Minutes
of the AGM of Football Supporters International/Europe eV
on 19 July 2010, 10.00hrs
Venue: HSH-Nordbank Arena, Hamburg
"English Translation"

Attendance
127 members entitled to vote of 158 properly accepted members in total, 70 of which were individual members, plus delegates of 35 locally active and delegates of 22 nationally active members.

1. Opening and Welcome of the members by Kevin Miles, member of the FSI/FSE Committee
Kevin Miles welcomes the attendees of the first AGM of the FSI network

2. Chair of the AGM
   ➢ Vote: The FSI members present vote unanimously in favour of Kevin Miles chairing the AGM and Daniela Wurbs moderating the elections.
   Votes in favour: 117 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
   Individual members: 62
   Locally active members: 34
   National active members: 21

3. Keeper of the minutes
   ➢ Vote: The FSI members present vote unanimously in favour of Antonia Hagemann keeping the minutes.
   Votes in favour: 123 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
   Individual members: 67
   Locally active members: 34
   National active members: 21

4. Assessment of the proper convocation and presence of a quorum
Kevin Miles assessed that the AGM was convened properly and in time and that according to the statutes, there is a presence of a quorum.

5. Agenda
The agenda was presented together with the invitation to the assembly

AGENDA
- Opening
- General Presentation of the AGENDA and the procedures
- Presentation of the Committee members responsible for the further development of the preliminary statutes and the election procedure & brief presentation of the general organizational structure of the network
- Financial report
- Discharge of the Committee
- Discussion on the statutes and the new name for the network
- Vote on proposed amendments to the statutes
- Brief presentation and adoption of the election procedure (moderation: Daniela Wurbs)
- Presentation of the candidates & elections (moderation: Daniela Wurbs)
- Afterwards: members submit their ballot papers
- Presentation of the election result and presentation of the newly-elected FSE Committee
Vote: The agenda was unanimously adopted, and there were no objections raised or additions registered.

Votes in favour: 127  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0

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6. Presentation of the Committee members responsible for the further development of the preliminary statutes and the election procedure & brief presentation of the general organizational structure of the network

Kevin Miles outlines that the FSI Interim Committee appointed at last year’s fans’ congress, together with further fans’ representatives, organized this year’s fans’ congress and the AGM. Kevin Miles afterwards presents the members of the organizing committee present:

Daniela Wurbs, FSI Coordination, Germany  
Kevin Miles, Football Supporters Federation, England  
Christina Magnussen, Norsk Supporterallianse, Norway  
Emilio Abejón, FASFE, Spain  
Moira Boyd, Senales de Humo, Spain  
Michal Riecansky, The Stands Are Ours!, Slovakia  
Shay Golub, Israfans, Israel  
Dirk Vos, Supportersfederatie Profclubs, Belgium  
Tam Ferry, Association of Tartan Army Clubs, Scotland

Further members of the organizing committee, that couldn’t take part in the congress for different reasons, were:

Ashley Green, Progetto Ultra, Italy  
Jaume Llorens, Aficiones Unidas, Spain  
Ronni Abergel, Danish Football Supporters Federation (DFF), Denmark  
Didier Decoupligny, Fédération Française des Supporters, France

Kevin Miles further explained that this committee will no longer be existent from today and that the FSI Committee will be newly constituted with the election today. Ms Daniela Wurbs will have a permanent seat in this committee as the FSI Coordinator according to the statutes, like Mr Ashley Green (Progetto Ultra, Italy) as appointed director of the on-topic division Fans’ Embassies and Ms Joyce Cook as director of the newly founded on-topic division Disabled Fans’ Rights. Provided that the respective proposals for amendments to the statutes will be adopted, eight further seats will be allocated to elected members.

Furthermore, Daniela Wurbs announces that further info on the structure of the network according to the statutes and the agenda for today is to be found in the programme brochure for this AGM as part of the European Football Fans’ Congress. Further questions on this can be asked at any time.

Vote: the general report for the membership was unanimously adopted.

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Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0

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Kevin Miles handed over to Daniela Wurbs who presented the report of activities for the past year.

Structural Development

Funding

- **Nov/Dec 2008:** follow-up core funding secured from UEFA
- **Dec 2008-Feb 2009:** drafting applications for EU Funding for two projects in cooperation with
Supporters Direct
- April 2009: Submission of funding application for 3 year project “Fans’ Embassies go East” to UEFA on behalf of the FSI Fans’ Embassy Department
- July 2009: Project application for “Fans’ Embassies go East” project approved

Structure / Statutes
- Aug 2008 – Dec 2008 Development of a structure for the network
- Dec 2008 – Feb 2009: Draft, adoption and registration of preliminary statutes with German administrative court & tax authorities
- Feb 2009 – Jun 2009: Further development of statutes and network structure in consultation with Lawyers, experts and tax authorities
- April 2009: Formation of a 2nd on-topic division on “Disabled fans’ rights”

FSI Coordination
- Dec 2008/Jan 2009: Set-up of an independent Coordinating Office for FSI located in Hamburg/Germany
- Mar/Apr 2009: Set-up of bank account for FSI in Hamburg/Germany
- Completion of contract of employment with Head/Chief Executive of FSI Coordinating Office

Communication (internal & external)
- Aug 2008-June 2009: Establishment of various mailing groups and set-up of conference call facilities
- Meetings of the FSI Steering Committee and the EFFC Organising Committee in Feb & April 2009
- Nov 2008: Set-up of external newsletter to promote network and fans’ activities across Europe
  ➔ Status Subscribers July: more than 300 subscribers across Europe

Membership
- Mar 2009: Establishment & Promotion of formal membership
  ➔ Status Membership July 2009:
    - 35 individual members from 9 different countries in Europe
    - 19 locally active members from 7 different countries in Europe
    - 18 nationally active members from 11 countries in Europe (incl England & UK)
      - 12 national fans’ organisations with a democratic structure and membership
  ➔ Representation membership in total: 1,5 million football fans

Promotion/Lobbying/Networking
Conferences/Events/Meetings attended
- Aug 2008: Thessaloniki/Drama Greece – meeting with fans’ and club representatives of football club Doxas Dramas and advice on the organization of a national networking event for fans in Greece
- Sept 2008: Participation in network meeting and seminar of F_in Women in Football in Munich/Germany
- Sept 2008: Presentation on Football Supporters International at German/Israeli youth exchange programme in Berlin/Germany
- Sept 2008: Meeting with Supporters Direct in London/England about possibilities of cooperation in partnership at European level
- Oct 2008: Participation of several FSI Steering Committee members in European workshop feasibility study on ownership and governance and future perspectives at the Supporters Direct Conference in London
• Nov 2008: Participation in the EU Sport Forum in Biarritz
• Jan 2009: Presentation on Football Supporters International and European fans’ activities together with Supporters Direct at general meeting of Svenska Fotbolls Supporter Unionen (SFSU) in Stockholm/Sweden
• Jan 2009: Meetings FSI Coordination with FSI Steering Committee Members on statutes and EU applications
• Feb 2009: Presentation on FSI, fans’ self-organisation and fans’ dialogue with football governing bodies in Europe at “Seminar o Navijanju”, organized by the Croatian FA in Zagreb/Croatia
• Feb 2009: Meeting of FSI Steering Committee and other fans’ representatives with Michel Platini and other UEFA representatives in Nyon/Switzerland; internal meetings of fans’ representatives and formation of inclusive EFFC2009 Organising Committee
• Mar 2009: Participation in UnitedAgainstRacism (UAR) Conference in Warsaw/Poland
• Mar 2009: Provision of guidance and co-organisation of a study visit of Swedish delegation of representatives of Fotbollsalliansen Fryshuset, Malmö fans’ representatives and Malmö FF club representatives on structures of self-organisation, fan ownership and professional football supporters work – in cooperation with Supporters Direct
• Apr 2009: Participation as external partner in evaluation meeting on redevelopment proposal for the FARE network
• Apr 2009: Meetings of FSI Fans’ Embassy Department (16 initiatives from 16 countries) and EFFC Organising Committee in Hamburg/Germany
• June 2009: Participation of FSI Coordination in FSF Fans’ Parliament in Newcastle/England
• June 2009: Visit of and networking meetings at Eurofan tournament in Lviv/Ukraine

Campaigns supported

• Sept 2008: EUROSTAND campaign – 2 action days on the preservation of standing areas, fan friendly kick-off times, ticketing and goal celebrations
• Oct 2008: FARE Action Week 2008
• Oct/Nov/Dec 2008: Support of campaign on the release of Marseille supporter Santos Mirasierra and against violence, disproportionate policing at the UEFA Champions League game at the Vicente Calderon Stadium in Madrid on 1 Oct 2008 – together with FARE and various fans’ groups and fans’ federations in Europe.

Networking requests

• Aug 2008 – July 2009: Facilitating the establishment of network contacts between fans’ groups or to football officials or provision of guidance, advice or expertise for fans’ groups, fan-related initiatives (such as fans’ projects), scientists and football officials on e.g.
  ➢ best practice models of campaigning across Europe,
  ➢ ticketing at national level and at international football matches in different countries,
  ➢ SafeStanding,
  ➢ fans groups and football clubs in other countries,
  ➢ fans’ embassies
  ➢ fans’ projects,
  ➢ prevention of violence and anti-racist fans’ activities in football
  ➢ the organisation of transnational fan encounters,
  ➢ fans’ dialogue with football governing bodies (clubs, FAs, UEFA)
community football projects with fan involvement,

etc.

requests from more than 13 countries were answered, e.g. Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Germany, Greece, Holland, Israel, Scotland, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Ukraine and others

Public relations

- Aug 2008-Jul 2009: answering interview and contribution requests from journalists, scientists and editors of football fanzines on fan-relevant issues, e.g. from the global SoccerEx Football Business Magazine, BBC radio in England, Sport&Spill Tips/Norway, Lancashire University, Spanish & Belgian newspapers, German fanzines and football magazines etc.

Partnerships

- FARE
- Supporters Direct
- CAFE / NADS

Future Perspective (approx. 2 Years)

- Securing follow up funding from UEFA for the upcoming two years
- Securing EU funding for projects and the operational budget
- Launch first campaigns and/or publication of guidance material / online info on behalf of the European Fans’ network (content depending on outcome of workshops)
- Enhance existing and establish new partnerships
- Support campaigns of partner organizations
- Further establish dialogue with football governing bodies, especially with UEFA
- Achieve full recognition with UEFA
- Increase membership and enhance the network contacts
- Employ one additional member of staff for FSI Fans’ Embassy Department
- Employ office administrator
- Implement “Fans’ Embassies go East” project with the Fans’ Embassy Division and develop strategy for Disabled Fans’ Rights Division

Request to speak by a member: The dependency on UEFA is mentioned as a problem.

Daniela Wurbs makes a remark with regards to this issue, stating that the dependency on UEFA for the financing of the necessary structures of the network is necessary at the moment and that the current Committee also thinks that UEFA has to take some responsibility in this respect. However, in future, it is intended to work against any one-sided financial dependency by sourcing other sources of funding, e.g. from the EU.

- Vote: the report of activities was unanimously adopted.

Votes in favour: 124
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

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8. Financial report

Daniela Wurbs presents the most important facts from the financial report that all members present were provided with. She explains that the financial report can currently only present a rough overview over the current status of finances, as, due to the short existence of the network, no annual balance sheet could be done. This financial report was compiled by a certified accountant and reflects the current status of accounts, however, without fully
considering taxation aspects and the financial means for the AGM and the congress from UEFA, as they hadn’t yet cleared in the account by the time when the financial report was compiled. The full consideration of taxation aspects will happen, as soon as the non-profit status of the member association is fully clarified.

As the FSI didn’t have an own legal status at the time of last year’s fans’ congress, the financing and accounting of the first European fans’ congress was carried out by the Football Supporters Federation (FSF) from England. The FSF had also covered all costs for the post of the FSI Coordinator until the end of 2008 out of its own means. Respective budget items are presented in the audited and certified final accounts of the FSF for the financial year 2008/2009.

At the end of 2008, UEFA finally provided the amount of GBP 60,000 as follow-up funding for one year. This funding serves the purpose of financing the wage costs for the FSI Coordination for 12 months and to cover the costs of meetings of the FSI entities. The UEFA funding was transferred to the FSF, as the FSI did not yet have an own bank account at this point of time and the FSI Coordinating Office had just been in the process of moving to Germany. Unfortunately and unforeseeably, currency rates between the English Pound and the Euro started to worsen due to the upcoming economic crisis exactly during these months. It was tried to keep the money on hold for as long as possible. However, by the point of time when it was necessary to transfer the money to Germany (due to a shortage of finances), currency rates were still that bad, that it resulted in currency losses of about Euro 10,000 compared to the respective rates in early autumn.

**Request to speak by a member 1:** How can the AGM be supposed to adopt this financial report, when it was only handed out at the AGM? It was mentioned that there was no time to study the report and ask questions.

Daniela Wurbs explains that the financial report at the next AGM will be more detailed, as members will then be provided with a complete annual balance sheet, authenticated/certified by a certified accountant.

The next financial report will be made available to the membership as early as possible, if possible together with the invitation to the next AGM, to give everyone enough time, to study it.

Kevin Miles makes a remark, saying that the financial report couldn’t be sent earlier, because the 1st financial year hasn’t been over, yet. The main objective with this document was to present an up-to-date status of the accounts, to provide utmost transparency.

**Request to speak by a member 2:** Are there any regulations for the currency in which UEFA provides money?

Kevin Miles explains that UEFA only paid in English pounds because the first follow-up funding for FSI was paid to the FSF in England. As FSI is based in Germany with its Coordinating Office and bank accounts now, however, any payments will probably be made in Euro and the FSI will also try to push for that to happen.

- **Vote:** the financial report was unanimously adopted.

  Votes in favour: 125  
  Against: 0  
  Abstentions: 0

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  Locally active members: 34  
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9. **Discharge of the Committee**

- **Vote:** the current FSI Committee was unanimously discharged.

  Votes in favour: 126  
  Against: 0  
  Abstentions: 0

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10. **Discussion on the statutes and the new name for the network**

1. **The chair** informs the membership about the development process of the statutes. The FSI Committee finalized the statutes and every member accepted the current statutes by applying for membership. The proposed amendments to the statutes as presented here today, have come up over the past months mainly because of legal reasons.

   The proposals for amendments were presented to all members. The members present have to vote on every proposal for amendments now. All other paragraphs of the statutes, where no other amendment is proposed, have been accepted with the admission as members. Kevin Miles further explains that the statutes and the proposals for amendments have been developed in consultation with lawyers, experts on member associations and the tax authorities.

   The chair adds that the current statutes are to be seen as a first version and as an open process that should be further developed in future. Substantial amendments should therefore better be made for next year, so that they can be legally checked before any vote is taken on them.

2. **The chair** informs the members about the reasons for the proposed change of name from FSI to FSE
   a) A new, independent and democratic organization should be founded
   b) For logistical and financial reasons, the organization should be European
   c) UEFA had mentioned, that a change of name would help to avoid potential future difficulties with the funding of FSE, as UEFA can fund FSE as a European umbrella organization but not as an internationally active organization. Similar difficulties could emerge with certain EU funding programmes.

3. Apart from that, **Mr Miles** explains the intended definition of the terms “Europe” and “countries” and the respective classification of the members of FSE/FSI according to the statutes.

   Europe is defined as the sum of national football associations that are recognized by UEFA
   Countries are defined as all nations that have national football associations; e.g. England and Scotland are two countries in this respect.

   This specification should be considered in the course of the future development process of the statutes.

11. **Vote on proposed amendments to the statutes**

    The proposed amendments to the statutes were presented to the membership more than 7 days before the AGM, according to the statutes, and during the discussion and the following vote taking on them.

    ➤ **Daniela Wurbs** outlines again that the vast majority of the proposed amendments to the statutes were proposed as legally necessary changes of wording by the German tax authority, to ensure the non-profit status of the member association. In this cases, the amendments are only about changes of wording, **NOT** about changes of content.

**New wording:**

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**Preamble**

The work of FSE is based upon the understanding that the success of football as a global spectator sport rests on the participation and contribution of its supporters, and that it is crucial that these supporters have a collective voice and influence within the game.

Football is considered part of culture, and often in particular of youth culture. The changing nature of modern football, including its continuing commercialisation, has given rise to some tension between supporters on the one hand, and clubs and football authorities on the other. Some communities and social groups feel increasing alienation and exclusion from football, and there remain significant problems with racism and violence.
Conversely, where there is a decent level of self-organisation among football fans, and where there are opportunities for supporters to take part as equal partners in genuine dialogue; where supporters’ concerns and interests are taken seriously; and where supporters are involved in decision-making processes – then there can be a perceptible improvement in atmosphere, an increase in community involvement, and a reduction in anti-social behaviour.

The activities of FSE are therefore based upon the following principles:

- An opposition to all forms of discrimination of any individuals on any grounds including: origin, ability, religion and belief, gender, sexual orientation and age
- The rejection of violence, both verbal and physical
- The empowerment of grass roots football fans
- Fostering a positive fan and football culture including values such as fair play and good governance

The success of football crosses national boundaries, as indeed do its problems. The existence of an European organisation of football supporters, enabling transnational exchanges of experience, networking and democratic representation, will have a real impact in addressing the social problems affecting the game, and in promoting positive values of sport and social inclusion.

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Request to speak by a member: The proposal is made that in the last sentence, the part "... can have a real impact in addressing the social problems affecting the game ...

should be amended to "...will have a real impact in addressing the social problems affecting the game...", to make it sound more self confident and as a European network as such in fact already shows positive effects in this respect.

Vote: the amended preamble including the proposal for amendment was adopted.

Abstention: 1 nationally active member

Voters in favour: 126
Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

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With this in mind, FSE adopts the following statutes:

§ 1 Name, Place of Residence, Financial Year

1. The member association will be named "Football Supporters Europe e.V.", with the abbreviation "FSE"
2. Its place of residence is Hamburg and it should be registered with the official register of member associations.
3. The financial year is the calendar year.

Daniela Wurbs states that the change of the name would also lead to having “FSI” and “Football Supporters International eV “ replaced by “FSE” and “Football Supporters Europe eV” in all other relevant paragraphs, even if there are no proposals for amendments of content made for some of these paragraphs.

Vote: the proposed amendment for §1 was unanimously adopted, including the proposal to replace “FSI” and “Football Supporters International eV “ with “FSE” and “Football Supporters Europe eV” in all other relevant paragraphs respectively.

Votes in favour: 127
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

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§ 2 Tax Shelter
1. Football Supporters Europe pursues only and directly non-profit-making and beneficent purposes according to the section „Tax Shelter Purposes“ of the (German) Tax Code. The purpose of the member association is to foster international goodwill & understanding, tolerance, equal opportunities of women and men and democratic principles. The member association is acting selflessly; it doesn’t pursue profitable interests in the first place.

2. Funds of the member association must be used for purposes related to its statutes only. Members of the member association in their role as members should not be granted benefits out of the funds of the member association. They are not entitled to benefits out of the funds of the member association when they quit. Nobody must benefit from expenditures, which aren’t related to the purposes of the member association, or disproportionately high salaries.

Vote: the proposed amendment for §2 was unanimously adopted.

Votes in favour: 124
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Individual members: 68
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§ 3 Aims and Responsibilities of the member association

The purpose of the statutes is accomplished by

1. Fostering democratic principles and international understanding by organising an independent, representative network for football fans in Europe, organised according to democratic principles, which provides both a platform for an exchange about their culture, in particular in the field of sport and the representation and determination of interests, based on the core principles of FSE, especially in dialogue with institutions that deal with football fans at European level. (for instance, by organising meetings of the network members, where different (fan) cultural customs and initiatives are presented; by informing and campaigning on (fan)cultural customs and interests in different countries; by organising mediation and info events between representatives of football authorities and network members from different countries)

2. Encouraging responsible self-organisation at the grass roots, especially amongst younger football fans, as part of overall democratic education and conveying of core values such as international goodwill, anti-discrimination and the rejection of violence.

3. The organisation of international workshops, presentations, seminars and networking events for football fans and institutional representatives in football on a regular bases, dealing with issues such as the organisation of sport as well as the presentation of and the exchange on (fan) culture, customs and successful initiatives in the field of sport/football in different countries across Europe (for instance, on issues of the organizational structure of football clubs and associations, fans’ groups or ownership structures in clubs in different countries)

4. Providing preventive information and support services for football supporters at international matches, especially so-called “fans’ embassy services” as recognized method in the field of prevention of violent and discriminatory spectator behaviour.

5. Supporting and giving advice to fans’ groups, fans’ organisations and fan-related initiatives especially in Europe and provide assistance with the establishment of projects, such as intercultural exchange programmes to exchange culture and customs, in particular between (young) football fans in different countries, e.g. with fans’ projects and integrative community football projects.
6. Public relations and campaigning by using football as a platform to convey values such as democracy, opposition to all forms of discrimination (e.g. exclusion, racism, anti-semitism, sexism, homophobia etc), fair play and gender equality.

7. The provision of publications and newsletters on activities of the member association and activities and campaigns of football fans in other countries

8. The provision of a data base on legal aspects, guidelines, regulations and core articles on fan-related issues and the organisation of sport (e.g. on issues of the organizational structure of clubs and associations, ownership structures in clubs and cultural forms of expression of (fans’)groups in different countries)

The member association can employ full-time or part-time employees for the implementation of its tasks

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**Request to speak by a member:** to shorten the voting on the different proposals to amendments to the statutes, it is proposed to put the proposals for amendments to the statutes up for voting straight away, without short explanations beforehand, unless there are questions.

- **Vote on the further procedure for voting on the proposals for amendments to the statutes:** the members will vote on all amendments proposed without getting a brief explanation on the reasons beforehand, unless requested otherwise.

  **Votes in favour:** 126  
  Individual members: 69  
  Locally active members: 35  
  National active members: 22

  **Against:** 1  
  Individual member: 1

  **Abstentions:** 0

- **Vote on the proposed amendment for §3:**

  **Votes in favour:** 126  
  Individual members: 69  
  Locally active members: 35  
  National active members: 22

  **Against:** 0

  **Abstentions:** 0  
  Individual member: 1

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**§ 4 Membership**

1. Every natural and legal person as well as informally organised groups with a named delegate for FSI can become members of the member association, given that they are active in the fans’ sector and actively supporting the overall objectives of the member association, consenting to the core principles of the member association and actively support these values.

2. The acceptance as a member is dependent on the submission of an application (also possible via e-mail or online) with the representation of the FSE-Committee according to the statutes, which is the FSE Coordination.

3. The membership terminates with the death of the member, the lapse of their legal personality, their voluntary resignation, with the expulsion from the member association as well as with the dissolution of FSE.

4. The voluntary resignation of a member can be carried out by this member at any time without notice for the end of the financial year by submitting a written statement to the FSE Committee respectively the FSE Coordination.
5. A member can be expelled or prevented from joining the organisation by a decision of the FSE Committee or the FSE Coordination, if they act counter to the objectives and core principles of the member association, or if they don’t fulfill their obligations towards the member association. The member can launch an appeal against this decision with the ordinary AGM. The AGM makes the final decision. The member in question must be invited to this assembly and should be heard. The principle of a two-thirds majority of the members present applies in these cases.

Request to speak by a member: Can groups from outside of Europe join FSE?

Mr Miles and Ms Wurbs explain that groups from outside of Europe can only become members of FSE, if they are also active within Europe. The level of activism, that apply for membership, doesn’t matter.

- Vote: the proposed amendment for §4 are adopted with a majority:

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§ 7 Annual General Meeting

1. The ordinary AGM must be held at least once a year and must be convened by the FSE -Committee respectively the FSE Coordination.

2. The FSE-Committee and the FSE-Coordination must present an annual report and a financial report at the AGM. After that, the AGM decides about discharging the FSE-Committee.

3. AGMs have to be convened in writing by the FSE-Committee or the FSE-Coordination at least eight weeks before the assembly.

4. Extraordinary AGMs must be convened in writing by the FSE-Committee or the FSE-Coordination, if required in the interest of the member association or demanded by at least ¼ of the total number of votes of all members.

5. After the end of the term of office of the FSE-Committee, the new FSE-Committee is to be elected by the AGM.

6. The AGM is the highest entity of the member association and entitled to give directives to the FSE-Committee.

- Vote: the proposed amendment for §7 was unanimously adopted:

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§ 8 Voting System
1. All properly admitted members present who have reached the age of 18 years, have the right to vote at the AGM. The weight of each vote depends primarily on the geographic sphere of activities of the respective members.

   a. With natural persons, the vote is restricted to one vote per member

   b. Legal entities, informally organized fans’ groups and fan-related organisations and initiatives which are primarily active at local level, should be represented by an appointed delegate in the AGM, or a substitute, if the delegate appointed is prevented for any reason. The vote for delegates of locally active members is restricted to three votes per member at the AGM.

   c. Legal entities, informally organized fans’ federations and fan-related organisations and initiatives which are primarily active at national level, should be represented by an appointed delegate in the AGM, or a substitute, if the delegate appointed is prevented for any reason. The vote for delegates of members active at national level is restricted to 10 votes per member at the AGM.

The FSE-Coordination determines the final classification of each member by taking the statements made in the membership application form into account.

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**Request to speak by a member 1:** why do individual members/natural persons have the possibility to vote?

Daniela Wurbs explains that individuals can become members because activism should be fostered and the biggest possible number of fans should be reached.

**Request to speak by a member 2:** is proxy voting possible for individual members of FSE?

Daniela Wurbs explains that there currently is no possibility for proxy voting for individual members of FSE. However, according to the statutes and subject to advance notice, local and national members can be substituted by a different member of their respective group/organization.

**Request to speak by a member 3:** why was the decision made to accept members only after they reached the age of 18 years?

Daniela Wurbs proposes to discuss a respective amendment to the statutes at the next AGM. The agreement was made to proceed like that.

**Request to speak by a member 4:** There are transnational fans’ groups that do have members in several European countries. They are not considered in the current version of the statutes.

Daniela Wurbs suggests to delay the inclusion of multinational groups in the regulations of the voting rights also to the next assembly, to make sure that all potential proposals of the wording can be discussed extensively and be checked legally beforehand. That was agreed.

➤ **Vote:** the proposed amendment for §8 was adopted with a majority:

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§ 9 FSE-Committee/Board
1. The FSE-Committee consists of
   - a number of members elected by the AGM. The number of elected members is determined according to the conditions stated in §9 paragraph 2.
   - the FSE-Coordination/executive board
   - the directors of each on-topic division

2. The FSE-Coordination and the directors of each on-topic division are represented within the FSE-Committee, each with one permanent seat per entity. The final size of the FSE-Committee should always provide at least a two-thirds majority of elected representatives. The number of FSE-Committee members to be elected by the AGM is determined by the number of permanent seats at the time of elections whereby the percentage of 1/3 needs to be added to this number.

3. The number of elected members from one country in the FSE-Committee is restricted to the maximum number equaling one third of the total number of elected representatives within the FSE-Committee.

4. The posts within the FSE-Coordination and the directing posts in the on-topic divisions can be exercised in form of a full-time employment.

5. The elected members of the FSE-Committee are elected by the AGM with a simple majority for a period of one year. They remain in office until a new FSE-Committee is elected.

6. The re-election of representatives is possible.

7. Every member of the FSE-Committee must be a member of the member association or an appointed representative according to the statutes and §30 BGB (=German Civil Law Code).

8. The FSE-Committee respectively the representatives appointed according to the statutes have the following responsibilities above all:
   a. development of an annual budget plan, a potential action plan as well as an annual report and a financial report
   b. Convocation of the AGM
   c. Preparing and implementing the AGM decisions.
   d. In between the AGMs, the FSE-Committee respectively the representatives appointed according to the statutes have to take up the interests of the member association and make decisions that can’t be postponed until the AGM.

9. Each member of the FSE-Committee has one vote. Unless stated otherwise in the statutes, decisions of the FSE-Committee are made with a simple majority of the eligible votes counted. With decisions concerning on-topic divisions or the executive board (FSE-Coordination), the respective representatives according to the statutes are not entitled to vote regarding issues of
   - the dismissal of the respective person
   - the dissolution of their on-topic division
   - the existence, nature or dimensions of their full-time employment

**Vote:** the proposed amendment for §9 were unanimously adopted:
§ 10 FSE-Coordination/ Geschäftsleitung

1. The FSE-Committee appoints and has the right to dismiss a chief executive/Geschäftsleitung, resident at the FSE-Coordination Office as legal representative according to the statutes and §30 BGB (German Civil Law Code)

2. In case of doubt, the actual authority of the FSE-Coordination/chief executive concerns all legal transactions, which are involved in the sphere of duties allocated to the executive board by the FSE-Committee.

3. The FSE-Coordination is represented with a permanent seat within the FSE-Committee

4. The FSE-Committee as a superordinated entity is entitled to giving directives to the FSE-Coordination and to control its work on a regular basis.

5. On a regular basis, but at least once every three months, the FSE-Coordination must inform the FSE-Committee of the current situation of the member association.

Vote: the proposed amendment for §10 were unanimously adopted:

Votes in favour: 125  Against: 0  Abstentions: 0
Individual members: 69  Locally active members: 34  National active members: 20

§11 On-topic Divisions

1. An on-topic division serves the more efficient organisation and further development of specific areas in the framework of the objectives and responsibilities of FSE, which require a certain level of expertise.

2. The establishment or dissolution of a on-topic division depends on a two-thirds majority decision of the FSE-Committee.

3. The structure of a on-topic division can adopt various forms of possible shapes. Internally, it can be structured both membership-based and like a loose network or with a committee structure or like a consultancy service.

4. Every on-topic division appoints a director/coordinator who represents the division within the FSE-Committee with a permanent seat. The directors/coordinators of the divisions are to be considered legal representatives of the FSE-Committee according to the statutes. In case of doubt, their actual authority involves all legal transactions occurring in the ordinary course of business of their respective division.

5. The annual and financial reports for the budget of each on-topic division have to be submitted with the FSE-Committee at the end of each financial year and as interim report in good time before the AGM, to allow them to be included in the overall reports.

6. The FSE-Committee is entitled to giving directives to the on-topic divisions.
Vote: the proposed amendment for §11 were unanimously adopted:

Votes in favour: 125
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0

Individual members: 69
Locally active members: 34
National active members: 22

§ 13 Change of Statutes and Liquidation

1. The AGM decides about all questions regarding the statutes. Changes of statutes require a two-thirds majority decision of all members present.

2. Suggestions for amendments to the statutes must be sent in writing to the FSE Coordination at least 30 days prior to the AGM. Suggestions for amendments to the statutes need to be published seven days prior to the AGM.

3. The liquidation of the member association can only be decided at a special AGM convened for this purpose at least one month in advance, with a two-thirds majority of all members present.

4. In case of a liquidation or the closing of the member association or in case of a lapse of the tax shelter, all assets have to be transferred to a public body or another tax-privileged body for the purpose of fostering international understanding and sport.

Request to speak by a member: Who makes the decision where to the assets should be transferred in case of the liquidation or the closing of the member association?

It was agreed to discuss this input in the course of the further development of the statutes and maybe put it forward as proposal to an amendment to the statutes at the next AGM.

Vote: the proposed amendments for §13 were adopted with a majority:

Votes in favour: 122
Against: 0
Abstentions: 2

Individual members: 67
Locally active members: 33
National active members: 22

Individual members: 2
Locally active members: 2

12. Election of the board

Daniela Wurbs presents the two chairs of the electoral committees of HSV and FC St. Pauli that will count the votes as neutral experts.

Daniela Wurbs explains the election process once again as well as the general compilation of the Committee:

Ms Daniela Wurbs will have a permanent seat in this committee as the FSI Coordinator according to the statutes, like Mr Ashley Green (Progetto Ultra, Italy) as appointed director of the on-topic division Fans’ Embassies and Ms Joyce Cook as director of the newly founded on-topic division Disabled Fans’ Rights. Given that the respective proposals for amendments to the statutes will be adopted, eight further seats will be allocated to members elected by the AGM. This gives the possibility to the Committee, to found a new on-topic division according to the statutes, without thereby affecting the 2/3 majority according to the statutes.
First of all, the 10 candidates in total for these eight seats will present themselves for 5 minutes per candidate. Then the election procedure will be adopted. The candidates will present themselves according to the alphabetic order of their countries of origin.

Presentations of the candidates:

**Dirk Vos, Supportersfederatie Proclubs, Belgium**, finds it important, that strategies have to be developed, that can protect the interests of fans, to educate the communities and emancipate them, to strengthen democracy therewith. Everybody has the right to have a say and should know that. Three of his aims are: exchange of experience on security issues, legislation and policing, to share each others contacts and represent the interests of the Belgian fans. Mr Vos wants a multi-faceted, dynamic and responsibly acting board.

**Kevin Miles, Football Supporters Federation, England**, says that he’ll bring in his decades of experience of committee work at local and national level in football (from his work in the FSF and with the fans’ embassies). Fans are the decisive factor in football in a lot of respects. FSE should be independent and effective, professional and open to everyone and it should protect the fans’ interests. As member of the board of FSE, Kevin Miles would bring in his contacts.

**Dave Boyle, Supporters Direct, England**, declares fan ownership and fan involvement to his major issues. Three issues have priority for him, that he will strive after: 1st Fans’ involvement, club governance and licensing, 2nd Campaigns to pursue these issues, 3rd to encourage fans to have a say and get involved. Dave will bring in his long-standing experience from the work at Supporters Direct.

**Christian Reichert, Unsere Kurve, Germany**, co-founder of the HSV Supporters Club, former member of both the board and the supervisory board of the football club, will bring in all his experience with FSE. For him, there are problems that fans create and problems, fans have. He would look after the latter. For him it would be about activism in football, and about a balance between fans and commercialization, and about involving fans in decision-making of the clubs.

**Boris Gehlen, Fanprojekt 1. FC Köln, Germany**, is the chair of the fans’ project of 1. FC Köln and a member of the Advisory Council of the football club and he also was the fans’ coordinator during WC2006. Mr Gehlen would primarily look after incorporating issues relevant to fans in the statutes of the clubs and thereby strengthening them formally.

**Shay Golub, Israfans, Israel**, will bring in his experiences from long-standing work in football at local, national and European level. To him, to issues matter in particular: 1st The cooperation with other fans’ groups in Europe on different issues and 2nd to establish a database that can help to exchange information, experiences and contacts.

**Christina Magnussen, NSA, Norway**, states that the dialogue between FSE and other bodies in football, e.g. clubs, national football associations etc is important. She wants to stand up for such a dialogue and expand the work of FSE further.

**Thomas Ferry, Association of Tartan Army Clubs, Scotland**, will stand up in particular for two issues: 1st that football tickets are offered at fair rates and 2nd that travel to matches are facilitated for fans, e.g. by earlier announcing of match fixtures. He will also stand up for good framework conditions, for responsible policing and for self-policing amongst fans.

**Michal Riecansky, The Stands Are Ours!, Slovakia**, will stand up for empowering minorities and will look more after activities of FSE in the field of anti-racism and anti-sexism. Repression by the police is another topic that he wants to take up more. Mr Riecansky asks for letting him continue the work that he started in the Interim Committee.
Emilio Abejón, FASFE and Senales de Humo, Spain, has experience in helping groups with their foundation and structure and would also enhance lobbying with governments, to put fans’ issues on their agenda. Mr Abejón will also stand up for the inclusion of fans’ rights and fans’ interests into the licencing systems.

In the following, Daniela Wurbs explains the election procedure. There are two options: an open election on each of the candidates, or voting by ballot via the ballot papers as prepared, that would be put into the ballot boxes. The voting by ballot would save time for the attendees, as otherwise the voting cards would have to be counted completely again after the election.

That’s why she puts the proposal up for a vote, to have the election as voting by ballot with ballot papers. To protect the election against manipulation, all ballot papers were marked with the membership numbers beforehand. However, to ensure that nobody can possibly track which votes have been given by which members to which candidate, the membership numbers will be cut off by the chairs of the electoral committees.

- **Vote: the proposed election procedure was adopted with a majority:**
  - Abstentions: 3 individual members
  
  **Votes in favour: 124**
  - Individual members: 67
  - Locally active members: 35
  - National active members: 22
  
  **Against: 0**
  - Individual members: 3

Daniela Wurbs asks the membership to put the completed ballot papers (with up to 8 candidates marked) into the ballot boxes for the respective type of membership (individual members – white boxes, locally active members – yellow boxes, nationally active members – red boxes)

### 13. Presentation of the election result and presentation of the newly-elected FSE Committee

Dr Andreas Peters announces the result of the election. 127 valid ballot papers were submitted and thereby not a single invalid vote. According to the voting system adopted today for the different types of membership, the votes counted resulted in 395 votes. They are spread as follows

Kevin Miles 345 votes,
Dave Boyle 281 votes,
Christina Magnussen 261 votes,
Emilio Abejon 253 votes,
Michal Riecansky 249 votes,
Shay Golub 236 votes,
Dirk Vos 218 votes,
Tam Ferry 204 votes,
Christian Reichert 197 votes and for
Boris Gehlen 175 votes

Daniela Wurbs announces that with this election result, the following eight candidates were elected to board:

Kevin Miles, *09.04.1960, Newcastle/England
Dave Boyle, *08.09.1974, London/England
Christina Magnussen, *10.02.1982, Kristiansand/Norway
Emilio Abejon, *10.03.1972, Madrid/Spain
Michal Riecansky, *25.03.1988, Bratislava/Slovakia
Dirk Vos, *02.04.1963, Eke/Belgium
All candidates elected accepted.

14. Handover of presents
On behalf of the organising committee of the congress, Ms Wurbs hands over presents to Jens Wagner from the HSV Supporters Club and Tanja Paul from the FC St. Pauli as representatives of both fanbases as well as to both chairs of the electoral committees of both clubs to thank them for their help and support in the course of the planning and implementation of the congress and the AGM.

15. Closing of the AGM
Ms Wurbs closes the AGM at 16.50hrs and says goodbye to the membership.

July 2009

Signed by Antonia Hagemann

(Keeper of the minutes)