

Minutes of the 2022 European Rowing Confederation General Assembly

Munich, 13 August 2022

1. Opening of the session

Annamarie Phelps welcomed the delegates to the 2022 General Assembly. She highlighted the importance of the European Rowing Championships being held in the multisport environment in Munich, and thanked the Organising Committee for their excellent organisation of the regatta and the General Assembly.

2. Identification of the delegates and confirmation of their authority

The following 28 Member federations were present: AUT, AZE, BEL, BUL, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HUN, IRL, ITA, LTU, MDA, MON, NED, NOR, POL, ROU, SLO, SRB, SUI, SWE, TUR

The European Rowing Board members present were Annamarie Phelps (AP) Chair, Eva Szanto (ES) Secretary, Algirdas Raslanas (AR); Patrick Rombaut (PR); Dusan Machacek (DM); Nebojsa Jevremovic (NJ), Asuncion Loriente (AL).

3. Appointment of scrutineers for the period of the Meeting

Delegates Horst Nussbaumer (AUT), Josef Johanek (CZE), Roland Weill (MON) were appointed as scrutineers for the period of the meeting.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the 2021 General Assembly held by video conference

The minutes from the 2021 General Assembly held virtually by video conference were approved unanimously.

5. 2021 Report of the European Rowing Board

The Chair, Annamarie Phelps, took the report as read. She addressed some happenings and decisions since the report was finalised. She highlighted the impact of the war in Ukraine, the decision of the ERB not to allow Russian and Belarussian athletes and officials participate in European Rowing events, which does not mean the federations were suspended from other activities. AP also thanked all MFs who provided support to the Ukrainian athletes, and expressed appreciation for the solidarity shown by the European MFs. AP congratulated Ryszard Stadniuk, European Rowing Honorary Chair, for receiving the International Fair Play Award.

The 2021 report was accepted unanimously.

6. Update on preparations for the upcoming European Rowing events

- a) **2022 European Rowing Under 23 Championships, Hazewinkel, BEL** – Gwenda Stevens, President of the Belgian Rowing Federation made a presentation about the preparations.
- b) **2022 European Coastal Rowing and Beach Sprint Championships, San Sebastian, ESP** – Asuncion Loriente, President of the Spanish Rowing Federation gave an update about the event.
- c) **2023 European Rowing Indoor Championships Paris, FRA**

- d) 2023 European Rowing Under 19 Championships, Brive, FRA**
- e) 2023 European Coastal Rowing and Beach Sprint Championships, La Seyne-sur-Mer, FRA** – Sébastien Vieilledent, General Director of Aviron France informed the delegates about the preparations for all the European Rowing events, which take place in France in 2023.
- f) 2023 European Rowing Championships, Bled, SLO** – Tim Farcnik and Jernej Slivnik, Executive Directors of the Bled2023 Organising Committee gave some updates with regard to the ERCH in 2023.

ES explained that as a consequence of the decision not to hold European Rowing events in Belarus under the current circumstances, there are ongoing negotiations about the termination of the hosting agreement with the Belarus Rowing Federation. In order to find a replacement organiser, the ERB has engaged in discussions with Krefeld (GER), who at the time were also bidding to host this event, to organise the ERU23CH in 2023. ERB will inform all MFs as soon as the negotiations have been concluded.

7. Elections – European Rowing Board MF Representative

PR explained that the election is for one position on the European Rowing Board currently held by Nebojsa Jevremovic (SRB). Nebojsa Jevremovic is not standing for re-election. The candidates are Ioannis VRAMPAS (GRE) and Neville TANZER (SUI).

Results of the election: Ioannis VRAMPAS (GRE) 9 votes; Neville TANZER (SUI) 19 votes. Neville Tanzer was elected as member of the European Rowing Board for a four-year term. His mandate is from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2026. Neville Tanzer thanked the delegates for their trust and support. Nebojsa Jevremovic addresses the delegates and expressed his thanks for the support for him and European Rowing since 2006, when the European Rowing Championships were reinstated.

8. Rule changes – to include the PR3 Mix2x at future European Rowing Championships

The ERB made a proposal for the inclusion of the PR3 Mix2x event in the programme of future European Rowing Championships to be consistent across all Paralympic boat classes and provide racing opportunity on European continental level.

The Rule change to include the PR3 Mix2x in the programme of the European Rowing Championships was adopted, with unanimous support.

9. European Rowing Confederation Strategic Priorities, including

- a) Review of boat classes at Championship events and event size**
- b) Establishment of Commissions and Working Groups**
- c) Official Communications and Newsletter**
- d) Funding for priority projects**

ERB members gave an update on the strategic priorities. PR explained that the review of the boat classes included in and the formats of the European Rowing championship regattas is in progress, some coordination with World Rowing's review of the championships programme is recommended.

AR addressed the topic of setting up commissions and working groups. A detailed plan will be presented at the Presidents' meeting early 2023.

AL summarised what has been done so far in the field of communication, and outlined plans about regularly issuing a European Rowing newsletter.

10. Any other business

- a) Presidents Meeting: proposal for March 2023**
- b) Preparations for the European Rowing Confederation Extraordinary GA, to be held in Račice CZE in September 2022: for the purpose of constitutional updates and event attributions.**

AP updated about the next Presidents' meeting to be held in Copenhagen, DEN on 31 March – 2 April 2023. She also informed about the European Rowing Extraordinary General Assembly during the WRCH in Racice dedicated to event attributions and some constitutional changes. The proposed constitutional changes were explained by AP and ES. ROU proposed to include 3 JB events in the ERU19CH.

c) World Rowing Session

Jean-Christophe Rolland, World Rowing president and Vincent Gaillard, executive director presented the updates from World Rowing. DM gave an update about development work in Europe.

The General Assembly ended.

European Rowing Board:

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Eva Szanto, HUN, Secretary,
Algirdas Raslanas, LTU,
Asuncion Loriente, ESP

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