



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: 9.15

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Mr Dallas Mathiesen

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

Good morning everyone...

...and welcome to the 2015 EFRA Annual General meeting.

Special welcome also to all our Honorary Life President Mr Gary Culver, and the Honorary live Vice presidents, Jean-Luc Retornaz, and Mick Hill.

It is, as always, a pleasure for me to once again meet old as well as new friends at the EFRA AGM and with no doubt will this once again be a productive meeting.

Even if the stack of proposals is a bit thinner than earlier years, I kindly ask you to stick to the subject, and respect each other, remember the first objective of EFRA: The promotion of international friendship, and co-operation, particularly on the continent of Europe, through and for the construction, competition and sport of radio operated model automobiles.

I kindly ask all of you to bear in mind that not all of us speak English by birth so please try to have patience and remember that all voice have equal right on this meetings.

During the past years I had the pleasure to be present at several events, and all of them were very well organized and the hospitality was superb, and I do thank all the organizers of EFRA events for their effort to make our races successful.

On the private side was I, due to my age, supposed to retire November 30, but since 3 weeks ago the municipal of my hometown did appoint me as the responsible for a transit accommodation for unaccompanied young refugees, initial 1 house with 40 youngsters, but last Monday one more, in total 80 kids.

Now is it time to point a thanks to the persons in the EFRA board and a special thanks to Jackie and Willy who are the two hardest working persons in EFRA. The workload this two have is tremendous, but I have never heard them complain.

You might think that the EFRA officials are fully paid every time they are travel or doing any task under the name EFRA.

I can assure you that that's not the case. Yes, they do get their main expenses, meaning transportation, lodging and food covered. But, and I say but, the time they taking free from work, using holidays etc. is not covered at all.

All the work and travelling to races etc. is done on totally voluntary basis. I must say all the EFRA officials are doing a great job, and I personally thank all the members of the EFRA committee for the effort they put to the sport and would like all of you in this meeting to join me and applaud our lady and the gentlemen's up on the podium.

Since some of the proposals might need extra time for discussion will I hereby finish my opening speech and declare the 2015 EFRA AGM as open. I will not be able to be present at every section meeting but I will do my best.

Once again welcome everyone and let's work together to make this AGM constructive.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received from: Czech Republic, Belarus, Luxembourg, Ireland, Slovak Republic, Slovakia, Estonia, Greece, Poland,

Member Countries presents:

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

Other Present: LRP, AMB

3. MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 2014— Valencia, Spain

Matters arising from the minutes: no matters were brought forward.

The following persons were elected to check the minutes of this year: Sweden and Spain

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr Willy Wuyts

My dear friends and colleagues, it is scary how time flies, and another year has passed.

In EFRA terms this means we saw another 14 European Championships, and about 15 GP's, that have been run across Europe.

Most of the time these EC's are running flawless, thanks to the dedication from organisers, volunteers, and EFRA crew, but once in a while there is one that causes some controversy.

I must admit, that reading some of the comments on social media makes me sad, sometimes angry, but on the other hand, it is also a motivation to do better.

It has been said many times, the EFRA referees, the Chairmen, and many others can only do so much, but we strive to do the best possible, to accommodate our members and drivers in the best possible ways.

That is why our AGM's are important, during the year we try to gather feelings from the drivers and we hope that the representatives from the federations present, are also the voice of their racers.

This year, after a lot of hurdles we introduced a new website.

I had many, many conversations with our devil does all Jackie, who had sleepless nights over this, and finally gave up all her free time during months to set it up, when we had to pull the plug on the original developer. He created a website with many possibilities, but at the same time you needed to be a highly experienced IT specialist to maintain it.

Jackie then took it in her own hands, and we know it is still not complete, but it is functional, and it will be extended with more features in the future.

We also started to use our media partner on the EFRA Facebook page, and I was astonished of the impact on the RC community. In the mid of summer, the EFRA messages were shown on the screen of over 30.000 people in one week, with 11000 real visits to the page. Sure we will try to improve this even further.

When we add the numbers of viewers that Nick Daman will provides us later on, we can be proud of the exposure of our EFRA European Championships.

Further down the meeting, there will be a discussion about the handling of the EFRA Licenses.

For us this will be a very important discussion, and it will require your full attention.

The current system is 30 years old, from when most people didn't have computers or the internet and it worked ok then. In today's world everyone is on the internet, and everyone expects everything to be done in a few clicks of the mouse.

So we are ready to start this year's AGM, and I will be, as always, happy to solve any questions that you are struggling with during the year.

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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 2016
- e) Matters arising

Dear members

Hello everybody, I look forward to seeing you every year here at the AGM. I thank you that we could do all the business through the year.

You have received the report in October, 22 and you have noted for sure that we have created a minus of -24 641,54 EUR. As you know this is a planned loss budgeted with 31'000.00 EUR.

We had now created in series every year loss to bring down the capital to a level lower than 150'000 EUR.

What we did with the money ?

We have investigated in equipment for a Media Team to realize the project Live Coverage, We intent to create more attraction at our race getting more drivers, having a sustained promotion to the track, to give at home the feeling being there. This is now in place and working properly. At this state the implementation is done and creates running costs to cover the expenses, which is still a high position of 34'000 EUR.

We encounter that we have less drivers attending an EC, also we can see that federation are paying that late and races are over and they do not want any more pay the no-shows.

We did an investment in the Website, which is still ongoing which will be completed step by step. Besides the presentation of EFRA and to have all the relevant information at the glance we intend to lower the administration with more automation and more direct shopping at the EFRA page. Such an investment should help us the next 6 years to depreciate this high costs of 18,400 EUR on a straight line basis.

The plan was to have the page ready this year, what could not be achieved. The company who was engaged to do this page was not able to handle our wishes and perhaps are not experts enough to cover our needs. We had stop working after 3 times prolongation with them we had paid in advance the work but we had not used the result. In the meantime time I had setup a new page for EFRA and will still do this to the very end for free.

We have given you everything. For 6 years now you get direct support money. In addition to that this year and perhaps the following year you get 100% the allocation money of the drivers.

The money should be invested directly in the event to get and run things more optimized effective. Unfortunately we do not notice this that much, we also do not notice that this is appreciated. We have a bit the feeling that you rehabilitate more the club and covers other club race loss with our money.

Licences every year slightly decreased numbers, we lose drivers. To hold up the important income position we need to optimize the process, it is too complicated for drivers ordering a licence. We need to resolve this problem.

AM and Homologation these position had not worked as we have expected, we have much less homologation income and less Associate Members.

Exactly this is the risk what EFRA has. if we do not invest in the right things we lose the attraction when we lose the attraction then we also not earn that much. The finance go rapidly into the cellar with a loss with linear characteristics.

We 100% stop this now. This is the reason that we go for budget **strategy II.**

We will tomorrow setup the budget after all impaction coming out of the section meeting to implement this correctly into the new budget.

Financial Goal: The future budget 2015/2016 should have the aim break even and the outlook > 2016 into the future should have the break-even strategy but with more incentives.

Varia The tax statement department in Sweden had confirmed the year 2014 as valid with no tax payments. We should not have a problem for the actual year.

For all business having together I thank you very much and thank you for your trust.

Your Jackie

The treasury report written by Jackie in October, 31 2015.

Auditors 2015 Finance Report audited by *France*, Guillaume Lievre

Finland was not present due to the late arrival

Audit Report EFRA AGM 31. October 2015

EFRA Booking period: 01. October 2014 to 30. September 2015

Preview is the Financial Report 2015 Hand Out to 22. October 2015

Dear Members

Guillaume LIEVRE from French federation FFVRC has today checked the balance sheet figures and the profit & loss for the EFRA accounts.

AKK has also been announced as auditors but their arrival was very late scheduled so they are not involved in the checks.

-balance figures from opening account 1.10.2014 and closing account 30.9.2015

-all Balance sheet position have been checked and match with justification

-some samples of invoices, receipts and expense sheets have been checked.

Sum of incomes for this accounting year is : 129 541,97 € - Sum of spending's for this accounting year is : 154 183,51 € => The result for 2014/2015 is a loss of 24 641,54 €

We can notice that EFRA is not using yet the capacity to book investments done by EFRA as a fixed assets in accountancy to be able display the cost on the "shelf life" of the good or service related. This possibility would avoid to charge all the costs on a the only current accounting year while it would be used for several. A reflexion is launched on this topic to improve in the near future the accounting process and in the meantime the presentation of financial statement with fixed assets. Eg this year a cost of 18 400 € for website development have been inserted in expenses while it could be put in intangible assets with a depreciation display on 5 or 6 years in P&L. But it would be oblige to have a fixed asset register to follow these assets

The work's quality done by the treasurer is still very serious with full transparency, and we thanks her for her explanation in details.

We recommend so to accept the annual bookkeeping 2015 and to give the discharge to the treasurer Jackie.

Thank you

30th October, 2015.

Guillaume LIEVRE for FFVRC

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 auditor, Guillaume Lievre from France.

Proposed to accept the report: Belgium

Passed Unanimously.

Election of auditors for 2016: Portugal, France

6. IFMAR LIASON OFFICER'S REPORT

Willy Wuyts

We had 2 IFMAR races already this year, Large Scale in Malaysia, and 1/10 Off Road in Japan. Those will be commentated by the EFRA section Chairman, present at those races, later in the meeting. The IFMAR AGM will be later this month in Brazil at the 1/8 IC Track WC.

And Media Partner video report by Nick Daman, that will be available in a separate file.

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.

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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: Norway

The proposal: Passed Unanimously

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

Secoded by: Spain

Advice from BRCA to the committee: Fee should not be more than 200 euro

The proposal: Passed with 16 for,1 against

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

Secoded by: Norway

The proposal: Withdrawn and will be brought back next year with a presentation of how it actually works

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

Secoded by: Germany

The proposal: Passed with 11 for, 4 against and 2 abstentions.

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

Secoded by: Sweden

The proposal: Passed Unanimously

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 application.

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

Secoded by: Finland

The proposal: Passed Unanimously.

Amended by EFRA Secoded by Spain to move it to 9.4 page 84

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 **5.2.4.**

Remarks: Wrong references

Proposed by EFRA

Secoded by: Denmark

The proposal: Passed Unanimously

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 too 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

Withdrawn by EFRA and will be brought up again next year.

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: Netherlands

Rejected with 9 against and 3 abstentions.

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: Belgium

The proposal: Passed with 13 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Amended by Denmark: Change the wording "will" to may

The Meeting was closed on Saturday at 12.30 and resumed on Sunday at 9.00

8. BUDGET & AGM VENUE & PRESENTATION

The presented budget was accepted by the floor. This will be send out in a separate file to the federations.

3 Candidates for the next AGM: Brussels, Vienna, and Barcelona

After voting, the venue for the AGM 2016 will be held in Vienna, NH Hotel, Vienna airport 3-4 of November.

9. SECTION MEETING REPORTS

Ratification of Rules –

A short report of all section meetings was presented by the section Chairmen.

All section minutes are accepted by the floor

Election of Chairmen

1:8 Buggy	Carlos Gomez was re elected
1:8 IC Track	Javier Garcia was elected
1:10 EL Buggy	Paul Worsley was re elected
Large Scale	Ian Oddie was re elected

Election of Vice Chairman

1:10 IC Track	Javier Garcia was elected
Electric Track	Chris Hardisty was elected

Sander de Graaf is elected as Honorary Vice President of EFRA

10. IFMAR 2015 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

Large scale Kuala Lumpur/ Malaysia

Electric Off Road Yatabe/ Japan

Both IFMAR Championships have been reported on by the EFRA representatives that were present at the WC's.

11. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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

Both Officers are re-elected from another period

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.

Both items have been discussed, the first one in the general meeting on Saturday, the second one in the Large scale section.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (NON VOTING ITEMS ONLY)

No other business brought forward.

14. APPROVAL MINUTES

The meeting closed at 11.30

After reading the minutes were approved by: Kai Koivuranta and Javier Llobregat.