

**13th European Delegates Meeting
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Minutes**



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**Saturday the 20th of February 2010
09.00 a.m.**

**Hotel Allegra, Hamelirainstrasse 3, CH-8302 Kloten
Zurich - Switzerland**

Minutes of the Saturday Session

1) Official opening of the 13th European Delegates Meeting of IFAA

The meeting was opened by the host; the following associations have been welcomed.

AAE	-	Germany
DFBV	-	Germany
EFAA	-	England
FAAE	-	Estonia
FAAFL	-	Fuerstentum Liechtenstein
FFTL	-	France
FIARC	-	Italy
IFAF	-	Ireland
MISZ	-	Hungary
OEBSV	-	Austria
SFAA	-	Scotland
WFAA	-	Wales
FAAS	-	Switzerland (Host)

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The program of the day has been presented by the host, and has been accepted.

An extension of the meeting by an additional session on Sunday morning has been proposed by the host, and has been accepted by the delegates, that would still be available on Sunday morning.

2) Welcome to the delegates

Walter Vollenweider the President of FAAS officially welcomed all the delegates, and he wished all of them a successful meeting.

Explicitly he welcomed Mr. Steve Kendrick, Vice President of IFAA.

The welcome was held in German and English language.

3) Confirmation of the chairman of the 13th European Delegates Meeting of IFAA

Steve Kendrick has been invited by FAAS to be the chairman of the meeting. Due to the fact that Steve Kendrick was already chairman in the meetings of 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Scottish association SFAA proposed the German delegate to act as a chairman. However the German delegate was not ready to take over.

- All delegates except SFAA were in favour for Steve Kendrick.
- OEBSV was not yet present due to late arrival.

4) Apologies for absence

The following apologies for the meeting have been received by the host.

- FSTARCO - San Marino
- SFSF - Sweden
- FABP - Portugal

5) Minutes of the meeting 2009 in Bordeaux

The following points have been objected to in last year's minutes:

- The election of Steve Kendrick as a chairman was missing.
- AAE was not mentioned in the appendix to have participated in Bordeaux.
- AAE had a general complaint since the results of votes were not reflected in the minutes.

After stating this, the minutes have been accepted.

All delegates were in favour. (OEBSV still not yet present)

Steve expressed our all thanks to France who was taking the minutes.

6) Matters arising

Germany raises the questions for a general discussion towards the World Council 2010.

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Europe is a big platform, and it might be worthwhile to further discuss again the idea of regional committees within IFAA.

- The point has been put to the agenda under the topic “General Discussion”.

7) Items from the various delegates

DFBV:

- Report on current standings of the WFAC in Dahn Germany
 - The German delegate gave a short report on the standings of the WFAC 2010 in Dahn.

Since Dahn is an outstanding environment that is well known in Germany, they expected too many bookings from German archers. This is the reason why they initially assigned allocations to the different associations. For safety reasons (time consuming courses) they also had to apply limitations towards participation.

- Maximum 732 participants
- 4 archers per group in the “slow-styles”
- 6 archers per group in the “fast-styles”

The delegate stated that they face the common problems that come along together with the organisation of such an event, such as:

- Cancellations due to crisis
- Many style-changes
- Maintaining waiting list

They consider introducing a **deadline** for such changes to be set at **4 weeks** before the event.

For the event DFBV has an event-insurance. The delegate also clearly stated that the organisers and DFBV will **strictly not handle** any aspects of **professionals** at the WFAC.

At the WFAC there will be some exception shots, but those will be clearly marked.

The bow-check will be handled in a very professional manner. HB, for instance, will be asked for a proof of usage of their equipment before 1900.

The organisers will ask IFAA representatives to be present at the bow check, and delegates of other associations might get asked for additional support.

Finally the dates for the World Council 2010 get confirmed to be on

- Friday 30th of July
- Saturday 31th of July

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- The German representative introduced Hans-Ekkehard Czaia as a new member of the board of DFBV.
- Ulf Trabert member of DFBV and IFAA-delegate for his association informed the Meeting, that this was his last participation at the European Delegates Meeting, and that he will retire after the WFAC as an IFAA delegate and board member of his association.

WFAA:

- To discuss rising of a proposal that all registrations for IFAA tournaments processed through the National Governing bodies. (block booking)
 - The representative of Wales pointed out that it was very beneficial for organizers if registrations of tournament participants could be done in blocks by their according associations. It would ease a lot, such as:
 - Membership checking.
 - One payment had per block

General problem

- Some people can not book holidays so early (block booking)

The discussion showed that there is a good support for this issue, so Wales will forward a proposal to the World Council.

(At this point Austria gets reminded to do membership checks at the registration of the EBHC in Stuhlfelden).

- To discuss issues relating to change of style for WFAC 2010 entrants.
 - These issues have been already covered and discussed at Germanys report on the state of the WFAC.

EFAA:

- Reference to longbow 7h page 35 in the rule book, that a piece be added about a consistent anchor point in this style to eliminate face walking and standardise the shooting with this bow which at the moment is a bit confusing with shooters using different anchor points for different distances.
 - EFAA stated that this was in some previous BoR and if there was enough support, they would forward this to the World Council. After short discussion, it was decided that England, Germany and Hungary will reword the LB 7 g article and forward this to the World Council.
 - All delegates were in favour of this.

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AAE:

- What is the news of the IFAA World Council meetings?
 - It was stated that so far nothing has changed, but IFAA might move from a social into a more professional organisation.

- What are the costs for Doping control and WADA-subjects?
 - It turned out; so far there is not a really profound knowledge among the delegates regarding WADA-subjects. It was stated that it depends on each country since each country handles this different. So far only OEBSV and EFAA have checked this and they stated that the costs were a major issue.
It was clearly stated this is an item for the IFAA World Council and that IFAA can not do anything in this area without consulting the World Council.
Since this is dependent on national law, it is the responsibility of each individual association to clarify the issue on a national level, and take appropriate measures.
Alcohol however has to be considered also as a safety-issue, and therefore safety-measurements can be taken at any time.

- Are there already rules for qualifications to participate in International Tournaments of the IFAA?
 - Due to the fact, that for the WFAC each association has been assigned an allocation of participants, AAE raised the question on how to select archers for participation.
It has been stated by all delegates that this is merely an issue that each association has to handle on their own. There is no commonly used system and IFAA does not have such a system.

SFAA

- WADA
 - This item has been discussed already on the topics above.

- Clarification on professional styles, and its rules
 - Steve Kendrick gave the clarification that Pros are allowed to shoot in the following three styles:
 - FU
 - FS(C)
 - FS(R)

The indication of two styles in the BoR is wrong, and will be corrected.

- Clarification on arrows, their size and weights with regards to different styles
 - It has been stated that the specification of the arrows is not always consistent and not mentioned everywhere in the BoR. Partly this will be corrected with the rewording of LB 7 g (as mentioned above).
Additionally SFAA will make a proposal to explicitly add the definition of arrows to the FS and FU definitions.

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- General discussion on rules pertaining to IFAA styles.
 - These issues have all been discussed before.

IFAA:

- Decision to be taken on a trial usage of binoculars at the EBHC in Stuhlfelden. (See annex-1)

The chairman asked for a rewording of the topic from “decision” to “consider”. It was “considered”; for details see below in the OEBSV-topics.

OEBSV:

- EBHC Stuhlfelden 2010 / use of binoculars / pictures still needed?
 - After a short discussion the vote to allow or deny the use of binoculars as a trial at the EBHC in Stuhlfelden returned the following results:
 - In favour: 0
 - Abstention: 1
 - Against: 12

- EBHC Stuhlfelden 2010 – Participation
 - The representative of OEBSV gave a short overview on the standing of the EBHC in Stuhlfelden.
 - Currently there are 1283 archers registered.
 - In the most booked style there is more than 450 participants.
 - A list of cups that need signature from their parents will be published on the web.
 - 6 courses are the maximum due to IFAA restrictions.
 - Some styles will have groups of 8 archers.
 - Liability insurance is covered but other insurance problems might be possible due to the huge number of registrations.
 - It is the responsibility of the organisers to handle this.
 - IFAA has given its recommendations.
 - The course plans have already been sent to Steve for verification.
 - Food-stations (no alcohol), and toilets are set up at the courses.
 - The pegs will be moved every night.
 - Accommodation is recommended to be organized using the tourist office.
 - One (full) camping place with additional facilities is setup.
 - Parking will not be a problem, there will be enough places.
 - Bow inspectors were instructed already, and translators will be available at the bow-check
 - Alcohol testing will be done.
 - It has been turned out that the planned “Triple-A” targets are not yet IFAA certified and the pictures are not yet published.

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- Steve will do a certification as soon as possible and Italy will supply the pictures of the animals.

During the discussion OEBSV got a clear statement to immediately stop taking further entries for the event.

A separate discussion between OBSV, IFAA and the organiser on phone was set off to discuss the huge entries.

- World Council 2010 final dates for the Dahn-meeting.
 - See above
- BOR - Change in rotation of WBHC's
 - This item will be forwarded to the World Council.

FAAS:

- Discussion on the future of BH(R) - back to the roots?
 - FAAS raised the topic to place a proposal to the next World Council for going back with the BH(R) style to a more traditional way..
 - Arrow rests would no longer be allowed
 - Buttons would no longer be allowed
 - The bow would be shot from the shelf (which could have some sort of protection)
 - Most of the delegates could agree with this idea but they stated that there will be a lot of archers that shot a more modern style in the BH(R), and those would be lost.
 - FAAS will propose to merge those archers with the BB(R) style
 - According the German delegate, they will consider splitting the current BB(R) style into two styles BB(R)-traditional and BB(R)-modern, which is already practiced in Germany.
 - Those topics will be brought forward to the World Council.
- Score-percentage-rule for evaluation of champions on championships, as it is already successfully practised in Switzerland for years.
 - In order to give to the champions the value that they really deserve, Switzerland does not give a champions medal as well as the title Swiss-Champion to all winners in their corresponding categories.
 - An archer has to reach a certain percentage of the highest score that has been shot at that event, in order to be named Swiss-Champion and to get a Swiss-Champions-medal.
 - The percentage-values to be reached are based on historical data and get adjusted from time to time. A differentiation between each type of event (Field/Hunter, Bow hunter and Indoor) is maintained. (See attached examples in annex-2.1 – annex-2.6)

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- IFAA had a similar rule in the BoR until 2008, but this has been withdrawn at the World Council 2008 because it turned out to be not practical.
- The Swiss idea as such was accepted by most of the delegates.
- No decision has been taken so far, but Switzerland might consider bringing up the discussion again in one of the next World Councils.

8) Future European events (EFAC, EBHC, EIAC)

2011 EFAC Portugal

- The representative of Portugal was not present at the meeting, but according a short statement in his email, all preparations are in progress, and on a good way.

2011 EIAC Hungary 3 days

- In 2011 there will be a Hunting-Expo in Budapest (HungExpo). Combined with this, some demonstration shooting or 3D will be done. Also there will be an archery show as well as a horse show. Around 2000 persons would be shooting at this show.
- The Hungarian delegate stated that his association is very keen on developing archery in Hungary and for this reason it would be a very good occasion to combine these events with an IFAA-event. Also he mentioned that some preliminary work towards this is already done.
- Enough hotels and accommodation for an avg. of 50 Euro would be available.
- For more details see attached annex-3.
- Since 2011 is a WIAC – year, and since the European delegates once have established a rotation scheme for international events, some objections have been expressed. But finally it was accepted by all delegates, that Hungary can host an EIAC in 2011.
- All delegates were in favour, as an exception, and a return to the normal rotation will be done after this.

2012 EBHC Italy

- Italy presented its progresses in the preparations of the EBHC 2012
- The event will take place in “Castione della Presolana” in the areas of “Lombardia”, very close to Switzerland ca. (2h from Lugano)
- The airports of Milan and Bergamo are very close and there is a good railway and bus connection from Bergamo.
- 5 – 6 ranges will be setup, and more than 1000 archers are expected.
- Since the venue is in a touristic area, facilities and accommodation will not be a problem, and it would be easily possible to extend a stay for some more holidays.
- The event might be combined with the FITA 3D but then it would be shot according IFAA-rules.

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- Italy has already experiences in combining IFAA and FITA events since the already had combined events between FITARCO and FIARC.
 - “Unita della stessa passione”
 - 4 events have already been in 2009 (with national TV).
 - Simple agreed rules between the two associations.
 - Events such as 12 targets IFAA, 12 targets FITA.
- For more details attached annex-4.1 and annex 4.2.

2012 EIAC Estonia

- Estonia bids for it.
- All delegates are in favour for Estonia

2013 EFAC Hungary

- The 2013 EFAC will take place in Hungary.
- So far no more details are known, and the topic is forwarded to the next European delegates meeting.

2014 EBHC France or Hungary / to be decided in this meeting.

- Hungary does not want to compete with France but they are still willing to host a xBHC. So Hungary decides to bid for the 2015-WBHC at the coming World-Council. The area of Lake-Balaton might get considered.
- France presents three possible places for the EBHC 2014.
 - Toulouse / Le Pont du Gard (Nimes) / Confolins (Centre).
 - The discussions and initial preparations are in progress.
 - A presentation will be prepared if bid will be accepted.
 - All delegates are in favour for this bid except for one abstention.

9) Various IFAA items

IFAA questions:

- Further cooperation with FITA
 - The talks between the two associations are going on but it needs time. No one can predict at the moment how to go on.
 - All what has been decided so far can be read in the Lausanne-Agreement of 26. January 2010. This has been forwarded to all the delegates worldwide and it is published on the IFAA – website.
- Further way of IFAA
 - Regarding the future way of IFAA, German states that they have still no clue in which direction to move. (Social or more professionalized)
 - Regarding this topic, an additional session was hold on Sunday morning. (See Sunday Morning Session Minutes)

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10) General discussion

IFAA regional committees:

- Germany tabled again the setup of regional committees according last year's discussion and proposal at the European Delegates Meeting. They were asking for the willingness of someone to take the role of a "European Chairman".

Some controversy discussions were started with this topic. Whereas the power and importance of Europe in the IFAA was recognized by delegates, the differences to the current state were not so objective. It was stated that it was in no ones interest to further complicate the situation, and to set up another level of "burocracy".

Finally the delegates stated that the idea was not yet mature and would need further clarification and discussion.

No common agreement could be found and it was decided to postpone the discussion to a later point in time.

11) Next meeting

The Estonian delegate offered to host the next European Delegates Meeting, tentatively in Tallinn.

All delegates were in favour for Estonia.

Minutes taken by:

Gilbert Schnidrig, FAAS

The chairman of the 2010 meeting

Steve Kendrick, EFAA

Minutes accepted by _____

**Chairman of the
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