



EFRA ANNUAL MEETING
7-8th of November 2020

AGENDA GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 7th of November 2020.

The meeting started at 9.00

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Javier Garcia

Mr Javier Garcia will open the meeting welcoming all delegates, associated members and special guests.

Dear Delegates, Federations, Board members, Honorary members, Associate members and other guests,
GOOD MORNING

Good morning and welcome to the 2020 Annual General Meeting of EFRA. This time, we are in contact virtually by ZOOM platform due the unprecedented situation that we are living in Europe and in rest of the World due terrible Covid19 pandemic.

My first thoughts are for thousands of deaths around Europe that COVID brought us in our normal life. Maybe some of you present today in our meeting had have a loss inside of their family or maybe a close friend. EFRA lost one of its own, sadly Life Vice President Mick Hill passed this year after contracting the virus.

So, for that, before to start my speech I would like to ask for a minute of silence for those who have lost somebody during this year.

COVID19 changed our life. For those of my generation, we never seen something like that. Lockdowns, restriction of movements, companies closed, Hospitals blocked, Governments taking drastic decisions, deaths, infected... Some countries have been hurt hardly, some others with less pain, but common point is that this situation changed our life in one way or another. If you see general view of what happened and what is happening in Europe / WORLD, RC cars is grain of sand in the desert.

But something that I learned during those difficult times is that we have to put our attention and to do our best in our "influence circle". We have an "influence circle" where we can act, we can improve, and we have made things for the best. Everything out of our "influence circle" is not in our control. The only that we can do is to accept the situation, to protect our circle and to make things for the best in our community. Talking about RC, our "influence circle", the situation forced us to take unprecedented decisions, in agreement with federations and organizers, cancelling practically 2020 season, except our 1/12th races before March. Our main argument in that decision is to keep safe our drivers, our staff members, referees and rest of the RC community. Other important reasons are to keep alive the spirit of the competition which means that if some drivers for their nationality cannot travel to our races, we could not consider an European Championship. EFRA is not here to make business forcing drivers to race. We are here to keep alive European competition between drivers in RC cars where everybody can take part fair and safe according to our constitution and objectives.

At this time, I want to talk about sentence "keep alive". We all know that we are living hard moments economically speaking. Without races, our incomes as Federation has decreased drastically. We, EFRA, realized of the situation in the beginning of the year and we adjusted our structure and expenses accordingly. As the pandemic became obvious the EFRA board acted in reducing its financial obligations to reduce any potential losses. The difficult but necessary decision to cancel races meant we would be without any incomes. The focus soon became how to survive and be alive to plan for, when we can start racing again, adapting budgets and structures.

And now, the Future. To finish my speech, let me talk about future, let me talk about hope, let me talk about our DEVELOPMENT PLAN. Last year, we introduced guidelines that we consider the future of RC competition in Europe where EFRA, together with you, must go in next years. Even with all difficulties of COVID19 in 2020, we are continuing working on the PLAN and we are pleased to show the work done in 2020 later on the meeting. Suddenly, we couldn't do all work planned due obvious reason. For that, we decided to move the plan one extra year, initially planned 2020-2022, now 2020-2023. I hope that this amazing project could bring you ideas to export to your Federation and also you are welcome to work on the plan if you consider that you have something to bring on it.

Finally, I want to thank with special remark, to all EFRA board members and EFRA executive members for hard, sincere and disinterested work done for RC, for EFRA and for you during this time. THANK YOU GUYS, you are the best team possible for this boat.

I hope a great meeting for everybody. THANK YOU

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received from:

Member Countries presents:

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

Other Present: Jean Luc Retornaz, Mat Mc Callum, Nick Daman, Lazlo Gal; Robin Schumacher; Sander de Graaf, Gary Culver

3. MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 2019— Brussels, Belgium

Matters arising from the minutes: No Matter rising

The following persons are elected to check the minutes of this year: Finland and Sweden

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr Willy Wuyts

Dear friends, Thank you all for being present at this virtual AGM.

We all were prepared... for a new season, with a brand new website, but soon our hope for a exciting race year faded away.

But with 2400 incoming emails, social media messages, and numerous hours of skype and zoom sessions, we tried to keep our motivation up.

I have to thank all our board members for their contributions, our work is never done...

That being said,

It will be a long day, and we will try to work according to the timetable.

We could have set up simultaneous meeting rooms to have all section meetings at once, but we have found it would be very unpractical and would cause a lot of confusion and delays.

Since we will have a lot less on the agendas as normal, it should be possible to do.

If a meeting should take longer, we still can divide the rooms if needed.

In a virtual meeting, with a large group, it can be difficult if there is a lot of unwanted noise, so please mute your microphones if you do not need it.

You can use the hand raise function in the participants list, or the chat function for group or private messages between participants.

If it come done to voting, there can only be one vote for authorised persons, we will monitor this, so it sure will save some time if done in a correct way.

A virtual meeting is a new experience, if something does not go according to plan, we ask you for some patience and understanding.

But something positive did come out of these kind of virtual meetings, EFRA will extend this way of communication with Federations.

For instance with sections meetings, or in the race preparations during the year, on regular bases.

Our president already explained a lot, and more of the future plans will be laid out when we continue the meeting.

Before we can continue, a ratification of the following decision made by the EFRA Executive Committee is needed:

This year, the corona crisis obliges us to adopt a different working method for our annual AGM.

Taking into account the recommendations of the health authorities, the legislator (by royal decree no. 4 of 9 April 2020) allows general meetings to take place without the physical presence of active members.

The general assembly foresees the possibility to vote electronically.

The general meeting itself will be held on 7 and 8 of November 2020.

Rationale:

The EFRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE unanimously, after consultation with the EFRA Committee Board, who unanimously support its decision, decided to reallocate the venue of the EFRA AGM 2020 from Malmo to an Electronic method of communication via. the internet, with this Electronic method being legal at the official address of the Federation.

As per the EFRA Constitution, rule 4.1.a.g., it is a duty of the EFRA General Meeting "To deal with any matter which, under these Constitution Rules failed to be dealt with by a previous General Meeting."

As the Venue of Malmo was already decided at the past AGM, to move or change it is a matter which has not been dealt by a previous General Meeting, and so that the decision made by the EFRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE in the course of the day to day running of EFRA general business is subject to the approval/ratification of this present General Meeting.

Proposed by EFRA Executive Committee

Passed Unanimously

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs Jacqueline Aebi

- a) Presentation of Annual Accounts
- b) Audit Report
- c) Approval of the presented figures for 2020
- d) Election of auditors for 2021
- 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 2020.

The Annual Report, the Annual Accounts and the Group Accounts for the 2020 financial year are approved and discharge is granted to the treasurer, Jackie Aebi and to the auditors,....

Seconded by: Croatia

Passed by 16 for, 1 abstention

Auditors for 2021: Switzerland Germany

6. EFRA Development plan

The EFRA development plan progress presented by CTRL on video. Followed by Presentation from the EFRA President. Videos will be uploaded to the EFRA Website.

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

Current Rule

4.2.

Committee Board

The President or in his absence the senior Committee Board member present, shall take the chair at the General Meetings and in the event of a tie, be entitled (but not bound) to exercise the casting vote.

The Treasurer shall be entitled to demand and receive all money due to the Federation and shall keep proper accounts thereof.....

TREASURER:

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 - 2 Produces a full set of accounts as at the end of the financial year for presentation and acceptance by the Member Countries at the E.F.R.A. Annual General Meeting. Expenses can be split down into amounts of approx. 3000 Euro..
 - 3 Keeps abreast of all facets of bookkeeping and the financial situation of E.F.R.A.
 - 4 Before the 15th January following the AGM send invoices to all E.F.R.A. Member Countries regarding annual subscriptions, sanction fees for E.F.R.A. GP and EC events, entry fees for EC events.
 - 5 During the year send invoices to Member Countries or persons when requested to do so.
 - 6 Maintains a watching brief of outstanding invoices and one month after the date of maturity of the invoices he sends reminders to those Member Countries who have not paid their invoices.
 - 7 Every three months produces a report for all Committee Members giving details about the financial situation and status of all debtors.
 - 8 Pays the expenses declarations of the Committee members within a week of receipt.
 - 9 Refunds all the deposits as soon as the Section Chairman sends his approval.
 - 10 Visits important races.
 - 11 Forms an Executive Working Committee with President and General Secretary to deal with all matters that affect the day to day running of E.F.R.A. general business.
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Remarks

Date 'tidy-up' to accommodate that final confirmed allocations do not have to be submitted until 21st January.

Proposed by: EFRA

Proposal Status:

Seconded by: FBA

The proposal: Passed Unanimously

Current Rule

5.

Subscription

The Annual subscription of the Federation shall be fixed by resolution of a General Meeting. Such subscription shall become due on the first of January of each year. If not paid within three months thereafter, representatives of a country in default may not, until payment take part in any activity of the Federation or be sponsored by; if not paid within twelve months, membership of the country in default shall cease.

To recover its active membership the member must pay the duly invoices pending. The accounts will be closed on the 30th of September each year.

Proposal

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Remarks

Date 'tidy-up to bring inline with established invoicing procedures.

Proposed by: EFRA

Proposal Status:

Seconded by: Portugal

The proposal: Passed Unanimously

3. EFRA Sanctions

There is a strong feeling that we need to be prepared for a undesired extension of this CoVid19 situation.

We have a large group of fixed rules in our timing mainly related to economics and our organization, venues , events, invoices, for example our due date of 21 January for allocation changes must be much more flexible in this undesired circumstances. Due date for invoices, due date for paying organizers and other similar suitable rules must be affected by this special rule:

So that the EFRA Executive Committee presents the following rule proposal:

The proposed rule is NEW

Rule 3.0

During the extension of the Covid19 pandemic scenario in Europe the EFRA Executive Committee has the allowance to apply flexibility to the rules (with fixed dates??) to make the day to day running of EFRA and its events operative. The allowance is extensible to implement extra safety measures when needed.

Rationale:

The EFRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE needs to adopt new rules for this new times, in event of this situation to be provisory this "Three Point Zero" may help to deal with this 2021 extension of the Covid19 or even, eventually a 2022 one...

A rule by rule change will be non operative, we may say 21 February instead of 21 January and the may not be really operative in 4 months time.

Even more this changing and challenging scenario changes too quickly so we need that flexibility, all that , always, in the benefit of the sport.

Proposed by EFRA Executive Committee

Secoded by: FLAMRC Lux.

Passed Unanimously

Current Rule

3.5.2.

EFRA will invoice respective Federation or Applicants through the federation for the EFRA Sanction fee from the 1st of March of the year the race is scheduled. The invoice must be paid to EFRA within 30 days of the invoice date.

Proposal

EFRA will invoice respective Federation or Applicants through the federation for the EFRA Sanction fee **by the end of February** of the year the race is scheduled. The invoice must be paid to EFRA within 30 days of the invoice date.

Remarks

Date 'tidy-up' to bring inline with normal invoicing procedures.

Proposed by: EFRA

Proposal Status:

Secoded by: SBF

The proposal: o Passed Unanimously

Current Rule

4. International Drivers registration

4.1.2.

Drivers can register their personal data on the EFRA website database (www.efra.ws), but will not be considered an EFRA Registered driver until their National Federation has approved the registration.

Proposal

Competitors can register their personal data on the EFRA website **database** (www.efra.ws) .
Competitors can only register for entry to WC and EC events by using the EFRA entry system for the specific event(s), but will not be considered as having a confirmed entry to the event(s) until their National Federation has approved the registration.

When registering to compete at a WC, EC or GP event, the competitor must agree to accept and comply with all EFRA rules and procedures.

Failure to do this will render the entry application invalid. By accepting all EFRA rules and procedures, the competitor or participant agrees to understand and accept the risks associated with any aspect of the event. The competitor and any member of his/her team also agrees to waive his or her right to file a liability claim against EFRA, the National Federation, the Host Club and the Organiser Team, for any injury or loss that occurs during the event or any preparation days prior to the start of the event.

Each competitor or participant will therefore explicitly and completely renounce any liability against EFRA, the National Federation, the Host Club and the Organiser Team, their personnel, volunteers and any representatives of these bodies, for any errors committed before, during or after the event in which any of these organisations or their personnel have been involved.

This 'waiver' applies both to damages suffered or caused by the competitor himself, his team or members thereof. The competitor or any member of the competitors team undertakes to indemnify EFRA, the National Federation, the Host Club and the Organiser Team at all times for any claims that third parties may submit on the basis of facts, errors or omissions of the organisation, its team and any representatives. (General Rule 3.7 also applies). EFRA will comply with all EU regulations relating to data protection. Each competitor at EFRA events must agree that their name and the details of any products they use can be used in any publications relating to the event that EFRA and/or the event Organiser publishes.

Remarks

EFRA and Organising Officials need protection from any claims that may arise from an event.

Proposed by: EFRA

Proposal Status:

Seconded by: Croatia

Amended by: EFRA

So the rule will read :

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Seconded by BRCA

The proposal: o Passed Unanimously o Passed with 18 for, 1 against

Current Rule

4.1.3.

All competitors at European Championships and the European drivers at World Championships (all events previously requiring an EFRA Licence) must be registered on the EFRA entry system database. Application for entries at EC's or WC's must be made by the National Association that have granted and approved the EFRA Registration, using the entry system on the EFRA website (www.efra.ws). The registration will have a unique number issued by the Federation and must include the two letter country code of the National Federation with the Registration Number.

Each National Federation shall be entitled to issue and/or approve EFRA Registration to :-

- 1) It's Federation Members that have current membership, that are deemed acceptable by the Federation.
- 2) To the nationals of other countries represented in EFRA, providing :-
 - a) The driver can produce definitive proof of residing in the country issuing and approving the registration.
 - b) That their parent National Federation (the country of their passport) gives its prior agreement to the issuing of the registration. This can only exist on an annual basis and will cease to be in force at the end of each year.
 - c) That their parent National Federation has cancelled any approved EFRA registration originally issued if such exists.

No person that is authorised by their parent National Federation (country of passport) to apply for EFRA Registration by another National Federation, shall hold EFRA Registration from their parent National Federation valid for the current year.

If for very special reasons, an EFRA Registered driver wishes to change the nationality of his registration during a year, he would only be able to do so after having obtained his parent National Federation's consent and once his parent registration has been cancelled.

A National Federation cannot grant any EFRA Registration to a foreigner belonging to a country not yet represented in EFRA. This can only be done by the EFRA Board in exceptional circumstances.

Event Organisers will register the EFRA Registration Numbers.

Proposal

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Remarks

Delete first sentence, as it is now included in 'new' rule 4.1.2. Duplication not needed.

Proposed by: EFRA

Proposal Status:

Secoded by Portugal

The proposal: o Passed Unanimously

7. Race Officials

Current Rule

7.3.1.

Mandatory Officials.

In EFRA Sanctioned races it is mandatory to have the following Official positions held by different persons:

- a. Race-Director
- b. Time-keeper
- c. Technical Inspector

Other Officials have to deal with:

- d. registration of entrants, checking licences, collection of fees;
- e. supervise transmitter impound;
- f. giving start and finish signals;
- g. lap-counting and time-keeping;
- h. recording and publishing results;
- i. separation of public/drivers area and track
- j. supervising the marshalling around the track;
- k. track marshalling.

Proposal

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In EFRA Sanctioned races it is mandatory to have the following Official positions held by different persons:

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- c. Technical Inspector
- d. **Risk Management Officer**. Other Officials have to deal with:
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- l. track marshalling.

Remarks

All events need to have a 'Risk Management Officer. Other positions have been itemised with adjusted 'lettering'.

Proposed by: EFRA

Proposal Status:

Secoded by: NOMAC

8. BUDGET & AGM VENUE & PRESENTATION

The Budget presented by the treasurer acceptance.

This budget will be send out in a separate file to the federations.

The venue for the next AGM will be Malmo and the date will be: 6-7 November 2021

9. SECTION MEETING REPORTS

Ratification of Rules

Election of Chairmen:

Due to the non-active year, all current EFRA officers are willing to extend their positions with one year.

10. IFMAR 2020 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

1/8 IC GT Track

Miami/USA

1/12 Electric track

Milton Keynes/Great Britain

11. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Due to the non-active year, all the current EFRA officers are willing to extend their current positions with one year

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

JQ expresses the feeling to change EFRA's approach toward organizing races. The aim would be to EFRA's role should be the umbrella organisation but work together with professional organisations.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (NON VOTING ITEMS ONLY)

Anders Mikkelsen explained the Norway national broadcast of the off road event, and they will continue promoting RC this way.

Gary Culver thanked everyone in the meeting for the work done during the year.

14. APPROVAL MINUTES

The meeting was closed at 12.10

After reading the minutes were approved by Jukka Hakkamies (AKK) and Kai Koivuranta (SBF)