



Stichting European Juggling Association

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Minutes of EJA Board Meeting Karlsruhe 11:00-14:00 on Monday 4th of August 2008 In the EJA Room at the EJC in Karlsruhe

1. Opening of the Meeting

Jon opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

- **Meeting Participants**

The attendance list was circulated and everyone gave a short presentation of themselves.

- **Board Members attending and record of proxy votes**

The following voting attendees were present.

Person	Role	Comment
Fredrik Almgren	EJA Secretary	
Jon Skjerning-Rasmussen	EJA President	
Falk Hante	EJA Secretary	
Stephanie Schneider	EJC 2002 Rep	
Gustaf Sjögren	Rep SE	
Ali Close	Rep UK, Prereg coordinator	
Alex Gonzales	Spanish Rep	
Philip Nicolai	Rep DE	
Tobias Horstman	EJC 2008 Rep	
Tassilo Timm	EJC 2000 Rep	
Adolfo Rossomando	Rep IT	
Lee Hayes	EJC 1989 Rep	
Yorrick Tabuteau	Rep FR	
Deidre Toher	Rep IE	
Daan Yperman	Rep BE	
Panayiotis Argyrakis	Rep GR	
Samuli Männistö	Rep FI	
Deniz Soyarslan	Rep Turkey	
Ferko Adamczyk	Rep NL	
Veronika Gallyas	Rep HU	
Robert Krizanic	Rep SI	Joined during item 7
Mini Mansell	EJC 2005 Rep	Joined during item 8, left during item 8, rejoined during item 16.

No proxied votes were registered.

- **Non-Voting Attendees**

The following non-voting attendees were present.

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Person	Role
Paul Andersson	USA Contact
Unai Swens	EJC2009
Ana Brea	EJC2009
Sonja Boeckmann	EJA Archivist
David Monteith	North Ireland
Stephen McGinley	EJC 2006

Additionally the Munich and Toulouse organizing teams were present during item 8.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was **approved** by the meeting.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Meeting in Athens during EJC2007

The minutes of last year's meeting in Athens on 2007-08-02 were **approved** by the meeting.

4. President's Report

Jon gave a summary of the year that has passed. Especially the new regular meetings of the XC were presented. The XC minutes are always published on the EJA forum. Jon thanked the treasurer and secretary for the year passed.

Jon informed about the EU grant application that EJA did. EJA was not granted any funds but it was a learning experience. We will apply for another EU grant this year. Thanks go to everyone and especially Daan who worked very hard with completing the application.

Two groups have signaled interest in organizing EJC 2011 and EJA has sent EJA reps to meet with each group.

The updated statutes are almost filed with the Dutch authorities after the translation is now complete.

The new structure of work with the subgroups was presented and the plans for going forward with the Moodle to provide better online support for meetings.

The president wrote an article about the EJA for Kaskade a while ago. Jon urged everyone to read that.

The problematic situation with EJC Bremen and the fact that they are now getting sued was presented. Jon explained that one of the reasons this happens is that the Bremen team did not close their organizations after the EJC.

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Jon urged that anyone with knowledge of European law should step forward and possibly support EJA in these legal matters.

Jon thanked the EJC 2008 team for involving EJA more in the convention.

There were questions concerning how much we applied for the EJA grant. Jon answered that we had applied for EUR 20000. Additionally there was a question on what the difference between the forum and Moodle was. It was answered saying Moodle was more advanced and hopefully would be better at supporting the work of EJA.

During the year a contract has been entered into between EJA and EJC2009 regulating the general terms and the division of a potential surplus. It is a 60-40 division of the surplus.

5. Treasurer's Report

Falk handed out the financial statements and presented the key issues. During 2007 EJA made a loss of EUR 12000.

The exact details of the closing of EJC2006 are not yet ready but it seems to finish in the positive.

For EJC 2007, EUR 12000 of the total loan of EUR 22000 has been repaid and thus EUR 10000 is outstanding. For EJC 2007 it is unlikely that they will finish in the positive.

For EJC2008 we have EUR 20000 outstanding as a loan.

For EJC 2009 we are preparing the details for issuing the loans.

EJC 2006 have donated EUR 5000 to EJA during 2008 and EJA thanks EJC 2006 for that.

Falk presented the fact that there was a transcription error going from year 2004 to 2005 which offset the ingoing balances with EUR 480. That means that EJA has EUR 480 less than we have thought. For that reason the board needs to reapprove the accounts for 2005 and 2006.

The meeting voted to **approve** the accounts for 2005 and 2006 with 18 votes in favor and two abstentions.

The meeting voted to **approve** the accounts for 2005 and 2006 with 20 votes in favor and no abstentions.

6. Voting on which Festivals have the right to a Representative on the EJA Board

The current list of festival reps is the following.

Convention	Current Rep	Term Ends
Maastricht 1989	Lee Hayes	2009

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Verona 1991	Mr Jules	2009
Grenoble 1996/1999	Alain Brissard	2009
Torino 1997	Bruno Furnari	2009
Karlsruhe 2000	Tassilo Timm	2009
Rotterdam 2001	Driekus Heijsteeg	2009
Bremen 2002	Stephanie Schneider	2009
Svendborg 2003	John Newman	2009
Carvin 2004	Fabien Laude	2009
Ptuj 2005	Mini Mansell	2009
Millstreet 2006	Helen Collins	2009
Athens 2007	Costas Vazeos	2009
Karlsruhe 2008	Tobias Horstmann	2009
Vittoria 2009	none	
Jouensuu 2010	none	

It was noted that Helen Collins is standing down and the Millstreet position thus is up for election.

The proposal is to add EJC 2009 and EJC 2010 to the list of EJCs having the right to elect a representative.

The meeting voted to grant the all festivals above the right to have a festival rep with 20 votes in favor and no abstentions. This means that the following festivals are up for election at the general assembly.

Millstreet 2006		
Vittoria 2009		
Jouensuu 2010		

7. Voting on which Areas have a Country Representative

The following countries are up for re-election this year and keep their right to a country rep.

Belgium
Denmark
France
Hungary
Italy
Slovenia
UK

Alex **resigned** his position as country rep and that means that **Spain** is up for election this year. Deirde also **resigns** and that leaves the **Ireland** up for election as well.

There is a proposal to add grant **Portugal** the right to have a rep. The meeting voted to **approve** with 17 votes for and 3 abstentions.

This makes the total list of countries to be elected the following.

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That list of countries was approved with 20 votes for and no abstentions.

There was a proposal to also grant the **Czech Republic** the right to have a country rep. The proposal was **approved** with 21 votes in favor.

The final list is thus the following.

Belgium
Denmark
France
Hungary
Italy
Slovenia
UK
Spain
Ireland
Portugal
Czech Republic

8. Decision on final list of Nominees for EJC2011

The meeting was joined by the **Munich team** consisting of the following people.

Tim Adams
Jürgen Adams
Suzann Adams
Markus Further
Andreas Anders-Wilkens
Tomi Schneider (not present)
Sibylle Schnapp (not present)
Andrea Koch (not present)

The Munich team presented their candidacy for EJC2011 that would be held in the Olympic Sports center in just north of Munich. Preliminary agreements for the site have already been reached with the local authorities.

Falk has visited the site on behalf of EJA and reported that the site is fenced and huge. In general it is a very suitable site.

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The meeting was joined by the **Toulouse team** consisting of the following people.

Julian Allenon
Guillaume Lentendu
Sebastien Morizot

The Toulouse presented their candidacy for EJC2011 that would be held in Toulouse. The planned festival site is a green area with sports hall. The team has not yet discussed the plans with the town of Toulouse. The team has not secured the site with the authorities. The planned area is close to a circus school. Next year the team will organize the national French convention.

The Toulouse team announced that they **decide to stand down** from the EJC 2011 candidacy. Jon urged them to present the reasons they stand down at the General Assembly.

The EJA board **voted to approve** the candidacy of the Munich team at the general assembly with 17 votes in favor and no abstentions.

9. Report from EJC 2007

No one from EJC 2007 was present. Falk presented that EJC2007 has reported a preliminary loss of EUR 10000 which equals the outstanding loan from EJA to EJC2007.

EJC2007 has sent 500 DVDs to be sold at EJC2008 with the income to go to the EJA in order to recover some of the loss. In order to organize this EJA needs to volunteer to sell the DVDs.

Adolpho asked why we volunteered to sell the DVDs. Jon explained that this was really not something we wanted to do but at the time being it looks like the best way we can handle it.

David Monteith volunteered to be responsible for coordinating the selling of the DVDs.

The meeting decided to set the price at EUR 15 with 15 votes in favor, one abstention and one vote against.

10. Report from EJC 2009

Alex handled out some promotional postcards for EJC 2009 and gave a short summary of the history.

11. Report from EJC 2010

Samuli informed the meeting about the current state of the planning for EJC 2010. The dates are either end of July or middle of July. The options are either July 12 – July 19 or July 17 – July 25. The preferable one would be July 17 – July 25.

12. Reports from the EJA Subgroups

The agenda item will be discussed in depth on the Thursday meeting.

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13. Discussion Concerning the Structure of the EJA (Subgroups)

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14. Introduction to the EJA Board and Subgroups meeting

This meeting will be held later in the week when we have elected new country reps etc. Jon presented the idea of that meeting.

15. Election of Treasurer

Falk's term is up and he has decided not to stand again. Thus we need to elect a new treasurer.

Daan is standing for the position. This is a three year term. Daan is **elected** the **EJA treasurer** with 16 votes in favor and one abstention.

16. Appointment of Festival Advisor to EJC 2010

The meeting proposed to select one from the EJC 2008 team after the convention. Additionally, Mini volunteered. So EJC 2010 has Mini Mansell and someone additional.

17. Any other Business

One

There was a proposal to have EJA meetings later in the day. The meeting agreed to the idea.

Two

It was stated that the way the DVDs had been handled by EJC2007 was not acceptable.

Three

Sonja urged everyone to visit the juggling museum.

Four

Jon thanked Sonja for doing the work with the archives over the year, Falk for having been the treasurer, Ali for doing the preregistration work and Daan for working with the EU application.

They were all given a bottle of German wine.

Five

Ali reported that the online preregistration system is becoming outdated and we will look at replacing it. A proposal is to look at some existing webshop system.

18. Closing of the Meeting

Jon thanked everyone for participating and closed the meeting.

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