



**Minutes of the 2025 Extraordinary General Assembly and General Assembly
of the European Rowing Confederation**

Plovdiv, 31 May 2025

Attendees:

European Rowing Board: Annamarie Phelps, Patrick Rombaut, Eva Szanto, Algirdas Raslanas, Neville Tanzer, Dusan Machacek, Asuncion Loriente.

World Rowing: Jean-Christophe Rolland - President, Vincent Gaillard – Executive Director, Frida Svensson – Executive Committee, Jodie Cameron – Events Coordinator, Maïke Betts – Development & Sustainability Coordinator

Member Federations: AUT, AZE, BEL, BUL, CRO, CZE, DEN, EST, FRA, GBR, GRE, HUN, IRL, ISR, ITA, LTU, MDA, MON, NED, NOR, POL, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SUI, TUR, UKR.

1. Opening of the session.

Annamarie Phelps (AP) welcomes delegates to the 2025 Extraordinary General Assembly.

2. Identification of the delegates and confirmation of their authority.

One member federation was not eligible to vote. 26 votes in total. Simple majority-14. Constitution changes need 19 votes.

ESP arrived late and was added to the vote count. New vote count is 27. (after item 6)

3. Appointment of scrutineers for the period of the Meeting.

Algirdas appointed the scrutineers for the meeting. Proposed Daniel of Israel and Josef Johanek of Czechia.

4. European Rowing Constitution updates

Annamarie Phelps presented the proposed changes to the Constitution.

No questions were received.

Confederation agreed to vote on the updates to the articles in block as one vote.

The changes were unanimously approved with 26 votes yes, 0 votes no and 0 abstentions.

AP formally closed the 2025 Extraordinary General Assembly and opened the 2025 General Assembly.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the 2024 General Assembly held in Szeged.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

6. 2024 Report of the European Rowing Board and Commissions.

The report was taken as read.

Annamarie thanked Gwenda, Patrick and the Belgian federation for hosting the 2025 ER Presidents' Meeting in Ghent.

Annamarie updated the confederation that a memorandum of understanding was signed with EUSA.

Dusan M presented a summary of the development nations who were invited and attended events in 2024 as part of the development programme.

18 ER MFs were involved in the development programme in 2024.

Vladmir Meglič presented the report from the ER Umpiring Commission.

7. Reconsideration or confirmation of decisions taken by the ERB (ref. Art.8.6) in accordance with the provisions of Art.11.10

No requests were received.

8. European Rowing Rules updates

ER Rules of Racing are similar to WR, only some departures. Decisions of Lausanne in March do not influence WR departures – so no change to ER rules.

9. European Rowing event attributions.

Eva gave an update on the upcoming events in 2026 and 2027.

2026 ERCH – the host will be announced during the WR Cup in Varese. Just waiting for funding guarantee confirmation.

2027 ERCH is open for bidding.

ERB re-confirmed the announcement that Kruszwica will host the 2026 ERU23CH.

All other events are open for bidding. Bidding documents are available on the event website.

10. Updates on preparations for the:

2025 European Rowing Under 23 Championships, Račice, CZE

The President of the Czechia Rowing Federation and President of the OC, David Kyncl, gave an update on the 2025 ERU23CH.

Only 8 MFs have reserved accommodation - deadline is on 5th June.

2025 European Rowing Coastal and Beach Sprint Championships, Antalya, TUR

Erhan Erturk, President of the Türkiye Rowing Federation gave an update on the 2025 ERCBSC.

2026 European Rowing Under 19 Championships, Brandenburg, GER

Robert Sens, Head of Sport at the German Rowing Federation, and President of the 2026 ERU19CH OC, gave an update on the 2026 ERU19CH. Newly renovated finish tower.

11. Elections

a. Election – European Rowing Board MF Representative

Election for one position on the European Rowing Board for the position currently held by Annamarie Phelps (GBR). Presentation of candidates by nominating MF (max. 3 minutes).

One nomination has been received:

- Annamarie Phelps (GBR)

For information, the terms of office for the other MF elected positions on the ERB include Neville Tanzer (2026), Eva Szanto (2027) and Asuncion Loriente (2028).

Patrick took the floor to run the elections. Annamarie left the room.

Peter Shepard from GBR made a nomination speech for Annamarie Phelps to be re-elected to the board.

Vote 1, secret ballot.

Out of 27 votes, 26 yes, 0 no, abstention 1.

b. Election of the ERC President

The ERB presented one candidate for election as President. Annamarie was re-elected as ERC President without vote.

c. Ratification of World Rowing-nominated members to the European Rowing Board

The positions of the World Rowing representatives on the European Rowing Board are currently held by Patrick Rombaut (BEL), Algirdas Raslanas (LTU) and Dušan Machacek (CZE).

The mandates of Patrick Rombaut (BEL) and Algirdas Raslanas (LTU) end in 2025. Dušan Machacek (CZE) is the World Rowing Continental Representative for Europe and an ex-officio member of the European Rowing Board according to Article 18.5.3 of the World Rowing Statutes.

The World Rowing Council nominates:

BEL – Patrick Rombaut

NED – Jacomine Ravensbergen

Vote 3 was to ratify the nomination of Patrick Rombaut to the board.

26 yes, 1 no. Patrick's position is ratified.

Vote 4 was to ratify the nomination of Jacomine Ravensbergen to the board.

22 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain. Jacomine's position is ratified.

Jacomine will join the board in January 2026. Patrick continues until the end of his mandate in December 2026.

Annamarie thanked Algirdas Raslanas who served on the board since 2006 and will finish his mandate in December 2025.

12. European Rowing Strategic Priorities 2025 – 2028

Neville Tanzer presented the ER strategic priorities 2025-2028 and the impact of the discussion at the ER Presidents' Meeting in Ghent.

13. World Rowing updates

Jean-Christophe Rolland gave an update on World Rowing topics. Congratulated the election and re-elected of the ERB members and mentioned the close relationship between the ERB and World Rowing. SECR progression.

Decisions of the Quadrennial Congress – new progression system, addition of Mix8+.

WRCH Shanghai

14. Any other business

Eva gave an update that the 2025 ERU23CH programme will include a Mix8+. To compete in the Mix8+, athletes must have already competed.

Questions: AUT: Will there be an official statement about the cancellation from WR for MFs to claim cancellation insurance for booked travel?

ISR: the way athletes jump into the boat now during beach sprints is dangerous?

Annamarie closed the GA.