



**MINUTES OF THE EPF EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024**

Place: Pilsen, Czech Republic

Date: Wednesday, 9th of October 2024

Time: 18:00 CET

DELEGATES

FULL MEMBER NATIONS: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Greece, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine.

EPF EC MEMBERS: Bjorn Astad, Tetiana Melnyk, Xavier de Puytorac, Sandro Rossi.

Total vote 21

Simple majority 12

NATIONS PRESENT IN ZOOM: Luxembourg, Slovenia.

EC MEMBERS PRESENT IN ZOOM: Tero Hyttinen

No voting rights

AGENDA

1. Roll call of Nations and Delegates
2. President address
3. Voting on the new Constitution and By-Laws
4. Voting on Proposals
5. Adjournment

Welcome by the President

EPF President Bjorn Astad warmly welcomed all the Nations Delegates to the Extraordinary General Assembly 2024 in Pilsen, Czech Republic.

For those Nations which were not able to attend the XGA in Pilsen joining the XGA virtually via zoom call was offered.

Current Constitution does not foresee the possibility of electronic vote; therefore, the Nations present in Zoom have no voting rights.

1. Roll call of Nations and Delegates

Full Member Nations with the voting rights present at the General Assembly:

Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Greece, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine.

Votes 17

EPF EC Members:

Bjorn Astad, Tetiana Melnyk, Xavier de Puytorac, Sandro Rossi

Votes 4

Total number of votes 21

Simple majority 12 votes

2. President address

Dear Members,

Based on the discussion we had at the GA in Croatia regarding the revised EPF Constitution and By-Laws, the EC has now changed the wording according to the major opinion.

In Croatia, when the proposal for a new EPF C&BL was discussed, the major discussion was about the voting rights of GA and the EC members. The question was whether GA should still have voting rights to change BL and if so, should the EC members keep their voting rights.

The major opinion regarding the above was that the new EPF C&BL should include these voting rights as it is specified in the currently valid C&BL. This strengthens the democracy and has worked well for many years.

In the new worked out EPF C&BL, these two major voting principles remain as in the present C&BL, meaning the GA will have voting rights regarding any revised or new C&BL and the EC members keep their voting rights as well.

The new EPF C&BL were worked out and structured according to the requirements of the IPF. But as long as the Regional Powerlifting Federations are independent bodies, the content of the EPF C&BL is slightly different from the IPF. All significant rules specified in the present EPF C&BL are continued in the new one.

3. Voting on the new Constitution and By-Laws

Vote: Yes 21/ No 0/ Abstention 0

New EPF Constitution and By-Laws accepted unanimously.

4. Voting on Proposals

Proposal from Norway #1

Constitution 6.1.2 General Assembly, General Provisions

Add the word “physical” as one of the alternatives for the GA meeting.

Amended 6.1.2 with this amendment will be:

“The General Assembly shall be conducted annually in the terms of meeting during the European Championship in the first half of the calendar year, physical, digitally or in combined way.”

Vote: Yes 28/ No 0/ Abstention 0

Proposal accepted unanimously.

Proposal from Norway #2

Constitution 6.1.4 General Assembly, General Provisions

Add the following text: “However, EC-members cannot represent both the EC and their national federation at the same time, no person can have more than one vote.”

Amended 6.1.4 with this amendment will be:

“At the General assembly EC members have voice and voting rights. However, EC-members cannot represent both the EC and their national federation at the same time, no person can have more than one vote.”

Vote: Yes 28/ No 0/ Abstention 0

Proposal accepted unanimously.

Proposal from Norway #3

Constitution 7.4 Powers of the EPF Executive Committee

Add the following text: “...when necessary due to rules changes outside the EPF. Changes made by the EC shall be presented, voted on and ratified on the first possible EPF General Assembly.”

Amended 7.14 with this amendment will be:

“To determine the creation, deletion, and modification of the By-Laws when necessary due to rules changes outside the EPF. Changes in By-Laws made by the EC shall be presented, voted on and ratified on the first possible EPF General Assembly.”

After the discussion Norway amended the proposal to add the following text: "...when necessary. Changes made by the EC shall be presented, voted on and ratified on the first possible EPF General Assembly."

Amended 7.14 with this amendment will be:

"To determine the creation, deletion, and modification of the By-Laws when necessary. Changes in By-Laws made by the EC shall be presented, voted on and ratified on the first possible EPF General Assembly."

Vote: Yes 16/ No 2/ Abstention 3

Proposal accepted.

Proposal from Norway #4

By-Laws 2.6 Motions and Amendments

Replace the second section with the following text: "Before voting on proposals published in the agenda, The General Assembly may propose amendments to the original proposal. Proposed amendments must be presented in writing to the Chair."

Amended 2.6 with this amendment will be:

"Proposals to the EPF General Assembly can be made by the EPF Executive Committee and by the EPF Member Federations, which have paid the annual membership fee within the deadline.

Before voting on proposals published in the agenda, The General Assembly may propose amendments to the original proposal. Proposed amendments must be presented in writing to the Chair. Every proposal must be announced and seconded by the members present at the meeting before the discussion."

Vote: Yes 10/ No 10/ Abstention 1

Proposal failed.

Proposal from Norway #5

By-Laws 2.6 Motions and Amendments

Delete the word "the" in the last section.

Amended last section of 2.6 with this amendment will be:

"Every proposal must be announced and seconded by members present at the meeting before the discussion."

After discussion the Great Britain representative ensured that the right way is to substitute "the members" by "a member".

The amended proposal was to substitute the word "the members" by "a member" in the last section.

Amended last section of 2.6 with this amendment will be:

"Every proposal must be announced and seconded by a member present at the meeting before the discussion."

Vote: Yes 17/ No 2/ Abstention 2

Proposal accepted.

5. Adjournment

The Extraordinary General Assembly was closed by the EPF President Bjorn Astad.