

# Minutes of the 2007 EC OF THE EUROPEAN CUSTOMS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Date: 1 & 2 June 2007 at London (UK)

Present: Chairman: Lieven Muylaert (Belgium)  
Treasurer : Daniel Koener (Luxemburg)  
Executive Committee: Lasse Lehtokangas (Finland)  
                          Theo De Goeijen (The Netherlands)  
                          Botond Hejj (Poland)  
Organizing Committee: Richard Dowling  
                          Andrea Scott-Lewis

## Opening Business

Chairman welcomed and thanked all those present, especially Andrea and Richard for hosting the EC in London and making all the necessary very good arrangements.

Friday 1 June 2007 (without Lasse)

### 1. TAXUD

The coordinator from TAXUD Mr Max Degraaff, and Robert Andrecs put the information about ECSA on the website of TAXUD

- b.. 7 participants from TAXUD have participated in the Brussels Halfmarathon
- c.. Two questions rise: is it possible to invite TAXUD for all ECSA sports events? and it is possible that officials working at the Commission but not in Taxud should participate in ECSA sports events?
- d.. The EC will propose a positive answer to the first question and a negative to the second
- e.. TAXUD gave ECSA as a gift 100 t-shirts with logo: "custom on the move"
- f.. Decision EC ECSA: TAXUD will be an official member of ECSA if the will pay annual fee, and of course will be invited for every ECSA event.

### 2. ECSA Constitution

- a.. Till now the constitution has been renewed every two year.
- b.. Constitution should be a short paper with the basic rules, and the details should be in other documents.
- c.. Decision: The EC ECSA new constitution draft that will be soumitted to the AGM.

### 3. Financial cases

- a.. Poland, Slovakia and Latvia have some arrears.
  - b.. Poland declared to make it up during the annual meeting in Budapest.
- The rest of countries will be called on to pay.

## 4. Activities

Shooting competition

- a.. 7 countries: Estonia, Lithuania, Finland, Czech Rep., Belgium participated in the event
- b.. Lithuania asked for subvention.
- c.. Decision: Request will be held after showing the financial "business plan" of the event (including details with the costs of hosting foreign participants. )

## 5. Other business

- a.. The Netherlands: The VIP-s will be asked for the closing ceremony in Nijmegen.
- b.. Shooting competitions: The Netherlands are interested in organizing
- c.. it is necessary to encourage the organization of this activity, because this is a core activity for the most of the customs services in Europe.
- d.. The competitions should be organised with the same type of gun or pistol, which ensures that all participants have the same chance to win the competition.

Saturday (together with Lasse)

### 1. TAXUD

Lieven referred to previous decision

TAXUD will be invited to the closing ceremony in Nijmegen.

### 2. Constitution

Lasse approves the draft and 2 small amendments has been made in the draft

### 3. Financial cases

- a.. Some countries have technical problems to pay the annual subscription.
- b.. In the situation that the representatives of the member states did not attend the AGM the EC should send immediately after the AGM a letter asking for payment by bank.
- c.. Czech Rep. Asked for a financial subvention for the cycling competition but this event has not been organised under the auspices of ECSA.
- d.. Lithuania also asked for a subvention, but they asked already a fee (250€/foreign participant ) means that a business plan of the event should prove the necessity of the subvention.

### 4. Other business

1.. Next EC-meeting: Helsinki on 14-15 December????

2.. Ukraine:

a.. The Polish EC-member asked about possibility to get Ukraine involved in Polish ECSA tournaments.

DECISION : It is possible to invite Ukraine for ECSA events to show them the ECSA idea, but Ukraine must be participate as a special guest (e.g. even they win they cannot get the ECSA medals or cup witch are only for members).

Reporter: Botond Hejj