



Minutes WFTO-Europe Board meeting 6 July 2018, 11:00-12:30, Skype

Present: Emilie Durochat (Vice-President and Secretary), Gabriella D'Amico, Giorgio Dal Fiume, Juanjo Martinez, Stephanie Brookes (Treasurer), and Francesca Giubilo (Coordinator).

Excused: Estelle Vanwambeke, Stefan Nijsen

AGENDA
1. Approval of minutes (30-04-2018)
2. Appointment of the new WFTO-Europe President
3. Update from the office and HR reorganisation
4. Overview of priority next 6 months
5. Calendar of board meeting
6. AOB

Emilie, Chair of the meeting, welcomed everyone in the meeting.

1. Approval minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Appointment of the new WFTO-Europe President

2 people candidated for the role of President: Juanjo Martinez and Stephanie Brookes. The Chair welcomed both candidatures and asked the other board members to vote for one of the following 2 scenarios:

- Juanjo President and Stephanie treasurer
- Stephanie President and Juanjo treasurer

Considering the great job done by Stephanie as treasurer, the Board members unanimously agreed to keep the status quo and to appoint Juanjo as President and Stephanie as Treasurer.

Emilie confirmed her absence from the board from September to December due to her maternity leave and ask someone else to take over her roles as Vice-President and Secretary. The following people were unanimously approved:

- Gabriella – Vice-President
- Giorgio - Secretary

3. Update from the office and HR reorganisation

The Coordinator shared the document on the update from the office and gave some additional information regarding fundraising and the recruitment process for the Junior Project Officer. As previously agreed by the Board, the Coordinator confirmed the end of the contract with the accountant and the new collaboration with Michael Fivel (consultant on finances also for FTAO). A new accounting software will be used from now on (Exact). The Coordinator can count on the great support of Stephanie to go through the recruitment process and select the Junior project officer by mi-July. Ideally the new person should be able to start from mi-August or beginning of September at the latest.

The coordinator briefly updated the members regarding the discussions had with Erinch on the governance structure and the upcoming Memorandum of Agreement the Board should soon receive from WFTO Global. Despite the clear interest in having a person in the staff fully dedicated to M&M, the coordinator underlines the impact of this decision on the WFTO-Europe budget, which could not count anymore on the income coming from the decentralisation fees (100€ per member).

Based on a conversation had with Sophie (WFTO-Europe representative in the Global Board), the coordinator updated members on the following issues: the launch of the recognition process of the international FT charter, the label, the next WFTF in Lima, the new governance structure of the Steering

Committee of the FTTC. Considering also the upcoming FTAO Board meeting on the 16th of July, the Coordinator has scheduled a call with WFTO and Sophie to prepare the meeting in advance. Board members will be kept updated on the main outcomes.

Last but not least, Juanjo shared an interesting update on the Spanish platform and the concerns they shared to WFTO Global regarding Fair for Life, one of the certification scheme recognised by WFTO and the allegations against them.

4. Overview of priority next 6 months

Due to the lack of time, a more detailed updated will be discussed and analysed during the physical board meeting in October.

5. Calendar of board meeting

The coordinator presented the new general rules and draft calendar 2019 for the Board meetings. The purpose is to plan the meetings and whether it is possible the main aim of each of them a bit in advance in order to make more efficient the organisation and the logistics. The Board welcomed the documents and had a first discussions on the next physical meeting in October. Due to the conjunctions of two events (FT marathon and FTTC), the Board agreed to circulate a doodle and to schedule the next physical meeting in Madrid or Brussels according to the doodle results.

6. AOB

The Board wished Emilie all the best for her maternity leave.

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