

## **Minutes of the 61st FEMA delegates meeting in Pila, Poland on 26 July 2012**

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### **1. Opening words from the President**

FEMA President Paul-Otto Ströbel opened the delegates meeting at 5.50pm.

### **2. Attendance and quorum of delegates meeting**

The following countries are present: Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland and Ukraine. In total 14 of 15 countries are represented at the meeting, this constitutes a quorum.

### **3. Confirmation of the agenda**

The agenda is approved unanimously (14/0/0, Yes/No/Abstention).

### **4. Confirmation of the minutes from the previous delegates meeting**

The minutes are approved unanimously (14/0/0).

### **5. Report of the President concerning the past racing season 2011 and the FEMA affairs from August 2011 to July 2012**

Following the decision of the 2011 delegates meeting, the class "WMCR 3.5ccm" has been tentatively run in the past racing season. The President notes that the number of participants at each competition was small, especially in comparison to the existing FEMA class III (3.5ccm). With 28 cars this class represent the largest starting field at the current European Championships. Furthermore, the President highlights that FEMA class I (1.5ccm) and II (2.5ccm) show declining starting fields at competitions.

In the name of the FEMA board the President is congratulating the national associations for the new world records set by Nikolai Kubasov (10 September 2011, FEMA III, 260.028 km/h) and Jan-Erik Falk (1 July 2012, FEMA IV, 310.708 km/h).

Referring to last year's accident in Lyon, the President stresses the importance of existing and updated safety regulations and calls upon the responsibility of all participants and organisers to adhere to these regulations. The FEMA asks for all organiser to have appropriate third party liability insurance. In addition, participants should consider a third party liability insurance which includes model sport activities as well.

### **6. Treasurer's report**

FEMA Treasurer Peter Arlutzki elaborates about the financial performance during the period from August 2011 to July 2012 and informs the delegates about the current financial situation. All countries have paid for the country and license fees.

## **7. Auditor's report**

Marek Fechner (Poland) and Augustyn Wegera (Poland) audited the treasury. They found everything in order; the books were kept clearly and without any recognizable errors. Auditor's report is unanimously accepted (14/0/0).

## **8. Relief of the Presidency and resignation of the President and General Secretary**

The relief of the Presidency is accepted unanimously (14/0/0). The President Paul-Otto Ströbel and the General Secretary Christoph Rabenseifner (the latter had been elected for 1 year only) resign from their functions.

## **9. Election of President and General Secretary**

9.1. Paul-Otto Ströbel suggests Christoph Rabenseifner (Germany) as candidate for General Secretary for another year. No other candidates are nominated. Christoph Rabenseifner is unanimously re-elected to his post for 1 year (14/0/0). He accepts his election.

9.2. Christoph Rabenseifner suggests Paul-Otto Ströbel (Switzerland) as candidate for President for another 2 years. No other candidates are nominated. Paul-Otto Ströbel is unanimously re-elected to his post for 2 years (14/0/0). He accepts his election.

## **10. Voting proposals from the presidium**

10.1. Technical regulations 2013: received proposals and ratification

The President elaborates on the changes in chapter 2.9 of the draft FEMA technical regulations 2013:

### *2.9. Elektronik und Fernbedienung*

- 1 Elektronik innerhalb des Wagens zum Steuern, Regeln und Messen ist ohne Einschränkung erlaubt.*
- 2 Eine elektronische Fernbedienung des Wagens von aussen ist innerhalb der 3 Minuten Startzeit erlaubt. Während der Messzeit (8 Runden) darf der Wagen nicht über eine Fernbedienung beeinflusst werden. Nach der Messzeit darf der Wagen über eine Fernbedienung abgestellt werden.*

The proposal is accepted with 13 votes in favour and 1 against it. (13/1/0).

The President elaborates on the changes in chapter 4 of the draft FEMA technical regulations 2013. In addition to the pre-discussed changes, the delegates propose to extend the cable change period regulated in chapter 4.12 from 2 to 4 years, based on a yearly check and documentation. The amended proposal is unanimously accepted (14/0/0).

10.2. FEMA class 3: report about the tentative introduction of WMCR class 3

Based on in-depth discussion of decreasing participant numbers in class FEMA I (1.5ccm) and FEMA II (2.5ccm), the delegates consent to continuing of classes without sufficient participants is not in the interest of organizers and sport as a whole. Since the delegates refrain to vote for abolishment of a certain class the proposal is brought forward to make such decision dependent on the number of participants at the European Championships. The

President suggests excluding classes that have less than 10 participants at two consecutive European Championships from future FEMA races. The proposal is unanimously accepted (14/0/0).

The President asks the delegates whether the class „WMCR 3.5ccm“ should be included at FEMA races in addition to FEMA class III (3.5ccm) following the tentative inclusion in the past season. The delegates decide to include the additional class from 2013 onwards with 7 votes in favor and 4 against it and 3 abstentions. (7/4/3). Hence, the class „WMCR 3.5ccm“ will already be run as additional racing class in the European Championships 2013.

The delegates discuss possibilities to technically check the accuracy of the timing equipment currently used by organizers. It appears there is no immediate solution.

The President concludes that the delegates are satisfied with the current draft of the FEMA technical regulations 2013 and authorizes the Presidency to incorporate the agreed changes. The amended version will come into affect with the start of the racing season 2013, will be printed by the FEMA and will be in force for 5 years until 2018.

### 10.3. Grand Slam 2013: Awards

The President agrees to come up with a proposal for Grand Slam 2013 awards.

## 11. World and European Championship 2013 preview

Preparations for the World and European Championship 2013 go according to plan. Urs Bach (Switzerland) elaborates on the current status. The organisers are looking forward to welcome all participants in Basle (Witterswil) next year.

## 12. Report on new timing equipment/software

Urs Bach (Switzerland) introduces the new timing equipment and software which has been developed in cooperation with Russia. The system offers a complete solution including hardware (speedometer, 3-minute stopwatch etc.) and software. The software frontend is available in Russian, English and German. EUR 6,000 have been spend for the development by private individuals. Urs Bach suggests that the FEMA should bear a portion of the costs. Following discussions the delegates agree not to bring forward this proposal. However, it should be considered whether to support clubs that want to buy the new timing equipment. The final price for the system is still to be determined.

### 13. Financial budget for next year

The President suggests keeping country fees at EUR 100 and driver fees at EUR 10 for 2013. The proposal is accepted with 13 votes in favour and 1 abstention (13/0/1).

Furthermore, the President suggests keeping the subsidy for organising the European Championship at EUR 1,000. Based on the general increase of costs for organizing such an event the delegates propose to raise the subsidy to EUR 2,000. The proposal is accepted with 11 votes in favour, 1 against it and 2 abstentions (11/1/2). The Treasurer notes that the decision will excessively burden the FEMA budget and he anticipates negative financial results in the following years.

### 14. Determination of venues and dates

#### 14.1. European Championship 2014

Ihor Safiyanik (Ukraine) confirms Stryi to organise the European Championship 2014.

#### 14.2. European Championship 2015

The President asks for proposals regarding the venues of the European Championship 2015. Following an evaluation of potential venues the delegates agree to preliminary assign Russia with the organisation of the European Championship 2015. Russia will check internally and commits to give feedback at the delegates meeting 2013 whether it can organize the event.

#### 14.3. Grand Slam competitions 2013

The President suggests declaring six races as Grand Slam events in 2013.

#### 14.4. Grand Prix competitions 2013

The delegates agree on the following preliminary schedule for 2013:

Date	Location	Country	Competition
04.05. - 05.05.2013	Stryi	UA	GS
18.05. - 19.05.2013	Kapfenhardt	DE	GS
01.06. - 02.06.2013	St. Petersburg	RU	GP
01.06. - 02.06.2013	Monza	IT	GP
07.06. - 08.06.2013	Tallinn	EE	GP
15.06. - 16.06.2013	Örebro	SE	GS / GP
29.06. - 30.06.2013	Lyon	FR	GP
02.08. - 04.08.2013	Basel	CH	WM / EM / GS
24.08. - 25.08.2013	Hannover	DE	GP
31.08. - 01.09.2013	Vilnius	LT	GP
07.09. - 08.09.2013	Pila	PL	GS / GP
05.10. - 06.10.2013	Lyon	FR	GS

The President notes that no GS/GP competition is planned for July 2013, a more evenly distribution of the events during the year would be desirable.

### **15. Other proposals**

Horst Denneler (Germany) asks the President for a statement regarding the permission of Theo Verheul (Germany) to participate at FEMA events. He is a member of the German association but is domiciled in the Netherlands. The President explains that in the past the permanent residency always decided for which country a participant is eligible to participate. Based on a mutual agreement among the delegates the President confirms that Theo Verheul may participate for Germany in future FEMA events.

### **16. Closing remarks of the President**

At 7.40pm the FEMA President Paul-Otto Ströbel thanks the delegates for their participation in the meeting, wishes the best luck to all participants of the European Championship and closes the 61st delegates meeting.

Christoph Rabenseifner  
(General Secretary)

Paul-Otto Ströbel  
(President)