



EFRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HOTEL Hesperia Sant Just
Barcelona, Spain
31st October and 1st of November 2015

AGENDA GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 31st OF OCTOBER 2015.

The meeting started at:

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Mr Dallas Mathiesen

Mr Dallas Mathiesen will open the meeting welcoming all delegates, associated members and special guests.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received from:

Member Countries presents:

AUSTRIA		FINLAND		LUXEMBOURG		SLOVENIA	
BELARUS		FRANCE		MONACO		SPAIN	
BELGIUM		GERMANY		NETHERLANDS		SWEDEN	
BULGARIA		GREAT BRITAIN		NORWAY		SWITZERLAND	
CROATIA		GREECE		POLAND		TURKEY	
CZECH REPUBLIC		HUNGARY		PORTUGAL			
DENMARK		IRELAND		RUSSIA			
ESTONIA		ITALY		SLOVAK REPUBLIC			

Other Present:

3. MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 2014— Valencia, Spain

Matters arising from the minutes:

The following person was elected to check the minutes of this year:

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr Willy Wuyts

Correspondence received.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs Jacqueline Aebi

- a) Presentation of Annual Accounts
- b) Audit Report
- c) Approval of the presented figures for 2015
- d) Election of auditors for 2015
- e) Matters arising

The precedent figures related to cash positions balance and budget are submitted for approval at the EFRA General Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee proposes to grant discharge of liability to the treasurer for the business year 2015.

The Annual Report, the Annual Accounts and the Group Accounts for the 2015 financial year are approved and discharge is granted to the treasurer, Jackie and to the auditors,....

Passed Unanimously. Passed with for, against and abstentions.

Was rejected with for, against and abstentions.

6. IFMAR LIASON OFFICER'S REPORT

Willy Wuyts

And Media Partner video report by Nick Daman

7. PROPOSALS REGARDING GENERAL RULES

Note: The EFRA Committee has studied all received proposals and has come to an opinion over each one, The EFRA Section Chairman will inform the floor of such positions.

2. CONSTITUTION OF THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF RADIO OPERATED MODEL AUTOMOBILES EFRA

THE RULE SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ:

4.1.b

Existing Rule:

Voting

- a) Following any proposal at a General Meeting each member country shall have one vote which shall be exercisable by a person duly authorised in writing by his governing body in such country.
- b) Each country shall also be entitled to one vote at any section meeting for which the country has paid the section membership fee, exercisable by a person duly authorised as provided for above.
- c) No proxy votes shall be allowed.
- d) Section meetings shall form part of the AGM. Voting procedures for the Section meetings shall be as for the AGM. Decisions of the Section meetings relating to the Technical Rules or Financial affairs of general concern to EFRA shall be ratified by the AGM.
- e) Any amendment to the Constitution of the Federation shall require a twothirds majority of the Annual General Meeting.
Other proposals unless otherwise specified herein, shall require a simple majority only. The President or the relevant official shall, in the event of a tie, have a casting vote. A resolution in writing, signed by the authorised representatives of all members, shall have the same effect as if it had been duly passed at a general meeting.
- f) In the case that more than 1/3 of the Member federations of the effected section or the Executive Committee feel it is necessary, a postal vote can be allowed.
In the event that there is a need to request a postal vote from all Member Federations, then a time limit of 30 (thirty) days shall be set for the return of the required voting form. The decision made by postal vote shall be effective 30 (thirty) days after it has been published to all Member Federations, subject to the respect of the standard time frame. Postal votes should only be used in the case of unforeseen circumstances and should not apply to any decision taken at the last AGM.
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- g) Before a voting process will be started, the total number of votes being present will be recorded. The voting result will be published to the auditorium and recorded in the minutes. Number of votes in favour and number of votes against and abstentions
- h) Correspondence: The official address of the Federation shall be the address of the General Secretary. Every member country shall furnish to the Executive Board an address for correspondence and any communications directed to that address shall be deemed to have been duly delivered by course of post.

Proposal:

Voting

- a) Following

- i) The official language of the Federation is the English language.

Remarks:

Proposed by EFRA

Seconded by: o Not Seconded

The proposal: o Passed Unanimously o Passed with for, against and abstentions.

o Rejected with for, against and abstentions. o Amended

3. EFRA SANCTIONS

THE RULE SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ:

3.5.7.

Existing Rule:

FEES (all amounts quoted in Euro)

Membership Fees	
Annual Subscription	450 (including 5 non-renewable lics.)
Section Fee	75
Full membership	850 (annual + all sections)
Associate membership	1000
Drivers License	30
Sanction Fees	
European Championship	460
European Championship, Open	230
International Race	200
Grand Prix	150
Deposits	
European Championship	600
European Championship, Open	600
Grand Prix	600
Additional Fees:GP and open entry EC fee for EFRA/driver	5
Entry Fees	
European Championship	100
European Championship 2 classes	150
Open Entry Championships max.	50
Grand Prix (maximum)	40
Handling fee World Championships + 10% of the IFMAR fees	
Homologation Fees	
Mufflers	120 (50% discount for Associate)
Bodyshells	500 (50% discount for Associate)
Large Scale Bodyshells	500 (50% discount for Associate)
INS-Box	800 (50% discount for Associate)
Batteries	500 (50% discount for Associate)

All transport costs for homologations to be paid by the manufacturer

Proposal: Elec. motor homologation will be introduced, with procedure and fees to be decided by the committee

Remarks: EFRA already has lists of motors "known to comply"

Proposed by EFRA

Seconded by: o Not Seconded

The proposal: o Passed Unanimously o Passed with for, against and abstentions.

o Rejected with for, against and abstentions. o Amended

4. INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS LICENCES

THE RULE IS NEW:

4.1.1.

- Existing Rule:** International driver's licences enable organisers to compose the qualifying heats so that novice or less experienced drivers are not mixed up with the top international drivers, in the interest of both groups.
- Proposal:** General proposal to change rules as required which will allow competitors to apply and pay for their own individual Efra licence directly on the efra web site. All applications would be verified by the competitors own federation that they are indeed members and eligible with an automated e-mail system from efra.
- Remarks:** The purpose of this is to stream line the process of obtaining an efra licence instead of the convoluted system that we currently use. It also greatly simplifies the current invoicing system for federations and efra.

Proposed by EFRA

Seconded by: Not Seconded

The proposal: Passed Unanimously Passed with for, against and abstentions.

Rejected with for, against and abstentions. Amended

THE RULE IS NEW:

4.3.

- Existing Rule:** **APPLYING FOR INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS LICENCE**
- Proposal:** Pending Ifmar hosting a Large Scale Off Road World Championship event. Drivers from other blocks within Ifmar are entitled to apply for an Efra licence and pay for the licence and entry fee directly to Efra for an entry in the Large Scale off road European Championship event.
- Remarks:** At the moment there is no large scale off road world championship in Ifmar. This proposal is to temporarily allow drivers from other blocks to enter directly through Efra (treasurer for payments, Chairman for entry details). There is significant interest from Australia to enter the ec and they are in discussion with Ifmar regarding a wc. The option will be removed immediately if/when Ifmar host a world championship for large scale off road.

Proposed by EFRA

Seconded by: Not Seconded

The proposal: Passed Unanimously Passed with for, against and abstentions.

Rejected with for, against and abstentions. Amended

5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS EFRA EVENTS

THE RULE SHOULD BE DELETED:

5.2.7.

- Existing Rule:** A frequency control board must be available during not-organised practice. It should be positioned near the transmitter impound or the drivers rostrum.
- Remarks:**

Proposed by EFRA

Seconded by: Not Seconded

The proposal: Passed Unanimously Passed with for, against and abstentions.

Rejected with for, against and abstentions. Amended

THE RULE SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ:

5.4.3.

- Existing Rule:** These systems must satisfy the requirements of EFRA and therefore must be proposed and explained in the applicationon.
- Proposal:** These systems must satisfy the requirements of EFRA and therefore must be proposed and explained in the **application. The position of the lap-timing antenna (loop) within the track at EC events must have the approval of the EFRA Section Chairman (or the EFRA appointed deputy).**
- Remarks:** It is important that the position of the loop is correct, relative to pit-lane entry/exit and for safety reasons to stop drivers 'firing' the car across the loop at the end of a race.

Proposed by EFRA

Seconded by: **Not Seconded**

The proposal: **Passed Unanimously** **Passed with for, against and abstentions.**

Rejected with for, against and abstentions. **Amended**

THE RULE SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ:

5.4.13.

- Existing Rule:** For timekeeping accommodation requirements, see 5.2.5. and 5.2.6.
- Proposal:** For timekeeping accommodation requirements, see 5.2.5. and **5.2.8.**
- Remarks:** Wrong references

Proposed by EFRA

Seconded by: **Not Seconded**

The proposal: **Passed Unanimously** **Passed with for, against and abstentions.**

Rejected with for, against and abstentions. **Amended**

6. ORGANISATION OF EFRA EVENTS

THE RULE IS NEW:

6.1.1.

- Existing Rule:** Preliminary Checks: Before applying for an EFRA sanctioned event, the host club must:
- a) Be confident they can offer foreign competitors a race that is worth the travelling and expense in all respects;
 - b) Have the track available from at least Friday-morning prior to the race (09.00 till 18.00 hours minimum), unless stated differently by section appendix;
 - c) Be sure the track and accommodation comply with the rules as described in chapter 5 and the section appendix;
 - d) Have enough experienced volunteers to organise the race, and set up a committee for this purpose to cover: lap counting and timekeeping, technical inspection, and race control facilities, organise marshalling and to arrange hotel accommodation
 - e) have the necessary authorisation to hold the race, i.e. from the owner of the track or property, with regard to noise, spectators, refreshments, chargeable entries etc.
 - f) have the right insurance for an international event.
- Proposal:** General proposal to change rules as required which will allow competitors to enter and pay for their own individual entries for European and World Championships directly on the efra web site. All applications would be verified by the competitors own federation by an automated mailing system via the efra web site. This would be so the federation can verify that their allocation was requested at the agm or subsequently by re-allocation. Change dead line from December 21st to February 28th after which entry fees automatically become 150%.
- Remarks:** The purpose of this is to stream line the process of entering European and World Championships. The current system creates to many hurdles for drivers and demands them to commit and enter many months before the event. Many people today have complicated jobs/holidays and we need to be making things easier for everyone to enter. It also greatly simplifies the current invoicing system for federations and efra.

Proposed by EFRA

Seconded by: Not Seconded

The proposal: Passed Unanimously Passed with for, against and abstentions.

Rejected with for, against and abstentions. Amended

THE RULE IS NEW:

6.4.

Existing Rule: **PROMOTION AND SPONSORING**

Proposal: 6.4.3 Organizer of all EFRA sanctioned events is entitled to apply financial support for the event from EFRA board. Application must include event concept, how the event will support the sport, event budget and how large is the requested support. Applications must be delivered latest by 31st of December. A written report from the event and results of the benefits must be available in next EFRA AGM.

Remarks: In the EFRA AGM there has been discussion about "black races" for many years and we haven't taken any actions to fix the issue. Currently EFRA supports EC organisers with direct financial support and more or less other races are left alone. The "black races" are usually more innovative approaches to organise an RC racing event and EFRA doesn't give any added value for these types of events.

As an example, why International race organiser would pay 200 euros to get the event EFRA race calendar? Why not give the option to apply for support if there is a real innovation used in the event? Reduce the direct financial support for ECs and use the money for "Research & Development" of the sport.

Proposed by AKK-Motorsport Ry,

Seconded by: Not Seconded

The proposal: Passed Unanimously Passed with for, against and abstentions.

Rejected with for, against and abstentions. Amended

8. GENERAL RACE PROCEDURE

THE RULE IS NEW:

8.10.16.

Existing Rule: If drugs or alcoholic impacts a competitor, competitor mechanics or an Official, the penalties for a competitor will be immediate disqualification. An official and competitors mechanics will immediately be taken out of service.

Proposal: 8.10.17. Any driver, representative or mechanic behaving abusively will be expelled from the meeting (a meeting may be one or more days and consist of more than one event/class). Any incidents that are likely to bring the sport into disrepute can be subject for further action from the Executive Committee.

Remarks:

Proposed by EFRA

Seconded by: Not Seconded

The proposal: Passed Unanimously Passed with for, against and abstentions.

Rejected with for, against and abstentions. Amended

8. BUDGET & AGM VENUE & PRESENTATION

9. SECTION MEETING REPORTS

Ratification of Rules - Election of Chairmen's

1:8 Buggy	Election of Chairman
1:8 IC Track	Election of Chairman
1:10 EL Buggy	Election of Chairman
Large Scale	Election of Chairman

1:10 IC Track	Election of Vice Chairman
Electric Track	Election of Vice Chairman

10. IFMAR 2015 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

Large scale	Kuala Lumpur/ Malaysia
Electric Off Road	Yatabe/ Japan
1/8 IC Track	Americana / Brazil

11. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

a) President	Mr E Dallas Mathiesen	Sweden
b) Secretary/Liaison IFMAR	Mr Willy Wuyts	Belgium

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

From Finland: A question about EFRA support. Currently EFRA is giving a lot of money for EC organizers for very little return. Also EFRA is paying for the RC Racing TV coverage, numbers, referees etc. Now we are organizing something new and trying to develop the sport, but we need to pay for EFRA like the sanction fee. To me this sounds a little unfair. I also realised that with current practices EFRA is only supporting ECs and don't care about GPs or other International races. Ok, it's not that black&white. I still believe I have a point and maybe it could be discussed in the next AGM. I don't have any solutions yet, but maybe I will come up with something before AGM. We are talking every year in AGM that we are not doing well, but we are not actually giving any tools that individual federations or clubs could try something different.

From Denmark: A letter also handled by the Large scale section:

On EFRA GP, it would have been nice to see a reprehensive from EFRA there, since there was a few matters that was not as it perhaps should be, at least that EFRA has pointed out a person that has represented EFRA and that was not from the Club in Cremona, after all it was a GP and every year, we discuss at the AGM how to get more people to the races.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (NON VOTING ITEMS ONLY)

14. APPROVAL MINUTES

After reading the minutes were approved by