



**MINUTES OF THE IFAA-EUROPE COUNCIL MEETING IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA
ON 5 + 6 March 2016,
Hotel CASAVLASIA**

1. Opening

- a. Welcome by the hosting Association 'Tir CU Arkul' - Doru Danillet at 09.15 hrs.
Doru wishes this to be a successful and good meeting with clear views.
- b. Election of Chairman for this meeting by England, Bulgaria and Hungary: Doru Danillet.
Chairman accepted by all.

2. Attendance

- a. Present: 18 nations.
Belgium, France, Netherlands, Finland, Germany, Bulgaria, AAE, Italy, Scotland, Wales, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Hungary, Austria, Estonia, England, Romania.
- b. Apologies : Slovakia

3. Approval of minutes of the 18th European Delegates Meeting

In favor of last minutes. *Accepted unanimously.* No matters arising.

4. Future European events (EBHC, EFAC, EIAC)

- a. EBHC 2016 Austria
Trudy Medwed: 8 courses are needed, 9 courses prepared, 10 courses possible.
One center of activities. (Plan to be added.)
IFAA limited entrance to 1.680 starters. Historical bow: they have to carry an official paper to prove it is a historical bow! => Mentioned on the website. By foot or gondles or bus. Registration form is on the website. Prepare at home, print out and take with you.
It saves time for the hosting association.
- b. EIAC 2016 Spain
José: Caldes south of Valencia. Changed to North of Spain at a holiday resort.
NB: Request: sign registration with your country and association. Every delegate should check if the association is mentioned. Forward changes to José or Luis per email!

c. EFAC 2017 Germany

Hohegeiss in the center of Germany; everything on foot. 5 up to 7 courses.

Information to be added to minutes by Walter. 5 days. NB: confirmation link.

Start card + registration form! 01/07/2016: opening of registration. Cheap hotels etc; lots of attraction. Idea: keep registrations forms etc in database (Urmas).

Info in English to be put on IFAA website when ready.

d. EBHC 2018 Germany

All the DFBV clubs have been given the right to host the EBHC in 2018, which should be as big as Austria this year; after selection of the right club, Walter will give information of the location.

e. EIAC 2018 not awarded

Hungary is interested, but very expensive to rent a hall that is suitable for such a big event. (Hall from 2011; but they put up the prices!) He cannot guarantee yet, he first needs to see if a new hall will be build. Sebastian will get back in a couple of months.

Sweden could be interested, if the FLINT round is not an obligation.

Urmas considers that FLINT is a necessity; it could be a 20 yards FLINT. Get archive information from Mike.

>If rules change, as it might be decided afterwards, the rules of today will count for the EIAC 2018.

Discussion to be held in Spain during EIAC.

f. EFAC 2019

Following countries propose bids for EFAC 2019:

- Netherlands
- Estonia
- Romania (1 course in a citadel & max 6 courses in the woods => 2 towns available)
- Belgium 2019 or 2021

Please note name and email address of Belgian delegate: Francis

Notenboom. Email address: francis@ecoolarchery.be.

Official bids to be done for the next meeting in 2017.

g. EBHC 2020 Proposal France

Join information. It has become a final bid in Confolens - France. To be confirmed in the next European meeting. Possibility remains for other countries to bid also.

Agenda point for 2017 : bids accepted 2, 3 or 4 years ahead. **Text proposals to be send 3 months (December 1) before the European meeting.**

5. Information on future World events

a. WBHC 2017 Italy

Italy had internal problems so they cannot give much information right now.

All information on Florence will be send within the next 2 months. 8 (max 1680 archers) courses foreseen to 10 courses possible; some inside Florence and some outside. Registration will open 1st of October 2016.

b. WIAC 2017 Romania

Location made by National Olympic Committee; big swimming pool, 170 rooms with 2 beds. Thermal facilities nearby. 80 euros entrance fee. 3 days competition.

Transportation will be arranged between airport and facilities. Each delegate will have a mobile phone with prepaid card (against deposit at registration) for direct contact with facility manager, transportation and organizer (Doru). NB: personal mobile phones not accepted. Scores will be instantly online.

End of March more information will be available. Walter requests before to be able to show at their national Assembly. 29/03 registration. 30 + 31/03 + 01/04 shooting days. Ceremony in the evening of Saturday 01/04 2017.

Special reception area in the airport for bow hunters with regards to their material.

6. General discussions

a. IFAA Instructors Forum meeting and instruction courses, held in Bucharest

Proposal to connect a seminary / instructor course to an Indoor competition which will allow people to shoot and then do a training course, and add the next level the year after.

To be discussed at World Council in Australia, also with regards to financial cost.

Thank you for organizing first Instructor course 1 + 2 in November in Romania.

b. Letter of IFAA President Loet Smit

Read aloud. [Proposal as such is not accepted. Easier proposal following:

Champion of Nations: *unanimous acceptance for work on a new set of rules by Loet.* Apply the Champions of Nation in Austria as a 'try out' and bring the experience to the World Council Meeting in Australia for discussion/approval/ rejection. It is a pride to be on such a 7 person's team. One unique team per nation. Each nation decides who will be in its team. You pick your team before the competition starts. Absolute results. Dry run for 3D from Hungary with scores from last year.]

Before the event starts, on the Sunday, the team leader will name the persons who will participate in a nation's team of minimum 4 adults and/or veterans. It will be a mixed team. Winner depends on scores after 4 days of shooting. They will get a medal apart.

We stick to the system as it is now.

We have two other alternative systems to try out. Which may replace the system as a proposal for the World Council.

c. Future development of the AAE [*Udo Schriefers*]

Written explanation by Loet Smit read aloud.

NB: Israel belongs to Europe. We are here for archery not for politics.

Decision is based on sports. So ok for AAE to contact Israel.

Unanimous vote for agreement on AAE future development.

d. New division for older archers (>70 years old) [*Finland*]

Proposal needs to be made to the World Council through an official form sheet.

In Austria there is an internal veterans 1 and 2 category.

Difficult to organize during the tournament and it will mean extra medals.

An idea is to raise the veteran age from 55 to 60, to minimize the age difference.

Check how many people are over 80 years old; it might be a very little number.

Every nation should be able to say how many archers they have over 70, 75, 80 years old.

e. EBHC champions badge/patch

Shown by Trudy, seen by all and approved of.

Urmass would prefer a more modern champion's badge.

f. Chairman IFAA Europe

(Candidates: Trudy Medwed – Sebastien Vanky) [*ALL*]

Trudy: a very new position/function that will need much energy.

All nations need to support and work together. New nations also need to get help how to run a federation. Big responsibility. Finance is not an item yet.

Sebastian Vanky: The same as Trudy; the period will be 2 years from the election.

What do you want as nations?

A to do list with tasks, delegate names and dates.

Sebastian VANKY 10 against Trudy MEDWED 8.

Please help Sebastian & Saskia to make the work for IFAA Europe easier and more productive.

7. Next meeting

Hungary proposes Budapest; archery center. Sebastian steps back in favor of:

Valencia – Spain as they also propose to host the next European meeting.

Ok for 4 + 5 March 2017 in Valencia – Spain.

9.6 Bracketing in archery

Urmass makes it clear that Europe cannot give its opinion/position. Not legal.

Each nation should give its own opinion.

Steve: Every style has its own form of bracketing.

Point 4 could solve the matter: you may not change your sight elevation if/after drawing the bow.

Even if you can't get rid of bracketing entirely, make it as difficult as possible to cheat.

That's where rules are for!

Method to look for a general position on an item:

- 1) Stop cheating => 10
- 2) Adjusting after draw => 11
- 3) Duration => 10

Good exercise for tomorrow item on tasks for president of IFAA Europe.

8. Closure of meeting 18.15 hrs

Sunday morning 09.30 hrs:

Tasks of IFAA Europe chairman & secretary

IFAA Europe should become a working body according to Sebastian, this is also the wish of the IFAA; what do we want to do?

FINANCE

Easiest is to present costs for functioning of IFAA Europe (2 persons: Chairman & Secretary) to Tim, the treasurer of the IFAA for now. *Voted unanimously. 1st decision chaptered by Chairman IFAA Europe!!*

Or open our own bank account and raise fees to feed this account but then we would need our own treasurer plus accountant etc. Not legal as IFAA Europe does not officially exist as an entity; it only exists within the IFAA. *Not decided.*

INSTRUCTOR COURSE / COACHING

Each country can ask Sebastian or Saskia to contact Lynn Fairhall for further instructor courses in their own country.

ORGANISER AGREEMENT

Who will sign the tournament contracts in a country? IFAA or IFAA Europe?

We are not a legal entity so IFAA Europe cannot sign, unless the chairman of IFAA Europe gets a power of attorney to sign on behalf of IFAA.

Not signing a contract is the most dangerous thing to do... Insurance matters may differ per European country; so these clauses are to be included in the standard contract for any European event.

IFAA Europe is responsible for sending out the contracts; each country should sign and send it back to IFAA Europe who will forward to IFAA. *Voted unanimously.*

Example of a standard contract added to President's letter (14/02/2016 email) for information.

Idea: within 6 months after having been given the bid, contract needs to be signed and specific insurance issues settled.

Flags

All hosting countries need to have all the European flags when organizing a European Championships. Please check, for this year Austria and Spain, so we could bring/send you the missing flags.

European Champion of Nations

22 nations present in Austria.

Clear bow classes are not defined yet; Trudy and Walter will finalize their research per email by the mid of March and we will do an email voting after the research.

E-mail voting will be prepared by Sebastian on basis of Trudy, Walter and Udo's work and proposal.

Voted unanimously.

Guest from other continents

In case of European events where open places are left, guests/outsideers are welcome without possibilities for a title/medal. *Voted unanimously.*

Idea from Trudy: if many outsiders, you can open a special course just for the non-Europeans.

New Delegate

New delegate for Hungary, Laboncz Csaba (called Labi), email address : labi@misz.hu to replace Sebastian, as he cannot combine his function as Hungarian delegate and IFAA Europe chairman.

Germany

Walter will propose an official proposal text for the BHR group which is growing and growing. It will be sent to the European delegates before the World Council meeting.

Austria

Trudy Medwed will retire as the Austrian delegate as of now.

We thank her for everything she has done for archery all these years, which was extremely precious. We will be notified who will take her place to represent Austria.

A big thanks to Doru for the organization of this weekend.

Doru was glad to organize and is looking forward to next events & meetings.

Thanks to Steve to have come and participated upon invitation by Hungary.

Meeting stopped at 11.55 hrs.