

## MINUTES

### Extraordinary General Assembly

#### *Union Internationale de Futnet*

**Date and time:** Friday 7 October 2011 at 5.30 pm

**Place:** Hotel E-Caselle, Venaco, Corsica, France

#### **Member countries present:**

Austria (Thomas Lercher), Czech Republic (Kamil Kleník), England (Abraham West, Jarek Dylag), France (Abdelkrim Abour), Poland (Lukasz Fryczak), Slovakia (Gabriel Viňanský), Switzerland (Jean-Philippe Berger), Ukraine (Denys Vilienkin, Ivan Rachenko)

#### **Member countries represented:**

Denmark (represented by Slovakia), USA (represented by Czech Republic), Costa Rica (represented by France)

#### **UNIF delegates:**

Zuzana Viňanská – *Member of Executive Board*

Abdelkrim Abour – *Member of Executive Board*

#### **Other participants:**

French-English interpreter

Slovak-English interpreter

## **Agenda**

1. Opening of the Congress
2. Determination of the number of votes and appointment of tellers
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Founding Meeting held on 16 October 2010 in Geneva
5. Confirmation of the decisions adopted by the members in between the sessions of the General Assembly (from 16 October 2010 to 7 October 2011)
6. Presentation and approval of Report of UNIF Executive Board
7. Presentation and approval of Annual Accounts
8. Vote on proposals
  - 8.1 Proposals of UNIF Executive Board
    - a) Amendments of Statutes
    - b) Amendments of Ethical Charter
    - c) List of Fees
    - d) Amendments to Laws of Futnet – drafted and recommended for approval by Technical Committee
  - 8.2 Proposals of Members
9. Election of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Administrative Secretary
10. Appointment of auditors
11. Election of host country of UNIF World Championships 2012
12. Time and place of next Congress
13. Any other business

## **1. Opening of the Congress**

The Congress was opened by the chair of the meeting Ms Zuzana Viňanská, member of UNIF Executive Board, who welcomed the delegates and thanked them for their participation of the Extraordinary Congress.

At the beginning of the Congress, Slovakia submitted a proposal to be included in the Agenda of the meeting to suspend, in accordance with the Statutes, the membership of some countries in the Executive Board in order to allow a more efficient work and communication in the year ahead of the General Elections. The proposal for the inclusion in the Agenda was unanimously approved.

## **2. Determination of the number of votes**

The number of the votes was determined: eight (8) countries were present, three (3) represented by proxies, that means 11 countries were eligible to vote. The required quorum was observed. The simple majority necessary to adopt the proposals was determined to be six (6). To pass the statutory amendments two-thirds of votes were required, that means eight (8).

## **3. Approval of the Agenda**

Item 8.1 d) of the draft agenda *Technical Regulations* was removed as the approval of the Technical Regulations is within the remit of the Executive Board.

The Slovak proposal submitted at the beginning of the Congress was added to item 8.2 Proposals of Members.

Item 9 *Election of President and Vice-President* was amended so as to include also the election of Treasurer and Administrative Secretary.

Item 10 *Election of members of Executive Board (if adopted corresponding statutory amendments)* was deleted. Since the first mandate of executive positions within UNIF is two years (2010-2012) to align it with the Olympic cycle, next year there will be elections and also changes to the number of members of the Executive Board. According to the new Statutes, their number will be conditioned by the number of countries in UNIF.

Vote: The amended agenda was unanimously adopted.

#### **4. Approval of the Minutes of the Founding Meeting held on 16 October 2010 in Geneva**

Vote: Unanimously adopted

**5. Confirmation of the decisions** adopted by the members in between the sessions of the General Assembly (from 16 October 2010 to 7 October 2011):

1. Change of UNIF registration and accounts to France
2. Admission of new members – Ukraine and Austria

Vote: Unanimously adopted

#### **6. Presentation and approval of Report of UNIF Executive Board**

The chair presented a report on the main developments in UNIF in the past twelve months.

UNIF Founding Cup took place in early December 2010 in Nymburk, Czech Republic, to celebrate the founding of the new international association with the participation of Slovakia, France, Czech Republic and Switzerland in junior's and men's categories and Slovakia, Czech Republic, Switzerland and Denmark among women. The event was a successful promotion of UNIF and was broadcasted live on Czech Television. A UNIF referee course was also held on that occasion.

There have been several changes to the organisational structure of UNIF and, as a result, some of the vacancies – President, Treasurer, Administrative Secretary – shall be subject to vote at the Extraordinary Congress in October 2011. The delegates were reminded that the General Elections would be held in 2012.

UNIF closely cooperates with its continental association in Europe, EFTA, under whose auspices several important events in 2011 have been organised:

- 1st European Championships for women and Juniors in Vitoria, Basque Country, Spain;
- 1st Men's European Championship in Corte, Corsica, France;
- international series Futnet Czech Open in the Czech Republic and Slovakia;
- 2nd International Futnet Camp for Women and Youth.

Mr Abdelkrim About informed the participants about the change of UNIF registration of UNIF. UNIF is now registered in France and its headquarters are in Marseille. New UNIF account will be opened soon.

UNIF 1st World Championships will take place in 2012. The country to host the the championship shall be voted at UNIF Extraordinary Congress in October 2011.

Vote: Unanimously adopted

## **7. Presentation and approval of Annual Accounts**

Mr Abdelkrim About presented UNIF annual accounts in accordance with the Annual Accounts document provided to the members before the Congress.

It was noted that as of next year the membership fees should be paid before 28 February. Each month of delay would incur a 10% rise in the fee.

Vote: Unanimously adopted

## **8. Vote on proposals**

### **8.1 Proposals of UNIF Executive Board**

#### **a) *Amendments of Statutes***

The chair explained briefly the most important aspects and reasons of statutory modifications, among them:

The name of our sport will be written in small letters – futnet – or, in case of titles and names as Futnet.

The number of UNIF Executive Board members will be determined by the number of UNIF countries.

There is a new category of membership – Associate Members.

New conditions are introduced regarding the request to hold an Extraordinary General Assembly – if requested by at least 50% of full members, it should be convened within three (3) months (instead of 10% countries and 30 days).

The members are required to pay the membership fee for the year in question before 28 February.

The age in juniors competitions has been raised to 21 years.

Vote: Unanimously adopted observing the 2/3 majority

*b) Amendments of Ethical Charter*

The chair explained that the main change in the Ethical Charter was the deletion of the condition 3 which banned the membership of the countries that were members of another international futnet association. Under current circumstances such condition was no longer desirable as UNIF should try to reach out to as many new and old futnet countries as possible.

Vote: Unanimously adopted

*c) List of Fees*

The chair explained the proposed fees, among them the corresponding membership fees and participation fees for UNIF competitions for members and non-members. A referee fee to be paid if the country taking part in the competition does not have a UNIF-licensed referee was also introduced. Exact figures and conditions are available in the List of Fees as provided to the members before the Congress.

d) *Laws of Futnet*

Approval of minor adjustments to the Laws of Futnet as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Vote: Unanimously adopted

8.2 Proposals of Members

Slovakia submitted a proposal to suspend, in accordance with the Statutes, the membership of some countries in the Executive Board until next General Congress or until UNIF members decide otherwise in order to allow the Executive Board a smoother and more efficient work and communication. The countries in question were Argentina, Malaysia and South Africa.

Vote: Unanimously adopted

**9. Election of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Administrative Secretary**

Due to some changes to the organisational structure of UNIF and, as a result, some of the vacancies were subject to vote at the Extraordinary Congress. The position of the General Secretary remains vacant for the time being to allow more time to examine the options of the possible candidates.

As regards the position of the Vice-President, it was decided that it would be always held by the President of one of UNIF's Continental Associations.

Nominations:

President – David Solano, Costa Rica

Vice-President – Kamil Kleník, Czech Republic, as the President of UNIF's Continental Association in Europe EFTA

Treasurer – Abdelkrim Abour, France

Administrative Secretary – Zuzana Viňanská, Slovakia

Vote: Unanimously approved to hold UNIF executive positions until the General Elections in 2012. The treasurer is empowered to open a UNIF account in France.

#### **10. Appointment of auditors**

Switzerland was appointed as auditors for year 2012.

#### **11. Election of host country of UNIF World Championships 2012**

Czech Republic presented its bid to host the World Championships in all categories in late 2012. Men's tournament would take place most probably late November or early December in the Sports Centre in the town of Nymburk, near Prague, which hosted also the 2008 World Championship. Women and juniors' tournaments would be held one month before the men's competition and the town of Brno (east of Czech Republic) with a strong futnet base is one of the most probable candidates. The exact dates and venues would soon be confirmed by the Czech Association.

Vote: Unanimously approved

#### **12. Time and place of next Congress**

It was proposed that the next Congress should be held on the occasion of World Championship in the Czech Republic, most probably in early December.

Vote: Unanimously adopted

#### **13. Any other business**

It was agreed that the request by Colombia to approve the Skill Game as a futnet modality, including all the documentation provided, would be reviewed by UNIF Technical Committee as soon as possible.



It was noted the Technical Regulations concerning the organisation of UNIF competitions had been recommended by the Technical Committee to be approved by the Executive Board.

UNIF referees' and coaches' courses may be organised on demand. The members and possible members will be invited to express their interest in such courses.

It was agreed that it was necessary to provide textual and audio-visual materials in English and, if possible, also other languages, to new countries to help players, coaches and referees in their training and preparation.

It was noted that a UNIF events calendar should be prepared as soon as possible.

To conclude the meeting, the chair thanked the delegates for their participation in the Congress, expressed the hope for an efficient collaboration between UNIF and its members and wished the delegates a nice stay in Corsica.

7 October 2011, Venaco, France

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