

European Underwater Federation

Minutes of the EUF meeting, Vienna, 01/12/12

Delegates

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Mark Caney	MC	PADI EMEA
Martin Denison	MD	RSTC
Deric Ellerby	DE	BSAC
John Geurts	JG	NOB
Michael Hansen	MH	EUF
Jack Lavanchy	JL	RSTC
Wolfgang Mehl	WM	FIAS
Oliver Mielke	OM	RSTC
Sari Nuotio	SN	FDI
Steffen Scholz	SS	VDST
Trond Skaare	TS	PADI EMEA

Associates

Alexander Belskyi	AB	NDL Russia
Liubov Erskova	LE	NDL Russia
Yuval Haft	YH	TIDF
Don McGlinchey	DM	Actinia
Flemming Thyge	FT	DDI

Observers

Peter Jonas	PJ	AS+/EUF Cert
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Apologies

Yuri Belskyi	YB	NDL Russia
Jean-Louis Blanchard	JB	CMAS EU
Pascal Dietrich	PD	PADI EMEA
Zeyad M El Bassel	ZE	CDWS Egypt
Lasse Gustafsson	LG	SSDF
Raivo Kask	RK	NDL Nord
Martin Kiely	MK	CFT
Klaus Krütfeld	KK	Actinia
Kimmo Lahtinen	KL	ADA International
Dick Lukas	DL	NAUI EU
Richard Lukas	DL	NAUI EU
Tago Moldau	TM	NDL Nord
Gerard Oijnhausen	GO	WOSD/IAHD
Jesper Rislov	JR	DSF
Fred Siebers	FS	WOSD/IAHD
Mary Tetley	MT	BSAC
Guy Thomas	GT	DAN
Per Vangsoy	PV	NDF
Daniel Zuidema	DZ	DDI

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** – MC circulated and displayed the revised EUF brochures. These now exist in 11 languages and will be available in both PDF and printer ready PDF versions for free download on the EUF website (DE). He observed that generally the EU diving industry was stable but suffering from the financial recession. Furthermore the political instability affecting many Red Sea diving destinations popular with EU divers was reflected by considerable inbound tourism shortfalls. However he was happy to report that EUF continues to be recognised as the sole open platform for networking within the EU diving community and continues to act as the voice for European divers. As outgoing President MC thanked the Board and delegates for their support and work during his Presidency and looked forward to a robust future for EUF.
4. **RSTC EU** – OM reported the principal work of RSTC since the last meeting had continued to be the situation created by the changes to Spanish diving regulations. Many of the difficulties centre on the differing regional interpretations of the legislation within Spain. He was optimistic that in some regions there was likely to be an acceptance of major exterior agency instructor certification, hopefully by the end of this month (December 2012). However work was also continuing on an alternative legal approach that could also ensure acceptance of exterior training agency certification within Spain. The next RSTC meeting was planned to be held in Spain to reflect the importance of the issue.
5. **CMAS EU** – JB presented his apologies by email and requested that EUF recognise Mickaël Frenzel as his replacement for this meeting and future meetings until the next CMAS EU elections. SS reported that unfortunately MF was also unable to attend this meeting. JG and other CMAS EU members explained that CMAS EU and CMAS had had two recent extraordinary meetings and were in the process of developing new statutes for presentation at the next CMAS General Assembly planned for the Philippines in 2013. Essentially CMAS EU members would like to see changes that would represent more democratically the income commitment of different CMAS members.
6. **Finance / membership** – MD presented the bank statements to date and reported a healthy financial situation. The 2011/12 accounts were circulated and the annual audit was conducted by SN. DE explained the Annual report for UK Companies House was now due and he would undertake filing by 25/12/12.

7. **EUF Certification International** - PJ reported the original five diver and instructor standard revisions were now out for public comment and plans to hold an ISO comment review meeting in conjunction with the next EUF meeting. The Gas Blender standards have now been published, ANDI, BSAC, CFT, PDA, SDI/TDI and VDTL have had their certifications renewed. WOSD/IAHD review is in process and TIDF has just completed an audit successfully and will be added to the register. The situation in Egypt remains unresolved, though a couple of Red Sea centres have managed to re-certify. Currently NAUI certification has expired and is no longer valid, this should be reflected on our website.
8. **EUF Website** – DE stated the euf.eu domain name has finally been transferred to EUF and is registered via a British webhost, UKWSD, who are also now hosting our website. The site should be up to date as of 29/11/12 but members are asked to check and provide DE full information on any changes needed. The meeting was reminded of the policy of using logo clicks to link to members' websites. Please check these links and email links, plus other contact details are working and are accurate. Before checking it is advisable to flush web browser cache/history to ensure a current view of www.euf.eu is viewed.
9. **Membership** – DE reported the Executive Board had considered the applications from AIDA International (free divers association) and TIDF (Israeli diving federation) for associate membership and recommend they be approved – accepted nc. A membership application by NDL Nord (Estonia) for full membership of the profit distributing section was also recommended by that section and approved nc.
10. **Spanish certification recognition** – this item was considered fully reported earlier by OM.
11. **Election** – Following EUF procedures the following appointments were approved for the Executive of the EUF – President Wolfgang Mehl (FIAS), Board Members Mark Caney (PADI), Michael Frenzel (CMAS EU), Oliver Mielke (RSTC EU), Steffen Scholz (VDST), Treasurer Martin Denison (IAS), General Secretary Deric Ellerby (BSAC). The next elections are due December 2015.
12. **AOB** – The key role played by Jack Lavanchy in the development of EUF had been discussed by the Executive. In recognition of his many years of service and the importance of his role and contribution to EUF the Executive proposed he be created Honorary Vice President. This proposal was accepted by acclaim. It was also noted that a previous EUF President, Michael Hansen would no longer be attending as DSF representative and the meeting formally thanked him for his work on behalf of the European diving community.
13. **Next meeting** – it was agreed the next meeting will be held 15/06/13 in Tallinn, hosted by NDL Nord. The following meeting is planned for 30/11/13 in Vienna and will again be hosted by AS+.
14. **PJ AS+ and MD** were formally thanked for both organising and providing hospitality for the meeting.