

## European Union of Mountaineering Associations (EUMA) General Assembly 2019

Sentido Sandy Beach Hotel, Larnaca, Cyprus  
November 3, 2019

### Minutes

**Start 9:30**

**End 16:00**

**Participants** see list at the end

#### 1. **Welcome**

EUMA President Roland Stierle welcomes the delegates and guests and expresses his thanks toward the hosting organisation CMCOF.

The quorum is reached; with 18 member federations present, plus 2 written proxies, there are 20 of 23 full members' votes. Further present are delegates of two associated members (CNM and FCMP, Portugal), of the collaborating organisation (BMU) as well as the guests Frits Vrijlandt (UIAA), Claude Eckhardt (UIAA Honorary Member), Hank Hwang (Union of Asian Alpine Associations, UAAA) and Christian Trommsdorff (International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations; IFMGA).

Short welcome speeches are given by Frits Vrijlandt (UIAA), Hank Hwang (UAAA) Christian Trommsdorff (IFMGA), and Pavlos Georgiades for the hosting organisation.

#### 2. **Approval of agenda**

Roland Stierle gives a short overview of the agenda. The question of whether the agenda should include "Approval of the minutes of the previous General Assembly" is clarified. The Articles of Association do not request approval of the minutes of a previous GA.

**The agenda is unanimously approved.**

#### 3. **Reports 2018**

##### a. **Annual Report**

Roland Stierle presents the final annual report 2018 (see attachment).

#### **b. Annual Financial Report**

The final annual financial statement (see attachment) is presented by Deputy Vice President Jan Bloudek. This final statement was audited by the auditors in May 2019 and submitted to the Brussels authorities in June 2019.

#### **c. Report of Auditors**

Auditor Dragan Bulatovic (PSCG) presents the auditors' report (see attachment). He confirms the correctness of the financial statement and states that the documents give fair and true account on EUMA finances. Auditor Tuur Ceuleers (CMBEL) agrees.

#### **d. Debate about reports**

The reports are discussed and explanations are given, especially on the necessity of lobbying in Brussels.

### **4. Approval of activities done**

The host organisation's delegate recommends approval of the annual report 2018 and the annual financial statement 2018.

**The annual Report 2018 as presented by Roland Stierle, the annual Financial Report 2018 submitted to the Brussels authorities, together with the relevant attachments, as presented by Jan Bloudek and the Report of Auditors 2018 presented by Dragan Bulatovic and supported by Tuur Ceuleers are approved with 19 votes in favour and 1 abstention.**

### **5. Overview of activities 2019**

#### **a. President interim report**

Roland Stierle presents the interim report for the year 2019 (see attachment).

#### **b. ERASMUS+ project report**

The EUMA is partner in a just granted ERASMUS+ project. Jan Bloudek introduces this project (see attachment). The member federations will be given the chance to contribute in some way and to deliver input.

### **6. Strategy and membership fees as of 2020**

#### **a. Strategy**

Jan Bloudek presents Mission, Values, and Vision again, which were approved in the 2018 General Assembly.

### **b. Mid-term action plan**

Jan Bloudek presents the medium term action plan as approved in the 2018 General Assembly where now comments have been added to show the present status (see attachment).

The discussion of the mid-term-action plan turns to where to have the seat of the EUMA. The suggestion is made to set up a small working group to discuss changing the seat. Federations will be invited to contribute.

### **c. Membership fees as of 2020**

Bojan Rotovnik presents the proposal of membership fees 2020 onwards with new amounts for fixed rate, first and second scale (see attachment)

After the discussion during which there was a proposal to establish a working group also regarding amendment of membership fee structure, president Roland Stierle asks the delegates to vote for the proposed membership fees 2020 onwards and asks the delegates to support the motion of the board.

**The membership fees as of 2020 are approved with 16 votes in favour and 2 abstentions** (*the Belgian and Cypriot delegates had to leave before this point*).

## **7. Motions**

### **a. Budget 2020**

Jan Bloudek presents and briefly explains the budget for 2020 (see attachment).

**The budget 2020 is approved with 16 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.**

### **b. Admission of new members (PS BIH and CAA)**

Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin introduces the candidates for admission as new members (see attachment).

Mountaineering Union of Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina (PS BIH), Bosnia and Herzegovina:

**The PS BIH is unanimously accepted as new full member.**

Club Arc Alpine (CAA):

**CAA is unanimously accepted as collaborating organisation.**

The question on which of the Portuguese associated members is entitled to become a full member of the EUMA is briefly addressed. A few weeks before this General Assembly FCMP submitted documents to the EUMA presidium including a decision of the Portuguese Secretary of State as to who is entitled to represent Portugal. The EUMA presidium will thoroughly study

these documents, get in touch also with CNM and set up a proposal for the next General Assembly.

## **8. Administration**

### **a. Determination of office location**

Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin introduces the German Alpine Club's offer for the office location. Offers from the Mountaineering Association of Montenegro and the Mountaineering Federation of North Macedonia had been received in 2018. The delegates vote on having the office in Munich and to change it if there is a need to do so. A change would have to be voted on by the GA.

**With the above provision, the offer of the German Alpine Club for the EUMA office in Munich is unanimously accepted.**

### **b. Partners and cooperation:**

- b1. European Ramblers Association (ERA)
- b2. European Association of Mountain Areas (EUROMONTANA)
- b3. Intergroup SMART Villages for Rural Communities

Roland Stierle gives information on the collaboration with the ERA, on the work of EUROMONTANA, and on the Intergroup SMART Villages for Rural Communities where the EUMA has gained the status of an observer (see attachment).

- b4. European NGO networks

Bojan Rotovnik gives an overview on European NGO networks (see attachment)

**The GA authorizes the presidium to analyze and take decisions regarding a EUMA membership in EU NGO networks which must be in line with the EUMA mission (17 votes in favour, 1 abstention).**

### **c. Official list of European countries**

Ingrid Hayek presents information on European countries and the list of "other European countries" as the EUMA must be prepared and decide how to act when such candidates which are on the list of "other European countries" apply for membership.

**The presidium's proposal "Delegates should consider the list of 'other European countries' on europa.eu and discuss it within their federations in order to take a basic decision in the next GA" is unanimously accepted.**

### **d. Online map of mountain huts - database**

Ingrid Hayek explains the database she created (see attachment). All federations are invited to contribute data on their huts in order to have a European mountain hut database in relatively short time. This map of mountain huts (database) will be included in the new EUMA website which was briefly presented by Bojan Rotovnik. The federations will receive the link to the new website; it will be available by the end of November.

## 9. Best practice sharing

Olaf Tabor presents the German Alpine Club's CO2 reduction plan (see attachment).

## 10. Date and place of next GA

The Czech Mountaineering Association (CHS) offers to host the GA 2020 in Prague in May 2020. Jan Bloudek briefly presents the offer (see attachment). The decision to schedule the next EUMA GA to be held in May 2020 is owed to the fact that the financial report 2019, which must be approved by the General Assembly, must be submitted to the Belgian authorities in June 2020. The delegates discuss the decision taken during the foundational assembly to try to join GAs of the EUMA and the UIAA - if possible -, i.e. in October. The working group to be established will also include this issue in their studies.

**The delegates decide to hold the 2020 GA in Prague, Czech Republic on May 29, 2020, hosted by CHS, with 11 votes in favour, 1 vote against, and 3 abstentions** (*the German delegates (with proxy from Austria) had to leave before this point*).

## 11. Miscellaneous

Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin presents the plan for having a workshop "Access to Mountains" in connection with the 2020 General Assembly in Prague (see attachment).

Jan Bloudek gives information on the European Solidarity Corps, an idea for volunteering work in mountaineering associations from Marco Onida (see attachment).

The CAI delegate presents information on the trail *Sentiero Italia CAI* and shows a film thereof.

The suggestion is made to draft a resolution upon support from the EUMA to support the Austrian Alpine Club in the fight against the planned merger of the glacier ski areas Pitztal - Ötztal which is a massive intervention in the high alpine nature of the Ötztal Alps. This would be a demonstration of solidarity, and also good for EUMA to get known.

The CAI delegate inquires whether it is possible to have a record of the answers from members of the European Parliament (MEPs) of each country to the letters sent by EUMA member federations after this year's elections to the European Parliament. Ingrid Hayek suggests uploading all letters received in google drive, so everyone can read everything.

## Closing

Roland Stierle thanks all delegates, guests, and board members present and closes the meeting.

November 28, 2019



Roland Stierle  
*EUMA President*

**Presentations and attachments** are available for download on the members' area folder on google drive. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1beEjFuZqbRM2KhqzuCBpxC-nHrPPZ4Cz?usp=sharing>

Whoever prefers to get the documents per mail may ask for them at [info@european-mountaineers.eu](mailto:info@european-mountaineers.eu)

## **List of Participants**

### Member federations:

Albanian Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	FSHALTM	Jani Ziso
Climbing and Mountaineering Belgium	CMBEL	Arthur Ceuleers Lode Beckers
Croatian Mountaineering Association	HPS	Darko Berljak
Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Cyprus	CMCOF	Pavlos Georgiades
Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	FFCAM	Hélène Denis Jean Miczka
Mountaineering Federation of North Macedonia	MFNM	Goran Nikoloski
German Alpine Club	DAV	Josef Klenner Olaf Tabor
Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing	EOAA	Dimitri Georgoulis Maria Fourioti Theodoros Tsavdaridis
Italian Alpine Club	CAI	Renato Veronesi
Liechtenstein Alpine Club	LAV	Jolanda Vogt
Mountaineering Association of Montenegro	PSCG	Dragan Bulatovic

Malta Climbing Club	MCC	Simon Alden
Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	NKBV	Joachim Driessen
Norwegian Climbing Federations	NKF	Stein Tronstad
Polish Mountaineering Association	PZS	Piotr Pustelnik Milosz Jodlowski
Slovak Mountaineering Union JAMES	SMU JAMES	Anton Pacek
Alpine Association of Slovenia	PZS	Joze Rovar
British Mountaineering Council	BMC	Anne Arran
Portuguese Camping and Mountaineering Federation	FCMP*	Carlos Teixeira Pedro Cuica
Portuguese Alpine Club	CNM*	José Basto
Balkan Mountaineering Union	BMU**	Martin Solar

\* associated members / \*\*collaborating organisation

#### Proxy given:

Austrian Alpine Club	OeAV	proxy to DAV (Germany)
Czech Mountaineering Association	CHS	proxy to SMU JAMES (Slovakia)

#### Guests:

International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation	UIAA	Frits Vrijlandt Claude Eckhardt (Honorary Member)
International Federation of Mountain Guide Associations	IFMGA	Christian Trommsdorff
Union of Asian Alpine Associations	UAAA	Hank Hwang

#### Absent:

Mountaineering Association of Serbia	PSS
Federación Española de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada	FEDME
Romanian Alpine Club	CAR

#### EUMA Presidium:

Roland Stierle, Jan Bloudek, Ingrid Hayek, Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin, Bojan Rotovnik

EUMA Office Staff: Edeltraud Haag