



Minutes of the ECA Board of Directors Meeting
 Online Meeting
 11th September 2024, 9:00 am

9/2024

Present members:

- President: Jean Zoungrana
- Vice Presidents: Miroslav Haviar, Andrej Jelenc
- Secretary General: Branko Lovric
- Board Members: Manuela Gawehn, Peter Karai, Geir Kvillum, Jovana Stanojevic
- Nina Jelenc

Absent members:

- Board Members: Ruud Hejiselaar
- ECA Administration Ivana Sundov

ITEM 1

OPENING OF THE MEETING

The President greeted the board members, thanked them for their attendance, and provided updates on meetings, progress, and challenges since the last session before introducing the meeting agenda.

PRESENTING THE AGENDA

1	Opening of the Meeting	J ZOUNGRANA
2	Governance Programme – ECA Statutes -	P KARAI / J ZOUNGRANA
3	ECA Development Programme	J ZOUNGRANA / M HAVIAR
4	ECA Sport Programme	J STANOJEVIC / J ZOUNGRANA
5	ECA Extraordinary congress	J ZOUNGRANA / B LOVRIC
6	ECA economic Model	J ZOUNGRANA
7	European championships - Calendar and biddings	J STANOJEVIC
8	ECA Training camps reports	M GAWEHN / A JELENC / J STANOJEVIC
9	Communication report 2024 season	N JELENC
10	Tender for Race Management, Timing&Scoring – Canoe Sprint, Canoe Marathon 2025-2028	J STANOJEVIC

11	2024 ECA Championships reports	J STANOJEVIC
12	Miscellaneous	
13	The date of next Board meeting	Board

Without any comments or alterations to the agenda, the President proceeded with the meeting.

ITEM 2

GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME – ECA STATUTES

The proposal for new statutes is presented by Peter Karai and Jean Zoungrana who led the working group on this issue. A reminder of the approach and the various meetings and stages is made before presenting the statutes point by point. 17 proposals are made and each of them is submitted to the Board for approval.

The various discussions make it possible to arrive at proposals supported by the Board. In order to finalize the document, it is proposed that Jovana Stanojevic can work on making the document even more understandable for non-native speakers of English in conjunction with the working group and the Board.

These elements must be sent to the member federations by September 24 in order to be submitted for approval at the extraordinary congress scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 2024, as part of the ICF congress in Antalya - Turkey.

The president thanks all the members for their contribution and the compromises that could be found as well as the working group for the quality of the work carried out and submitted to the Board.

Due to her new position as ECA Sports and Events Manager, Jovana Stanojevic did not participate in the vote.

ITEM 3

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The ECA Strategic Development plan is presented to the Board.

The President recalls the different stages of the construction of this plan – constitution of the working group, meetings, survey etc.-. After an analysis of the situation of the ECA, the programme identifies 5 areas of intervention: 1. The ECA as a continental federation / 2. Member federations / 3. Competitions and events / 4. High performance / 5. Sport for all.

For each area, the vision, priorities, actions to be carried out and the reasons that explain these choices are presented.

In a second step, the method with which it will be possible to implement this plan is presented by programming year after year the actions to be carried out by the Board

which is in charge of implementing this plan, in light of the human and financial resources available to the ECA.

The Board underlines the need to ensure that this plan takes into account the reality of the means available to the ECA but also the need to define the main strategic directions for the development of the ECA.

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ITEM 4

SPORT PROGRAMME

The Sports Development Project must also be submitted to the national federations for approval at the next congress. A working group has been set up for each discipline. Two disciplines still have to finalize their work as well as the medical commission. Some board members point out the difficulty sometimes in obtaining full involvement of members of working groups. The president remind the objective to submit the programme to our national federations during the extraordinary congress.

Discussions are also taking place regarding technical delegates and the renewal of commissions. The timetable and composition of the commissions depend on the decisions of the extraordinary congress regarding the statutes. It is proposed that the call for applications can be made in December 2024, after the congress, so that the commissions can be set up at the beginning of 2025.

ITEM 5

ECA EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

The extraordinary congress will take place in Antalya, Turkey, during the ICF congress. It will be held on Saturday 9 November from 14:00 to 17:00.

Regarding the technical organization, proposals have been made by the ICF to which the ECA must respond. The Secretary General being busy with the organization of the Metkovic Marathon World Championship, it is proposed in the meantime that the President follow the organization of this congress in conjunction with the Secretary General.

ITEM 6

ECA ECONOMIC MODEL

Rescheduled to next Board meeting.

ITEM 7

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP – CALENDAR AND BIDDING

Jovana Stanojevic gives an overview of the situation of the 2026 and 2027 calendar and the current applications.

We are still waiting for an organizer for the 2026 European Multisport Championships. Decisions regarding this championship will be made by the end of September at the latest. This will impact the ECA's ability to award certain events.

The 2027 European Games are being held in Istanbul. The programme is not yet known regarding the presence of sprint and slalom in the proposed events.

Concerning the 2026 Ocean Racing European Championship, three applications have been received. The Board, following the recommendations of the technical delegate of the discipline, proposes the allocation of this championship to Brest - France.

The President does not take part in the vote.

For the 2028 call for applications, it is proposed to schedule it in October 2025 in order to have more time to prepare contracts for the organizers.

ITEM 8

ECA TRAINING CAMPS REPORTS

Rescheduled to next Board meeting.

ITEM 9

COMMUNICATION REPORT 2024

Rescheduled to next Board meeting.

ITEM 10

TENDER TIME & SCORING SPRINT and MARATHON

Rescheduled to next Board meeting.

ITEM 11

ECA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORTS

Rescheduled to next Board meeting.

ITEM 12

MISCELLANEOUS

adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

Branko Lovric
ECA Secretary General

Jean Zoungrana
ECA President

