CONIFA Annual General Meeting

MINUTES **9TH JANUARY 2016** **10:00 – 17:00** **DONIZETTI THEATRE, BERGAMO, ITALY**

CALL BY	CONIFA - Confederation of Independent Football Associations
MEETING	3nd CONIFA Annual General Meeting 2016
PRESIDENT	Per-Anders Blind, Sweden
GENERAL SECRETARY	Sascha Düerkop, Germany
PARTICIPANTS	**In person**: Per-Anders Blind (CONIFA President) Kristof Wenczel (CONIFA Vice President and representing Szekelyland LE) Dimitri Pagava (CONIFA Vice President) Sascha Düerkop (CONIFA General Secretary) Alberto Rischio (CONIFA European Director) Jens Jockel (CONIFA South American Director) Safin Kanabe (CONIFA Asian Director and representing Kurdistan) Mark Dieler (North American Director) Lorenzo Bernadini (CONIFA Individual member) Ruslan Adzhinzhal (representing Abkhazia) Astanda Akhba (representing Abkhazia) Malcolm Blackburn (representing Manx IFA) Gary Weightman (representing Manx IFA) Orcun Kamali (representing Northern Cyprus) Ivan Orsi (representing Padania) Yacine Azzouz (representing Raetia) Dijana Pavlovic (representing Romani People) Alessandro Aleotti (representing Romani People) Hakan Kuorak (representing Sapmi) Vanessa Lota (representing Sapmi) Evgheni Balaniuc (representing Transnistria) Hiratch Yagan (representing Western Armenia) Melke Alan (representing Arameans Suryoye) Shwan Raoof (representing Kurdistan) Harpreet Singh (representing Panjab) Motoko Jitsukawa (representing Ryukyu and United Koreans in Japan) Ragesh Nambiar (representing Tamil Eelam) Mariesabrina Jean (representing Chagos Islands) Ilyas Mohamed (representing Somaliland) Guiled Aden (representing Somaliland)

§ 1. OPENING OF CONIFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PER-ANDERS BLIND

INFORMATION	In the Donizetti Theatre, Bergamo, Italy, the CONIFA President Per-Anders Blind opened the 3rd Annual General Meeting welcoming CONIFA member's attending, representing 3 continents (Europe, Africa and Asia). All participants attending in person introduced themselves shortly, both in person but also introducing their Football Association/People/Region. Sascha Düerkop was selected as Chairman of the AGM and for recording the minutes of the meeting.

§ 2. DETERMINATION THAT THE AGM HAS BEEN CONVENED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION — ALL

DECISION	The AGM approved unanimously that the Annual General Meeting has been convened in compliance with the Constitution.

§ 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA — ALL

DECISION	The AGM approved unanimously the Agenda in complete.

§ 4. DETERMINATION OF THE VOTING LIST — ALL

DECISION	The voting list was determined, in total 179 votes: ○ Football Associations (10 votes): ▪ Football Federation of the Republic of Abkhazia ▪ Manx International Football Alliance ▪ Cyprus Turkish Football Federation ▪ Padania Football Association ▪ FA Raetia ▪ Romani People Football Association ▪ Szekeland LE ▪ Football Federation of Pridnestrovie ▪ Football Association of Western Armenia ▪ Football Association Arameans Suryoye ▪ Kurdistan Football Association ▪ Panjab Football Association ▪ Ryukyu Football Association ▪ Tamil Eelam Football Association ▪ FC Korea ▪ Chagos Islands Football Association ▪ Somaliland Football Association ○ Individuals (1 vote): ▪ Per-Anders Blind ▪ Kristof Wenczel ▪ Dimitri Pagava ▪ Sascha Düerkop ▪ Alberto Rischio ▪ Jens Jockel ▪ Mark Dieler ▪ Safin Kanabe ▪ Lorenzo Bernadini (17 FA x 10 votes) + (9 ind members x 1 vote) = 179 votes in total

§ 5. ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT	PER-ANDERS BLIND
INFORMATION	President Per-Anders Blind shortly addressed the plenum. In summary: The Fiscal year of 2015 has been very intense and improving year for CONIFA as organization. With the European Football Cup 2015 in Debrecen, Hungary, we have reached a Europe-wide attention. By staging the first ever Continental championship outside FIFA, CONIFA has proven itself and its members, that is on a great way to become a sustainable player in international football. The tournament and the many friendly matches around the world helped CONIFA's members to build trust and credibility for their teams, but also for the people and region it represents. This was the second step on a long journey to come and while the year had ups and downs it clearly showed that together we can bring football outside FIFA to a new level. Only thanks to the tireless efforts and work of all members and a global team spirit, an international movement was started, which is followed by more and more people and new teams around the world. Today, we will discuss the ups and downs of the year 2015 and, even more important, we will decide how to move on from this point. We are looking forward to get further inspired by all of you today to build the best sport organization, which is truly working for its members and does not leave any people behind. CONIFA is very proud and honored to welcome you all to the 3rd Annual General Meeting!

§ 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING GENERAL MEETING	ALL
DECISION	The minutes of the preceding AGM has been distributed/published in time and there has been no claim of amendments of the minutes. Therefor the AGM decided to approve the minutes in complete.

§ 7. APPROVAL OF THE NEW CONIFA STRUCTURE	ALL
DECISION	President Per-Anders Blind presented the current CONFA structure, which was adopted on the Annual General Meeting 2015 in Skopje, Macedonia. Furthermore, Per-Anders Blind and General Secretary Sascha Düerkop reported about several administrative issues CONIFA had with the non-profit NGO on the Isle of Man. Therefore, the Executive Committee proposed the AGM to close the non-profit NGO on the Isle of Man and re-use the still opened Swedish NGO. The business company on the Isle of Man shall stay active. **Background/generals:** CONIFA has established two separate companies on Isle of Man and our operational headquarter: CONIFA Ltd: Acts as Charity / Non-Profit Organization. The Executive Committee and all CONIFA members are affiliated into ConIFA Ltd. CONIFA Properties Ltd: Acts as the business part of ConIFA. This is where all the sales of sponsorships, TV/Internet rights, merchandise etc. are going to take place. All tournament rights and trademark are also included in this package. ConIFA Properties Ltd will also offer external investors/stakeholders to buy shares in the company.

	Additionally, CONIFA is still registered as a non-profit NGO in Sweden. The proposal of the Executive Committee is to now close the "CONIFA Ltd." on the Isle of Man and transfer the Executive Committee and member's affiliation back to the Swedish non-profit NGO. The main reason is that the CONIFA Ltd. was not able to open a bank account and receive membership fees from CONIFA's members, which is an important and critical source of income for the operations of CONIFA. **Decisions**: The AGM decided as proposed in the meeting to: • change the location of the non-profit part of CONIFA from the Isle of Man back to Sweden. • dissolve the Isle of Man based CONIFA Ltd. as soon as possible

§ 8. CONIFA ACTIVITY REPORT 2014 ALL

DECISION	President Per-Anders Blind presented the activity report of the time between the last AGM in Skopje, Macedonia and today. The slides of this presentation can be found in the general secretary office. The official Activity Report 2015 is also attached to this minutes as an appendix. Alberto Rischio, as the Director of the European Committee also presented the operational within Europe for the fiscal year of 2015 to the AGM. The AGM decided to approve the CONIFA Activity Report 2015 in complete.

§ 9. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2014 ALL

DECISION	President Per-Anders Blind presented the financial reports of 2015. The report is attached as appendix. The reports were approved by the AGM unanimously. Financial summary, 31st Dec 2015: Assets in the ConIFA NPO Sweden: 18.732,90 SEK (=2.049,55€) Debts ConIFA NPO Sweden: Northgrow Sweden AB, 409.173,79 SEK (=45.113,51€) Per-Anders Blind, 140 000 SEK (=15.317,29€)
1 EUR ~ 9,14 SEK depending on the currency exchange rate.	

§ 10. FREEDOM OF RESPONSIBILITY 2015 ALL

DECISION	The AGM stated that the CONIFA Executive Committee had operated the organization in an excellent manner and decided to relieve the responsibility of the members of the Executive Committee for the fiscal year of 2014.

§ 11. CONIFA ACTIVITY PLAN 2016 ALL

DECISION	The CONIFA Activity Plan 2016 was presented to the AGM and the major actions during the year is: • CONIFA World Football Cup 2016, 28th May - 6st June in Abkhazia • Beach Soccer World Cup 1st – 5th September 2016 in Viareggio, Italy • Visiting Football Association members • Conduct Executive Committee meetings as stated in the constitution • Support the task finding new sponsors and tournament hosts • Support the task finding new volunteers and new employments • Remscheid weekend tournament mid-March in Remscheid, Germany • Weekend tournaments and friendly matches The AGM decided to approved the Action Plan 2016 presented in complete.

§ 12. APPROVALL OF BUDGET 2016 ALL

DECISION	No budget was presented at the AGM due to lack of time for preparation. The CONIFA ExCo proposed the AGM to delegate the ongoing economical transactions for the fiscal year of 2016 to the ExCo in a responsible way and secure no negative balance during the year. The AGM unanimously decided to approve of the procedure.

§ 13. ADMISSION FOR MEMBERSHIP ALL

DECISION	The plenum decided unanimously about the following applications: ○ The AGM decided to approve the following 6 membership applications of Football Associations: ▪ Western Armenia ▪ Lezghin People ▪ Tibet ▪ United Koreans of Japan ▪ Ryukyu ▪ Transnistria ▪ Uyghur People ▪ Luhansk People's Republic

	▪ Donetsk People's Republic* *preliminary decision, as the application was not yet received.

§ 14. SUSPENSION OR EXPOULSION OF MEMBERSHIP ALL

DECISION	There were no proposals given – no decisions.

§ 15. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS ALL

DECISION	There were no proposals given – no decisions.

§ 16. PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY CONIFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALL

DECISION	There have been no proposals submitted to the Executive Committee – no decisions.

§ 17. ELECTION CONIFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALL

DECISION	General Secretary Sascha Düerkop presented the proposed changes in the positions of the Executive Committee and the applying persons. See appendix for the slides. The following changes became elected into the Executive Committee all unanimously by the AGM: ○ Vice Presidents: Kristof Wenczel, Hungary and Dimitri Pagava, Abkhazia ○ General Secretary: Sascha Düerkop, Germany ○ Directors: ▪ Alberto Risicho, Italy ▪ Rudolf Schiebel, Germany ▪ Noah Wheelock, Canada ▪ Safin Kanabe, Kurdistan ▪ Sofian Soltani, France All elected candidates accepted their election. No decision taken about annual reimbursement for the Executive Committee members. Therefor the old decision taken at the AGM 3rd January 2014 in Cologne is still valid: 15% of the yearly revenue split equally between its members was approved unanimously.

§ 18. ELECTION CONIFA MANAGERS ALL

DECISION	There have been no proposals submitted to the Executive Committee – no decisions.

§ 19. DETERMINATION CONIFA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION ALL

DECISION	The AGM plenum unanimously decided to set annual membership fees as follows. In addition they decided to give the Executive Committee the alone power to decide on eventually requested exceptions. **Annual Membership fees:** Confederation/League: 2500€ for each 10 members FA/Club: 500€ Player: 50€ Individual: 25€

§ 20. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING SASCHA DÜERKOP

INFORMATION	The chairman of the meeting thanked all participants for their creative and passionate contribution for the future development of CONIFA as a organization. With the global engagement within CONIFA, we are looking towards a great and very bright future together. With those final words the CONIFA AGM 2016 was declared closed.

CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING	Sascha Düerkop, Germany
AGM SECRETARY	Per-Anders Blind, Sweden
ADJUSTMENT OF THE MINUTES	Malcolm Blackburn, Isle of Man

ATTACHMENTS: AGM agenda 2016
CONIFA Activity report 2015
CONIFA budget 2016
AGM slides

AGM – BLOCK II

CONIFA World Football Cup 2016
The AGM elected the following 9 teams to participate in the 2nd CONIFA World Football Cup 2016 in Abkhazia

Western Armenia	Northern Cyprus	Sapmi	Romani People	Panjab
Somaliland	Chagos Islands	Kurdistan	United Koreans of Japan	

Additionally, the host Abkhazia and the two qualified teams of Raetia and Padania will participate.

The Reserve teams, split by continental zone, are:

Europe:	1) Szekely Land	2) Transnistria	3) South Ossetia	4) Nagorno-Karabakh
Africa:	1) Darfur United			
Asia:	1) Tamil Eelam	2) Tibet	3) Ryukyu	4) Lezghin People

The tournament is planned 28th May – 6th June in Sukhum and Gagra, Abkhazia. Ruslan Adzhinzhal, Astanda Akhba and Dimitri Pagava presented the conditions and practical details around the tournament to the AGM. We are all looking forward towards a 2nd fantastic CONIFA World Football Cup in 2016.

In a signatory ceremony President Per-Anders Blind signed the contracts of all teams and handed them over to all participating teams. The draw was decided to be done as a live stream with several participating and non-participating teams drawing the lots. Finally, a model of the future World Football Cup trophy was presented by European Director Alberto Rischio.

CONIFA Beach Soccer Football Cup 2016
The European Director Alberto Rischio presented the plan to conduct a CONIFA WBSC in ViaReggio, Italy in autumn 2016.

CONIFA World Football Cup 2016
CONIFA South American Director, a resident of the German city of Remscheid, presented the plans for a friendly tournament in Remscheid for mid-March 2016. He informed the AGM that meetings with the mayor of the city were held and that local authorities and media will support the event.

CONIFA European Football Cup 2017
The AGM decided unanimously to only hold an European Football Cup, if one of its members shows interest to one on.

CONIFA Asian Football Cup 2017
The AGM decided unanimously to work out a full planning of an Asian Football Cup 2017 together with the potential host team of Ryukyu.

CONIFA World Football Cup 2018/20
No bids were presented and the discussion and host selection was postponed to the AGM 2017.

CONIFA Tournament Schedule 2016-2020
No tournaments have been scheduled by the AGM.
Vice President Kristof Wenczel was appointed to look into the possibilities of a Women World Football Cup, a Futsal World Football Cup and a Youth World Football Cup to be held in the future.

CONIFA Opportunities
Due to lack of time left at the meeting, this topic had to be postponed.