



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of Friday 06 February 2015 in Dublin, Ireland

Present: See Annex 1.

Minutes: Richard Dowling (Secretary)

Apologies for absence: None.

(1) Opening Remarks

JH opened the meeting and thanked Mick O'Hanlon (MOH) for hosting. JH noted the resignation of Eamon Bugeja from the Executive Committee (EC) but advised that he would still be Malta's representative.

(2) Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Executive Committee meeting 30 May 2014

The minutes of the EC meeting of 30 May 2014 were agreed as a true and fair record.

Annual General Meeting 10 October 2014

The draft minutes of this meeting were noted.

(3) Matters Arising

Action Point 09/11

JH said that ECSA contacts had recently been useful for a work project. RD said that this had also been the case for his research on digital commerce, a contact having been made in Ireland.

Action Point 04/15

Action Point 06/15: AK to see if German Customs can produce the leaflet for free.

Action Point 07/15: MP to revise the back page of the leaflet, to eliminate large gaps between letters in the words and the leaflet can then go for printing.

See Annex 2 for an update on all action points.

(4) Treasurer's Report

SMH issued a written report. The balance as at 31 January 2015 was €17,610.49. SMH said that almost every bank transfer was now costing the Association €2.68 in bank charges. However, Turkey's bank had taken €20.00 out of its subscription payment before remitting the balance, as well as €6.71 in bank charges. The meeting reaffirmed that the Association was only willing to bear standard bank charges of up to €3.00.

The meeting noted that Italy's subscription would consist of it paying the €150 cost of the production of the leaflets.

(5) Communications

LL advised that the website is currently down due to host problems but that Janne Kallio is working on it. It was agreed to ask Janne if he thought the website provider should be Finnish. It was agreed that Janne could put a summary of recent updates onto the site. It was agreed that Janne or LL could send RD or ASL website material for review if they were unsure about the English.

LL said that Member States needed to send event results promptly to Janne.

(6) Promotional Items

Polo Shirts

It was noted that the order for the polo shirts has now been placed.

Action Point 08/15: JH to get an update from Palle Lundborg on progress with the polo shirt order.

Pens

It was agreed to order 1,500 pens at a cost of €1,675.

Action Point 09/15: TdG to order 1,500 pens at a cost of €1,675.

Roll-Up Banners

It was agreed to order 6 roll-up banners for €300.

Action Point 10/15: TdG to order 6 roll-up banners for €300.

Lanyards

It was agreed to order 100 sample lanyards for the Annual General Meeting, at a cost of around €200.

Action point 11/15: MP to order 100 lanyards at a cost of around €200.

In light of the expenditure that had been agreed, it was decided to increase the budget for promotional items from €1,000 to €2,000.

It was agreed to encourage countries ordering items such as running shirts for their own purposes to see if they could order a few extra in the ECSA colours, if this could be done for little or no extra money.

It was agreed to consider producing a 25th anniversary calendar.

(7) Events Review

The event report template proposed by RD was agreed.

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(8) Shooting Competition

TdG set out the background. He and Alonas Ritvas of Lithuania worked on updating the rules and JH helped persuade the new Lithuanian DG to approve the event for 2015. The competition will be an open one, Alonas wanting to attract as many participants as possible. Those who do not bear firearms as part of their normal duties will be welcome to take part. The revised rules of the competition are basically agreed. The likely dates of the competition are 24 and 25 June.

Action Point 12/15: JH to get Alonas Ritvas to confirm the exact dates of the shooting competition and to issue the official invitation.

(9) Calendar

2015

Events and meetings were agreed for 2015; see Annex 3.

TdG said that his administration had not yet agreed the budget for sporting activities so he could not yet definitely say that the Netherlands could host the AGM.

Action Point 13/15: TdG to confirm by 01 March 2015 whether the Netherlands can host the AGM.

The volleyball tournament in Hungary in November will have men's and women's events. Women will be allowed to compete in the men's event if they are not enough of them to form a complete team from their own Member State. Composite teams will also be allowed.

2016

Events and meetings were agreed for 2016; see Annex 4.

(10) Functioning of the Executive Committee

The meeting agreed to new Rule 4.3 providing for the AGM, on the recommendation of the EC, to terminate a person's membership of the EC if he

or she had failed to attend one or more EC meetings in a calendar year as well as failing to attend the AGM.

The meeting had a general discussion about the intentions of current members of the EC and possible future members. LL said that he would retire from Finnish Customs in autumn 2016. The meeting noted that under Rule 4.1, LL would remain a member of the EC, in a non-voting capacity, for one year after his term of office as Vice-President, expires in 2015. SMH said that he planned to retire in April 2018 and therefore didn't think that he should necessarily stand for re-election in 2016.

JH advised that AK had expressed an interest in serving as Vice-President. AK confirmed this but said that he would have to confirm that he would have the support of his administration. The meeting agreed that JH would advise all Member States of the upcoming vacancy for Vice-President and of at least one vacancy amongst the Ordinary Members of the EC. Any person wishing to put himself or herself forward for the Vice-Presidency would be invited to make a presentation at the June EC meeting and should have previously ensured that he or she had the support of their administration, especially for the necessary travel involved.

Action Point 14/15: JH to inform all Member States of the forthcoming vacancy in the Vice-Presidency and invite interested candidates to attend the June EC meeting to make a presentation on what they would bring to the role.

(11) Any Other Business

LL said that the Association Rules needed review and refreshment and that we needed to agree standard rules for basketball as we have already done for shooting, football and volleyball. RD said that we should have agreed standard rules in a special section on the website.

TdG noted that we had missed a Customs DGs meeting. LI said that the next one was in Slovakia at the end of May. It was agreed that as JH could not attend, LL should represent the Association at the meeting, if we could secure a slot on the agenda.

LL said that Sweden had laid on a floorball tournament the previous week and teams from Norway and Finland had also attended. JH said that the German Customs Sports Association had invited Czech Customs to take part in a sporting tournament in Dresden on a guest basis. AK gave some background to this.

SMH asked if there should be guidelines for member States hosting EC meetings and the AGM. It was agreed to discuss this at the next EC meeting.

Action Point 15/15: RD to put Guidelines for Organisers of Meetings on the agenda for the next EC meeting.

Arrangements for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania probably on Friday 26 June 2015. JH will confirm.

**RICHARD DOWLING
SECRETARY
09 FEBRUARY 2015**

Annex 1

Persons present and apologies received

Name	Role	Present/Apologies
Jan Hlinka	President	Present
Lasse Lehtokangas	Vice-President	Present
Richard Dowling	Secretary	Present
Svend-Mandel Hansen	Treasurer	Present
Marco Paladino	Ordinary Member	Present
Andreas Krueckeberg	Ordinary Member	Present
	Ordinary Member	Vacancy
Theo de Goeijen	Co-Opted Member	Present
Mick O'Hanlon	Meeting Host	Present

Annex 2

Update on Action Points Taken Forward from Previous Meeting(s)

AP	BY	ACTION POINT
		From Annual General Meeting of 01 October 2010
09/11	ALL	Representatives having information about how ECSA contacts have benefitted member state administrations to send this to JH.
		<i>Ongoing.</i>
		From Annual General Meeting of 11 October 2013
01/14	AK	AK to explore the possibility of a solo German or a joint German-Dutch sniffer dog competition.
		<i>Ongoing.</i>
11/14	AK	AK and MP to get quotes for ECSA lanyards.
		<i>Discharged, see agenda item 7.</i>
		From Executive Committee meeting of 30 May 2014
30/14	JH	JH to contact Austria to confirm the Customs Fit Check dates.
		<i>Ongoing, JH to be advised by Andreas Lerchner.</i>
		From Annual General Meeting of 10 October 2014
01/15	JH	JH to approach Isobel Maltby of TAXUD for help identifying possible sources of funding for the sniffer dog competition.
		<i>Ongoing, JH seeing Isobel Maltby in Brussels at the end of May.</i>
02/15	TdG	TdG to produce a set of standard rules for the shooting competition, in consultation with AR and AK and in time for the next EC meeting.
		<i>Discharged.</i>
03/15	JK	Janne Kallio to send the EC a short report before each meeting outlining what he thinks needs attention on the website.
		<i>Ongoing.</i>
04/15	JH	JH to establish whether Czech Customs can produce the new leaflet for free.
		<i>Discharged, Czech Customs can but only if quantity is less than 1,000 per annum</i>
05/15	RD	RD to send copies of all written reports to LL for inclusion on the website.
		<i>Discharged 13/10/2014.</i>

Annex 3

Events & Meetings in 2015

Activity	Date	Member State	Comments
EC meeting	06 February	Ireland	Dublin
Skiing	01 - 08 March	Italy	Nr Trento
Table Tennis	Mid-May	Poland	Swider
Running	31 May	Belgium	Brussels
EC meeting	26 June	Lithuania	Vilnius
Shooting	25 - 26 June	Lithuania	Vilnius
Walking	21 - 25 July	Netherlands	Nijmegen
Running	04 - 06 September	Czech Republic	10K & 1 mile
<i>Cycling</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>	
Tenpin bowling	<i>11 or 18 September</i>	United Kingdom	London
AGM	<i>02 October</i>	<i>Netherlands</i>	<i>Amsterdam</i>
Marathon	03 - 04 October	Kosice	Slovakia
Running	16 October	France	Cisoin
Volleyball	Mid-November	Hungary	Szolnok

Note

Activities in *italics* are not yet confirmed.

Annex 4

Events & Meetings in 2016

Activity	Date	Member State	Comments
<i>EC meeting</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>Austria</i>	<i>Vienna</i>
Skiing	February or March	Italy	
<i>Running</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>Bonn</i>
<i>Golf</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>Italy</i>	
Football	May	France	Rheims
Table Tennis	Mid-May	Poland	Swider
Running	29 May	Belgium	Brussels
EC meeting	03 June	Denmark	Copenhagen
Shooting	June	Hungary	Budapest
Walking	19 - 22 July	Netherlands	Nijmegen
Running	Early September	Czech Republic	10K & 1 mile
Cycling	September	United Kingdom	
AGM	Early October	Poland	Krakow
Marathon	Early October	Budapest	Hungary
Running	October	France	La Sauldre

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Record of Action Points taken forward

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