



Stichting European Juggling Association

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Minutes of EJA Board Meeting Vitoria 2009-07-07

1 Opening of the Meeting

Jon opened the meeting.

- **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	
Daan Yperman	EJA Treasurer	Also voting for Fabien
Tobias Horstman	EJC 2008 Rep	
Julie Bune	Rep DK	
Alex		Left after item 5
Samuli Männistö	Rep FI	
Stephen McGinley	EJC 2006	
Philip Nicolai	Rep DE	
Deniz Soyarslan	Rep Turkey	Arrived during item 6
Bert	Rep BE	Absent during item 6
Jules Howard		Arrived during item 6
Norbert Schaiter	Rep AT	During item 7
Smolchy		During item 7

Daan is proxy on behalf of Fabien, Rep EJC 2004 Carvin.

- **Non-Voting Attendees**

The following non-voting attendees were present.

Person	Role
Deirde Toher	EJA Workgroup coordinator
Ali Close	Prereg coordinator
Sonja Boeckmann	EJA Archivist
Paul Andersson	EJA US Contact
Christian Bross	Co-rep EJC 2011 Munich
Thomas	Co-rep EJC 2011 Munich
Olivier Caignart	Co-rep EJC 2004 Carvin
Joanny Vitta	EJA Artist coordinator
Jannicka	Co-Rep EJC 2010 Finland
Veikoo	Co-Rep EJC 2010 Finland

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2 Approval of the agenda

No objection to approval was voiced and the agenda was unanimously approved.

3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from Meeting in Karlsruhe during EJC2008

No objection to approval was voiced and the minutes from the EJA Board meeting in Karlsruhe 2008 were **unanimously approved**.

4 President's Report

Jon gave a summary of the past year's EJA activities.

The web forum has been replaced by Drupal which is a more dynamic content management system where people can interact with each other and provide help. To get login access - contact Daan.

The EJA had a working meeting in Belgium during the spring 2009.

Jon thanked Daan and Ali for all the work they have put into the prereg work. There is work ongoing for replacing the prereg system and the XC has signalled that EJA are willing to spend money to get a replacement system that works better.

This year, EJA prepared to give the Dutch juggling convention a loan and preparations were made for that. In the end the Dutch festival managed without the loan. Jon reminded that the ability to provide local conventions loans exist.

The XC has also worked with instructions for future organizers and to set up default parameters for new organisers such as surplus division etc.

The XC has spent time discussing how the EJA funds can be better secured without overly annoying the EJC organisers. The issue is to balance the EJA risk in a potential delay in repaying the loan. The idea is to pay back the loan immediately after the prereg is closed. Thereby EJA can access the funds for loaning to future organizers as well. The organisers of EJC2009 commented that they need to pay a lot of the invoices before the convention and therefore are a bit scared that the money might run out before the convention starts.

Philip has been publishing the newsletter during the first half of the year and it is a process that is now starting to work.

5 Treasurer's Report

Daan presented the treasurer's report based on the hand-out. The figures were explained.

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There is a revenue item that is a scholarship grant from Ireland. That money is reserved for scholarship donations in Ireland. Legal costs have been high due to charges for the translation and filing of the updated EJA statutes.

The credit card charges have been high since the EJC 2008 had a high number of preregs.

The financial report was **unanimously approved**.

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

Jon gave an introduction to the principle. Paul asked about the system.

There was a discussion on the principles of how to select the festivals that have the right to elect one.

The proposal was to allow all festivals that are up for election and have signalled a will to stand for re-election the right to elect a representative. **Votes: 11 pros, 0 against, 0 abstentions**

Thus the following festivals will have the right to elect a representative at the general assembly.

EJC	Current Rep
1991 – Verona	Mr Jules
1997 – Torino	Bruno Furnari
2000 – Karlsruhe	Tassilo Timm
2003 – Svendborg	John Newman
2004 - Carvin	Fabien Laude
2008 – Karlsruhe	Tobias Horstmann
2011 - Munich	Vacant

Thus the following festivals lost their right to have a representative to the EJA Board.

EJC	Current Rep
1988 – Maastricht	Lee Hayes
1996 – Grenoble	Alain Brisard
2001 – Rotterdam	Driekus Heijsteeg
2002 – Bremen	Stephanie Schneider
2005 – Ptuj	Mini Mansell
2007 – Athens	Costas Vazeos

7 Voting on which Areas have a Country Representative

The process was explained. There are several countries up for election. Some countries also failed their election last year.

For the three countries that failed election next year the proposal was to let them elect a country rep this year.

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Votes: 11 pros, 1 against, 2 abstentions

The question was put out as to whether there was any country that today had a contact and that should be promoted to country rep. Jon reported about Romania and proposed that we would evaluate their eligibility for next year.

For other contacts, no one else was proposed for being country rep. Thereby, the list is settled.

8 Report from EJC 2007

Daan reported that the whole loan has been signalled to be repayed at the end of the summer. Currently, EUR 4730 remain to be repaid from Athens to EJA. Based on the revenue from the DVD sales, it seems like the whole loan can be covered. The situation seem to be slowly resolving but there are still issues left to clarify.

Daan will communicate any updates.

9 Report from EJC 200

EJC2008 reported that they are now waiting for the tax office to be ready with the review. Thereafter, they will know the end result. It currently, points to a EUR 40000 surplus.

Their revenue from the Athens DVDs sold at EJC 2008 will be transferred to EJA after the taxes have been deducted.

10 Report from EJC 2010

The EJC2010 reported that their website is now online at <http://www.ejc2010.org> and the dates are set. There is a rock festival organized there now and it is about 20000 people. So the EJC should not be a problem.

The preliminary budget in Finnish has been sent to EJA previously. An updated budget in English will be sent in a few weeks.

The site is a real campsite. More information on how to get there will be put on the website. One option is to fly RyanAir to Tampere and then take the train to Joensuu.

There is currently a core team of 5 people and lots of other people helping.

11 Report from EJC 2011

EJC2011 reported that the basic phase of defining the structure in teh core team has been ongoing for a while and that it would soon be widened. Currently there are 7 people in teh core team and up to 20 people in the extended team.

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Some recent successes have been achieved and the video is ready to be shown at the general assembly.

The www.ejc2011.de will be the web-address but it is not live yet. The EJC is organized by a separate entity and the contract with the EJA will be re-signed with that entity as a signer.

Jon invited EJC2011 to the JHJ meeting.

12 Reports from the EJA Subgroups

PR-group

Olivier reported that the PR group meeting in Antwerp was very nice. The PR group also exhibited at the French circus exhibition with a very nice stand with nice pictures. The result was not so good since the conference was really intended for professional organizations.

Future organiser group

Material on desired documentation was launched this year. It will be improved for next year. Also additional information for the traders will be collected to be provided to future organisers. Focus for next year is to work on the timelines for new candidates.

Artist contact

The artist group is working on a database but the material is currently in paper format. By entering artists and act information into the database, the acts can be shown to future organisers.

Archive

Sonja reported that the archive effort want to be able to provide an online catalogue of the archives.

The exhibition is put up at this year's EJC. There was a bit of problems with the translation this year.

There are some plans on how to develop the exhibition that will be discussed at JHJ.

JHJ – Jugglers Helping Jugglers

Jon is the coordinator for the JHJ group and informed about the meeting on Thursday and hoped many people will come.

Funding

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Daan is the only person in this working group. No activity has been taking place this year.

Web group

Schmolchy reported that there was a web meeting intended for World Juggling Day but it did not happen.

Benefits of Juggling

Mirek reported about the idea of connecting blogs from different countries to collect input from many places.

It was pointed out to all the sub-groups that it is valuable that they report to the editor of the newsletter so that they can spread their info better.

13 Discussion Concerning the Structure of the EJA (Subgroups)

Jon proposed that this would happen primarily on Friday but wanted to remind everyone that the working groups are intended to be flexible structures.

14 Introduction to the EJA Board and Subgroups meeting

There will be a working meeting on Friday at 13:00. The structure will be an open space meeting.

15 Election of Secretary

The position of secretary was presented.

Fredrik was unanimously re-elected.

The board was asked if they would accept using a fourth person to support XC work given that the board was informed at all times.

16 Appointment of Festival Advisors if needed

The XC has been appointing festival advisors to future organisers. This role is not a voting role in EJA. No future organisers present at the current meeting requested an update to that process.

17 Entrance to EJC for EJA Country reps

Jon presented that the XC had discussed letting the EJA country reps get a free entrance to the EJCs. The thought from the XC would be to try to negotiate that structure into contracts with future organisers.

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The discussion was opened and several opinions were voiced. One problem is that not all country reps do the same amount of work. As an EJC organiser letting people in for free is a cost and it becomes hard to know where to draw the line.

The general feeling was that letting the EJA require free entry for EJA board members would lead to more complications. It was said that a free ticket could be assigned to people who fulfill the tasks given.

From the discussion it was clear that opinions are very divided and several alternate proposals were presented.

There was no basis for proposing a vote on the matter.

18 Any other Business

UK Rep

The pre-reg in UK has been run primarily with checks. At the end of the pre-reg it was not possible to get a hold of the UK rep and the registration situation is not good in the UK.

It has been pointed out that it does not NEED to be the country rep that does the pre-reg. However, Ali pointed out that it is an advantage to have the country rep do this.

There was a discussion on whether it was possible to unseat the UK rep and elect another one. This process will be too difficult. The more reasonable option is to ensure someone else in the UK can run prereg for next year and appoint a country contact.

For next year, the board asks the XC to appoint someone else for running the UK prereg with the following votes.

Votes: 12 pros, 0 – against, 0 – abstentions

Format of the meeting

It was requested that the chairing of the meetings in the future should be a bit more aimed at keeping the speed up.

More Meetings during the Week

Jon reminded that 13:00 is the magic time for the rest of the meetings during the week.

19 Closing of the Meeting

Jon thanked everyone and closed the meeting

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