

## Minutes of EJA Board Meeting 2006-07-11

### Attendees

Tarim – EJA Chairman  
Falk Hante – EJA Treasurer  
Fredrik Almgren – EJA Secretary, Country Rep Sweden  
Alex Gonzalez – Country Rep Spain  
Jon Skjerning-Rasmussen – Country Rep Denmark  
Deirdre Toher – Country Rep Ireland  
Costas Vazues – Country Rep Greece  
Gallyas Veronika – Country Rep Hungary  
Fratl Hofer – Country Rep Austria  
Adolfo Rossomando – Country Rep Italy  
Magnus Bjarnason – Denmark  
Tassilo Timm – EJC2000, Karlsruhe  
Stephanie Schneider – EJC2002, Bremen  
Henry Lawrence – Treasurer EJC2005, Ptuj  
Jules – EJC2005, Ptuj, EJC1992, Verona  
Robert Krizanic – EJC2005, Ptuj  
Dejan Klasinc – EJC2005, Ptuj  
Tobias Horstmann – EJC2008  
Philip Nicolai – EJC2008

## 1. Opening of the meeting

Tarim opened the meeting and started the round of introductions. This was followed by a short introduction to the meeting.

The question on whether there was a quorum caused some concern and Jules pointed out that the daily board should have checked this beforehand. Tarim proposed that the meeting should carry on as if there was a quorum and deal with it later.

## 2. Election of festival reps

The following people were unanimously elected as festival representatives with 9 votes in favor and none against and no abstentions.

Jules – EJC1992, Verona  
Bruno Funari – EJC1996, Torino  
Tassilo Timm – EJC2000, Karlsruhe  
Stephanie Schneider – EJC2002, Bremen  
John Newman – EJC2003, Svendborg  
Mini Mansell – EJC2005, Ptuj  
Tassilo Timm – EJC2008, Karlsruhe

## 3. Election of daily board member – secretary

Fredrik Almgren was unanimously elected as EJA secretary with 12 votes in favor and none against and no abstentions.

## **4. Report of 2005 accounts and Vote of Acceptance**

Falk presented the financial situation. EJA has now received payment from Carvin and is thus in a sound financial state.

So far during 2006, the EJA has loaned EUR 20000 to EJC2006 that is still outstanding. Furthermore, a loan of EUR 7000 to the Dutch Convention has been given and has been paid back. A grant of EUR 1500 to the Polish convention has also been given.

During 2005 there is revenue of EUR 3900 from the token system. This is due to an unbalance in the token system since jugglers have kept tokens in their pocket. This is therefore temporary revenue that will be an expense if jugglers exchange their tokens.

The meeting voted to accept the un-audited 2005 report with 11 votes in favour, none against and 1 abstention.

## **5. Chairman's report**

Tarim reported on the webservice which is now serving several websites and is available for juggling related websites.

Tarim informed that the latest info from EJC1998 is that the surplus is held in an account and work is currently being done to define how to decide what the money is going to be used for. The proposal will be made public and more information will follow as it becomes available.

On the issue of relation between the chairman and the Ptuj organizing team, Tarim reported that he had failed in keeping a good relation with the Ptuj organizing team.

This year a start-up loan was given to the Dutch convention and a grant to the Polish convention. Later on the agenda, there is an item to vote on how this shall be handled in the future.

The pre-registration system has some remaining hiccups. Birte is standing down from being pre-registration coordinator after doing it the past two years. Tarim thanked her for the job. The meeting held an official vote of thanks to Birte. We need to find a new coordinator for next year.

Regarding EJC2008 in Karlsruhe, there have been major problems for the organizers after the decision was made during EJC2005. In the end both the Karlsruhe and Basque team have ended up doing a lot of work. As things turn out now, Karlsruhe is back on track

For EJC2010, a Belgian team has signaled interest. A group in Sheffield also showed interest. A Finish group has done some preliminary scouting for EJC2011.

## **6. Report from EJC2005**

Jules reported from EJC2005 in Ptuj where about 3500 people attended.

There are no outstanding debts or bills and no taxes are owed to the government. EJC2005 have given EUR 5000 directly to JC Events who organize EJC2006. There is a new organisation called Nova-Rocodelci that shall carry on the juggling work in Slovenia. As it looks EUR 6100 are currently held in Nova-Rocodelci.

The end-result of EJC2005 will be a small surplus. No formal deal exists with the EJA on how to use a surplus. Jules pointed out that the reason is that it was dealt with too late and it would have been preferable if the EJA had made the organizers decide a lot earlier in the process.

Jules does have a written report that will be made available, as it is ready.

Robert reported that the juggling in the Ptuj area is a lot more active now than before the convention and additional attention has been given to juggling.

Tassilo asked what the largest expense in Slovenia was. Jules answered that tent and equipment rental and site rentals were the largest but that the details will be presented in the report that he will make available.

## **7. Report from EJC2007**

Costas presented the current state for EJC2007 in Athens. The dates are 15-22 of July. National holidays are in August and therefore that time period is not suitable. The plan is to have a meeting with EJA in Greece in February.

The website is to go live in September. Costas says that we might be getting 5000 participants and that the aim is to keep the ticket price at around EUR 60.

As the deal looks the site will be very cheap in exchange for having shows in Athens.

The organizing team is currently 5 people but up to 35 people are involved now.

## **8. Report from EJC2008**

Tarim gave a bit of background on the problems and stated that since the Karlsruhe did pull out at one stage, we should have a vote of confirmation on the EJC2008. There are no competing applications.

Tassilo explained the dealings with the city around the EJC2008 and how the problems with the city's administration caused problems. Tassilo mailed and said that Karlsruhe would need to pull out in February. Just after that the city came back with a positive signal. During March the situation with the city improved. The city now supports the Pyramidale organisation and has provided a loss-guarantee of up to EUR100.000.

The budget will be made aiming for around 3000 participants. The site will be given for free but the halls need to be rented.

The convention will be 2-10 August 2008.

Vote on accepting the EJC2008 in Karlsruhe was held and EJC2008 in Karlsruhe was approved with 10 votes in favor and 1 abstention. No votes against were cast.

yes – 10

no – 0

abstain – 1

## **9. Report from EJC2009**

Alex reported on the background in the work he did to look at the possibility of organizing EJC2008 in the Basque area. After the message that Karlsruhe had problems with EJC2008, the Basque team made some presentation to city councils.

In the end it was looking good for EJC2008 in Basque country but the Karlsruhe team had come further. The Basque team agreed to give up EJC2008. However, it is not possible now to promise that the Basque team can get together for making EJC2009 but Alex will work further on the issue.

## **10. Discussion and Vote on EJA Support to Juggling Related Projects**

Tarim introduced the background of letting EJA support other events than the EJC. The most important rule for doing this is that EJA has money available.

Tarim presented the proposals as made in the agenda.

*The EJA wishes to confirm its support of juggling related projects beyond supporting only the EJC.*

*The board gives the daily board the mandate to take decisions on the support of such projects.*

*Notes: Guidelines on what is required of an organiser and what kind of support EJA can provide will be published on the website.*

- 1. Support can only be given to the extent that funds are available.*
- 2. Preference will be given to events that maximize the number of jugglers supported (such as juggling conventions)*
- 3. Preference will be given to areas of Europe where juggling is less established and needs promoting*
- 4. Loans will be the preferred means of support.*

On question from Adolfo, Tarim answered that we publish information on the EJA website on how to apply and what information needs to be supplied by the ones applying for support.

Jules stated that he saw that the priority should be to improve the amount of support to EJC before using EJA efforts to other activities. The organizers of current and future EJCs shall have priority over any other event. Tarim stated agreement with that and that it should be clarified.

Adolfo pointed out that maybe it was better to announce the total amount available for these other applications and then let organizers apply. Tarim stated that that was the intention.

Costas stated that it was a good idea for EJA to work with supporting local conventions to raise knowledge about the EJC.

Jules stated that the currently proposed guidelines are too vague and want them to be clearer and make sure that a system to follow up previous support actions need to be in place.

The meeting requested to be presented with clear guidelines in February.

The meeting voted in favor of the proposal from the daily board with 5 votes in favor, 1 vote against and 7 abstentions.

The daily board is tasked to get back with clear guidelines to the February meeting.

## **11. Updating of Statutes to Allow Electronic Voting and Email Votes**

Tarim presented that the statutes do not explicitly clarify that electronic meetings and email votes.

*The EJA board gives the daily board the task of proposing an update to the statutes to allow for electronic meetings and email votes.*

The proposal was unanimously accepted with 13 votes in favor and no abstentions and none against.

## **12. AOB**

### **a. Re-imbursement or Usage of Tokens**

The tokens have now been used at several conventions but the latest two conventions have not use the token system. EJA regards usage of the tokens to be a decision that is up to the local organizers. Some jugglers have tokens from previous conventions.

The proposal is that if tokens are not used at EJC2007, EJA should set up a system for letting jugglers sell their tokens.

The proposal was unanimously accepted with 13 votes in favor and no abstentions and none against.

### **b. Instruction for Country Reps**

Falk handed out the instruction for country reps.

### **c. Information from EJA**

The meeting requested the secretary to send out a monthly newsletter to the EJA list. The secretary promised to do so.

### **d. Mailing Lists**

Jon offers help and suggest a mail list set-up and publish it on the website.

### **e. EJA DVDs**

Jules warned that he will ask for 300 EUR to redo the EJA DVD and photo books.

## **13. Closing of the Meeting**

Tarim declared the meeting closed.