



**Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of
Friday 27 January 2017
in Oslo, Norway**

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

Minutes: Richard Dowling (Secretary)

(1) Opening Remarks

JH opened the meeting, commended the Executive Committee (EC) for the full turnout and thanked Norwegian Customs, the Director of the Customs Museum and BG for hosting. He also looked forward to the floorball tournament the next day.

(2) Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the EC meeting of 17 June 2016 were agreed as a true and fair record.

The minutes of the EC meeting of 20 October 2016 were agreed as a true and fair record. It was also agreed that the pre-Annual General Meeting (AGM) EC preparatory meeting had made an effective contribution to management of the AGM the following day and so should be repeated prior to future AGMs.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 21 October 2016 were noted. JH added that Mr Chrobak of Polish Customs had written to him following the AGM thanking the Association for its support for the Polish Customs officer injured in the attack on Brussels airport.

(3) Matters Arising

For updates on outstanding action points, see Annex 2.

Action Point 09/11: PL said that a contact that he had facilitated between a colleague and Nora Kačániová in Slovakia had helped with a carousel fraud.

AK said that he was going to be interviewed about ECSA for a magazine article in German Customs.

RD suggested that ECSA representatives could perhaps share brief information about their day jobs in order to facilitate work contacts. It was agreed to start this with EC members.

Action Point 02/17: JH to initiate gathering of information about the day jobs of EC members.

(4) Treasurer's Report

SMH issued his report. The Association had €13,686.65 in the bank account as at 07 January 2017. Fourteen countries had paid their 2017 subscriptions as at 07 January, Norway paid shortly thereafter. SMH said that Turkey had just asked him about the possibility of paying by Western Union, due to bank transfer costs.

(5) Review of Small Group Work at Annual General Meeting

Ideas for new events

The ideas put forward at the AGM were reviewed. Noting that many of them were for individuals rather than teams, TdG said that we shouldn't lose sight of the value of team events such as football and volleyball.

Action Point 03/17: JH to write to Member States seeking to generate interest in them hosting some of the new events discussed at the AGM.

New ideas for the website

The meeting thanked Andrea Scott-Lewis of the United Kingdom for sending out quarterly reminders to Member States to update their web pages and agreed that it wished her to continue to do this.

At RD's suggestion, the meeting agreed to establish a Communications Group consisting of MP, PL and Janne Kallio, to progress the ideas discussed at the AGM. It was agreed that this group should meet once a month, by video or tele-conference, in order to generate some momentum behind those ideas being taken forward.

ECSA Fitness Week

See item 7.

(6) Communications

DG Club presentation

MP showed the meeting the draft DG Club presentation on which JH had worked with him. The meeting discussed various aspects of this and MP made drafting changes accordingly. The meeting then approved the presentation and indicated that it was content for JH and MP to make any further minor adjustments that might be required.

Logos

The meeting approved the 25th anniversary and classic logos. It agreed that these could be issued to Member States as required.

(7) ECSA Fitness Week

The meeting discussed this. SMH said that the event needed publicising now and all Member States representatives needed to be told how to upload pictures from it.

Action Point 04/17: PL to establish a standard method for uploading pictures from the ECSA Fitness Week.

Action Point 05/17: JH to write to all Member States publicising ECSA Fitness Week.

Action Point 06/17: Janne Kallio to publicise ECSA Fitness Week on the website.

It was agreed to have a photography competition for the Fitness Week. Participants should submit their photographs to their Member State representative, the representative selects the best three and send these on to the Association and the Association will select the best three overall. There will be a €100 prize for the best picture, with a mug and gadgets for second place and gadgets for the third placed entry.

(8) Calendar

2017

Events and meetings were confirmed for 2017; see Annex 3.

2018

Events and meetings were confirmed for 2018; see Annex 4.

(9) Any Other Business

The meeting noted the fact that MP's term of office would be ending this year and that he was not eligible for re-election. Given the increasing levels of communications work being dealt with by the EC, it was agreed to consider co-opting MP back onto the EC to handle communications.

The meeting noted the fact that RD's term of office would be ending this year and that he was not eligible for re-election. AK said that all agreed that a native English speaker should hold the Secretary post. However, RD said firstly that in his view it was not desirable that other Member States should not be able to put forward candidates for the Secretary role and secondly that if a native English speaker was only considered for the Secretary role, this would in practice mean that he or she could not put themselves forward for other Officer roles.

It was agreed that the EC should be periodically refreshed with new members.

Action Point 07/17: JH to write round the member States seeking expressions of interest in serving on the EC.

TdG advised that there were problems with the website for registering people for the 4 Days Marches but that the organizers were working around these and provided they had people's E-mail addresses all would be well.

AK updated the meeting on the organization of the volleyball event in November. The end of July will be the deadline for confirmed entries (the hotel needing to be paid three months beforehand). AK said that he would be sending out further information on the event in due course. Part teams will be welcome, composite teams being allowed.

SMH said that he was moving to the Ministry of Taxation the following week and would provide his new E-mail address in due course.

JH thanked BG again for everything he had done in organizing the meeting and looked forward to dinner at BG's home that evening.

Arrangements for Next Meeting

The arrangements for the next meeting will be advised in due course.

The meeting concluded at 3.50pm.

RICHARD DOWLING

Secretary

31 January 2017

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	Present
Theo de Goeijen (TdG)	Ordinary Member	Present
Palle Lundborg	Ordinary Member	Present
Bjorn Granli	Host	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
07/16	DK	DK to dig out pictures of ECSA events over the years for possible use in an ECSA 25th anniversary calendar.
		<i>Void.</i>
		From Executive Committee meeting of 17 June 2016
22/16	JH	JH to work up draft DG Club presentation, for the next EC meeting.
		<i>Discharged, presented to meeting.</i>
		From Annual General Meeting of 21 October 2016
01/17	SM H	SMH to investigate the possibility of Denmark hosting the 2017 Annual General Meeting if France cannot do so.
		<i>Void.</i>

Annex 3

Events & Meetings in 2017

Activity	Date	Member State	Comments
EC meeting	27 January	Oslo	Norway
Skiing	04 - 11 March	Italy	Pinzolo
Urban Trail	30 April	Luxembourg	Luxembourg
Mountain Biking	19 May	United Kingdom	Matlock
Table Tennis	Mid-May	Poland	Swider
Running	28 May	Belgium	Brussels
<i>Shooting</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>Hungary</i>	Budapest
EC meeting	16 June	<i>UK or Denmark</i>	B'mouth or C'hagen
Walking	18 - 21 July	Netherlands	Nijmegen
Running	01 - 03/09	Czech Republic	10K & 1 mile
Fitness Week	04 - 08/09	All	
Road Cycling	22 September	United Kingdom	Stansted, Essex
Tenpin Bowling	Sept/Oct	Sweden	Gothenburg
AGM	20 October	France	Bordeaux
Marathon	08 October	Slovakia	Kosice
Volleyball	02/11 - 05/11	Germany	Cologne

Note

Activities in *italics* are not yet confirmed.

Annex 4

Events & Meetings in 2018

Activity	Date	Member State	Comments
EC meeting	Jan/Feb		
Skiing	Feb/March	Italy	
Pool	18 - 20 April	Malta	
Table Tennis	Mid-May	Poland	Swider
Mountain Biking	May	United Kingdom	
<i>Football</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Luxembourg</i>	
Running	27 May	Belgium	Brussels
EC meeting	<i>June</i>	Sweden	Gothenburg
<i>Walking</i>	<i>Mid-July</i>	<i>Netherlands</i>	<i>Nijmegen</i>
Fitness Week	1st Week Sept	All	
Running	07 - 09/09	Czech Republic	10K & 1 mile
<i>Golf</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>Austria</i>	
Sniffer Dogs	September	Austria	
Road Cycling	21 September	United Kingdom	Kent
AGM	Sept/early Oct	Germany	Cologne or Hamburg
Marathon	Early October	Hungary	Budapest
Swimming	October	United Kingdom	Corby
Streetball	November	<i>Hungary</i>	

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Annex 5

Action Points Taken Forward

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		From meeting of 27 January 2017
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