



Stichting European Juggling Association

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## Minutes of EJA Board Meeting Joensuu 2010-07-26

### 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	
Stephen McGinley	EJC 2006	
Philip Nicolai	Rep DE	Proxy for Andy from Munich
Tobias Horstman	EJC 2008 Rep	Proxy for Tassilo
Staffan Ulfberg	Rep SE	
Ferko Adamczyk	Rep NL	
Adolfo Rossomando	Rep IT	
Veikko Sariela	Rep FI	
Niall Kelly	Rep IE	
Gora Kristian	Rep HU	
Geir Berge Ottersen	Rep NO	

- **Non-Voting Attendees**

The following non-voting attendees were present.

Person	Role
Deirdre Toher	EJA Workgroup coordinator
Dennis Rotter	
Markus Furtner	EJC2011
Ali Close	Prereg coordinator
Miark	UK Contact
Christian Bross	Co-rep EJC 2011 Munich
Sonja Boeckmann	EJA Archivist
Joanna Reczeh	EJC 2012
Jakob Szwertl	EJC2012
Magda Matyrniek	EJC2012

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## 2 Approval of the agenda

Jon stated that the agenda had been distributed via email and drupal. No objection to approval was voiced and the agenda was unanimously approved.

## 3 Approval of Meeting Minutes from Meeting in Vitoria during EJC2009

No objection to approval was voiced and the minutes from the EJA Board meetings in Vitoria 2009 were **unanimously approved**.

## 4 President's Report

Jon thanked for the three past years as EJA president and informed that it had been a tough decision to take to stand down since things are still left to do but with two kids it is difficult to handle this job too. Therefore, Jon has decided to stand down.

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

During the year of 2009 there has been the world circus fair in Paris where EJA jointly had a stand with the French juggling organization. It was intended to be a big event but it was smaller than intended. Adolfo was there as a press representative.

In 2010 there has been a conference on the benefits of juggling in Lublin. There has been a sub-group in EJA called benefits of juggling that is led by Mirek. Mirek arranged a conference on the benefits of juggling in Lublin where also Jon took place. EJA provided EUR 2000 financial support to the conference and the travel costs for Jon. As a condition EJA required that the outputs of the conference will be provided to EJA – in English.

XC has monthly Skype meetings. The regular XC meetings have been a good way of keeping business running.

Within EJA there are several working groups and some work better than others. Maybe some groups are not needed and Jon proposed as an activity for Wednesday to review and discuss the desired working group structure.

The XC has started to document the working structure of EJA and XC. The XC has appointed Tassilo as an assistant to the XC and that has been running during the past 3-4 months.

## 5 Treasurer's Report for 2009

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

Loans to Athens, Vitoria and Joensuu were outstanding at the end of the year. Since then Vitoria has repaid. There are still EUR 4700 outstanding in a loan from EJA to EJC 2007 in Athens. We have received the full accountancy for EJC2007, in Greek so it is difficult for us to manage that. In

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light of that, Jon re-explained the policy for EJA loan repayment that was established already last year.

The Karlsruhe team for EJC 2008 have transferred a donation of EUR 26 200 to EJA. Also EJC 2009 have transferred EUR 47000.

The financial report was **unanimously approved**.

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

The meeting decided to allow all festivals that are up for election and have signaled a will to stand for re-election the right to elect a representative.

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

<b>EJC</b>	<b>Current Rep</b>
2006 – Millstreet	Stephen McGinley
2009 – Vitoria	Alex
2010 – Joensuu	Samuli Männistö
2012 – Lublin	Empty

## **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.

The meeting decided that the following countries up for election should have a rep: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Slovenia, Spain

From regions today having a country contact the following were given the right to elect a country representative at the general assembly: UK, Lithuania, Switzerland, Ukraine, Romania

## **8 Report from EJC 2007**

There was no one from EJC 2007 present at the meeting. The situation is unchanged since last year, even though it was then promised that the whole loan would be repaid at the end of summer 2009. Thus EUR 4730 remain to be repaid from Athens to EJA.

## **9 Report from EJC 2008**

Philip gave a report on the life in Karlsruhe after EJC and how activity has been kept in the community.

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## 10 Report from EJC 2009

There was no one from EJC2009 at the meeting. Instead, we will ask them to report on Wednesday this week.

## 11 Report from EJC 2010

The budget for the convention was based on 1000 participants. There were 650 people pre-registered and so far 325 people have registered on site. So the budget looks good. Prior to the convention there have been a few communication mishaps between EJA and EJC2010. This has hopefully been resolved now.

The local response to the festival has been really positive so far.

## 12 Report from EJC 2011

Markus Furtner reported that progress was good. Contracts are being signed for different things. One problem is to maintain high capacity since a large number of participants are expected while not taking too large risks. However, this should be ok.

Christian Bross reported how the organization works. There is a core team of 9 people out of which most are on the board of the EJC2010 Ek Verein.

Christian also informed that EJC2011 needs a larger loan and would like to increase it from EUR 20000 to EUR 25000.

Overall, the status is green now which is improvement from yellow caused by a switch of venue. The break-even level is 4000-5000 people.

## 13 Report from EJC 2012

Jakob, Magda and Jana from EJC2012 gave a status report from Lublin.

## 14 Reports from the EJA Subgroups

### Future organiser group

The group has worked on materials and info for potential organizing teams. Dee wants it to be locally translated and distributed to local juggling conventions to inform people what is required from an organizer.

This year we had four teams interest in EJC2013 but it dropped down to just one group who will present at the general assembly.

### Archive

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Sonja reported that the archive effort want to be able to provide an online catalogue of the archives but this still has not been executed.

The exhibition is partly moved to Carvin. In Joensuu, the exhibition is at a really nice place in town.

### **JHJ – Jugglers Helping Jugglers**

Jon informed about the JHJ event at previous EJC. Maybe it will be done this year to too if someone else wants to help out.

### **Web group**

There is nothing to report from the web group.

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.

## **15 Introduction to the Meeting of the new EJA Board**

There will be a meeting of the new EJA board on Wednesday at 13:00. The idea is for the new board to discuss plans for the future. After the meeting, the EJA board will go out to dinner.

## **16 Election of President**

The position of president was presented by Jon.

Stephen put himself forward for president. Daan proposed Ali who accepted the proposal. Thus, Ali and Stephen are candidates for president. Both candidates presented themselves to the board.

Ali: 10 votes

Stephen: 5 votes

Abstentions: none

Ali was elected the new EJA president.

## **17 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.

## **18 Any other Business**

### **Solar powered showers**

Postponed to Wednesday

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## 19 Closing of the Meeting

Jon thanked everyone and closed the meeting

Minutes taken by

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