

Draft Minutes of the

2022 Extraordinary General Assembly of the European Rowing Confederation Račice, Czech Republic

Saturday, 24 September 2022 at 17:00 – 18:30 CET

1. Opening of the session:
Annamarie Phelps welcomed delegates to the 2021 General Assembly and thanked them for their engagement and participation throughout the season. The European Rowing events had been well attended and several records broken in terms of media attendance as well as excellent athletic performances at the ERCH in Munich the previous month.
2. Identification of the delegates and confirmation of their authority.
The following 26 Member Federations were present: AUT, BEL, BUL, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HUN, IRL, ISR, ITA, LTU, MDA, NED, NOR, POL, ROU, SLO, SRB, SUI, TUR, UKR. The European Rowing Board (ERB) members present were Annamarie Phelps (AP) - President, Patrick Rombaut (PR)- Vice President, Eva Szanto (ES) - Secretary; Algirdas Raslanas (AR); Dusan Machacek (DM); Nebojsa Jevremovic (NJ), Asuncion Loriente Perez (AL). Total Votes 26, a majority in case of voting would be 14 votes.
Honorary President ERB – Ryszard Stadniuk, World Rowing President – Jean-Christophe Rolland and Executive Director – Vincent Gaillard were also present
3. Appointment of scrutineers for the period of the Meeting.
Gwenda Stevens (BEL) and Conny Sorensen (DEN) were appointed scrutineers for the period of the meeting
4. SEAP 2022
 - a. ES talked through the criteria and principles on which ERB has based its proposals
 - i. Only candidates who meet the minimum requirements to host an event may be considered (internal assessment).
 - ii. Any event should not return to the same venue in consecutive years.
 - iii. Events which are taking place sooner should be attributed before those taking place later (i.e. events in 2024 should be attributed before 2025) where possible.
 - iv. Two events should not take place at the same venue in the same year, where possible.
 - b. Awarding of the bids
 - i. European Rowing Under 23 Championships (ERU23CH)
 1. 2023 ERU23CH was awarded to Krefeld (GER) – This event was not part of the SEAP 2022 process
 2. 2024 ERU23CH were awarded to Edirne (TUR). Show of hands voting - unanimous vote
 3. 2025 ERU23CH were awarded to Račice (CZE). Show of hands voting - unanimous vote
 - c. European Rowing Under 19 Championships (ERU19CH)
 - i. 2025 ERU19CH –Gravelines (FRA), Cologne (GER). Voting results – Gravelines (FRA) won the secret ballot by 20 to 6 votes
 - ii. 2026 ERU19CH – Račice (CZE), Brandenburg (GER). Voting results – Brandenburg (GER) won the secret ballot by 15 to 10
 - d. European Rowing Coastal & Beach Sprint Championships (ERCBSCH)
 - i. 2025 ERCBSCH – Antalya (TUR). Unanimous vote.

- e. 2022 SEAP The following events remain open for bidding*
 - i. 2024 and 2025 European Rowing Indoor Championships
 - ii. 2024 European Rowing Coastal and Beach Sprint Championships
 - iii. 2024 and 2025 European Rowing Championships
 - iv. 2026 European Rowing Under 23 Championships

**At this stage, European Rowing will begin discussions with potential candidates to host the aforementioned events, with the intent to attribute these events to a suitable candidate as soon as possible. Member Federations wishing to express interest in hosting one of the events below should contact Liz Soutter at liz.soutter@worldrowing.com.*

- 5. ERC Constitutional updates –The revisions to the constitution as discussed at Munich ER General Assembly were presented by the ERB:
 - a. Update the ERC Constitution throughout to reflect the change of name of FISA to World Rowing and to tidy up inconsistencies in the text.
 - b. Change the title of the Chair of the ERC to President of ERC to mirror the norm in other Confederations and in World Rowing [Art. 8.1.5].
 - c. To update the title of Deputy Chair to Vice President [Art. 11.4].
 - d. Clarify the term and re-appointment of the Vice President position [Art. 11.4.1].
 - e. To better reflect current practices and explicitly allow ERB to take decisions as required between General Assemblies when required [new Art.11.10], making these decisions subject to reconsideration if requested. This is a mirror of World Rowing Statutes Art.52 paragraph 3.
 - f. Provide a mechanism for MFs to request that decisions taken by ERB between General Assemblies be reconsidered [Art. 8.1.7]
 - g. Provide a process by which the request for reconsideration can be achieved [Art. 8.6]. This process mirrors the process for World Rowing Congresses.
 - h. To open the membership of European Rowing to groupings of European member federations that share a common objective related to rowing in any of its forms (Member Groupings) [Art. 7.3 – 7.6], in line with Art. 18 of World Rowing Statutes.

The General Assembly agreed to take the recommendations *en bloc*. The proposed changes to the Constitution were adopted unanimously.