



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WAKO Ordinary General Assembly held at City West Convention Centre, Dublin, Ireland 24th November 2015 time 09:00 – 12:00

On 24th November 2015, at 09.00 a.m., at City West Convention Centre, in Dublin (Ireland), the Ordinary General Assembly of WAKO (World Association of Kickboxing Organizations) was held in the first call, in order to discuss and resolve on the following

Agenda

1. Approval of the agenda;
2. An address by the Acting President;
3. Appointment of scrutineers;
4. Roll call;
5. Approval of the minutes of the preceding General Assembly;
6. Acting President's activity report;
7. Appointment of independent Auditors;
 - AudEx AG/SA, Mr. André Bolla and Mr. Cristophe Cattaneo from Switzerland
8. Approval of the financial statements;
 - 2014 financial statements;
9. Approval of Auditors Report for;
 - 2014 financial statements;
10. Approval of the budget for 2015;
11. Admission for membership.
12. Election of the WAKO (IF) President and Board of Directors for the next 4 years;
 - Election of the President
 - Election of the Vice-Presidents
 - Election of the Board of Directors members
13. Women Committee update: Orange Day



The Acting President Mr. Roy Baker, after having ascertained that the Meeting:

- has been duly called pursuant to Article 24, paragraph 2, of the Statutes, through a notice of call sent to the Members by WAKO IF Administration by means of email on the 24th of August 2015;
- has been validly established pursuant to Article 20, paragraph 1, of the Statutes;
- has therefore the power to resolve upon the items on the Agenda;

declares the Meeting open and able to resolve on the items of the Agenda.

The Acting President Mr. Baker proposes to act as Chairman of the Meeting and to nominate Mrs. Barbara Falsoni as Secretary of the Meeting.

All members agree, no Member objects to such proposals.

1. Approval of the agenda

The Chairman proposes to approve the Agenda of the Meeting. No Members raises any issue regarding the Agenda.

Motion: to approve the Agenda of the Meeting.

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| IN FAVOUR | ALL | |
| AGAINST | NONE | |
| ABSTAINED | NONE | |

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

2. An address by the Acting President

No motion on this item.

3. Appointment of scrutineers

The Chairman proposes to appoint Mrs. Francesca Falsoni and Mrs. Kate Kocizewska as scrutineers of the Meeting to verify and count the votations of the Members (through red and yellow cards).

Motion: to appoint Mrs. Francesca Falsoni and Mrs. Kate Kocizewska as scrutineers of this Meeting.

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| IN FAVOUR | ALL | |
| AGAINST | NONE | |
| ABSTAINED | NONE | |

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

4. Roll call

The Chairman reports that N. 60 Members (out of N. 73 Members having voting rights) are in attendance (among which N. 55 Members - having two votes - and N. 5 Members - having one vote - for a total of N. 115 votes).



The Members are required to express their vote according to their membership status: Members having the right to two votes are given a yellow card whilst Members having the right to one vote are given a red card.

No motion on this item.

5. Approval of the minutes of the preceding General Assembly

The Chairman makes reference to the minutes of the last General Assembly held in Rimini (Italy) on 8th September 2014, that have been made available to the Members in advance of the Meeting by means of e-mail sent by WAKO IF Administration.

The Board recommends the Members to approve such minutes.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the last WAKO General Assembly held in Rimini (Italy) on 8th September 2014.

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| IN FAVOUR | ALL | |
| AGAINST | NONE | |
| ABSTAINED | NONE | |

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

6. Acting President's activity report

The Chairman starts by making a general presentation through the power point attached (**Exhibit N.1**) informing about recent important meetings held during the SportAccord IF Forum in Lausanne from 11th to 13th November 2015, where he took part together with WAKO Vice President, Espen Lund.

Chairman explains shortly that SportAccord is actually in a situation of significant disruption, most of the Olympic Sports suspended or withdrew their membership. Former President Mr. Marius Vizer resigned and Mr. Gianfranco Kasper has been appointed as Acting President.

In Lausanne WAKO signed a contract for 2016/2017 with SportAccord Anti-Doping Unit, which is one of the services still working in SportAccord.

Stakeholders and associate members are going to change the Statutes and restructure totally SportAccord. Only service that probably SportAccord will keep in the future is organization of the annual Conventions, all the powers of SportAccord will be transferred to the stakeholders (AIMS - Alliance of Independent Members of Sport, ecc.)

For what concerns Combat Games the SportAccord Acting President and Mr. Stephan Fox, President of AIMS, organized an official meeting to re-establish the importance and relevance of the games for all combat sports. There is not yet a final confirmation about time and place for next edition of the Combat Games, WAKO will inform the Members as soon as the relevant information is made available.

In the meantime WAKO will stay focused on next edition of the IWGA World Games 2017, that will take place in July 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland, where WAKO has achieved the goal of being part as an invitational sport with only K-1 discipline. The Chairman thanks Mrs Kate Kocizewska and the Polish Kickboxing Federation for the hard job done to get this important achievement. Further information and details about World Games 2017 will be sent later on to all WAKO members.

As everybody knows ultimate goal for WAKO is to get the IOC recognition. WAKO is going to send a new application at the beginning of next year 2016 as soon as procedure and criteria will be communicated from IOC Sports Department. To get the recognition WAKO needs to prepare itself to deliver what it is necessary. In particular: WAKO must adapt its code of ethics, to youth involvement,



integrity, good governance. For the application process it is also extremely important that all National Federations/WAKO Members send urgently official documentation to WAKO IF Administration confirming their status; if they are officially recognized by their Ministry of Sports /NOC or not.

The Chairman then reports about the successful WAKO Championships in 2015:

- 1 European Cadets and Junior Championships held in San Sebastian, Spain, from 22nd to 30th August 2015, with about 1.500 fighters involved coming from 37 European countries.
- 2 World Championships: first part in Belgrade (Serbia) in October for Low Kick, K-1 and Kick Light with 669 competitors coming from 53 different countries, and second part in Dublin (Ireland) for Point Fighting, Light Contact, Full Contact and Musical Forms, which is going to take place in the next days of the week, with 779 participants from 58 different countries of all the five continents.
- 1 Asian Championships (all Senior disciplines) held in Pune, India, from 1st to 9th August 2015, promoted by WAKO Asia. The Chairman thanks Nasser Nassiri and his team;
- 1 South American Championships to be held in Santiago de Chile, from 10th to 13th December 2015, promoted by WAKO PAN-AM. The Chairman thanks Paulo Zorello and his team;

In addition the Chairman reminds the WAKO World Cups taking place in Ireland, Hungary, Austria and Italy and Opens which count for approx 30 events yearly. WAKO has a great continuity of loyal and very experienced staff, they are the core of WAKO creating activities for those WAKO serves: the Athletes.

The Chairman thanks in particular all members of the WAKO Organizing Committee for their hard work and dedication: Srdjan Bugarcic, Romeo Desa, Jens Walbersdorf, Nicola Traina, Giorgio Lico, Giorgio Ceravolo.

No motion on this item.

7. Appointment of independent Auditors;

Since 2012, WAKO has been registered in Switzerland and has to comply with Swiss law.

The Chairman refers to the documentation made available before the Meeting concerning the appointment of Mr. Andrè Bolla and Mr. Christophe Cattaneo of the company AudEx AG/SA from Switzerland as auditors of WAKO. The recommendation of the Board is to appoint them as new auditors as they fulfill the requirements set forth by WAKO Statutes and Swiss law.

Motion: to appoint Mr. Andrè Bolla and Mr. Christophe Cattaneo of the company AudEx AG/SA as auditors of WAKO.

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| IN FAVOUR | ALL | |
| AGAINST | NONE | |
| ABSTAINED | NONE | |

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

8. Approval of the financial statements 2014

The Chairman makes reference to the documents made available to the Members before the Meeting concerning the financial statements in relation to the year 2014 (**Exhibit N.2**).



The financial statements 2014 have been audited and revised by the auditors Mr. Andrè Bolla and Mr. Christophe Cattaneo of the company AudEx AG/SA.

The Board recommendation is to approve the financial statements of 2014.

Motion: to approve the financial statements of 2014.

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| IN FAVOUR | ALL | |
| AGAINST | NONE | |
| ABSTAINED | NONE | |

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

9. Approval of Auditors Report for the financial statements 2014

The Chairman refers to the documents made available to the Members relating to the audit conducted by the auditors Mr. Andrè Bolla and Mr. Christophe Cattaneo and reads the conclusions of the reports of the auditors (**Exhibit N.3**).

Such reports confirm that the financial statements 2014 of WAKO are in compliance with applicable law.

The Board recommendation is to approve the said report of the auditors.

Motion: to approve the auditors report on the financial statements 2014.

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| IN FAVOUR | ALL | |
| AGAINST | NONE | |
| ABSTAINED | NONE | |

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

10. Approval of the budget for 2015

The Chairman illustrates to the Members the budget of 2015 (**Exhibit N.4**) by underlying that, when reading it, it is necessary to consider that we are already in November 2015.

The budget 2015 had already been approved by majority of the Board during the Board Meeting held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 18th March 2015.

The recommendation of the Board is to approve the budget 2015 which is in any event a provisional budget, always subject to the financial situation of WAKO.

Motion: to approve the WAKO IF 2015 budget.

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| IN FAVOUR | ALL | |
| AGAINST | NONE | |
| ABSTAINED | NONE | |

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.



11. Admission for membership:

The Chairman reminds that all applications coming from new countries for WAKO membership have to be approved first by the WAKO Board and then finally ratified by the General Assembly as required per Article 25 of our WAKO IF statutes section i.

At the moment WAKO have received two new applications that WAKO Board of Directors had already approved during the meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, on 18th March 2015 for the following countries:

KOSSOVO (WAKO Europe) as Full Member, being already officially recognized by their Sports Ministry.

SAMOA (WAKO Oceania) as Provisional Member;

In addition the Chairman gives an update about current situation in **FRANCE**, in fact only few days before in Dublin an agreement (**Exhibit N.5**) has been finally signed between the parties involved; WAKO has officially recognized the *Fédération Française de Kick Boxing, Muay Thai*, whose president is Mr. Anthony Elkaim, as the only official WAKO Member in France.

Motion: to approve WAKO membership of **KOSSOVO** as determined by majority of the Board in March 2015.

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| IN FAVOUR | 59 Members | 113 Votes |
| AGAINST | ONE Member (Serbia) | 2 Votes |
| ABSTAINED | NONE | |

The motion is approved by majority decision.

Motion: to approve WAKO membership of **SAMOA** as determined by the Board in March 2015.

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| IN FAVOUR | ALL | |
| AGAINST | NONE | |
| ABSTAINED | NONE | |

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

12. Election of the WAKO (IF) President and Board of Directors for the next 4 years:

The Chairman informs that Salim Kayici has officially withdrawn his candidacy for presidency and confirmed his final decision during the Board Meeting that took place on the day before.

So accordingly Borislav Pelevic remains as only candidate for WAKO IF presidency.

Before going ahead with the voting process for election of the new President of WAKO for the next four years term the Chairman gives Borislav some time for a speech.

All necessary information about the candidate with all relevant attachments (letters of support for nomination, personal achievements, program and plans for the future of WAKO) were previously sent to all WAKO members by e-mail by WAKO IF Administration before the General Assembly.

In his speech first of all Borislav underlines the fact that the election campaign was conducted in a good and fair way. He thanks Roy Baker for his job as Acting President and Chairman of the Meeting to have



guaranteed that all procedures were followed in a legal and correct way to finally arrive to this General Assembly.

He then wishes to express his feelings towards Honorary President, Ennio Falsoni, thanking him for all the great achievements that he could get in his long career as WAKO President bringing WAKO on high level. Borislav reminds everybody that Ennio Falsoni has been his mentor, and always will be.

WAKO has grown more and more and have big numbers nowadays but there's still so much to do.

In short he reminds that main points of his program as candidate for presidency are the following:

- **IOC recognition; this goal must be first priority and most important task;**
- **Education plan for trainers and judges, medical education, education on fair play, as well as education of competition promoters ecc.;**
- **Inclusion of WAKO in the World Games and the European Olympic Games and other continental Games or regional Games;**
- **Taking part to the World Students Championships and activities organized by FISU, as well as participation in the World Military Championships;**
- **New concepts: continental championships for national teams for example;**
- **Taking care of WAKO image to improve visibility, attract new sponsors and tv interest;**
- **Creating strategic commercial plans and new media projects;**
- **Gender equity: inclusion of women in all levels of our organization and in all aspects;**
- **Social integration involving poor people or people with disabilities;**
- **Working mainly for the Youth, for the Athletes, creating programs ad hoc for them;**
- **Being a TEAM, working as a team, involving operative people to be part of WAKO committees;**

After Borislav's speech as only candidate for presidency the Chairman invites the Assembly to express their vote for:

- **Election of the President**

Motion: to nominate Borislav Pelevic as new WAKO IF President for the next 4 years term mandate (2016-2019).

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| IN FAVOUR | 58 Members | 112 Votes |
| AGAINST | NONE | |
| ABSTAINED | TWO Members (Croatia and South Africa) | 3 Votes (2 for CROATIA and 1 for S.A.) |

The motion is approved by majority decision.

After this first election Roy Baker invites Borislav to be Chairman of the Meeting as newly elected WAKO IF President.

Borislav thanks very much Roy and everybody else for their trust.



Due to his new position as WAKO IF President Borislav decides to resign immediately from the position of WAKO EUROPE President, so automatically according to the WAKO EUROPE Statutes, 1st Vice President of WAKO EUROPE, Roy Baker, has to become the Acting President of WAKO EUROPE Continental Division, until the next WAKO EUROPE General Assembly will take place for election of the new President.

After this communication Borislav explains that on the day before the Board took the decision to propose the Assembly to vote by SLATE VOTING for elections of the new WAKO IF Vice Presidents and Board Members, since we had always SLATE VOTING in WAKO also in the past.

So accordingly he reveals names of the candidates he suggests to be part of his team in the WAKO Board of Directors for the next 4 years term (2016-2019):

WAKO IF Vice Presidents (by alphabetic order):

Roy Baker (Ireland)
Francesca Falsoni (Italy)
Espen Lund (Norway)
Nasser Nassiri (Iran)
Vadim Ukraintsev (Russia)
Paulo Zorello (Brasil)

WAKO IF Board Members (by alphabetic order):

Dmitar Angelov (Bulgaria)
Driss El Hilali (Morocco)
Emmanuel Essissima (Camerun)
Nikolaus Gstattner (Austria)
Istvan Kiraly (Hungary)
Kate Kocisewszka (Poland)
Peter Kruckenhauser (Germany)
Horst Prelog (Canada)
Vladimir Sitar (Slovenia)
Peter Thompson (New Zealand)

- **Election of the Vice-Presidents**
- **Election of the Board of Directors members**

Motion: to nominate all people recommended above by Borislav as new WAKO IF Vice-Presidents and Board Members for the next 4 years term mandate (2016-2019).

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| IN FAVOUR | ALL | |
| AGAINST | NONE | |
| ABSTAINED | NONE | |

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

13. Women Committee update: Orange Day



After elections of the new WAKO IF Board of Directors Borislav allows Mrs Kate Kocisewska, chairwoman of the WAKO IF Women Committee, to talk about the current initiative that she's looking after:

“Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence against Women”.

Kate explains that the UN Secretary- General's UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign has proclaimed every 25th of the month as “Orange Day” – a day to take action to raise awareness and prevent violence against women and girls. It is a multi-year effort, launched in 2008, aimed at preventing and eliminating violence against women and girls around the world, which represents a grave violation of human rights.

Violence happens everywhere. No country in the world has eliminated violence against women and girls. WAKO is a powerful international organization that associates many members from around the world. We aim to use this power to raise awareness and take action against gender-based violence. We wish to ensure that this issue is given the attention it deserves.

WAKO can join the campaign:

- by raising awareness of the problem among its members;
- by integrating a gender approach into all actions;
- by fighting any kind of gender violence;
- by advocating for gender equality and women's rights;
- by promoting gender equality and empowering women;
- by building capacity of its members to prevent and respond to violence;
- by education on gender equality norms and standards;
- by celebrating ORANGE DAY (25th of each month) by using orange color to express and support the idea.

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The General Assembly closed at 12:00 am.

Chairman

Mr. Roy Baker

Secretary

Mrs. Barbara Falsoni