

To : The Nations of Europe

Re : Minutes from EFT AGM 2014

Dear Touchies,

Thanks very much for those of you who attended the AGM, and to those who contributed to the topics and discussions.

Please find below the draft Minutes of the meeting. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me.

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President, European Federation of Touch

Agenda for the EFT AGM 2014:

Location : Swansea Venue for European Championships

Time : August 7th, 7:15pm

1. Opening

Meeting was opened with a quorum of nine from seventeen members in attendance.

2. Rollcall :

[Scotland arrives]

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An appeal was made for nations to engage a Skype account to control cost of communications and encourage more dialogue. It was raised that electronic presentation of documents and discussions would be preferred to attachments to streamline administration.

3. Approval of Minutes 2013

[DE,LUX : 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain : Carried]

4. Officeholder's Reports

1. President's Report - 2014 activities and achievements, financial report

[Netherlands and Belgium arrive]

[DE,ESP : 10 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain : Carried]

2. Tournament Commission

Action : Tom will provide a written review post-ETC2014

3. Referee Commission

Action : Derek will provide a written review post-ETC2014

4. Coaching Commission

Introductory presentation provided by Simon. Achievements include qualification of an Advanced Coach (Simon), and qualification of eleven new candidates. Challenges include lost contacts, to which Nations are encouraged to put their Coaching contact in communication with Simon directly at simon.ebbett@gmail.com

5. Election to Vacant Positions

1. Secretary General [Election requiring Vote]

a. Ben Powell

[ENG,DE: 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain : Carried]

2. Treasurer [Election requiring Vote]

3. Vice President [Election requiring Vote]

4. Nominees for direct appointment to vacant roles

EFT requested nations to forward nominees with suitable capability and interest directly to Matthew.

EFT noted its intention henceforth to fill vacant roles by direct appointment in accordance with constitutional powers.

6. Forward Looking

1. Membership Fees 2015

Motion : That the EFT membership fee for 2015+ be 120 EUR

Belgium discussed the challenges of time and resources and that an increase in budget would allow process improvements that would reduce the burden. Opponents of the raise generally indicated concerns that the budget should be created with respect of defined activities, rather than speculative. It was noted that the budget was not the 'development' budget as it pertains to the overall sport.

[BEL,SUI : 9 For, 2 Against, 2 Abstain : Carried]

2. European Event Nominations 2015 - Rep/Club Championship, Juniors

EFT indicated that there is positive support for a Juniors event in 2015 to carry on the success, with the expectation that it forms part of ETC2016 directly. Incumbent attendees will be consulted for their preferred timing, and a host nation will be sought. Nations expressing interest : ENG, SCO, SUI

EFT suggested that a purpose-built international event in 2015 would be provided volunteer support from the Directors. It is generally thought that such an event should be held at a time away from the WC2015, and perhaps with a non-representative flavour. Linkage with the Juniors is possible, but not mandatory.

Nations expressing interest : ITA, LUX, ENG, SUI, ESP

3. ETC Host Nation Nominations 2016

Action : A Host Nation briefing/screening paper will be produced and circulated to all nations to measure interest in hosting ETC2016.

4. AGM Venue/Timing 2015

Alternatives for AGM timing were presented and discussed. Electronic voting will be provided for those not in attendance. EFT will investigate streaming of the meeting to enable remote video attendance. The AGM will, by strong preference, not be held in the evening of a competition day whenever possible.

The AGM to be held at the Gif tournament on Friday evening [NED/GUE :12 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain : Carried]

General Items and Matters of Interest:**1. Governance**

a. Global vs Regional Boundary, and

b. Global Process Future Review (*was item 'c' in this topic previously*)

A presentation by Matthew. Governance between FIT and Nations, and the creation and role of a Region as a new-way-forward, was explored. It is generally agreed that more governance will be conducted at the Regional level, and that there will be significant change in policies and procedures accordingly.

c. Targets for 2016

i. Judicial Process - Presentation by Scotland

Scotland gave an overview of their Disciplinary procedure which has been introduced in the past year across all clubs and regions within Scotland. It is intended that at the end of this season, with the proviso that an extension may be made, a review of the procedure will be conducted with a view towards a finalised model in future.

The procedure is available to all nations on a trial basis for use at all levels. All nations are encouraged to examine and trial the procedure. If sufficient nations believe that it is superior to the current alternatives, then it may be considered for adoption as a European standard at a later general meeting.

Action : Document will be provided

2. Referee Selection and Quota

a. Presentation by Netherlands

Netherlands presented some views on Refereeing at elite events, and on Referee creation in general. Several members explained challenges in development and meeting obligations. The achievements of the current referee community were noted as being limited by a single perspective, but nevertheless of great value in the overall development of Europe. The tri-partite nature of Players, NTAs, and Referees was explored in overcoming challenges.

It was generally agreed that an outcome at the AGM was unlikely to be reached within the bounds of time and information. A representative working group was suggested with a six month timeframe to discuss this topic and return with recommendations for the members to vote upon. Interested parties : FRA, ENG, BEL, NED, ESP.

b. Presentation by England

Motion : The referee quota be set to 1.5 referees per team

[I must offer my sincere apology to England for not bringing this motion to a vote. It was a breach of protocol. England and I discussed the topic post-meeting and it was agreed it should form a part of the discussion group's briefing and considerations: Matthew]

3. Inter-Region Activities

A brief introduction to interactions with Americas Touch was provided by Matthew.

4. Community

England offered to assist with development in this area

5. World Cup 2015 (only if not covered during FIT AGM following)

This presentation was removed. This topic was directly addressed by the World Cup personnel at the FIT AGM and on-site.

6. Access to Learning Structures and Online Materials

Need for increased access to online materials was noted.

Action : EFT will investigate how best to conduct this.

7. FIT Process and Procedures

Switzerland made a presentation on recent developments and concerns with FIT. Areas of conflict were identified, and unilateral process governance options were suggested.

EFT noted that the unclear governance boundary of the new Region concept added complexity to any resolution. Scotland identified that prioritisation of procedures would be helpful in making concrete gains and in representing Europe as a strong partner for the future.

Meeting was closed [DE,SCO : 13 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain : Carried]