

**MINUTES OF THE  
EKF a.i.s.b.l. General Assembly 2013  
11th April 2013, Berlin, Germany**

**1. Listing of the Representatives**

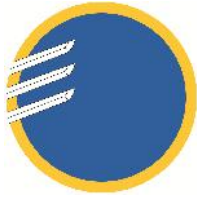
**1.1. Registration of the representatives' and observers' names and eventual absences.**

**EKF Board of Officers:**

Alain Ducarme, President  
Dieter Hauck, Vice-President  
Zsolt Vadadi, Treasurer  
Jean-Pierre Raick, Technical Director  
Pekka Nurminen, Secretary General

**Representatives of EKF Member Countries:**

M. Morancho, Andorra  
H. Hofer, Austria, representing also Croatia by proxy  
D. Delepiere, S. Hendrickx, Belgium  
T. Jelen, Czech Republic  
N. Saikkonen, Finland  
J.-P. Soulas, D. Dupuis, France  
D. Viebranz, Germany  
I. Papadimitriou, Greece  
T. Abe, A. Sipos, Hungary,  
G. Moretti, S. Verrina, Italy  
B. Abbadi, Jordan  
V. Kindzulis, A. Dubrowskis-Rennier, Latvia  
G. Rukas, Lithuania  
P. Budden, J. Mallia, Malta  
H. Son, Mozambique (affiliate member)  
K. Van Hattum, J. de Jong, The Netherlands  
F. Naerland, M. Rygh, Norway  
W. Malecki, Z. Misiak, Poland



L. Sousa, C. Matias, Portugal  
L. Josza, Romania  
E. Andrejev, A. Glushko, Russia  
M. Pavlovic, Serbia  
B. Sefor, South Africa  
E. Gomez, A. Gonzalez, Spain  
A. Sunje-Persson, Sweden  
O. Perrenoud, G. Tschertter, Switzerland  
I. Sipahi, Turkey  
K. Stryzcychenko, Ukraine  
E. Blake, J. Hopson, United Kingdom

Croatia was represented by H. Hofer, AUT

It was noted that 28 out of 40 voting members were present or represented at the General Assembly.

J. Howell, Senior Councillor, Auditor

**Observers:**

H. Odinot, EKF Honorary Vice-President  
W. Demski, EKF Senior Councillor

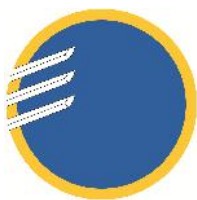
Excused or absent: Bulgaria, Georgia, Denmark, Estonia, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

**1.2. Checking for the EKF membership fee payment for 2012; if the fee has not been paid in due time, the country in question will lose its right to vote.**

All member countries except Croatia were noted to have paid their membership fees until 2012.

**2. Opening and Report by the EKF President (PR)**

EKF President Alain Ducarme opened the meeting by thanking the German DKenB for their huge efforts on the EKC and for providing excellent support for the EKF in organizing this GA. President Ducarme also thanked the participants for making the effort to join the meeting.



President Ducarme noted that this was the first General Assembly of the EKF a.i.s.b.l, international non-profit association, registered under Belgian law. The registration will produce a need to change the statutes of the EKF, to be prepared by the Board of Officers (BO).

The President evaluated in short last year's activities and events and commented on the developments to be expected, inside and outside of Europe.

All participants were invited to the EKF dinner reception after the GA.

### **3. G.A. Minutes Novara 2012**

Minutes of the Novara G.A. 2012 were sent to the Member Countries according to Art. 05.09 EKF-Statutes and have been published on the EKF-website. No remarks have been received since. Consequently, the Minutes are approved.

### **4. EKF Statutes**

Vice-President Hauck gave a report on the state of play concerning the registration of EKF as "AISBL" under Belgian law (AISBL = association internationale sans but lucratif, i.e international non-profit association). The registration was concluded in 2012, as foreseen by the 2012 GA. The Statutes are translated and published in French, but the English version remains the original and valid text.

A new structure of EKF Statutes, dividing the Statutes into a "constitutional" part and more operational "by-laws", will be prepared in order to avoid heavy procedures in case the General Assembly decided to change some of the operational parts of the present Statutes. This preparation will take some time and will be submitted to one of the forthcoming GAs.

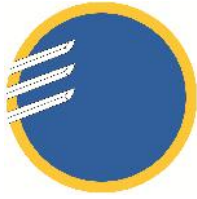
### **5. Report by the EKF Vice-President (VPR)**

#### **5.1. VPR Duties**

Vice-President Hauck gave comments on his term of function. VPR has been in charge for legal issues, BOD Meeting minutes, has still partly handled the finances and handled the exam validation and grade management of the EKF. He has also been preparing the EKF model rules of shogo.

#### **5.2. EKF Web-site**

The Vice-President commented on the EKF Web-site ([www.ekf-eu.com](http://www.ekf-eu.com)) and the online-data system by thanking the Member Countries' Administrators. All countries



are now participating in the system. It is now up to date and credible, even the ZNKR is using it as reference. There are more than 12.000 active yudansha registered, with around 420 exams and over 2200 updated grades per year.

### **5.3. EKF anti-doping commission**

The EKF anti-doping rules and the commission are established but so far there was no need for reportable activities.

## **6. Report by the EKF Treasurer (TR)**

### **6.1. EKF Financial Report 2012**

The Treasurer presented the EKF Financial Report 2011 and commented on the report. The buffer of one year's operational budget has been reached and the EKF has a sound financial basis although there is a slight decline in membership. Membership figures arrive too late for annual fee invoicing and this needs to be improved.

TR congratulated Jordan, Ukraine and Portugal for being the first three countries to pay their annual fees.

TR gave the word to the Auditor for his comments. John Howell, auditor, commented that the financial report was correct, accounts well kept and funds only used for the Federations objectives.

The EKF Financial Report for 2012 as presented to the Member Countries was approved unanimously.

### **6.2. 2014 budget**

The Treasurer presented a proposal for the 2014 budget.

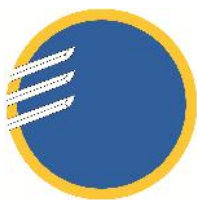
TR answered to South Africa question on savings proposed.

The EKF 2014 budget as presented was approved unanimously.

## **7. Report by the Secretary-General**

### **7.1. General**

The Secretary General commented on his first term of office. The tasks of the SG have been mainly on the correspondence of the EKF, drafting different EC rules and preparing the GA.



Next bigger project will be the "European Championship Manual", where he invited the member countries which have lately organised an EC to contribute.

## **7.2. EKF-Website**

The Secretary General commented on the EKF Web-site ([www.ekf-eu.com](http://www.ekf-eu.com)) and online-data system by saying that the system in general works very well. Occasional problems of the past are being sorted out on case-to-case basis in good cooperation between the VPR, SG and webmasters of the EKF and the Member Country concerned. He reminded the GA on the main elements of the system.

## **8. Report by the Technical Director (TD)**

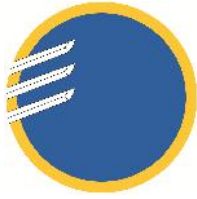
Jean-Pierre Raick, TD, gave the GA his report, which was also distributed to all members.

Main points of the report were:

1. The last WKC in Italy had given room for discussion of the difficult union between sportive realism and Budo spirit. There is a downward spiral for the detriment of the latter, which should not worsen. He invites the technical representatives of member countries to think if they are willing to align the EKC rules to those of the WKC.
2. Also in EJC and EIC, which have been well organised, the sports interest seems to be increasing. He asked if the sports events are a good means for the development of Budo spirit. He asked each federation, even each dojo, to take position on this fundamental issue.
3. The annual EKF-FIK European Zone referee seminar in kendo took place in February 2013 in its historical setting. The number of participants seems to be stable. However, some countries seem to have difficulties in maintaining their group of "international referees". On the positive side, the number of very competent fighters was very high, encouraging the BO to continue the sponsoring of fighters.

Reference was made to the calendar of next events, examinations and championships.

## **9. Coffee Break**



## **10. Affiliations**

### **10.1. Romania**

Romanian representative gave a report on the process of creating a new independent Romanian Kendo Federation after 10 years of membership in the Federation of Contact Martial Arts. The official registration process will be finalised soon.

The GA welcomed this development unanimously.

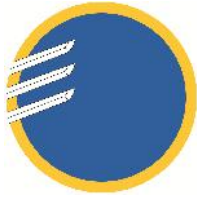
### **10.2. Belorussia**

The Secretary General pointed out that at Novara GA some clarifications concerning the Statutes of the Belorussian Kendo Federation were asked in order to guarantee democratic nature of the statutes. The Belorussian federation had not yet answered to the request.

## **11. EKF Relations with FIK**

PR, also Vice-President of FIK, presented several items concerning relations with FIK:

1. Number of European FIK directors should be increased from 3 to 5, but only if they are appointed by the EKF. There is no reason why this proposal should not be pursued and approved inside the FIK.
2. Out of 41 EKF members or affiliate members only 30 are members of FIK. PR encouraged those countries that fulfil the criteria to consider FIK membership.
3. The venue of the WKC in 2018 will come into discussion soon. Probably the main candidates will be Korea and China. EKF's weight in the FIK will be decisive. A brief discussion on the probable candidates took place and an indicative opinion of the member countries was asked.
4. Combat Games organized by Sport Accord in St. Petersburg, Russia, 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013. Shimpan and fighter selection is underway under the control of FIK. RUS representative gave a short account on practical arrangements.



## **12. Future Championships**

### **12.0. Principles governing the organisation and financing of European Championships**

VP presented the background for the BO proposal to a new document governing the organisation and financing of the European Championships, based on the old guidelines on the same subject. The main new feature is the obligation of the Host Organisation (“HO”) to propose a provisional budget, including fees, and a more formal contractual arrangement between the HO and the EKF BO which confirms the organisation of the EC in question.

In the general discussion following federations made comments or asked clarifications: GBR, SA, GER, HUN, CZE, FRA, POR, RUS and SUI. The language of the proposed document was amended in some aspects.

The document was approved unanimously after modifications to paragraphs 2, 3 and 22. Future Host Organisations were encouraged to continue their preparations according to the accepted principles.

#### **12.1. EKC**

Candidature of France for the 26<sup>th</sup> EKC in 2014 was confirmed. Representative of France gave following information:

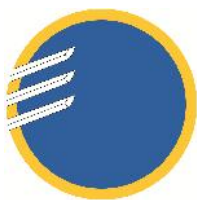
- Place is Clermont-Ferrand, which has an airport with good connections from Paris.
- Dates are 11 - 13 April 2014.
- Budget will be proposed soon.

SG gave a report on state of affairs on the possible Macedonian candidature for the 27<sup>th</sup> EKC in 2016.

#### **12.2. EIC**

The French candidature for the 20<sup>th</sup> EIC 2013 was confirmed. Representative of France gave following information:

- Place is Meze, close to Montpellier which is the nearest airport.



- Dates are 31 October - 3 November 2013, two days of seminar and two days of EIC.

The Finnish (Helsinki) candidature for the 21<sup>st</sup> EIC 2014 was confirmed. Representative of Finland gave the following information:

- Place is Vantaa, next to Helsinki, also the city of the Airport.  
- Dates are 30 October - 2 November 2014, one day and half of seminar, one day and half for EIC.

The German (Berlin) candidature for the 22<sup>nd</sup> EIC in 2015 was confirmed.

Hungary announced willingness to host the 23<sup>rd</sup> EIC in 2016.

### **12.3. EJC**

VP explained the reasons and background for the BO decision to relocate the 12th EJC 2013 from Andorra to Linz, Austria.

Representative of Austria made a presentation on the EJC in Linz. Dates are 13 - 15 September 2013.

Representative of Andorra made a presentation on the preparations for the EJC in Andorra. VP answered to the points made by Andorra.

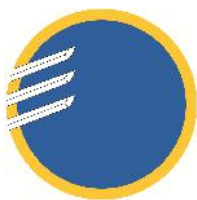
In the discussion the following member countries made comments or asked clarifications on the BO decision: CZE, GBR, HUN, SA, RUS and AND. Also PR, VP, TD and Senior Councillor John Howell spoke.

Following the debate, PR asked if the GA could confirm the BO decision to organise the EJC in Linz, Austria. The decision was confirmed by 25 votes in favour, 3 abstentions.

Italy announced its willingness to organise the 13th EJC 2014 in Torino.

Sweden announced its willingness to organise the 14th EJC 2015 in Falkenberg.





**13. Date of the next General Assembly**

The date and place of the next EKF GA, at the occasion of the 26<sup>th</sup> EKC in Clermont-Ferrand, France, on 10th April 2014 was announced.




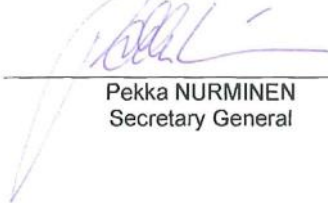

**14. Closing by the President**

President Ducarme closed this year's General Assembly by thanking all participants. BKA President thanked the President and the Board of Officers.

**15. Invitation to the EKF Dinner later that evening**

Participants of the General Assembly were invited to the EKF Dinner Reception.

The EKF Board of Officers:

		
Alain DUCARME President	Djeter HAUCK Vice-President	Jean-Pierre RAICK Technical Director
		
Pekka NURMINEN Secretary General		Zsolt VADADI Treasurer