

Report of the ETS General Assembly Tuesday, May the 20th, 2008

The European Turfgrass Society General Assembly run on may the 20th, 2008 in Pisa, at the congress palace of the University of Pisa, at 11.30.

Participants:

At 11.45 there were 50 ETS members, counted by call, which is more than 50% of all the ETS members (83) so that the assembly is valid.

Order of the day:

1. Election of the Assembly secretary and president
2. 2007 Balance sheet
3. 2008 Budget plan
4. 2008 Working plan
5. Election of the President
6. Election of the Board
7. Election of the Auditor General Board

General Assembly

The 2007 president, Mr. Volterrani, opens the general assembly.

He asks if the assembly agrees in voting by show of hands. The assembly approves unanimously.

He proposes Mr. Klaus Mueller Beck as the president of the assembly, and Mrs. Francesca Amendola as secretary of the assembly.

The Assembly agrees, voting by show of hands.

Mr. Mueller- Beck give a short speech and introduces Mr. Altissimo, secretary and treasurer, that presents 2007 Balance sheet and 2008 Budget plan. (in attachment)

Mr. Mueller- Beck asks if there is any question. There aren't.

Mr. Mueller- Beck asks to vote by show of hands to approve or reject the 2007 and 2008 budgets

The Assembly approves unanimously.

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- Mr. Koos De Bruijn asks details about the access on ETS website database. Mr. Altissimo specifies that documents in ETS database are downloadable only by ETS members, while abstracts are viewable by everyone.
- Mr. Panayiotis proposes to contact UEFA within 2009- 2010, in order to supply technical specification on sports surfaces. Mr. Volterrani suggests to add this point to the program.

Mr. Mueller Beck asks to vote by show of hands to approve the working plan

The Assembly approves unanimously.

Elections: Mueller Beck reminds to the assembly that the president and the board will stay in charge 4 years, and asks for proposals

Election of the president. Mr Mueller Beck proposes to confirm Mr. Volterrani as ETS president.

Mr. Mueller Beck asks to vote by show of hands.

The Assembly approves unanimously.

Election of the board: Mr. Thorogood proposes to confirm the 2007 board (Mr. S. Alderton, Mr. A. Altissimo, Mr. S. Baker, Mr. V. Hejduk, Mr. G. van't Klooster, Mr. K. Muller-Beck, Mr. A. Richter. He proposes to include also Mrs C. Svensson.

There are no other candidatures.

Every candidate briefly presents himself.

Mr. Mueller Beck asks to vote by show of hands to approve the Board, composed as Mr. Thorogood proposed.

The Assembly approves unanimously, except for Mr. Altissimo and Mr. Baker, that abstained from votation.

Election of the Auditors General Board.

Mr. Altissimo proposes Mr. Otto Weilenmann, Mr. Herman Beverdan and Mr. Bernhard Schenk.

Mr. Mueller Beck asks to vote by show of hands for the election of the Auditors general Board proposed.

The Assembly approves unanimously.

The election are over, and Mr. Mueller Beck thanks the assembly for the confidence put on the candidates elected.

Mr Volterrani, renewed as ETS president, thanks all the ETS members.

Mr. Haehndel thanks all the organization, and at the same time he remarks that some countries have few representatives, such as Spain, France, East Europe. He therefore asks to everyone to try to communicate in a clear language in order to minimize linguistic barriers.

Mr. De Bruijn remarks that this first ETS conference has been fully successful, considering that it has been completely international and more than European, thanks to the participation of members from all the continents.

The General Assembly closes the meeting at 12.30.

ETS secretary
Mr. Adriano Altissimo

ETS president
Mr. Marco Volterrani