

MINUTES OF THE 1998 AGM OF
THE EUROPEAN CUSTOMS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Date: 11 September 1998 in Dublin

Present:	Chairman	-	Billy Robb	GB
	Treasurer	-	Mick O'Hanlon	IRL
	Executive Committee	-	Hakan Brandorf	S
		-	Tommi Kivilaakso	FIN
	Delegates	-	Vincent Van Immerzeel	B
		-	Jan Skalicky	CR
		-	Svend Hansen	DK
		-	Laszlo Koph	H
		-	Giampiero Piacentini	I
		-	John Maas	NL
	Observers	-	Bas van den Broek	NL
		-	Pietro Ariodante	I
		-	Per Hellman	S
	Non-attendees	-	France and Luxembourg	
-		The European Commission		

1. **Apologies**

The French delegate had to return home for emergency domestic reasons.

2. **Chairman's remarks**

A warm welcome was given to all those present and our thanks to the Revenue Commissioners for hosting our AGM and the invite to the Lupton Cup Dinner the previous evening.

Jan Skalicky from the Czech Republic was especially welcomed as they were a new member to ECSA.

A summary of the previous committee meetings in Southend and The Netherlands was given.

3. The 1997 AGM minutes were accepted.

4. **The Treasurer's report and accounts**

This was accepted and Mick thanked for his efforts.

5. **Subscription Rates 1998 - 1999**

~~The meeting agreed that they remain at £40 to join and £20 annual subscription.~~

6. **Sporting events for the year ended 30 September 1998**

This was discussed.

7. **Sporting events for the year ending 30 September 1999**

This was also discussed.

8. **Police and Fire World Games**

The meeting broke for a presentation from the Swedish Director and Sergeant McBride of the Irish Garda on the above subject.

9. **Nominations and election of EC members**

The following were elected,

Chairman	Billy Robb	GB
Treasurer	Mick O'Hanlon	IRL
Members	Tommi Kivilaakso	FIN
	Giampiero Piacentini	I
	Laszlo Koph	H

10. **Motions for the AGM**

10.1 The meeting agreed that "The Constitution of ECSA be amended to allow the EC to appoint Vice Presidents for services rendered to ECSA. This will be an honorary position with no executive power".

Proposed by Billy Robb and seconded by Hakan Brandorf.

10.2 The meeting agreed to refer to the EC the following from Tommi Kivilaakso of Finland.

"We renew our wish that ECSA would organise a common international football match for its member countries, in one of those countries and would continue its efforts to gain possible sponsor support, eg from EU or some big companies, which are key customers of the European Customs".

11. **A.O.B.**

11.1 ~~A revision of the ECSA leaflet was agreed. Vincent van Immerzeel (B) volunteered to translate into German and issue to known German contacts.~~

11.2 The meeting agreed that each member's administration could use the ECSA logo on their letterheads if they so wished.

11.3 The meeting agreed the following ECSA colours award rules:

1. The event must be approved by the ECSA committee as suitable for making an award. (This rule may be interpreted in any way you want to promote awareness in ECSA amongst Customs and Tax officials).
2. The player must have participated in the event or the sport on three occasions at European level before being eligible for an award. And the award could be presented immediately after the three occasions.

11.4 The meeting agreed to appoint Bas van den Broek (NL) as a life vice president of ECSA for services rendered to European Sport by his administration and in particular the Customs involvement in the Nijmegen 4 day walk.

12. **Date and location of 1999 AGM**

Jan Skalicky invited us to Prague, Czech Republic. The meeting agreed this wholeheartedly.

There being no other business the AGM closed.