



**Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of
Friday 17 June 2016
in Nicosia, Cyprus**

For a list of those present and those sending apologies, see Annex 1.

Minutes: Richard Dowling (Secretary)

(1) Opening Remarks

JH opened the meeting and thanked Cyprus for hosting.

(2) Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the EC meeting of 19 February 2016 were agreed as a true and fair record.

(3) Matters Arising

Action Point 03/16: JH reported that MP had advised that some actions would need to be undertaken to safeguard our logo and that MP will report on these at the AGM.

Action Point 17/16: RD to put logo protection on the agenda of the AGM.

Action Point 04/16: JH reported that he had not received any ideas for new events. Following a discussion, it was agreed to undertake some brainstorming at the AGM.

Action Point 18/16: RD to put brainstorming of ideas for new events on the agenda of the AGM.

Action Point 13/16: MP having circulated the design of a 25th anniversary mug, the meeting agreed that it should be a white mug, with the website address being vertical and the wording at the bottom of the flag being '25th Anniversary 1992 - 2017'.

Action Point 19/16: JH to contact MP to ask him to order 60 mugs on a budget of up to €350.

See Annex 2 for an update on all action points.

(4) Treasurer's Report

SMH issued his report. The Association has €15,609.12 in the bank account. The meeting thanked SMH for the clear financial documentation and the healthy bank balance.

(5) Communications

LL updated the meeting on the website. He said that JK was asking for feedback on the website layout and also for Member States that had not updated their information to do so. LL said that he hoped that KJ would be able to attend the AGM.

JH commented that the website seemed more stable now. A discussion took place about how ideas for improved communications could be generated at the AGM, perhaps by brainstorming.

(6) ECSA Fitness Day

SMH outlined his paper on the proposed ECSA Fitness Day. The idea was approved, with the event to be a Fitness Week, perhaps in early September. SMH will amend his paper to reflect this. It was agreed to have a brainstorming session at the AGM, to generate ideas on how the concept could be applied in individual Member States. There could, perhaps, be a prize for the photograph from the Member State events best exemplifying the spirit of ECSA.

(7) Calendar

2016

Events and meetings were confirmed for 2016; see Annex 3.

Action Point 20/16: JH to liaise with Hungary regarding a possible basketball event in 2016.

Events and meetings were agreed for 2017; see Annex 4.

It was agreed to designate the Nijmegen Marches, the Fitness Week and the Volleyball as 25th anniversary flagship events.

(8) Any Other Business

The EC agreed that it was content for SMH to stand for re-election as Treasurer and for JH to stand for re-election as President. TdG will propose this to the AGM.

LL advised that he would be retiring from Finnish Customs on 01 December 2016. His successor as chairman of Finnish Customs Sports will be elected in mid-February and that person will be the new Finnish delegate to the Association.

JH advised that the new Turkish delegate to the Association is Talip Engin Kaya, who will be at the AGM.

JH thanked TdG for arranging for flowers to be presented to Rita de Wolf on the occasion of her retirement from Belgian Customs.

JH thanked PL for bringing the polo shirts to the meeting. It was agreed that event organisers should wear them at events, so that participants know who can help them.

The meeting discussed SMH's paper on revising the rules for subventions. It was agreed that we wished to be more pro-active in encouraging Member States to apply for subventions, that we wished to be more flexible in granting subventions and that we wished to encourage both new events and Member States hosting their first events. However, the granting of subventions would always have to be subject to the availability of finance and would have to bring clear, stated benefits for the Association. Applications for subventions should be submitted in good time before the spring EC meeting, on a standard template.

Action Point 21/16: SMH to revise his subventions paper, including the incorporation of a standard template for applications.

The meeting discussed the next Customs DG Club meeting (due to take place in May 2017) and what we should cover in a presentation to the meeting.

JH and others who had been present updated the meeting on aspects of the recent football tournament and the ongoing dialogue with the hosts.

Action Point 22/16: JH to work up a draft DG Club presentation, for the next EC meeting.

Arrangements for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the EC meeting to prepare for the Annual General Meeting and this will take place in Krakow, Poland on Thursday 20 October 2016. The Annual General Meeting will then follow on Friday 21 October in Krakow, Poland.

**RICHARD DOWLING
SECRETARY
04 JULY 2016**

Annex 1

Persons present and apologies received

Name	Role	Present/Apologies
Jan Hlinka (JH)	President	Present
Andreas Krueckeberg (AK)	Vice-President	Present
Richard Dowling (RD)	Secretary	Present
Svend-Mandel Hansen (SMH)	Treasurer	Present
Marco Paladino (MP)	Ordinary Member	Apologies
Theo de Goeijen (TdG)	Ordinary Member	Present
Palle Lundborg	Ordinary Member	Present
Lasse Lehtokangas (LL)	Past Officer	Present

Annex 2

Update on action points 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 09 October 2015
03/16	MP	MP to investigate what measures, if any, might be necessary to protect our logo.
		<i>Discharged, MP will discuss at the AGM.</i>
04/16	JH	JH to write round Member States seeking ideas for new events.
		<i>Ongoing, JH will write out two weeks before the AGM and advise that brainstorming will take place at the AGM.</i>
07/16	DK	DK to dig out pictures of ECSA events over the years for possible use in an ECSA 25th anniversary calendar.
		<i>Ongoing, JH will chase up DK.</i>
		From meeting of 19 February 2016
09/16	JH	JH to write to France informing them that their request for a subvention had been declined.
		<i>Discharged, no subsequent comments from France.</i>
10/16	SM H	SMH to draft guidelines for the granting of subventions.
		<i>Discharged 06/06/2016, paper issued.</i>
11/16	JH	JH to make arrangements for an ECSA stall at the WCO International Customs Day in Brussels.
		<i>Discharged, stall to be in place on 26/01/2017.</i>
12/16	TdG	TdG to order 1,500 more pens immediately after 01/09/2016.
		<i>Ongoing.</i>
13/16	JH	JH to ask MP to produce a design for the 25th anniversary mugs, the design them to be circulated.
		<i>Discharged, MP circulated design.</i>
14/16	JH	JH to arrange the location of the winter 2017 EC meeting.
		<i>Discharged, Brussels on 27/01/2017, otherwise Gothenburg on another date, at least two weeks earlier or two weeks later.</i>
15/16	JH	JH to ask Hungary if it can host the 2017 shooting.
		<i>Discharged, Hungary considering or possibly Germany in 2018.</i>
16/16	RD	RD to put the topic of an ECSA Fitness Day on the agenda for the next EC meeting.
		<i>Discharged 19/02/2016.</i>

Annex 3

Events & Meetings in 2016

Activity	Date	Member State	Comments
EC meeting	19 February	United Kingdom	Bournemouth
Skiing	28/02 - 06/03	Italy	Gressoney, Aosta
Table Tennis	12 - 15/05	Poland	Swider
Football	19 - 21/05	France	Taissy, Reims
Running	29 May	Belgium	Brussels
EC meeting	17 June	Cyprus	Nicosia
Walking	19 - 22 July	Netherlands	Nijmegen
Running	02 - 04/09	Czech Republic	10K & 1 mile
Golf	19 - 23/09	Italy	Rome
Cycling	23 September	United Kingdom	Derbyshire
Marathon	09 October	Hungary	Budapest
AGM	21 October	Poland	Cracow
<i>Running</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>La Sauldre</i>
Basketball	24 - 27 November	Hungary	

Note

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Annex 4

Events & Meetings in 2017

Activity	Date	Member State	Comments
WCO Day	26 January	Belgium	Brussels
<i>EC meeting</i>	<i>27 January</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>Brussels</i>
Skiing	Feb/March	Italy	
Tenpin Bowling	March/April	Sweden	Gothenburg
Table Tennis	Mid-May	Poland	Swider
EC meeting	<i>16 June</i>	Croatia or Denmark	
Running	28 May	Belgium	Brussels
<i>Running</i>	<i>May/June</i>	<i>France</i>	
<i>Fit Check</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>Austria</i>	
<i>Shooting</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>Hungary</i>	Budapest
Walking	18 - 21 July	Netherlands	Nijmegen
Running	01 - 03/09	Czech Republic	10K & 1 mile
Cycling	September	United Kingdom	
<i>AGM</i>	<i>13 October?</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>Bordeaux</i>
Marathon	Early October	Slovakia	Kosice
Volleyball	November	Germany	Cologne

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Action Points Taken Forward

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