

# ***European Underwater Federation***

## **Minutes of the EUF meeting, Bristol, 14/06/15**

### **Delegates**

Mark Caney	MC	PADI EMEA
Martin Denison	MD	RSTC
Deric Ellerby	DE	BSAC
Eugene Farrell	EF	BSAC
Michael Frenzel	MF	CMAS EU
Wolfgang Mehl	WM	FIAS
Oliver Mielke	OM	RSTC
Sari Nuotio	SN	FDF
Kevin O'Shaughnessy	KO	CMAS EU
Jesper Rislov	JR	DSF
Jean Rondia	JRa	FEBRAS
Steffen Scholz	SS	VDST

### **Associates**

Antero Joki	AJ	ADA International
Klaus Krützfeld	KK	Actinia
Boaz Mayzel	BM	TIDF
Don McGlinchey	DMc	Actinia
Guy Thomas	GT	DAN EU
Liron Tirosh	LT	TIDF

### **Observers**

Peter Jonas	PJ	AS+/EUF Cert
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### **Apologies**

Alexandre Belskyi	AB	NDL Russia
Yuri Belskyi	YB	NDL Russia
Zeyad M El Bassel	ZE	CDWS Egypt
Liubov Erskova	LE	NDL Russia
John Geurts	JG	NOB
Christian Johanneson	CJ	SSDF
Jack Lavanchy	JL	EUF
Tago Moldau	TM	NDL Nord
Dermot Moynihan	DM	CFT
Gerard Oijnhausen	GO	WOSD/IAHD
Fred Siebers	FS	WOSD/IAHD
Guido Wätzig	GW	SSI EU

## Minutes

1. The President welcomed delegates.
2. **Previous minutes** – approved with no corrections or matters arising not covered on the meeting agenda.
3. **President's report** – WM reported on the Green Bubble sustainable diving project centred on Porto Fino and certain Mozambique dive sites.
4. **RSTC EU** – OM reported that their January GA had re-elected the previous Board and that membership applications from a number of organizations from a number of organizations had been refused as failing to meet criteria. RSTC was also dealing with a number of membership violations including false membership claims. For the first time in a number of years the periodic data collection exercise had been successful. PJ reported moves around Genoa to restrict divers depths following a spate of fatalities.
5. **CMAS EU** – MF reported on two Board meetings in January and May and the prospect of a European-wide diving insurance proposal, pointing out that CMAS rules require all federation members must carry insurance cover. The issue of CMAS EU ISO certification had been considered but rejected as not feasible but the possibility of regional sharing was being examined. Their aim was for all members to be ISO certified. CMAS EU has also aligned its membership and voting structure to that of CMAS, one country one vote. Being currently registered in Belgium their structure is less complex than it was previously in Italy but they have expressed a preference to register as a UK company. KO reported on developments in the CMAS EU Sporting and Scientific sections.
6. **Finance / membership** – MD again provided a healthy financial report and suggested maybe we re-look at previous unrealised EUF projects. DE explained some of these details and also proposed we consider assisting long term EUF members by means of a subsidy towards repeat ISO expenses. MD requested that DE provide a brief description to the meeting of typical EUF activities carried out by DE between meetings – duly furnished.
7. **EUF Certification International** – PJ reported that FIAS, PADI and SSI had completed their ISO re-certifications and it was hoped that TVSO would shortly follow. Discussions with CMAS regarding certification of small federations were in their early stages. Service Provider and Introductory Diver ISO diving standards were progressing well and plans for a Sustainable Diving standard were being explored. GT reported that Australia was considering adopting ISO diving standards and that DAN would be seeking modifications to Oxygen references in certain standards. PJ stated that CDWS was slowly making progress in re-establishing the EUF centre certification scheme in Egypt. MD provided more detail on the proposed ISO work item on sustainable practices in recreational diving and the meeting voted nemcon to support this initiative.
8. **EUF Website** – DE had no changes to report. The meeting requested input to support news items.

9. **Membership** – DE reported on PDA's change of ownership. OM requested that the requirement for full members to be ISO certified be an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting. This would include consideration of the audit costs for small federations.
10. **Spanish certification recognition** – MC reported that Murcia has revised rules on medical certification allowing self-declaration and reduced a lower age limit of 12 years old. The Balearics are following Murcia and it is hoped that Catalonia will also. The main problem area is Valencia. OM indicated that ARBRE would like to request further EUF financial support and agreed to present a detailed proposal at the next meeting.
11. **AOB** – BM reported on TIDF's involvement in an artificial reef project employing the sinking of obsolete ships.
12. **Next meeting** – it was confirmed the next meeting will be held 28/11/15 in the Austrian Standards office to be hosted by AS+. The following meeting is planned for 18/06/16 in the Y40, Padua to be hosted by DAN.
13. **PADI and MC** were formally thanked for both organising and providing hospitality for the meeting.