

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE RLEF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2012

Location	Cleveland Room, Brunel University, London	Date	Friday 24 August, 2012
		Time	1230 hrs
Members Present	Petr Sedina, Matt South (CZRLA), Niel Wood, (RFL), Mohamed El Chaabi (FFRXIII), Uwe Jansen (RLD), Brenda Guilfoyle, Gordon Matthews (RLI), Tiziano Franchini (FIRL), Ventley Brown, Romeo Monteith (JRLA), Remond Safi (LRLF), Warren Heilig (RLN), Graeme Thompson (SRL), Marko Jankovic, Radoslav Novakovic (SRLF), Artur Martyrosyan (UFRL), Martin Roddy (WRL)	Chair	Maurice Watkins (RFL)
Observers	Driss Aamoud, Mustafa Jedoual (FMRL), Edgars Cirulis, Vilmars Sokolovs (LRL), Anthony Micallef (MRL), Jason Bruygoms, Taco de Boer (NRLB)		
In attendance	Sylvester Wellington, Alex Winstanley (Ghana), Tasos Pantazidis (Greece), Adam Nunn (Hungary), Daniel Andruczyk, Lukasz Lucka, James Szymik (Poland), Rob Cheeseman (RFL), Christen Farmer, Richard Graham, Danny Kazandjian Nebojsa Sretenovic, Jovan Vujosevic, James Vukmirovic (RLEF)		
Apologies	Sergey Kashutin (ARLK), Chris Botes (SARL)		

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Introduction MW welcomed all delegates. South Africa and Russia had sent their apologies. MW confirmed to the Council that the Federation Marocaine de Rugby League had been accepted as an Observer by the RLEF Board earlier in the day. He congratulated the Moroccan delegates.

1.0 Minutes of 2011 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2011 were approved as a true and accurate record subject to GT's apologies being recorded.

2.0 Matters Arising from Last Meeting

There were no matters arising.

3.0 New Member Elected Directors

MW reported on the process and result of the election that recently concluded. He confirmed that incumbents Graeme Thompson and Nebojsa Sretenovic were returned for a second two-year term, commencing at this Annual Council Meeting and expiring on the day of the 2014 Annual Council Meeting.

MW reported that only 3 of 8 Full Members and 1 of 7 Affiliate Members voted, which was disappointing. He suggested that Members look at their internal processes to ensure that important matters reached the relevant officials and were dealt with in good time, and considered whether the RLEF needs to prescribe more time to run such elections.

4.0 Sign off 2011 Accounts

The Council reviewed the accounts and accompanying financial report. MW proposed the accounts were signed off. RG seconded the motion.

5.0 General Manager's Report to the Council

DK delivered his report to the Council. The report focused on the expanding RLEF Membership and the consequent strengthening of good governance through pluralism and democracy.

DK reported progress on the RLEF strategy. The Membership was strengthening, demonstrated by the achievements of RLI, JRLA and UFRL in obtaining government recognition since the last Annual Council Meeting. DK stated the importance of all RLEF nations to strive for government recognition to ensure European RL is sustainable.

On participation, DK reported that Scotland had tripled, while Jamaica, the Czech Republic, Italy and Norway had more than doubled the number of matches played, while France, Ireland and Wales had all registered significant increases.

Finally, DK commented on the importance of forming partnerships, reporting on those forged with the CGF and UK Sport International in the last 12-months.

6.0 Brian Simpson MEP endorsement as RLEF ambassador

MW informed the Council of Transport Commissioner Brian Simpson's background and support for European RL, stressing that his involvement would become even more important as the sport integrates itself into the European sporting landscape.

MW proposed BS became the first RLEF ambassador. The Council approved unanimously.

7.0 Financial report

RG delivered a report on the RLEF and the RLIF's financial structure. He indicated where the RLIF derived its income from and what the level of funding was for the RLEF.

He indicated that the five-year period between world cups had put a strain on central funding and the amount the RLEF received from the RLIF in 2012 had reduced by 9% and was set to reduce further in 2013.

He indicated that it was important for the RLEF to continue to seek other revenue streams, such as had been sourced through the EU, UK Sport and commercial sponsors.

Any other business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1310 hrs.