

CONIFA Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

28TH JANUARY 2017

09:30 – 18:00

STADE DE GENEVE,
GENEVE, SWITZERLAND

CALL BY	CONIFA - Confederation of Independent Football Associations
MEETING	4 th CONIFA Annual General Meeting 2017
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) Kieran Pender (CONIFA Media Director) Paul Watson (CONIFA Commercial Director) Astamur Adleiba (representing Abkhazia FA) Boris Adleiba (representing Abkhazia FA) Natali Nikolyuk (representing Abkhazia FA) Jean-Sebastien Martinez (representing County of Nice) Adil Echaoui (representing County of Nice) Gabriel Stauring (representing Darfur United) Katie-Jay Scott Stauring (representing Darfur United) Malcolm Blackburn (representing Ellan Vannin) Christopher Robertshaw (representing Isle of Man Parliament) Jake Kewley (representing Kiribati FA) Sarkhell Sirwan Nawroli (representing Kurdistan FA) Orcun Kamali (representing Northern Cyprus) Boris Massare (representing Occitania De Futbol) Cerini Fabio (representing Padania FA) Olisse Viscardi (representing Padania FA) Harpreet Singh (representing Panjab FA) Gubert Luck (representing FA Raetia) Daniel Luginbühl (representing FA Raetia) Motoko Jiksukawa (representing Ryukyu Island and United Koreans of Japan) Ilyas Mohamed (representing Somaliland FA) Nuh Mohamed (representing Somaliland FA) Guiled Aden (representing Somaliland FA) Hiraceth Yagan (representing FF Western Armenia) Varujan Symonov (representing FF Western Armenia) Rainer Hahn (representing Global United FC) Steven van Lierde (representing CONIA) Antoine Gautier (journalist) Zam Gutierrez (representing CONIFA) Soseala Tinilau (representing Tuvalu NFA) Ryan Griffiths (representing Academic University of Sydney) Roger Lundbäck (representing CONIFA Global Referees) Nathaniel White (journalist) Richard Martyn-Hemphill (journalist)

§ 1. OPENING OF CONIFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PER-ANDERS BLIND

INFORMATION	At Stade de Genève, Switzerland the CONIFA President Per-Anders Blind opened the 4 th Annual General Meeting welcoming CONIFA member's attending, representing 5 continents (Europe, Africa, Oceania,
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	Latinamerica and Asia). All participants attending in person introduced themselves shortly. Paul Watson was selected as secretary of the AGM and for recording the minutes of the meeting. The President also addressed a special THANK YOU to FF Western Armenia for their world-class hosting of the AGM.

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

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

§ 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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DECISION	The AGM approved unanimously the Agenda in complete.

§ 4. DETERMINATION OF THE VOTING LIST

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DECISION	The voting list was determined, in total 172 votes: ○ Football Associations (10 votes): ▪ Somaliland FA ▪ Panjab FA ▪ Abkhazia FA ▪ Ellan Vannin ▪ Selecccion de Occitania ▪ KTFF/Northern Cyprus ▪ FA Raetia ▪ Szekeleyföld LE ▪ FF Western Armenia ▪ United Koreans of Japan (by proxy) ▪ Ryukyu Island (by proxy) ▪ Darfur United ▪ Kurdistan FA ▪ County of Nice ▪ Padania FA ▪ South Ossetia ▪ Karpatalya (by proxy) ○ Individuals (1 vote): ▪ Hiratch Yagan ▪ Alberto Rischio (17 FA x 10 votes) + (2 ind members x 1 vote) = 172 votes in total
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§ 5. ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

PER-ANDERS BLIND

INFORMATION	President Per-Anders Blind shortly addressed the plenum. In summary: Since it was many new members attending the AGM the President went through the CONIFA Vision, our mission, how to define us and how the organization operates. The President also took the opportunity to advise the members to work in their development, by using the Marketing Funnel: Awareness – Interest – Desire – Action. Each step needs its own strategy and action plan. This was followed by a “look into the crystal ball” and the future steps of CONIFA to become stronger and support the members in an even better way. This was the third step on a long journey to come and while the year had mostly ups and some 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 has 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 2016 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 4th Annual General Meeting!

§ 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING GENERAL MEETING

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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. ACTIVITY REPORT 2016

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DECISION	The President Per-Anders Blind presented the CONIFA Activity report 2016 for the AGM. The Activity Report was published on the website approximately one month before the AGM and are added as a Appendix to these minutes. Short summary of an enormous growth year: Growth / continent: Africa: 75 % Europe: 33 % Oceania: 200 % (in total 11 new members during the year) A lot of travelling, sites visits and attending conferences/exhibitions has also been conducted during 2016: ICE Total Gaming, London, EU EACEA SPORT InfoDay, Brussels, The Pope in Vatican, WBSC2016 preparations in Viareggio, Italy, SOCCEREX Manchester, Kiribati, TeqBall, Hungary, Ryukyu and United Koreans of Japan, SOCCEREX Asia, Qatar, Crimea Int Football Conference – to mention some. Our homepage had a growth of 897 % and Facebook likes increased with 161 %.
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	The biggest event during the year was CONIFA World Football Cup 2016 which was hosted in Gagra and Sukhum, two cities in Abkhazia. The tournament became a sporting and medial success and for sure the most professional tournament organized in CONIFA history so far.

§ 8. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016

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	President Per-Anders Blind presented the financial reports of 2016. The report is attached as appendix. The reports were approved by the AGM unanimously.
DECISION	Incomes: € 6 028,15 Costs: € 11 163,21 Annual result: - € 5 135,06

§ 9. FREEDOM FROM RESPONSIBILITY 2016

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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 2015.

§ 10. CONIFA ACTIVITY PLAN 2017 – 2018

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	The CONIFA Activity Plan 2017-18 was presented to the AGM and the major actions during the year is:
DECISION	• CONIFA European Championship 2017, North Cyprus • CONIFA World Football Cup 2018, London • Visiting Football Association members • Conduct Executive Committee meetings as stated in the constitution • Work to find possibilities to start employments within CONIFA for a sustainable solution • Support the task finding new sponsors and tournament hosts • Support the task finding new volunteers and new employments • Weekend tournaments and friendly matches • Support development activities for our members The AGM decided to approved the Action Plan 2017-18 presented in complete.

§ 11. APPROVAL OF BUDGET 2017

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DECISION	The President presented 2 different budgets for 2017. The 1 st was based on only membership fees as income base. The 2 nd with a scenario where CONIFA Properties Ltd was able to grant CONIFA NPO for its operational during the year. The AGM gave the CONIFA ExCo mandate to execute the budget for 2017 all depending on which scenario that could occur.

§ 12. ADMISSION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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DECISION	The AG decided unanimously about the following applications: ▪ Skåneland FF ▪ Barawa FA ▪ Greenland BU ▪ Luhansk FU ▪ Kiribati Island FA ▪ Tuvalu NFA ▪ Karpatalya ▪ Matabeleland FC ▪ F.S.F. Western Sahara ▪ Delvidek LE ▪ Donetsk PR

§ 13. SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF MEMBER/S

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DECISION	The AGM discussed potential suspensions/expulsions of: Franconia, Heligoland, Les Quebecois, Zanzibar and Arameans Suryoye. Decision: The AGM instructed the CONIFA Executive Committee to contact the members again and give them a 2 nd chance to explain their current status, if they still are interested to stay in CONIFA and the reason of their in-activity. Decision: None became suspended or expelled at this time.

§ 14. PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS

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DECISION	WFC Qualification system: The General Secretary proposed a new WFC qualification system for the AGM to decide upon. The proposed system gave our members 7 ways to qualify to our WFC tournament <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Host ticket</td><td>Qualification tournament ticket</td></tr> <tr> <td>World Champion ticket</td><td>Qualification point ticket</td></tr> <tr> <td>Continental Champion ticket</td><td>Supporters choice ticket</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wild Card ticket</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Host ticket	Qualification tournament ticket	World Champion ticket	Qualification point ticket	Continental Champion ticket	Supporters choice ticket	Wild Card ticket	
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	The AGM postponed the decision since the attendances felt it need a deeper and more detailed evaluation of the different types of ticket. After the presentation and discussion the AGM showed its support for the following: Host ticket, Continental ticket and Wild Card ticket/s. The other ticket proposals need more thoughts and a wider explanation. The AGM did not support the Supporter Choice ticket. The AGM sent back the proposal and instructed the General Secretary to send out the proposal by email to all members, followed by an evaluation time, before any decisions can be taken.

§ 15. PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE CONIFA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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DECISION	Communication – the General Secretary proposed a special “Communication Datasheet” that all members are obligated to complete for both internal and external communication. The AGM approved the datasheet and the procedure in complete. Travelling guidelines – the AGM felt that this is a decision that need to be made by the Executive Committee and not the AGM, why the proposal was sent back to the ExCo to decide upon.

§ 16. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

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DECISION	The President presented to new elections and candidates that has to be elected at this AGM as below: President: Per-Anders Blind, Sweden (re-election, 3 years) Directors: Jens Jockel, Germany (re-election, 2 years), South American Director Kieran Pender, Australia (new, 2 years), Media Director Paul Watson, United Kingdom (new, 2 years), Commercial Director Zam Gutierrez, Maxico (new, 2 years), Latin America Director Director of the Board, 1 vacant position The AGM approved unanimously the positions as presented above. Current ExCo members (not for election this time): Sascha Düerkop, Germany, General Secretary Kristóf Wenczel, Hungary, Vice President Dimitri Pagava, Abkhazia, Vice President Alberto Rischio, Italy, European Director Noah Wheelock, Canada, North America/Caribbean Director Safeen Kanabe, Kurdistan, Director of the Board

§ 17. DETERMINATION OF CONIFA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
SUBSCRIPTION

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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€ No decision taken about annual reimbursement for the Executive Committee members.

§ 18. CONIFA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

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INFORMATION/ DECISION	The President showed the AGM a video describing North Cyprus as location, followed by the host KTFF, represented by Orcun Kamali who gave additional information about the conditions for the tournament. Since it became stated that it was impossible for Western Armenia to attend the tournament due to the situation in North Cyprus, the AGM decided to grant Western Armenia a European Wild Card to the upcoming World Football Cup 2018. The participating teams will be: North Cyprus – Abkhazia – South Ossetia – County of Nice – Karpatalya – Ellan Vannin – Szekelyföld – Padania. A reserve team list is also prepared if any of the selected teams are unable to attend.

§ 19. CONIFA WORLD FOOTBALL CUP 2018

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DECISION	The President presented that CONIFA have three potential hosts for the WFC2018: London, Qatar and Crimea. The different locations was discussed (pros and cons), finally the AGM decided the CONIFA ExCo to work towards London as a host location for the tournament.

§ 20. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

SASCHA DÜERKOP

INFORMATION	The President thanked all participants for their creative and passionate contribution for the future development of CONIFA as an 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 2017 was declared closed.

CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING	 Per-Anders Blind, Sweden
AGM SECRETARY	Paul Watson, United Kingdom
ADJUSTMENT OF THE MINUTES	Alberto Rischio, Italy



ATTACHMENTS: AGM Presentation (pdf slides)
Activity Report 2016
Financial statement 2016
Budget 2017 (part I and II)

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