



## **MINUTES OF THE JJEU GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Scandic Star Hotel, Lund Sweden, 15.00 – 16.48

### **LIST OF PRESENT COUNTRIES AND DELEGATES:**

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Latvia (non-member, observer), Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine;  
- in attachment

### **1. Welcome of participants**

Mr. Stefan A. Badenski, Vice President, welcomed all the delegates and observers. Special welcome was given to the representatives of Latvia who just applied for the JJIF membership.

He mentioned that this is also the first time GA meets after that tragic loss of JJEU President Mr. Herbert Frese, who will be deeply missed. General Assembly honored Mr. Herbert Frese with one minute of silence.

Vice President gave the chair to Mr. Robert Perc, JJEU General Secretary (hereinafter referred to as "Chair").

### **2. Rights of vote**

Mr. Dario Quenza, JJEU Treasurer reported that there are 20 countries present at EC and 16 delegates are at the GA session..

**PROCEDURAL:** Chair recognized the quorum as expected by the Statutes. JJEU GA may continue and rule on every subject from the Agenda

### **3. Validation of the Minutes of the previous Assembly in Walldorf**

Chair displayed (ppt) and presented the minutes and the conclusions/decisions from GA Walldorf Germany which took session in May 31<sup>st</sup> 2013 at EC 2013. No extraordinary discussion was raised.

**DECISION 1:** Minutes of GA Walldorf 2013 and decision taken are accepted as they are.

### **4. Activity report 2013**

Chair presented activity report for 2013 and first quarter of 2014 (detailed report was published on the JJEU website) in general and related to the work of the Board.

Mr. Roel van Ravens, Referee Committee Director, presented activity report for the referees. Chair emphasises that at the moment JJEU has one committee (referees), other duties are distributed to special Commissioners.

Chair stress out the opportunity given by Champions League. Adriatic League in South division is working well for the third year. In France this year will start division West. The Board in encouraging

members to start cooperation with neighbour countries in order to establish strong Champions League all over the Europe.

Cooperation with Ju-jitsu Asian Union (JJAU) is in progress. Char gives a brief report about the visit of Mr Herbert Frese to JJAU in January 2014 and Mr Robert Perc in April 2014 – upon invitation from JJAU.

JJEU Sport Director was there also by the request of JJIF to evaluate organisation and whole event in the line of JJIF talks to come close with “Brazilian jiu-jitsu” in the future. He and his colleague had seen some interesting things, there are many common points, many belts, a lot of opportunity to learn, importance of trophies and medals, very good referee work, a lot of children, almost zero injuries.

## **5. Financial report 2013**

Financial Report for 2013 was presented by the Treasurer, Mr. Dario Quenza. Loss in the budget for 2013 is -12.508 € (as to the planned – 5.610 €). One of the main reasons is that there were not many big events in 2013, summer camp was cancelled and additionally JJEU supported champion’s league in 2013. Total assets are 49.104,78 €, liabilities 61.612,43 €.

Mr. Ronald Bartens (Germany) and Mr Tom Kempkens (The Netherlands) raised question on the amount of the income from ECC. The income is very low and not all organisers were identified as they paid obligations they should. JJEU Treasurer explained that some of payments are in the assets for 2014 as the payment was done after closing the 2013 account and chair explained the system of ECC. Events are usually well visited but special fee 10€ for ECC system is voluntary to pay... (seniors only).

As it looks ECC system has most likely lost interest from the members so Board is evaluating the system and its options (also in respect to qualified JJIF events, grand slams events etc...) to decide to continue or not or if some upgrades are needed.

## **6. Report from the auditors**

Mr. Gunnar Hoffsten gave a report in behalf of the Auditors Committee. Auditors recognized the loss as explained by the Treasurer with explanation. No irregularities were found, the figures are solid so they proposed that financial management and financial administration is approved and the Board discharged.

## **7. Approval of the accounts**

The Chair asked for discussion, no question was raised and the delegates applauded and by that report from the Auditors was accepted by acclamations. The Chair proposed to follow Auditors report and with anonymity it was accepted:

**DECISION 2:** GA is approving financial management of the JJEU and the financial administration of the JJEU Treasurer for the book year 2013.

**DECISION 3:** GA has accepted activity report for 2013 and first quarter of 2014.

**DECISION 4:** GA has discharged the Board for the year 2013.

## **8. Budget 2014-2015**

JJEU Treasure presented the budget 2014-2015. In 2014 balance is to be better as more big events in Europe will take place. Approved budget for 2014 was 26.050 €, the reviewed budget (already accepted by the Board) is 25.950,00 € (income) and 29.390,00 € (expenditure) with balance at 3.246,00 €.

Budget for 2015 is radically reduced on income and expenditure part also (by the experience from 2013) to income of 13.444,00 € and expenditure 22.390,00 € which gives a balance of -8.946,00 €. The fact is that some annual costs are more and less the same every year and fixed. If the need arise board will reallocate budget to projects not identified or in case that additional funds are found. The Chair asked for a discussion, no special was raised. GA accepted proposed budget with anonymity:

**DECISION 5:** GA is approving reviewed budget for 2014 in amount 25.950,00 € (income) and 29.390,00 € (expenditure) with balance at 3.246,00 €.

**DECISION 6:** GA is approving budget for 2015 with income of 13.444,00 € and expenditure 22.390,00 € which gives a balance of -8.946,00 €. Board is in charge of possible reallocation for projects with obligation to invest energy in additional funding.

## **9. Vote for the Auditors of the Accounting Committee for 2014**

Chair asked the GA to propose candidates for Accounting Committee for the year 2014. Only two candidatures were identified and accepted by acclamation.

**DECISION 7:** GA elected Mr Gunnar Hoffsten (Sweden) and Mr Rick Flowyn (The Netherlands) for Accounting Committee for 2014.

## **10. Activity plan for 2014 - 2016 and technical matters**

Related to needs of development and improving efficiency need arise to cover certain areas on which more time and energy should be invested: medical&anti-doping, media&marketing, cooperation with athletes, fair play&ethics... Detailed plan is published at the JJEU website.

Mr Tom Kempkens (The Netherlands) informed about project in motion for organisation of EC 2015 in the Netherlands. JJEU Board is supporting the candidature. Mr Rick Flowyn presented (ppt) the project and different aspects of possible organisation. The closer of the talks and signing of the contract is expected at the EOC in Bucharest this year.

Chair informed that one candidate for 2016 EC Aspirants&Juniors is nominated – Belgium.

Mr Claus Tobiasen (Denmark) asked why in EOC Bucharest lowest male/female categories are not introduced (following JJIF rules). Chair explained that JJEU Sport Director has indicated that too. He also explained that in JJIF GA&TC 2010 in St. Petersburg JJIF introduced light categories because of development reasons on other continents. At that time JJEU said those categories are not interesting for Europe. Invitation to EOC was published without prior consultation with JJEU. As the time is short JJEU decided not to change anything for the Bucharest. But for the future all JJIF categories will be introduced on the official events.

Chair stress out that is not acceptable that official invitation to the official event is published before approval of the board (to avoid possible technical or formal mistakes). Board will be more carefully in future.

Mr Roel van Ravens (Referee Committee Director) informed present delegates about conditions for organising referee seminar. He encourages countries to organise seminar to improve quality of the work. He stressed especially that referee committee is able and willing to support countries also at the seminars for beginners at the national level. Obligations for organise referee seminar are published at [www.jjeu.eu](http://www.jjeu.eu) and [www.jjif-referees.com](http://www.jjif-referees.com).

JJEU Board has committed themselves to improve standards for the organisation of events, prepare checklist for the organisers (to work from JJIF Organisation and Competition handbook) and gave more expert support to members and organisers. Fair play (ethics) as one of the essential part of martial arts and sport will have more importance in our organisation. JJEU prepare a special fair play trophy for all official events (ECC, EOC, EC) with aim to give also overall annual fair play trophy.

After discussion has finished GA accepted Activity plan for 2014-2016 with anonymity.

**DECISION 8:** GA accepted Activity plans 2014-2016 as presented.

#### **11. Latest information on the EC Aspirants & Juniors**

No special information was given at this point. O.C. of the event will give more information during coach meeting in the evening.

Chair stressed out importance that coaches are coming to the Coach meeting and the draw. For that reasons as we learned from previous experience coach meeting and the draw are combined together.

Mr Tom Kempkens (Event Commissioner) stressed the need to respect payment and registration deadlines as this usually brings to the organization very big problems.

#### **12. Update on JJEU Calendar – next EC**

As many of the items were already discussed, at this point Chair only repeated commitment of the Board to prepare harmonized calendar with JJIF up to the end of August.

#### **13. Other Sport and Technical subjects**

Mr Eugene Domagata presented the project of JJIF convention which will take place in August in Tunisia. Through the presentation (ppt) and explanation he emphasises the importance of the event for African continent but above all for worldwide development and cooperation.

Chair stress out the importance of meetings like planned one. In order to improve cooperation and develop on other continents it is at most importance that people with knowledge and experience meet to discuss and prepare actions for the future.

Mrs Dana Mortelman (JJIF General Secretary) informed that she received not proper response to the information about Police and Fire Games in Brussels on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2014. Mats and referees were

organised for the event but now there are not enough competitors. JJIF took over the initiative as many athletes within JJIF are police officers. He emphasis again to send her answer and to motivate for participation.

#### **14. Any other subject requested if agreed by the Assembly**

The Chair informed that just this weekend Mr Tom Kempkens, JJEU Event Commissioner, will retired from the Board in Judo Federation Netherlands where he was responsible for ju-jitsu for 15 years. That is also one of the reasons Mr Kempkens cannot stay in Lund for the whole duration of EC. For his devoted service to ju-jitsu JJEU Board has decided in a meeting in Paris, 3.5.2014, to award Mr. Kempkens with JJEU "Lifetime Achievement Award". Mr. Kempkens received award from by JJEU Vice President and expressed few words of gratitude for the recognition given.

#### **15. Decision on next JJEU GA meeting**

**DECISION:** In November 2014, during JJIF WC, extraordinary session of JJEU GA is called for election of the JJEU President. In 2015 regular session of the GA will be called to at EC.

As no other question was raised the Chair thanked all for cooperation and constructive discussion and closed the session at 16:48 hour.

JJEU Vice President also thanked all delegates and observers and wished pleasant stay in Sweden.

Recorded by: Robert Perc, general Secretary

Attested by: Stefan A. Badenski, Vice President