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European Lacrosse Federation

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the European Lacrosse Federation
Saturday 26th May 2007 – Aachen, Germany.

Present: Peter Mundy (President), Liisa Matinvesi (VP – Women's Lacrosse), Kristian Gotsch (Hon. Secretary), Amit Biswas, Barbara Zelenay, Andreas Rossband, Nikolay Cholakov (Bulgaria), Carsten Haye (France), Denina Hospodsky (Germany), Fabian Seibt (Germany), Carmine Pirrothina (Italy), Fabio Antonelli (Italy)

Apologies for Absence: England, Wales, Scotland, Slovakia, Ireland, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Spain.

Minutes taken by Kristian Gotsch.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Aachen Saturday 27th May 2006, were agreed and approved.

2. Matters Arising From the Last Minutes: No matters arising

3. Application for Membership: Nikolay Cholakov presented a status of lacrosse as well as future plans for lacrosse in **Bulgaria**. The presentation was followed by a vote for membership of the ELF- Bulgaria was unanimously accepted. Carsten Haye then presented a status of lacrosse as well as future plans for lacrosse in **France**. The presentation was followed by a vote for membership of the ELF- France was unanimously accepted.

The President welcomed the two new members of the European Lacrosse Federation. The ELF now consists of 20 member nations.

4. Report on development to date of the Friends of the European Lacrosse Federation: Liisa Matinvesi presented that the Friend of the European Lacrosse Federation today consists of 62 members and is a major contribution to the growth of lacrosse in Europe (e.g. sticks and gloves donations to new countries). More members are needed to support the current interest and demand from new countries and all member nations are encouraged to promote the "Friends" idea throughout their countries.

5. Consider the possibility of obtaining further TV publicity: Discussion of the benefit of the exposure on in particular Eurosport 2 was followed by an action item of ensuring that television schedules be promoted on websites, e.g. the European Lacrosse website

6. Update on ELF Championships to take place in Lahti, Finland in 2008 (incl. likely cost to participating nations, including referee fees): Liisa Matinvesi gave an update on the European Championships 2008 – details will be send out (in the form of a newsletter) to all member countries as well as other contacts before mid June 2007.

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Latvia • Netherlands • Norway • Scotland • Slovakia • Slovenia • Spain • Sweden • Switzerland • Wales

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7. Consider the development of junior lacrosse in Europe: as this topic was also part of the agenda for the European Lacrosse Convention it was decided to skip this topic.

8. Discuss the development of both ladies and men's lacrosse to date and formulate plans for future expansion: Women's lacrosse is growing but only seem to grow following the establishment of men's lacrosse. All countries were encouraged to continue to promote women's lacrosse and use Liisa Matvenesi (VP – Women's Lacrosse) as point of contact from a European wide perspective.

9. To consider a European Champions Competition to take effect in 2008: Overall idea of Champions Competition was discussed and high interest in the idea. All member nations were encouraged to discuss concept in their countries. The ELF will welcome initiatives that will bring a champions competition to life.

10. Honorary Secretary's Report: Kristian Gotsch updated the member nations of the current growth of lacrosse and focus areas of the ELF. All member nations were requested to check their contact information on the ELF website to make sure it is up to date/correct.

11. Honorary Treasurer's Report and accounts for the year: Presented by President and unanimously accepted.

The President suggested a bank account was opened at an English bank in order to avoid the transfer and exchange fee cost in relation to for example donations to the "Friends of The European Lacrosse Federation". The idea was unanimously accepted and the ELF will proceed and set up account.

12. To consider amending the ELF Membership fees as follows:

- a. New nations not obligated to pay fees in the year they join.
- b. In the three years following their joining the ELF they pay a membership fee of Euros 50 per annum.
- c. In following years membership will increase to Euros 100 per annum.

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

13. To discuss and approve the Championship Rules which shall have effect during the 2008 Championships to be held in Lahti: Due to time constraints this topic had to be postponed. The Championship Rules will be sent out to all member nations for postal vote.

14. Election of Officers: President: Peter Mundy elected unanimously, Vice President Men: Kristian Gotsch elected unanimously, Vice President Women: Liisa Matinvesi elected unanimously, Honorary Secretary; The position is vacant (Kristian Gotsch will continue the role until candidate is found). Honorary Treasurer: Florian Muth elected unanimously.

15. Any Other Business: No other topics were brought up