded this</p> <p>RI was elected Acting President.</p> <p>It was agreed that KS retain her position as a Vice President and web admin.</p> <p>The role of Treasurer was not filled.</p> <p>It was agreed that PT will be a signatory on the account and that PT and PMH will jointly undertake the financial admin and reporting.</p>	
9	<p>Election of Audit Committee</p> <p>PG had already contacted the two members of the audit committee and both had agreed to continue in their roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davide Lacagnina from POSA • Christian Malbago <p>no audit had been needed in this last year because of the lack of activity.</p> <p>Action : PMH needs an accurate list of Federations and the named contacts</p>	
10	<p>Budget</p> <p>It is currently a very simple budget as there is not a lot of activity</p> <p>€4000 income</p> <p>expenses for events :</p> <p>demonstration sports : €1000</p> <p>Executive Committee attendance : €1000</p> <p>General Assembly : €500</p>	

	Projected balance : €350	
11	<p>SRE Games</p> <p>PG suggested that the first SRE Games should be SRE Combat Games as we have several combat members eg Nanbudo and Yoseikan Budo</p> <p>There is also a TaeKwonDo Member (that still needs to renew)</p> <p>PT re-emphasised that we need to further grow the membership</p> <p>POSA were also keen to develop combat games with SRE and were just waiting until they had developed a concrete proposal to present to us</p> <p>Action : PT to send another email and work with the combat sports members to develop the games.</p>	PT
12	<p>aob</p> <p>PT asked how can we use money in the account to attract new members and doing things needed for our members.</p> <p>He wanted to refer specifically to the opportunity that SRE Members have to be demonstration sports at these World Championships.</p> <p>Unfortunately the demonstrations hadn't worked out as expected. As it had been presented it was to have been in a city centre location with lots of passing people and participation. As it was there were very few passing people, most of the spectators on the first day had been Racketlon members sent over and there were none on the second day because it was now indoors and clashed directly with VX.</p> <p>The communication had not been good. He questioned whether it had been worth the time, money and effort to attend. PT had hired a van, had people take time off work and exams.</p> <p>PT acknowledged that Marcel had been doing us a favour and we are grateful for that, however he feels it has been a waste of time, money and effort. PT emphasised that he was not relating this to complain but that we <i>learn</i> from this for next time.</p> <p>He emphasised that we are a small organisation with limited funds and we should invest those funds where we get the best return in promotion for our members. He suggested that maybe we could have a stand/space at relevant exhibitions or conferences.</p> <p>PMH agreed with PT however he also wished to point out the positives. In the first place he thanked Racketlon for the opportunity and expressed regret that only two SRE sports had attended. He agreed that the opportunity had not been as expected. VX had expected (based on discussions) that they would be demonstrating in a public area for long periods of time over three days and would have several occasions when they could get in a squash court. On the previous day VX had had some time on a hand ball court but had to play round an inflatable, table tennis and badminton that had set up in the demonstration space. They had only 7 people from Racketlon and (fortunately) 3 local children who had seen VX and wanted to join. Then, later, they had had 8 minutes in a squash court, <i>however</i>, both of those sessions had been filmed, VX had had a great impact so felt it was quality rather than quantity, and the cameraman had been delighted with the footage he had got including a very enthusiastic interview with a young Racketlon international who had tried VX for the first time.</p> <p>PMH said that if the resulting video is as good as promised then this would have been a very good exercise with a tangible outcome. The video will be an excellent resource for members – if they send in their footage</p> <p>PMH also observed that he has seen how complicated it must be to organise a Racketlon tournament as they are pulling four disciplines together into multiple age groups and groupings (eg singles, mixed doubles etc). He said that this was of an order several magnitudes more complex than organising the VX World Championships which are already difficult enough so he felt that the guys at Racketlon would</p>	

	<p>have an immense amount on their plate. However if VX had had a more accurate idea of what was going to happen they would have limited their attendees to 3 (only 3 did come as the 2 Indian players were refused visas) and would have changed dates and travel arrangements.</p> <p>Taking all this into account there are many positives to take out of this but plenty to learn if we undertake a similar exercise again. PMH repeated his thanks to Marcel and Racketlon for the opportunity</p> <p>Action : PMH and PT to write a joint letter of thanks and feedback to Marcel at Racketlon</p> <p>Action : PMH and PT to contact members to urge them to submit footage for the promotional video</p> <p>A plan was developed to try and grow the membership :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contact members to urge them to submit footage for inclusion in the video • Get the video – post it, share it Encourage members to do the same • once we have the video we need to do another mailout to prospects <p>The question was asked about what to do about members who are currently unable to pay PT suggested temporarily making them ‘Provisional Members’ with no voting rights until such time as they can pick up their full membership again.</p> <p>Action : PT to write to them and inform them that this is what we can do to help them, that they are not being excluded, and that they can pick up as full members the following year when they will regain their voting rights</p> <p>PG asked to revisit the topic of what we can do for our members. He suggested we ask members to submit a video presentation for our sports. PMH suggested this could be a stage <i>after</i> the current video</p> <p>PG also suggested that when member sports have their championships that we should have a representative their showing a video of other member sports – it is a way we can offer visibility</p> <p>WiiStream – PG explained to RI that VX have already signed to WiiStream. This is a new video streaming platform that is very flexible and is shaking up the streaming industry. It allows for paying memberships and Pay Per View. VX has got an agreement for three years free of charge (FOC). This relationship had come about as the Commercial Director had already met VX when he worked for someone else. Through VX he had got to SRE and felt that this would also be a good relationship. SRE had agreed and thought that this would be a great offering to members.</p> <p>Initial discussions had suggested that it would be the same deal that had been given to VX however when the contract had arrived there was a clause that Wiistream could instigate a charge of €1000 per month. The Commercial Director suggested that this was simply a protection for Wiistream as they felt that most of the members’ events would be high level championships and it was to protect WiiStream from everything being free.</p> <p>PMH observed that there was also a clause that there was 5 months notice for cancellation and as the fee clause could be triggered from October 2022 it left SRE potentially open to €5000.</p> <p>PMH suggested we have the conversation with WiiStream but we simply cannot sign the contract as it stands.</p> <p>PT feels it is very simple – SRE should have the same agreement as VX.</p>	<p>PMH/PT PMH/PT</p> <p>PT</p>
	<p>the meeting concluded at 13.10</p>	

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Paul Hildreth (General Secretary)

APPROVAL:
(Signature & Date)

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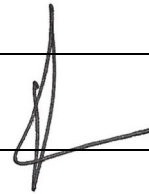
(the following may be listed at the end of minutes to designate approval)

CHAIR APPROVAL:

Piergiovanni Gionchetta

General Secretary:

Paul Hildreth

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