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## Minutes GENERAL MEETING

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**SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2021.**

The meeting started at 9.05

### 1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Javier Garcia

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

Good morning and welcome to the 2021 Annual General Meeting of EFRA. Again, this time we are doing this meeting by ZOOM and not physically because still, after nearly 2 years, we are living in a complicate world situation due pandemic. I hope next year will come back to normal and we can plan to see you physically, maybe in Sweden.

After a difficult 2020, everybody inside EFRA board thought that 2021 season could be "normal" but, on the other hand, still in our minds was to be **safe** and to be **fair**, the two main words that, in our discussions have been our "mantra" during this period. These unprecedented times where we have to cancel 2 seasons forced us to skip our core business in one of our main objectives: MAKE RACES. And when 2021 started we realized that It wasn't be a normal season: race cancelled, race cancelled... Pessimism come back again... In the internal side, we tried to support Federations and Associated Members, extending their membership during 2021 and keep our balance safe putting expenses and resources into a minimum. And finally here we are. In 2022, I can say, we see **Light at the end of the tunnel and I think It's time to come back..** We see 2022 with hope and wishes to come back to normal. In front of us we have an exciting racing season in EFRA and in RCMotorsportEurope and we want to encourage everybody to work together. IFMAR WC 1/8<sup>th</sup> buggy coming to Europe and IFMAR WC Touring cars in Gubbio will be, additionally, pinnacle races to participate actively.

This reflection made me think about how lucky we are in EFRA. Lucky because the work that this team have done over the last two years has been honest, selfless, and commendable. **Willy and Jackie** I have no words for you. You have passing the crisis situation as if nothing had happened in term of balance and paperwork **THANKS**. Lucky because to be part of this team is incredibly easy and incredibly motivating. **Chris, Ian, Krist, Carlos, Julie, Craig, Alex all of you are incredible.** But this year I want to mention specially two members of the BOARD: **FRANK**, this is your last year inside the EFRA board, you will step down... Behalf of EFRA, I don't have words to describe what you represent for RC. But you must realize what you are representing by myself as President and youngest of the group. Three single words: respect, knowledge and learning. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH.** And **Paul**. This year you stepped down in your position at BRCA. In your National Federation, BRCA, you are considering a legend of 1/10<sup>th</sup> off road but this adjective can be perfectly expanded to the rest of the world. I want to keep you on board as much as you want/can/wish. Because for me you are also legend and every single AMP in EFRA have to be passed by your hands. HAT off for both of you and a virtual big applause.

**And the Future: EFRA Development Plan** will be also an important part of our meeting today. I guess (hope) that everybody could see the progressing steps in terms of exposure, image, communication, and intentions from EFRA. Later will explain the work done and goals for 2022 in this incredible project. But I want to say in my open speech what EFRA Development Plan means for me: and it's easy. It's the main reason to be here. I'm passionate and a convinced person that this is the project that EFRA and RC needs. And this project is to rebuild our credibility, our base of drivers, our structures, our resources and to rebuild our image in front of the community. And mainly it is a work for you, our Member Federations. We, EFRA board members, don't need to fulfill our curriculums and egos. At the end this is a journey. A journey where we need your help and cooperation because next year, 2022 will be a breaking point. Work in the background will be on the tracks. Be active, be openness and think in your youths. Please get involved it!

**Thanks for your time and I hope a great meeting for everybody.**

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received from:

Member Countries presents:

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

Other Present: JL Retornaz, CTRL, RC Racing TV, Pullstart TV, Sander de Graaf, Rody Roem

### 3. MINUTES OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 2020— Virtual AGM

Matters arising from the minutes: none

The following persons are elected to check the minutes of this year: Kai Koivuranta SBF, Jukka Hakkamies AKK

### 4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr Willy Wuyts

Dear friends,

Thank you all for being present at this virtual AGM.

Despite if the lack of EFRA races, we have not been inactive at all. With numerous hours of zoom sessions, we tried to keep our motivation up, and although we could not show it at the tracks, the future looks bright.

Our work is never done...

That being said,

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

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 comes down to voting, there can only be one vote for the authorised persons. We will monitor this, it sure will save some time if done in a correct way. So please, if there is more than one representative of your federation or section, make sure only one is responsible for the vote.

Our president already explained a lot, and more of the future plans will be laid out when we continue the meeting, and let's hope we can bring the ideas to the track...

One more word of gratitude before we continue, I would like to thank Mat for the huge efforts he has done during the year. His contributions as "an outsider" have exceeded the tasks he was asked for to do. Thanks Mat, you made my life much easier, and I do believe the results of his work that have been shown on social media and on our website, has helped EFRA to reach a higher level, and is much appreciated by our RC community.

Let us hope we can have a productive meeting!

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

*As last 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 6 and 7 of November 2021.*

**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 2021 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**

**Seconded by: Portugal**

**Passed Unanimously**

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mrs Jacqueline Aebi

- a) Presentation of Annual Accounts
- b) Audit Report
- c) Approval of the presented figures for 2021
- d) Election of auditors for 2022
- 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 2021.

The Annual Report, the Annual Accounts and the Group Accounts for the 2021 financial year are approved and discharge is granted to the treasurer, Jackie Aebi and to the auditors,....

**Seconded by: Sweden**

**Passed Unanimously**

**The Financial report will be send out to the Federations separately.**

The following persons are elected to check the minutes of this year: Niklas Wahlstrom SBF, Jukka Hakkamies AKK

## **6. EFRA Development plan and MEDIA**

The EFRA development plan progress was explained by means of power point and video.

Remarks:

From BRCA: Documents should have been brought to us before the meeting so we could read it and give you feedback during the meeting. And then we can give approval whether we think it's suitable for publishing or not. Expressing that EFRA might put the focus in the wrong place.

Remarks from AECAR: Making plans is fine, but it needs to be put in practice soon.

And several others expressed their opinions.

The videos of the development plans will be made available on our 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.**

## **1. Constitution of the European Federation of Radio Operated Model Automobiles**

### **Current Rule**

#### **1. Name**

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Proposal

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The name of the Federation is the European Federation of Radio Operated Model Automobiles (hereinafter referred to by the acronym EFRA). **EFRA was established in 1973 and has since then been recognised as the first and sole continental body with the sporting powers to regulate and run European Championships. EFRA's rules have been adopted European wide to enable fair competition at RC car racing sport not only at European events but, also, within its members National boundaries.**

### **Remarks**

To make clear to the rest of the World that EFRA is THE European Federation for RC Car Racing , Make clear that the Mission of EFRA is to make RULES and to RUN the European Championships.

**Proposed by: EFRA**

**Proposal Status:**

**Secoded by: Sweden**

The proposal was discussed on a separate meeting room and was amended as follows on Sunday morning:

**Amended:**

#### **1. Name and Scope**

The name of the Federation is the European Federation of Radio Operated Model Automobiles (hereinafter referred to by the acronym EFRA). **EFRA was established in 1973 and has since then been recognised as the first and sole continental authority to regulate and run European Championships for Radio Controlled car racing. EFRA's aim is to create rules to enable fair competition at RC car racing events across Europe at European Championship events, and these procedures may also be adopted by its members.**

**Secoded by: Spain**

**Passed with 16 for, 0 against and 2 abstentions.**

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## **3. EFRA SANCTIONS**

### **Current Rule**

3.5.7.

#### **FEES (all amounts quoted in Euro)**

##### **Membership Fees:-**

Annual Subscription 300

Section Fee 75

Full membership 700 (annual including all sections)

None-active Membership 250

Associate membership 1000

##### **Sanction Fees & Deposits:-**

European Championship 460

EC Retention bond:- See Rule 3.6.8.

Grand Prix sanction fee 200

Grand Prix deposit 600

International Race sanction fee 200

##### **Entry Fees:-**

European Championship 120

European Championship 2 classes 170

Grand Prix (maximum) 50

**EFRA Handling fees:-**

European Championships 20  
GP 15 Euro per. entry  
International Warm-up Race 5 Euro per. entry  
International Promotional Race No handling fees taken  
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)  
Brushless 05 Motors 50 Per Motor Class.

All transport costs for homologations to be paid by the manufacturer  
After 5 years a body will disappear from the list unless the manufacturer asks for a license for another period of 5 years. The fee for an extra period is 40% of the normal homologation fee.  
All above fees applicable starting November 2020.

**Proposal**

**FEES (all amounts quoted in Euro)**

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Annual Subscription 300  
Section Fee 75  
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**EFRA Supporting fees:-**

EFRA Golden Sponsor (max. 5) to be negotiated with EFRA  
EFRA Single Event Title Sponsor to be negotiated with EFRA, and income to be shared with Organising committee by contract.

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After 5 years a body will disappear from the list unless the manufacturer asks for a license for another period of 5 years. The fee for an extra period is 40% of the normal homologation fee.

**Remarks**

To introduce the possibility for a Golden sponsor of EFRA, limited to 5 companies, related or not to RC racing, and the Event Title Sponsor status, to be shared with the Organizer of the Event helping them to make better events.

**Proposed by: EFRA**

**Proposal Status:**

**Seconded by: Portugal**

**The proposal: Passed with 17 for, 0 against and 2 abstentions.**

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## **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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### **Remarks**

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

**Proposed by: EFRA**

**Proposal Status:**

**Seconded by: Portugal**

**The proposal: Passed with 16 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions.**

## **8. BUDGET & AGM VENUE & PRESENTATION**

The Budget presented by the treasurer.

This budget has been send out in a separate file to the federations.

BRCA suggests that at least 2/3 of the allocations will be paid to the organiser in case of a bad turn out of participants. It will be included in the contracts.

**The Budget: Passed with 15 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.**

The venue for the next AGM 2022 will be Malmo? The decision will be made later. And the date will be: 6-7 November 2022.

## 9. SECTION MEETING REPORTS

Ratification of Rules:

The Rules have been reviewed and ratified, only electric track will have an extra meeting on 12 November at 20.00 regarding FWD Rules.

Election of Chairmen:

1:10 IC Track	Julie Thurston was re-elected
Electric Track 1/12th	Krist Bultynck was re-elected
Electric Off Road time	Frank Mostrey does not re-stand. No candidature was opened at this time
1:8 Off Road	Alex Fellner was re-elected
Large Scale	Craig Orman was re-elected

## 10. IFMAR 2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

17-18 of December will be the date for AGM IFMAR. Final dates/venues and rule changes will be released at that time. IFMAR will pursue the worldwide recognition.

## 11. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President	EFRA proposes	Javier Garcia	Spain	Re-elected
Treasurer	Offers to re-stand	Jacqueline Aebi	Switzerland	Re-elected

## 12. GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Paul Worsley said some words about Franks retirement out of EFRA. Frank will be now Honorary Life Vice president of EFRA.

BRCA expressed their concerns about the Development plan and the lack of involvement of the federations. The complete development plan will be send out to the federations on a pdf document.

EFRA is open to contributions of the Federations.

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (NON VOTING ITEMS ONLY)

AECAR made a presentation about their approach of streaming live races and sponsoring.

## 14. APPROVAL MINUTES

The meeting was closed at 11.45

After reading the minutes were approved by Kai Koivuranta SBF, Jukka Hakkamies AKK