



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Friday 09 October 2015 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Present: See Annex 1.

Minutes: Richard Dowling (Secretary)

Apologies for absence: See Annex 1.

(1) Opening Remarks

Mr Van Der Brugge, representing the Director-General of Dutch Customs, welcomed delegates to the meeting.

The President thanked Mr Van Der Brugge for his welcome and also thanked those present for attending, along with their administrations for supporting them in doing so.

The President advised that Croatia is interested in joining the Association and that he had also made contact with Portuguese Customs.

The President advised that our presentation at the DG Club meeting in Bratislava in May had been well received. He also said that he had recently

attended the Kosice Marathon where he had met with the Slovak DG who had expressed his support for the Association.

The President thanked those present for their work for the Association during the year.

(2) Approval of the Agenda

The meeting approved the agenda.

(3) Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Annual General Meeting 2014

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10 October 2014 were agreed as a true and fair record.

Executive Committee Meeting 06 February 2015

The minutes of this meeting were noted.

Executive Committee Meeting 24 & 25 June 2015

The minutes of this meeting were noted.

Palle Lundborg asked why the minutes of this meeting noted that only serving officers could be allowed to attend events; Theo De Goeijen explained the issues that had arisen at the Nijmegen Marches with older walkers finding the event difficult. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that there should be no blanket ban on retired officers taking part in events and that it should be left to the organiser of each event as to who could and could not take part. It was further agreed that all entries to events should come through the appropriate Member State representative, organisers advising representatives when they received entries direct. It was also agreed that event publicity should state that people interested in participating should advise their country's ECSA representative. To discourage direct entries, it was lastly agreed that entry forms for events should not be put on the website.

(4) Matters Arising

Action Point 09/11

The Secretary and the President reminded delegates of the importance of updating them when ECSA contacts had assisted the work of their administrations. Palle Lundborg gave an example of an exchange of information concerning inoculations for Customs officers involved in the migrant crisis. Rita de Wolf gave an example of Lithuanian Customs contacting her to obtain a contact to deal with a case. Andreas Krueckeberg said that he had referred Daniel Koener to a contact who had helped him establish the true origin of imported caviar in a mis-description case.

See Annex 2 for an update on all action points.

(5) Treasurer's Report & Annual Accounts 2014 - 2015

The Treasurer presented the accounts for 2014 - 2015, copies of which had been issued to delegates beforehand; see Annex 3. He talked briefly about the accounts and it was confirmed that they had been approved by the auditors. He advised that since the accounting period had ended, €1,745 had been paid for lanyards and €85 for website expenses. We now had six roll-up banners.

The meeting formally approved the accounts.

The Treasurer presented the budget for 2015 - 2016. It was explained that subventions were financial assistance for Member States hosting events for the first time. See Annex 4 for the budget.

(6) Communications

Janne Kallio updated the meeting on developments with the website, including the impending move of the server from Belgium to Finland.

The Vice-President reminded delegates of the importance of supplying accurate and timely results of events to Janne, along with a short report of the event mentioning how many people had participated from how many countries.

It was agreed that we should have as much of the historical record of the Association as possible on the website.

Action Point 01/16: RdW to get out copies of the minutes of old ECSA meetings, scan them into PDF format and send them to JK for inclusion on the website.

It was agreed that the promotional leaflet needed to be on the website.

It was agreed that a link or the videoclip should be on the website.

Action Point 02/16: MP to send the PDF of the promotional leaflet to JK.

It was agreed that it was important for Member States to regularly refresh their home pages on the website.

The meeting thanked Janne for his work on the website.

(7) Promotional Activities

The question of whether or not to have an online shop was discussed but no firm conclusion was reached. If there was such a shop, suggestions for possible items included polo shirts (of a different colour than the ones given to organisers), baseball caps, various kinds of jackets, sports towels, compact mirrors and iron-on badges.

The question of whether it was necessary to register our logo in order to protect it was raised.

Action point 03/16: MP to investigate what measures, if any, might be necessary to protect our logo.

(8) Reports from Member States

Belgium

Brief comments were made on the written report. There will be a new Director-General on 01 January 2016.

France

Vincent Caru outlined French participation in events and their upcoming hosting of the football, saying that 8 men's teams and 4 women's teams (including the hosts) would be the maximum levels of participation.

Norway

Brief comments were made on the written report. Norway will be happy to host an EC meeting in 2016 or 2017.

United Kingdom

Brief comments were made on the written report. The United Kingdom will be happy to host an EC meeting in 2016 or 2017.

Hungary

Brief comments were made on the written report. It is not yet certain whether Hungary can host the shooting in 2016., due to the upcoming re-organisation of their administration.

Latvia

Brief comments were made on the written report. Latvia is hopeful of greater participation in events in 2016.

Netherlands

Brief comments were made on the written report. The cyclists who attended the UK cycling competition were very enthusiastic about the event.

Luxembourg

Brief comments were made on the written report. Participation in events has been limited due to the size of the administration.

Germany

Brief comments were made on the written report. Germany can organise the volleyball tournament in 2017, at Mulheim at the Ruhr (Dusseldorf is the nearest airport). It might also be able to organise a running event in Freiburg in July 2016.

Czech Republic

Brief comments were made on the written report. Participants at the recent running event in the Czech Republic had all represented their Member States very well.

Finland

Brief comments were made on the written report.

Denmark

Some participation in events is hoped for in 2016.

Italy

Brief comments were made on the written report. Italy will be happy to host skiing in February/March 2016 and the golf championship in September 2016.

Sweden

Brief comments were made on the written report.

Ireland

The Secretary summarised Ireland's written report.

Poland

The Secretary summarised Poland's written report.

(9) Calendar

2016

Events and meetings were agreed for 2016; see Annex 5.

2017

Events and meetings were agreed for 2017; see Annex 6.

Palle Lundborg encouraged Member States to put forward new ideas for events, some perhaps involving less of a competitive element.

Action Point 04/16: JH to write round all Member States seeking ideas for new events.

Action Point 05/16: ASL to see if the United Kingdom could include an ECSA tournament in its darts event.

(10) ECSA 25th Anniversary (2017)

Marco Paladino presented a paper with ideas to mark the anniversary. These included:

- A new leaflet;
- A letter to DGs;
- Collaboration with and/or the support of TAXUD;
- Collaboration with OLAF, the European office of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the European Network for the Promotion of Health-Enhancing Activity (HEPA);
- Having a stand at the EU Day in May;
- A 25th anniversary poster for use at the stand;
- A 25th anniversary video clip;
- Insertion of the words '25th Anniversary 1992 - 2017' underneath the logo.

ASL suggested recording interviews with the delegates who founded ECSA in 1992, especially those who were still alive.

Action Point 06/16: SMH to send JH and RD a scanned copy of the minutes of the founding meeting of the Association.

Action Point 07/16: DK to dig out pictures of ECSA events over the years for possible use in an ECSA 25th anniversary calendar.

Action Point 08/16: RD to put the 25th anniversary on the agenda for the next EC meeting.

(11) Elections

Lasse Lehtokangas made some brief remarks at the conclusion of his tenure as Vice-President and said that he was sure that Andreas Krueckeberg would have lots of good ideas to take the Association forward. Andreas Krueckeberg was declared as having been elected as Vice-President and then made some brief

remarks reflecting on his involvement with his ECSA 'family'. He thanked Lasse for his work as Vice-President.

The President explained the procedure for filling the two vacancies as Ordinary members of the Executive Committee. Janne Kallio and Richard Dowling acted as tellers. Theo de Goeijen and Palle Lundborg were elected as Ordinary Members of the Executive Committee.

(12) Any Other Business

The draw for the volleyball tournament in Hungary in November was made. All Member States taking part in the tournament were asked to supply their team's travel details to Barnabás Sik as soon as possible.

The Secretary advised the meeting about the United Kingdom's recently established National Imports Taskforce dealing with the mass under-valuation and/or mis-description of imports. Daniel Koener said that the World Customs Organisation was concerned about this and promised to send the Secretary some details.

Rita de Wolf advised of the incoming Belgian DG.

Lasse Lehtokangas advised that Finnish Customs would be re-organised in 2017, with some 250 - 300 people moving to the taxation department. The same change will occur in Norway.

The President thanked Theo de Goeijen for organising the AGM.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.33pm.

RICHARD DOWLING
SECRETARY
13 OCTOBER 2015

Annex 1

Persons present and apologies received

Country	Name	Role	Present/Apologies
Austria	Andreas Lerchner		Apologies
Belgium	Rita de Wolf		Present
Czech Republic	Jan Hlinka	President	Present
Cyprus	Aleka Palekythritou		Apologies
Denmark	Svend-Mandel Hansen	Treasurer	Present
Finland	Lasse Lehtokangas	Vice-President	Present
France	Vincent Caru		Present
Germany	Andreas Krueckeberg	EC member	Present
Hungary	Barnabás Sik		Present
Ireland	Mick O'Hanlon		Apologies
Italy	Marco Paldino	EC member	Present
Latvia	Agate Mellere		Present
Lithuania	Alonas Ritvas		Apologies
Luxembourg	Daniel Koener		Present
Malta	Eamon Bugeja		Apologies
Netherlands	Theo de Goeijen		Present
Norway	Jostein Hagen		Present
Poland	Anetta Janda		Apologies
Slovakia	Nora Kačániová		Apologies
Sweden	Palle Lundborg		Present
Turkey	Mutlu Akman		Apologies
United Kingdom	Andrea Scott-Lewis		Present
	Richard Dowling	Secretary	Present
TAXUD	Isobel Maltby	Observer	Absent

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, standing action point.</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>
		From EC meeting of 24/25 June 2015
15/15	TdG /RD /LL	TdG, RD and LL to produce as comprehensive as possible a list of all events and meetings back to 1992 and send to JK. <i>Discharged 29/06/2015.</i>
16/15	RD/ JH	RD and JH to send JK copies of all minutes prior to the 2011 AGM as well as copies of old constitutions and rules. <i>Discharged 29/06/2015.</i>
17/15	JH	JH to write out to all Member States asking them to check and update their web pages. <i>Discharged 15/07/2015, JK will update when information received.</i>
18/15	JK	JK to move the website provider to one in Finland. <i>Ongoing, the move of the website is in progress.</i>
19/15	TdG	TdG to inform the current website provider that we will be moving the website by 31 December 2015. <i>Discharged 08/07/2015.</i>
20/15	JH	JH to obtain essential information about the website from JK so that it can still be run if JK is unavailable. <i>Ongoing.</i>

21/15	TdG	TdG to get quotes for ECSA coffee mugs. <i>Discharged 08/07/2015, exact quote not possible unless order also made, guide price €2.50 to €3.50 per unit for 500 mugs.</i>
22/15	MP	MP to order 2,000 lanyards. <i>Discharged, lanyards received.</i>
23/15	RD	RD to put ECSA online shop on the agenda for the AGM. <i>Discharged 29/06/2015.</i>
24/15	JH	JH to write to all Member States asking if they will be attending the AGM and, if so, whether would delegates be bringing their partners. <i>Discharged 14/07/2015.</i>
25/15	TdG	TdG to write to Vincent Caru stating that he cannot send runners to the French running event without a formal invitation. <i>Discharged 08/07/2015.</i>
26/15	JH	JH to get Bernie Sik to invite expressions of interest for men's and women's competitions at the volleyball tournament, in addition to the mixed event. <i>Discharged 15/07/2015, event will feature men's women's and mixed matches.</i>
27/15	JH	JH to see if Turkey will enter a team or teams in the volleyball tournament. <i>Discharged 15/07/2015, Turkey will not be able to participate.</i>
28/15	MP	MP to advise JH and Bernie Sik if Italy can participate in the volleyball tournament. <i>Discharged 10/07/2015, Italy will be sending a mixed team.</i>
29/15	MP	MP to see if France can participate in the volleyball tournament. <i>Discharged, France is not able to participate.</i>
30/15	JH	JH to write to Slovakia and Austria to see if either of them can host the January 2016 EC meeting. <i>Discharged 15/07/2015, no answer yet.</i>
31/15	RD	RD to add ideas for marking ECSA's 25th anniversary to the agenda for the AGM. <i>Discharged 29/06/2015.</i>

Annex 3

Annual Accounts 2014 - 2015

Income	€	€	Budget €
Subscriptions		3,450.00	3,300.00
Expenditure			
Web-site, hosting	50.82		70.00
Bank costs	73.71		50.00
Leaflets	150.00		150.00
Promotional items (Roll-up banner + pens)	2,144.97		1,000.00
Poloshirts	2,149.00		2,500.00
Subventions			1,500.00
Miscellaneous			300.00
		<u>(4,568.50)</u>	5,570.00
Deficit		(1,268.50)	
Bank balance 01/10/2014		15,470.19	
Deficit		<u>(1,268.50)</u>	
Bank balance 30/09/2015		14,201.69	

Notes to the accounts

- (1) The EC decided at the meeting in February to increase the budget for promotional items from €1,000 to €2,000 and at the meeting in June to order 2,000 lanyards at a price around €1,750 including samples (the invoice has not yet been received).

01/10/2015

08/10/2015

08/10/2015

Svend Mandel

Barnabás Sik

Palle Lundborg

Treasurer, ECSA

Auditor

Auditor

Annex 4

Budget for 2015 - 2016

Income	€	€
Subscriptions		3,300.00
Expenditure		
Website (hosting)	90.00	
Bank costs	75.00	
Promotional items	2,500.00	
Subventions	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>300.00</u>	
		<u>(3,965.00)</u>
Estimated balance 30 Sept 2016		(665.00)

Svend Mandel
Treasurer, ECSA

Annex 5

Events & Meetings in 2016

Activity	Date	Member State	Comments
<i>EC meeting</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>Austria</i>	<i>Salzburg - UK back-up</i>
Skiing	28/02 - 06/03	Italy	Gressoney, Aosta
Football	19 - 21/05	France	Taissy, Reims
Table Tennis	Mid-May	Poland	Swider
Running	29 May	Belgium	Brussels
Running	May/June	France	La Sauldre
EC meeting	03 June	Denmark	Copenhagen
<i>Shooting</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>Hungary</i>	<i>Budapest</i>
Walking	19 - 22 July	Netherlands	Nijmegen
Running	02 - 04/09	Czech Republic	10K & 1 mile
Golf	19 - 23/09	Italy	Rome
Cycling	September	United Kingdom	North Midlands
AGM	Early October	Poland	Cracow
Marathon	07 October	Hungary	Budapest
Running	October	France	La Sauldre

Note

Activities in *italics* are not yet confirmed.

Annex 6

Events & Meetings in 2017

Activity	Date	Member State	Comments
<i>EC meeting</i>	<i>Late Jan/early Feb</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>Bournemouth</i>
Skiing	Late Feb/early Mar	Italy	
Tenpin Bowling	March/April	Sweden	
Table Tennis	Mid-May	Poland	Swider
EC meeting	<i>18 May</i>	Norway	Oslo
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>		
Walking	18 - 21 July	Netherlands	Nijmegen
Running	01 - 03/09	Czech Republic	10K & 1 mile
<i>Cycling</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>	
<i>AGM</i>	<i>Late Sept/early Oct</i>	<i>Luxembourg</i>	<i>Luxembourg</i>
Marathon	Early October	Slovakia	Kosice
Volleyball	November	Germany	Mulheim

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Annex 7

Record of Action Points taken forward

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		From Annual General Meeting of 01 October 2010
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01/14	AK	AK to explore the possibility of a solo German or a joint German-Dutch sniffer dog competition.
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18/15	JK	JK to move the website provider to one in Finland.
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02/16	MP	MP to send the PDF of the promotional leaflet to JK.
03/16	MP	MP to investigate what measures, if any, might be necessary to protect our logo.
04/16	JH	JH to write round all Member States seeking ideas for new events.
05/16	AS L	ASL to see if the United Kingdom could include an ECSA tournament in its darts event.
06/16	SM H	SMH to send JH and RD a scanned copy of the minutes of the founding meeting of the Association.
07/16	DK	DK to dig out pictures of ECSA events over the years for possible use in an ECSA 25th anniversary calendar.
08/16	RD	RD to put the 25th anniversary on the agenda for the next EC meeting.