



Minutes of the ECA Board of Directors Meeting
 Online Meeting
 12th December 2024, 6:00 pm

6/2024

Present members:

- President: Jean Zoungrana
- Vice Presidents: Miroslav Haviar, Andrej Jelenc
- Board Members: Manuela Gawehn, Peter Karai, Geir Kvillum, Jovana Stanojevic, Ruud Hejiselaar
- ECA Communication and Partnership Manager Nina Jelenc
- Ivana Sundov

Absent members:

- Secretary General: Branko Lovric

ITEM 1

OPENING OF THE MEETING

The President greeted the Board members, thanked them for their attendance, and expressed apologies on behalf of the Secretary General for his absence due to unforeseen personal circumstances before introducing the meeting Agenda.

PRESENTING THE AGENDA

1	Opening of the Meeting	J ZOUNGRANA
2	Appointment of committee's members	J STANOJEVIC
3	European Multisport Championship	J ZOUNGRANA / J STANOJEVIC
4	Athletes committee	J ZOUNGRANA
5	ECA Rules and regulations	J STANOJEVIC
6	2025 Host agreements: ECA medals price, ECA Doping control min number of samples, Governing Law and disputes	J STANOJEVIC
7	ECA Board meeting February 1, 2025	J ZOUNGRANA / J STANOJEVIC
8	ECA Ordinary Congress – proposal for accommodation and Congress venue	I SUNDOV
9	ECA partnership with FFCK for ECA activities	J ZOUNGRANA
10	Contract with Television in Europe Ltd. – 2025 ECH Sprint and Slalom	B LOVRIC / J ZOUNGRANA
11	Miscellaneous	Board

12	The date of next Board meeting	Board
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Without any comments or alterations to the agenda, the President proceeded with the meeting.

ITEM 2

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE'S MEMBERS

The Board reviewed the nominations received from National Federations for ECA Technical Committees, with a total of 51 nominations submitted by 20 National Federations. The appointment of Technical Committee Chairs was conducted through a secret ballot, resulting in the selection of the following chairs: Sprint – Jovana Stanojević, Slalom – Colin Woodgate, Paracanoe – Robert Weisz, Wildwater – Manuel Gawehn, Canoe Polo – Alberto Baroni, Marathon – Ruud Heijselaar, Ocean Racing – Roberto Liberato, Freestyle – Terry Best, SUP – Noemi Horvath, Dragon Boat – Ulrike Schreck, Medical, Health and Well-being – Jane Gibson, and Canoe Touring – Gabriele Koch.

Chairs are responsible for identifying additional committee members where vacancies remain, as some disciplines received fewer applications than the required minimum. National Federations will be formally invited to submit candidate proposals for these positions.

ITEM 3

EUROPEAN MULTISPORT CHAMPIONSHIP

The Board was informed about the latest developments regarding the event. Following the withdrawal of Hanover as the host city, seven sports remain involved. Each European Federation will select its own host, meaning the event will not be centralized in a single country. The ECA will decide on its own location at the next meeting. This decentralized format raises challenges related to TV rights, feasibility, and overall coordination. Further details will be shared as more information becomes available.

ITEM 4

ATHLETES COMMITTEE

The Board reviewed the structure of the Athletes' Committee, which comprises eight members representing Olympic, Paralympic, and non-Olympic disciplines. The election process and role of the Athletes' Chair were discussed. It was agreed that the validation of the Athletes' Representative will take place at the next Congress. National Federations will be informed about the election rules 45 days before the Congress, and a formal role description for the Athletes' Chair will be drafted.

ITEM 5

ECA RULES AND REGULATIONS

The proposed competition program for Canoe Sprint from 2025 to 2028 was presented. National Federations had previously provided feedback, which was reviewed by the Working Group before finalizing the proposal. The Board approved the competition program for 2025-2028 as presented.

SENIOR	CANOE SPRINT -23 single entry			
	Kayak Men	Kayak Women	Canoe Men	Canoe Women
200m	K1 200m	K1 200m	C1 200m	C1 200m
				C2 200m
500m	K1 500m	K1 500m	C1 500m	C1 500m
	K2 500m	K2 500m	C2 500m	C2 500m
	K4 500m	K4 500m	XC4 500m	
1000m	K1 1000m	K1 1000m	C1 1000m	
5000m	K1 5000m	K1 5000m	C1 5000m	C1 5000m

PARACANOE - 12 double entry			
Kayak Men	Kayak Women	Va's Men	Va's Women
KL1 200m	KL1 200m	VL1 200m	VL1 200m
KL2 200m	KL2 200m	VL2 200m	VL2 200m
KL3 200m	KL3 200m	VL3 200m	VL3 200m

JUN&U23	CANOE SPRINT - 21+21 single entry			
	Kayak Men	Kayak Women	Canoe Men	Canoe Women
200m	K1 200m	K1 200m	C1 200m	C1 200m
				C2 200m
500m	K1 500m	K1 500m	C1 500	C1 500m
	K2 500m	K2 500m	C2 500m	C2 500m
	K4 500m	K4 500m	XC4 500m	
1000m	K1 1000m	K1 1000m	C1 1000m	
	K2 1000m		C2 1000m	
5000m				

ITEM 6

2025 HOST AGREEMENTS: ECA MEDALS PRICE, ECA DOPING CONTROL MIN NUMBER OF SAMPLES, GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTES

Discussions on Host Agreements for 2025 competitions covered several key aspects, including the pricing for ECA medals, the minimum number of doping control samples, the governing law and jurisdiction for disputes, and the financial terms for ECA title

sponsorship. The Board confirmed the pricing for ECA medals, agreed to maintain the current minimum doping control samples, and set the amount for ECA title sponsorship. Regarding governance and dispute resolution matters, further consultations are needed before finalizing the framework.

ITEM 7

ECA BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2025

The logistics and agenda for the next Board meeting were discussed. It was confirmed that the next ECA Board Meeting will be held on February 1, 2025, in Ponte de Lima, Portugal.

ITEM 8

ECA ORDINARY CONGRESS – PROPOSAL FOR ACCOMMODATION AND CONGRESS VENUE

Proposals for the venue and accommodation options for the ECA Ordinary Congress were reviewed, with a final decision to be made after evaluating logistical feasibility and cost considerations.

ITEM 9

ECA PARTNERSHIP WITH FFCK FOR ECA ACTIVITIES

The Board examined a potential partnership with FFCK for future ECA activities and Headquarters. The contract with the French Canoe federation is presented. Further exploration of the partnership will continue, with a formal agreement to be proposed to the Board for the installation of ECA Headquarters in France.

ITEM 10

CONTRACT WITH TELEVISION IN EUROPE LTD– 2025 ECH SPRINT AND SLALOM

The contract with Television in Europe Ltd. regarding media coverage for the 2025 European Championships in Sprint and Slalom was reviewed. It was noted that access to previous materials is unavailable and that the ownership of footage and other media assets remains undefined. Given these concerns, further negotiations will take place before finalizing the contract.

ITEM 11

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board was informed about the European Youth Olympic Festival in North Macedonia, scheduled for the second half of July. Although informal communications have taken place an official confirmation letter regarding ECA's involvement in the event is still pending. The Board emphasized that no official decisions or commitments can be made until the letter is received, which will clarify the responsibilities and roles for the event's organization.



The Board was updated regarding the Wildwater event in Mezzana, confirming that there will be no Masters Championships. The competition dates have been finalized, with additional schedule details expected next week.

ITEM 12

THE DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Next Board meeting will take place on February 1, 2025 with the arrival of the BOD members on Friday.

The President concluded the meeting with no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Branko Lovric	Jean Zoungrana
	
ECA Secretary General	ECA President