

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly of CMAS Europe at April, 29th, 2017 in Rome, Hotel Regina Maria

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Agenda

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2. Roll Call of members – According to article 17.9 of the statutes
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4. President's report.
5. CMAS Europe project presentation:
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6. Questions and answers.
7. Elections
 - a) President b) Treasurer c) Secretary General d) Board Members (minimum 2, maximum 6)
8. Next general assembly in 2018 (location)
9. Any other business allowed by the president
10. Closing the GA

Minutes:

1. Welcome

President Kevin O'Shaughnessy welcomed the members.

2. Roll Call

The following national federations, which paid the annual membership-fee, represented by their delegates were called and confirmed their presence:

- 1 .FINLNAND
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Only these federations have voting rights according to the statutes.

Sweden and Switzerland non-voting.

Portugal, Austria and Netherlands said they had paid but the treasurer did not see their payments in the accounts. He will follow up with these three federations.

3. Annulment of the decision to relocate the juridical site of CMAS Europe to Great Britain and adapting the statutes to English law - Retention of the seat of the association in Belgium

Michael Frenzel presented the GS's decision of last year and explained the necessity to annul the last year's decision to move the site of CMAS Europe from Brussels to Great Britain.

Last year's decision was based on the wrong information, that the formalities to register new boards in Belgium are very difficult. To move the site means having new statutes according to English law, new registration at the house of companies and spend money for the whole procedure. Therefore the Confederation should stay in Belgium.

After a short discussion it was unanimously voted to annul last year's decision.

4. Amendments to the Article of Association – see attachment

Michael Frenzel presented the draft of the statutes. The changes according to the old statutes were highlighted in red. Each article, which had to be changed was read, explained and discussed by the GA.

The following change was put forward by the representative of Belgium:

Article 4. HEAD OFFICE 4.1. The juridical Head Office of CMAS EUROPE is **Brussels (Belgium)**. The president of CMAS Europe is to be enabled to establish an administrative office in the country where he or she is residing.

The address of the office is also to be included.

In the end it was unanimously voted to accept the statutes as they were presented, except the site: The Belgian application was unanimously accepted.

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3. Ratification of minutes 2016 (Rome)

It was stated, that the Secretary General (Mrs. Cecilia Rockwell) did not show and did not present the minutes in time. The GA shall confirm the minutes at the next GA

4. President's and treasurer's report.

The president thanked all board members for their work. There was a meeting by conference call and a meeting in Brussels (Mechelen). Unfortunately Cecilia Rockwell was absent. Chris made the financial business very well. Michael did the legal stuff. Fleming kept us update from the TC, John did some fantastic work, Alberto never showed. CMAS Europe had excellent cooperation with CMAS. Anna Arzahnova and Hassan Baccouche had been attending the last board meeting. John will present his work to the assembly. It was disappointing that only 12 full paying members out of 27. But now 3 new are coming. John made medical requirements with European physicians. This is was CMAS Europe is to do: Making connections.

We established an insurance policy for CMAS Europe members. For 17 Euro/year it covers all Diving accidents. Unfortunately it was not widely accepted.

CMAS is member of EUF and has a permanent seat at the board. We maintain a very good presence there. We keep pace with professionals and share ideas. We are informed and up to date with ISO-standards. We are working on group certification to put down the costs. Steffen Scholz is member of the ISO-commission and ISO is influenced by CMAS.

Treasurer's report

Chris explained the figures of his report which was sent to the federations. As CMAS Europe has no elected auditor, a professional auditor was seconded to check the book keeping and the turn over. There was no mistake or misdoing found.

No sport's report was given. Flemming Holm (TC) made his report yesterday.

5. CMAS Europe project presentation:

a) Medical standards Presented by, John Geurts (Scientific)

He started with the federation's requirement for the medical standards. He found that there were different standards in the federation. Lots of Standards were made for military diving and commercial diving. There should be more standards for scuba diving. Self-declaration forms for the diver's health are quite different in the various federation. PADI uses one form all over the world. We should do the same.

Projects:

Medical guidelines for sports are different to hyperbaric guidelines. We have to work on this. Annual report of diving fatalities is another project that would be beneficial to the federations. He got some names from federations of physician's to work with him.

Discussion:

Riccardo Jose recommends developing medical guidelines for underwater sports.

We need guidelines for young divers but also for the elderly.

BSAC Statics are extremely interesting. To develop a unique Self declaration form is extremely important. Raymond from Luxembourg stresses to establish a big network in Europe.

b) Conservation Biology course

John developed a conservation biology course which he presented to the CMAS assembly yesterday but during the CMAS Europe he explained the course in more detail. Divers should know about more marine biology. Example: Invaders coming from the red sea into the Mediterranean sea via the Suez canal. He presented the book in Dutch which can be downloaded and translated into which ever language that is required. The pictures are without text and can be used and captions placed on them. In the book the changes in our sea conditions are described and explained.

The pictures are copyright-free for use by CMAS-Europe members. The book is also available on the Internet.

Every Diver should be a blue helmet diver. Please create courses in your federation.

There should be a CMAS-conversation day. There are a lot of countries, which have such a day. This should be coordinated for a particular day in all European countries.

John was thanked for his great work. He presented a hard copy of the book to the President of CMAS Europe.

6. Questions and answers.

Riccardo Jose reports about Global Underwater Explorers activity in Portugal and Spain. This is an organization which pushes the CMAS-federations in Europe on the scientific field aside. They try to become member of EUF. It was said, that they are ISO-certified. This has to be checked. GUE is also developing technical diving trying to push other organizations aside. The GUE is to be observed very carefully.

The Turkish member of SDI/TDI offers to use their training book.

7. Elections

Mrs Anna Arzahnova thanks the president and the board and she hopes, that work shall go on for the benefit of all and CMAS.

Scrutinizers

Raymond Adam and Marja Geurts were unanimously elected.

a) President

Nomination: Ronny Margodt. He accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were made. Result: all votes yes except one abstention.

The new president takes the chair.

b) Treasurer

Nomination: Chris Eleftherario. He accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were made. Result: all votes yes except one abstention.

c) Secretary General

Nomination: Michael Frenzel. He accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were made. Result: all votes yes except one abstention.

d) Board Members (minimum 2, maximum 6)

Nominations:

John Geurts

Marc Allamersch

Jesper Rislov

Lourenço Silveira

Costas Anagnostou

No further nominations were made. All candidates accepted the nomination

Result: all votes yes.

8. Any other business

The president invites all the European federations who are not members to apply for membership. He stresses the importance to be in EUF, to share information and make connections. CMAS Europe has to work on lobbying. CMAS Europe shall be the strong wing of CMAS.

9. Next general assembly in 2018 (location)- shall be notified by further information.

10. Closing the GA was at 15.55 hours (3.55 pm).

Rome, this 29th day of April

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frenzel', with a large, stylized initial 'F'.

Michael Frenzel
Secretary General