



Meeting Minutes CONIFA Annual General Meeting 2020

§ 1 Opening of the 7th CONIFA Annual General Meeting

- a) The AGM 2020 was opened by an address of the Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services and Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture of Jersey, Senator Steve Pallett.
- i) Senator Pallett highlighted the long history of non-league football in Jersey, the 115-year-old Muratti Vase tournament played between Jersey, Guernsey and Alderney, the recent inclusion of the Jersey Bulls into the English League system, but also the many other sports that are actively played on the islands.
- b) President Per-Anders Blind officially opens the AGM and presented the schedule for both days in Jersey, the 25.01. and the 26.01.2020.
- c) President Per-Anders Blind offered to Chair the AGM, while General Secretary offered to be the Secretary of the AGM. Both were approved unanimously.
- d) Referee Director Roger Lundbäck and Deputy Referee Director Dennis Wall were appointed as tellers.
- e) President Per-Anders Blind gave an opening address. It covered the following topics:
[Remark from Secretary Sascha Düerkop: For details about the Presidential Address, please also see Appendix A: Slides of the Chair, pp.6-33. To protect the Chair of the meeting and myself from circulating potentially justifiably defamatory content, parts of these slides had to be blacked out.]
- i) Sporting highlights of 2019: The CONIFA Sportsbet.io European Football Cup 2019 in Artsakh and the No Limits European Football Cup 2019 in Monaco.
- ii) A dispute within the Executive Committee and a split of the Board into two factions perceived by President Per-Anders Blind.
- iii) A more widely trade-off between laws and regulations on the one hand and moral and ethics on the other hand perceived by the President Per-Anders Blind.
- f) Legal Director Kieran Pender requested a right of reply, which Chair Per-Anders Blind granted.

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- i) Legal Director Kieran Pender announced that he steps down from his position as Legal Director within the Executive Committee and will subsequently not stand for re-election today.
- ii) Legal Director Kieran Pender provides another perspective to §1 e) ii), arguing that there was a democratic decision of the Executive Committee that there was no confidence in a member of the Executive Committee and that this should be respected. He emphasized that the President's decision to speak of an "attack" and blame several people individually in a slanderous way was not appropriate.

§ 2 Determination that the Annual General Meeting has been convened in compliance with the Constitution

- a) Malcolm Blackburn, President of and representing the Manx International Football Alliance, requested a roll call. The following individuals (in no particular order) were present:
 - i) Dimitri Pagava, CONIFA Vice-President and President of Abkhazia Football Federation
 - ii) Hakan Kuorak, President of Sapmi Football Association
 - iii) Orcun Kamali, Vice-President of Cyprus Turkish Football Association
 - iv) Jens Jockel, CONIFA Asian President
 - v) Danny Clarke, President of Surrey International Football Association
 - vi) James Blower, President of Parishes of Jersey Football Club
 - vii) Jeroen Zandberg, representing West Papua Football Association
 - viii) Frankie Lambert, Sponsoring and Marketing Director of CONIFA Asian Committee
 - ix) Alberto Rischio, CONIFA European President and Vice-President of Padania Football Association
 - x) Gaetano d'Auria, President of Football Club of the Island of Elba
 - xi) Piotr Podlevski, General Secretary of CONIFA European Committee
 - xii) Marco Gotta, Media and Team Manager of Padania Football Association
 - xiii) Fabio Cerini, President of Padania Football Association

- xiv) Malcolm Blackburn, President of Manx International Football Alliance
- xv) Kristof Wenczel, CONIFA Vice-President and President of Szekely Land Football Association
- xvi) Aron Szabo, Technical Director of Szekely Land Football Association
- xvii) Gopinath Sannathinathan, President of Tamil Eelam Football Association
- xviii) Dany Dubray, corporate guest representing Bloowing
- xix) Savanna Simons, manager of the Somaliland women's national team
- xx) Amy Gilmore, iAct Programme Manager – Sports and Darfur United Assistant Coach
- xxi) Lucy Mills, Deputy Director of CONIFA Women's Football Committee
- xxii) Paul Watson, CONIFA Development Director
- xxiii) Kieran Pender, CONIFA Legal Director
- xxiv) Sascha Dürkop, CONIFA General Secretary
- xxv) Cassie Whittell, CONIFA Media Director
- xxvi) Matt Hudson, Deputy Director of CONIFA Media Committee
- xxvii) Pat McGuinness, Member of CONIFA Media Committee
- xxviii) Olaf Jensen, Member of CONIFA Media Committee
- xxix) Brad Merrett, Member of CONIFA Media Committee
- xxx) Dominic Stevenson, Member of CONIFA Media Committee
- xxxi) Dennis Wall, Deputy Director of CONIFA Referee Committee
- xxxii) Roger Lundbäck, CONIFA Referee Director
- xxxiii) Jason Heaton, Chairman of Kernow Football Association
- xxxiv) Andrew Bragg, Director of Football of Kernow Football Association
- xxxv) Yannick Saint-German, President of Quebec Football Association
- xxxvi) Jimmy Ferrar, Manager of Chagos Islands Football Association

- xxxvii) Mariesabrina Jean, President of Chagos Islands Football Association
 - xxxviii) Safeen Kanabe, President of Kurdistan Football Association
 - xxxix) Amir Doski, Interpreter of Kurdistan Football Association
- b) The roll call was approved unanimously
 - c) It was unanimously determined that the Annual General Meeting has been convened in compliance with the Constitution.

§ 3 Approval of the Agenda

- a) General Secretary Sascha Dürkop requested to add "Financial Governance of CONIFA" to the agenda.
 - i) The request was approved and the point will be added to § 7.
- b) The agenda was approved without further changes other than these mentioned in § 3 a).

§ 4 Determination of the voting list

- a) The following Association Members (in no particular order) each held 10 votes in all elections at the AGM 2020:
 - i) Jersey
 - ii) Kurdistan
 - iii) West Papua
 - iv) Padania
 - v) Szekely Land
 - vi) Tamil Eelam
 - vii) Darfur
 - viii) Cornwall
 - ix) Chagos Islands
 - x) Sapmi

- xi) Northern Cyprus
 - xii) Ellan Vannin
 - xiii) Abkhazia
 - xiv) Matabeleland – by proxy to Sascha Düerkop
 - xv) Mapuche – by proxy to Jens Jockel
 - xvi) Rapa Nui – by proxy to Jens Jockel
 - xvii) Western Sahara – by proxy to Paul Watson
 - xviii) Tibet – by proxy to Paul Watson
 - xix) East Turkestan – by proxy to Paul Watson
 - xx) Cascadia – by proxy to Kristof Wenczel
 - xxi) Artsakh – by proxy to Alberto Rischio
 - xxii) Western Armenia – by proxy to Alberto Rischio
 - xxiii) County of Nice – by proxy to Alberto Rischio
 - xxiv) Karpatalya – by proxy to Kristof Wenczel
 - xxv) Chameria – by proxy to Kristof Wenczel
 - xxvi) The AGM unanimously confirmed that a total of 25 Association Members, listed above, held a total of 250 votes.
- b) The following Individual Members (in no particular order) each held 1 vote in all elections at the AGM 2020:
- i) Per-Anders Blind
 - ii) Kristof Wenczel
 - iii) Dimitri Pagava
 - iv) Roger Lundbäck
 - v) Dennis Wall

- vi) Jens Jockel
 - vii) Piotr Podlewski
 - viii) Cassie Whittell
 - ix) Matteo Poretti – by proxy to Alberto Rischio
 - x) Lorenzo Bernardini – by proxy to Alberto Rischio
 - xi) Hircac Yagan – by proxy to Alberto Rischio
 - xii) Hakan Kuorak
 - xiii) The AGM unanimously confirmed that a total of 12 Individual Members, listed above, held a total of 12 votes.
- c) The AGM unanimously approved that thus the total number of votes was 262.
- d) The membership fees of the Australian First Nations have been transferred, but not yet arrived in the account of CONIFA. President Per-Anders Blind proposed to vote whether the proxy of the Australian First Nations is accepted by the AGM or not. He further proposed to not accept the proxy of the Australian First Nations, as the payment has not yet arrived in the account.
- i) 138 votes supported the proposal of the President to not accept the proxy of the Australian First Nations
 - ii) 1 vote abstained
 - iii) 123 votes rejected the proposal of the President to not accept the proxy of the Australian First Nations
 - iv) Subsequently, the AGM thus approved the proposal of the President and rejected to accept the proxy of the Australian First Nations. The total number of votes thus remained 262.
- e) President Per-Anders Blind proposed to approve the bank transfers of the Australian First Nations and Panjab as otherwise valid, as long as the funds are in the account by the end of the following week (02.02.2020).
- i) 214 votes supported the proposal of the President to accept the bank transfers as a valid payment of membership in all matters different to these voted on in § 4 d).



- ii) 10 votes abstained
- iii) 38 votes rejected the proposal of the President to accept the bank transfers as a valid payment of membership fees in all matters different to these voted on in § 4 d).
- iv) Subsequently, the AGM thus approved the proposal of the President and accepted the bank transfers as a valid payment of membership fees in all matters different to these voted on in § 4 d).

Extraordinary Point: Sportsbet.io Presentation

Sportsbet.io representatives Lucy Bostritski and Justin Le Broque joined the meeting and presented a recapitulation of the CONIFA Sportsbet.io European Football Cup 2019 in Artsakh and presented their plans for the CONIFA Sportsbet.io World Football Cup 2020 in Macedonia. To prepare an efficient pre-tournament media plan, Sportsbet.io did request all participants of the World Football Cup 2020 to share their training schedules in the build-up of the tournament. The aim is to be “on the ground” with our members to share their story globally, which makes a close collaboration with the members fundamental.

§ 5 Approval of the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting

- a) The minutes of the Annual General Meeting were approved unanimously, with a single change:
 - i) “The Individual Membership Fees are 25 Euro” shall replace “The Individual Membership Fees are 30 Euro”.

§ 6 Presentation of the Activity Report 2019

- a) President Per-Anders Blind presented the activity report, which is also published on the CONIFA homepage.
- b) President Per-Anders Blind further briefly presented the European Activity, which has not been made publicly available, yet.

§ 7 Approval of the Financial Statements 2019

- a) President Per-Anders Blind presented the Financial Report of the fiscal year 2019. *[Remark from Secretary Sascha Dürkop: See Appendix B: Financial Report]*
- b) The AGM approved the Financial Statement unanimously.



- c) President Per-Anders Blind, in reference to § 3 a) i) presented the issue of the current financial setup of CONIFA – that only he has access to the bank account of the organization.
- i) President Per-Anders Blind clarifies that the bank does not yet recognize the Constitution of CONIFA, as it requires that every page of the Constitution is signed off by the President and the General Secretary of CONIFA. President Per-Anders Blind further proposed that the Constitution is additionally signed by two witnesses, namely Roger Lundbäck and Gopinath Sannathinathan.
- ii) General Secretary Sascha Düerkop emphasized that several members of the CONIFA Executive Committee have requested President Per-Anders Blind to report which requirements the bank imposes to grant access to the bank account to other members of the Executive Committee throughout the year 2019. He further clarified that the standing Constitution clearly demands that any payment is signed off by the President and General Secretary of CONIFA and states that he did not sign any payments.
- iii) President Per-Anders Blind confirms that he will address the topic and collect the necessary paperwork at an Executive Committee meeting scheduled for the 26.01.2020 to submit these to the bank as soon as possible.

§ 8 Freedom of responsibility 2019:

- a) The AGM unanimously freed the Executive Committee of all responsibility for 2020.

Extraordinary Point: Blooming Presentation

[Remark from Secretary Sascha Düerkop: See Appendix C: Blooming Presentation]

Corporate guest Dany Dubray presented his start-up Blooming and their product BlooPearl, which provides a platform to sell match worn football shirts, authenticated by a blockchain, during the competition. Its solution aims to generate additional revenues, to increase budget and influence for teams.

§ 9 CONIFA activity plan 2020-2023

- a) President Per-Anders Blind presented a rough schedule of tournaments for the upcoming years and requested the forum to write down their proposals for the activity plan 2020-2023.
- b) The members raised the following points (in no particular order):



- i) Clarification on the eligibility of players
- ii) Paid staff inside CONIFA
- iii) Women's World Football Cups
- iv) CONIFA Symposium
- v) Organisation Committee for tournaments
- vi) Continental tournaments
- vii) Smaller tournaments outside of Europe
- viii) Media plan for each team
- ix) More cooperation with universities and NGOs
- x) Reviewing the language in all internal/external documents in terms of gender neutrality
- xi) More cooperation with professional football teams, clubs and scouts
- xii) Review the climate impact of CONIFA and assess, if CONIFA can invest in or achieve sponsoring for carbon-offsetting
- xiii) Under-23 / junior tournaments
- xiv) Raising more funds and the profile of CONIFA
- xv) CONIFA should be less Eurocentric
- xvi) Football shirt partnerships
- xvii) Insurance strategy

§ 10 Approval of the CONIFA budget 2020

- a) President Per-Anders Blind presented a budgeted proposal for 2020.
[Remark from Secretary Sascha Dürkop: See Appendix D: CONIFA Budget 2020]
- b) The AGM unanimously approved the budget as proposed.

§ 11 Admission for Membership:

- a) President Per-Anders Blind presented seven new membership applications and gave the following recommendations, based on the elections of the Executive Committee on these applications:
 - i) Mapuche, recommended to be admitted.
 - ii) Rapa Nui, recommended to be admitted.
 - iii) Hawai'i, recommended to be admitted.
 - iv) West Papua, recommended to be admitted.
 - v) Crimea, recommended to be admitted.
 - vi) Elba Island, recommend to not be admitted.
 - vii) California, applies as and recommended to be admitted as a Nakame Member.
- b) The AGM took the following decisions on the admission of new members:
 - i) Mapuche was approved unanimously
 - ii) Rapa Nui was approved unanimously
 - iii) Hawai'i was approved unanimously
 - iv) West Papua was approved unanimously
 - v) Crimea was approved unanimously
 - vi) Elba Island was approved with 199 approving against 62 rejections and 1 abstention.
 - vii) California was rejected as a Nakame Member by 136 rejections against 124 approving votes and 2 abstentions.

§ 12 Votes on proposals for amendments to the Constitution and the Internal Regulations

- a) President Per-Anders Blind presented two new internal regulations, the Code of Conduct Policy and the Conflict of Interest Policy. Legal Director Kieran Pender briefly outlined the content of both policies.
 - i) Both Policies have been accepted unanimously.

- ii) The President further presented a proposal to change the location of CONIFA from “Lulea” to “Pitea” in the Constitution.

- (1) The change was unanimously approved.

§ 13 Proposals submitted by CONIFA members

- a) President Per-Anders Blind presented a single proposal submitted from a member: General Sascha Düerkop proposed to award Honorary Membership to President Bako Sahakyan, the President of the Republic of Artsakh.
[Remark from Secretary Sascha Düerkop: See Appendix E: Letter of Sascha Düerkop]

§ 14 Elections of CONIFA Executive Committee Members

- a) President Per-Anders Blind emphasized that for the time in CONIFAs history, there are more applicants to join the Executive Committee than there are ‘seats’ on the Board.
- b) The following candidates are running for Vice-Presidency:
 - i) Kristof Wenczel and Dimitri Pagava
 - ii) The AGM unanimously approved both candidates.
- c) The following candidates are running as General Secretary:
 - i) Sascha Düerkop and Aaron Johnsen
 - ii) An open vote was casted, which confirmed Sascha Düerkop as General Secretary with 132 votes against 127 votes for Aaron Johnsen and three abstentions.
 - iii) The following votes were casted for Sascha Düerkop:
 - (1) Jersey
 - (2) Kurdistan
 - (3) West Papua
 - (4) Tamil Eelam
 - (5) Darfur
 - (6) Cornwall
 - (7) Chagos Islands



- (8) Matabeleland – by proxy to Sascha Düerkop
[note: the proxy explicitly stated that Matabeleland does vote for Sascha Düerkop. This decision was not made or changed by the holder of the proxy.]
 - (9) Mapuche – by proxy to Jens Jockel
 - (10) Rapa Nui – by proxy to Jens Jockel
 - (11) Western Sahara – by proxy to Paul Watson
 - (12) Tibet – by proxy to Paul Watson
 - (13) East Turkestan – by proxy to Paul Watson
 - (14) Cassie Whittell
 - (15) Jens Jockel
- iv) The following votes were casted for Aaron Johnsen
- (1) Cascadia – by proxy to Kristof Wenczel
 - (2) Artsakh – by proxy to Alberto Rischio
 - (3) Western Armenia – by proxy to Alberto Rischio
 - (4) Karpatalya – by proxy to Kristof Wenczel
 - (5) County of Nice – by proxy to Alberto Rischio
 - (6) Chameria – by proxy to Kristof Wenczel
 - (7) Szekely Land
 - (8) Northern Cyprus
 - (9) Sapmi
 - (10) Padania
 - (11) Abkhazia
 - (12) Ellan Vannin
 - (13) Kristof Wenczel



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- (14) Dimitri Pagava
 - (15) Lorenzo Bernardini
 - (16) Fabio Poretti
 - (17) Piotr Podlevski
 - (18) Hakan Kuorak
 - (19) Hirc Yagan
- v) The following votes casted were abstentions:
- (1) Per-Anders Blind
 - (2) Roger Lundbäck
 - (3) Dennis Wall
- d) The following candidates were running for a position on the Executive Committee (other than President, Vice-President or General Secretary):
- i) Lucy Mills
 - ii) Fabio Puntillo
 - iii) Orcun Kamali
 - iv) Hakan Kuorak
 - v) Brad Merrett
 - vi) Busani Sibindi
 - vii) Alberto Rischio
 - viii) Malcolm Blackburn
 - ix) Jens Jockel
 - x) Ben Schultz
 - xi) Kelly Lindsay
 - xii) Paul Watson

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- xiii) Rene Jacobi
 - xiv) Justin Walley
 - xv) Noah Wheelock
 - xvi) Safeen Kanabe
 - xvii) Haji Munye Haji
 - xviii) Riku Ristas
 - xix) Haley Carter
 - xx) Adam Cole
 - xxi) Simon Rofe
- e) In a secret election, the candidates received the following number of votes. The 14 candidates with the most votes were thus elected into the Executive Committee of CONIFA.
- i) Kelly Lindsay 210 votes
 - ii) Lucy Mills 180 votes
 - iii) Alberto Rischio 169 votes
 - iv) Justin Walley 167 votes
 - v) Safeen Kanabe 159 votes
 - vi) Orcun Kamali 159 votes
 - vii) Jens Jockel 156 votes
 - viii) Hakan Kuorak 149 votes
 - ix) Malcolm Blackburn 139 votes
 - x) Aaron Johnsen 138 votes
 - xi) Brad Merrett 126 votes
 - xii) Fabio Puntillo 126 votes

- xiii) Ben Schultz 115 votes
- xiv) Paul Watson 114 votes
- xv) Noah Wheelock 105 votes
- xvi) Busani Sibindi 95 votes
- xvii) Riku Ristas 83 votes
- xviii) Haley Carter 72
- xix) Haji Munye Haji 72 votes
- xx) Rene Jacobi 52 votes
- xxi) Adam Cole 42 votes
- xxii) Simon Rofe 32 votes

§ 15 President Per-Anders Blind officially closed the AGM 2020.



Per-Anders Blind
Chair of the Meeting

Sascha Dürkop
Secretary of the Meeting