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### 3rd Eunat Meeting

#### Report

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#### Friday, 23rd March, 0900

##### 01. Welcoming speech by the organizer, the German Naturist Federation

The President of the German Federation DFK, Kurt Fischer welcomes the delegates and attendants of this 3rd EuNat and wishes them a successful meeting. He also transmits his warm welcome wishes to the Central Committee of the INF, represented by the president Sieglinde.

He presents the meeting room and the whole building, with a short report of its history, and also points out the strong relationship of the DFK to the non-naturist sports federations. The building homes the central sports administrations of the Land Lower Saxony, situated directly at the Masch Lake, neighboured by several arenas and sports boarding schools.

He also welcomes the two interpreters, already known from the meeting in Luxembourg, who will guarantee a smooth and accurate simultaneous translation.

The DFK-President will head the meetings whilst Edgar Nesseler, the Vice-President of Finance from the DFK, will represent the interests of the DFK itself.

The EuNatCom Secretary Jean Peters assumes the responsibility of the technical equipment as well as the recordings during the sessions.

##### 02. Greetings by the INF-President

The INF President, too, welcomes all participants by emphasizing the high number of represented associations, which is positive for the naturism and its representation to the public. She expresses her thanks to the organising federation for the very nice weather, well aware that this is more advantageous to the joining partners for the various town visits than for the meeting attendants.

##### 03. Verification of the representatives and their number of votes

Country	Federation	Name	Number of votes	Motions	Discussion items
AT	ÖNV	Harald Seiss	6		
BE	FBN	Paul Lambrechts	15		2
CH	UNS/SNU	Edith Zimmermann	9		
CZ	CZN	Ivo Zurek	2		
DE	DFK	Kurt Fischer		2	4
		Edgar Nesseler	27		
FR	FFN	Louis Cotard	27	2	1
GB	BN	Marian Damen	15	3	
IRL	INA	Pieter Lagendijk (FLN) (procuration)	2	2	
IT	Fenait	Gianfranco Ribolzi	10	2	

LU	FLN	Pieter Lagendijk	3		
NL	NFN	Henk Smeeman	34		
SE	SNF	Eirik Isene	8		2
SP	FEN	Ismael Rodrigo	7	1	1
	EuNatCom	Jean Peters	0		
	EuNatCom	Jim Russell	0		
	EuNatCom	Sebastian Heuft	0		
	ENY	Alexandra Marniquet	0		
	ENY	Jurriën van Houdt	0		
	INF	Sieglinde Ivo			
	INF	Mick Ayers			
	INF	Rolf Beat Hostettler			
	INF	Roger Viola	0		

**13 representatives of the various federations totalize 165 votes.**

As guests there are 9 additional members of federations plus 2 members of a naturist association from Denmark, which plans to join the Danish federation. As this procedure faces some delays, these 2 persons are eager to learn how the operations at European level are running and being planned.

A total of 33 persons are present at the floor.

The attendants holding voting rights shortly introduce themselves.

**04. Election of 2 tellers**

Luisa Ribolzi and Rosita Dal Soglio from Italy are unanimously elected.

**05. Approval of the agenda**

The preliminary agenda dated 15th March is discussed.

As the regulation of the ENY is only available in English and therefore does not comply with the discussion rules, the agenda **Item 9.03** is cancelled.

For the same reasons **Item 9.11** will be included in **Item 9.01**.

The Portuguese representative had cancelled her participation on very short-term base, therefore the **Item 8.13** has been withdrawn, too.

Sebastian Heuft and his representatives of the Youth organisation ENY are able to join the meeting as of Saturday only, for this reason all items concerning the Youth section of the EuNat are postponed till Saturday.

<b>The so amended Agenda is accepted unanimously.</b>
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**06. Reports by the EuNatCom – Members and debate**

**06.01. Report by the deputy ENC Sports Officer Roger Viola (PR-Europe)**

Roger confirms that all events scheduled for the year 2011 actually have taken place. The reports have been promulgated via Internet and emails to all federations. As of 2012 the Sports Officer Jim Russell, once re-elected, will assume the responsibility on his own.

**06.02. Report by the ENC Youth Officer Sebastian G. Heuft :**

His report is not yet available. For the time being it is not sure yet whether he will be present tomorrow together with his assistants. This item is reported till Saturday.

### **06.03. Budget of the Financial Year 2011, comments by the ENC Secretary**

The final budget is available. Below some comments:

1. Settlements of accounts Swim-Gala in Prague 2011.  
According to information by the organising federation the foreseen budget of 9.000 € was not sufficient. As the representatives are not present yet, this issue will be discussed later, hopefully with success.
2. For the Family Meeting in Arnaoutchot (France) the organiser deducted an amount of 1500 € for the purchase of T-Shirts, which represents 66 % of the whole budget for publicity. J. Peters believes that this amount cannot be taken out of the "Budget for Events" as such, but shall be taken from the budget "Publicity". Additionally, the purchase has been done first, before submitting the request for approval of this item. This is not the correct procedure and the amount concerned has been paid, subject to approval.
3. The settlement of accounts concerning the Youth events has been submitted to the secretary with a four months delay, the receipts being put at random into a cardboard box just like a Christmas gift. The secretary himself had to sort out, list and register all of them. In future such a way of remitting documents will be refused.
4. The amount for participation at the Fair in Utrecht (Netherlands) had been paid by the INF, but by error also by the FFN. Afterwards the organiser of the fair credited this amount to the INF.  
In this respect the INF Treasurer explains that clearance of this amount has already been agreed upon with the FFN and the amount will be credited to the current account of the FFN in near future.

The net result in the EuNat treasury for 2012 is 44.313.63 € less the amount of 2.558.50 € concerning the invoice from the fair in Utrecht.

All accounts have been checked by the 2 INF auditors.

The INF-President expressed her thanks to the secretary for his excellent job and emphasized the importance of this activity within the budget control.

### **06.04. Report by the INF Auditors concerning the budget for 2011**

The auditors have checked the accounts on 11th February 2012 and have certified full conformity. The auditors advise the assembly to accept the accounts and to give release to the treasurers.

### **07. Motion to give release to the representative of the EuNatCom**

**The assembly unanimously gives release to J. Peters.**

At this moment J. Peters advises that a motion from the NFN (*in Sweden, statistics*) has now been answered. The table shows that the total attendance at events has increased from 1196 to 1803 participants. In addition the allover costs have considerably been lower than the previous year, mainly due to the cost-effective organisation of the Swim-gala in Prague.

The new regulations for the travel expenses have induced a remarkable reduction, namely from ca. 4458 down to ca. 2472 €.

### **08. Motions by the Federations**

The chairman of the assembly refers back to one of the topics discussed in Sweden in 2011, specifying how the motions shall be transmitted to the INF as well as to EuNat.

All motions and discussion items must be submitted in the three INF languages. Motions must be listed separately, properly explained and founded, and be presented on the official letter forms of the federation. Where applicable, appropriate financial impacts and proposals shall be stated.

#### **08.01. Motion 1 by the BN : Acceptance of Naturism**

In order to allow effective publicity and campaigns for naturism at national and international media the BN wishes to designate one separate person within the INF, who will cover this activity and ensure regular information to everybody. Additionally, the BN would like to have free access to public areas to practise naturism. Here through the restriction for interested persons to be obliged to join a naturist association will be reduced. By writing articles and appearance in television revenues for publicity and royalties could be generated and new members for the INF could be brought.

The afterward discussion shows that, on the one hand, the INF already includes one person for Public Relations in Europe, and, on the other hand, this proposal would require a full-time job, which the INF could not afford. The general rule is that the media and other relevant persons must be contacted and informed by each respective federation in its own country, because only that federation is in a position to transmit appropriate and complete information. Also, the structures and presentation possibilities of the various federations differ a lot, in a way that one such „Universal“-person will not be able to handle it. Today not even the exchange of point of views and nor the information flow among all of us properly works. We must not forget that this person must be fluent in writing and speaking the three INF languages.

To sum up it must be said that every federation must ensure advertisings and publications each and every year, again and again. This is the duty of each federation.

This issue will be taken up again under **Item 9.01**.

#### **08.02. Motion 1 by the DFK: discussion about the draft by the INA in the September issue of INF Focus and resolution for further actions by the INF.**

The DFK points out that the federations did not react to the appeal of the INF in Focus 9/2011. This makes it very difficult for the INF to elaborate a concept. Mick's remarks in the last protocol of the INF in 2011 have not been answered by the majority of the federations either. M. Ayers precisely criticises this and our own lack of speaking. Without well-pronounced support by the federations the INF cannot start any initiative! Even current activities must be communicated to the INF if they show a general validity and so can be included in a concept.

As to the DFK Kurt Fischer explains that the naturism in Germany is and remains an absolute minority activity (just alike in all other countries) and therefore never will get a chance to obtain a political recognition. This has been made unmistakably clear to the DFK.

Due to this fact the DFK has chosen to base upon the naturist sports activities, which allows taking profit of an alliance with the large and powerful non-naturist sports unions. The DFK is reluctant to risk the loss of this good acceptance by going questionable ways to try to get non-guaranteed successes. Allthmore it is now necessary that all federations do remit the questionnaires of the INF in order to give the INF the possibility to establish an adequate strategy. In near future the INF will restart this questionnaire campaign.

At this discussion point the Czech participants join the assembly and are welcomed by all attendants. Upon this the pending issue of **Item 06.03** is being discussed.

#### **06.03. Point 1. Additional costs of the Swim-gala 2011 in Prague**

The costs for the swim-gala in Prague were caused by the change of the hotel owner. The new owner was not willing to further grant the favourable conditions offered by the previous owner. The increase of hotel stays has induced the higher costs in the total expenses.

Vote :

**A posteriori the supplement of 2.720,35 € has unanimously been approved.**

**08.03. Motion 2 by the BN: Lobbyism of the EU Parliamentarians**

M. Damen wishes to start a lobbyism of the EU Parliament, with the aim to goal to get a change of the European legislation so to face the discrimination of the naturism also in a political way. During her argumentation she refers back to the regulation draft, which should have been elaborated by the INF lawyers, as agreed upon last year in Sweden.

In the opinion of K. Fischer this has not been discussed that way in Sweden. In fact, without our own preparation and information flow to the INF nobody will be able to do a proper job in this respect, not even a lawyer.

Once again M. Damen refers to the general situation of the naturist people in the UK, here such an activity should be coming in future and she is willing to supply the necessary information.

**08.04. Motion 3 by the BN: Payment of registration fees through VISA**

The request from the BN to eliminate the fees is understandable, but if these fees are not absorbed the various federations, these fees will be at expense of the INF/EuNatCom. This in turn is not feasible, as it will represent a loss of income, which is out of order. In addition the transfers by VISA are not free of charge either.

P. Lambrechts has received information from his bank in Belgium that as of 2013 the fees for international money transfers will be under same conditions as for national transfers. The INF treasurer points out that within Europe the fees concerning currencies exchange are not only applicable to the UK but also to Switzerland. These fees cannot be settled at expense of the INF either.

There is no voting.

**08.05. Motion 1 by the INA: Increase of subventions for travel expenses for the smaller federations.**

P. Lagendijk presents this motion on behalf of the INA. He indicates that in 2011 in Sweden there were only 3 federations with less than 400 members.

J. Peters informs the delegates that the increase of the subventions to smaller federations only will make sense if the text for the application will be amended: instead of "Allowance for Travel Costs" the text must show : "Cost Allowance", because attendances include costs for travelling and participation (hotel accommodation and stay).

Voting result:

<p><b>135 votes pro / 15 against / 15 abstentions. Herewith the motion has been accepted, including the change of text.</b></p>
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**08.06. Motion 2 by the INA: organize the EuNat Meetings only every 2 years**

P. Lagendijk reads the motion itself: due to costs involved the INA would prefer to organize the EuNat-Meetings during those years in between the INF Congresses, which would reduce the expenses and encourage more federations to participate at these meetings.

The discussion reveals that the desire for direct exchange of ideas on a yearly base prevails. For us the naturist activities happen in Europe, and here important results and participations are the prerequisites, also for smaller federations. The congresses held at far destinations are always expensive and small federations often cannot afford these costs. Conclusion: for the small federations the EuNat-Meetings are more important than the Congresses of the INF. And three years ago when EuNat did not exist yet, the small federations did not attend the INF Congresses more often than they do today.

With a 2 year period handling of the finances and motions will be complex, not to say unfeasible. Actually it was the annual budgeting for EuNat which had been the reason to fix the EuNat meetings on a yearly base. The present stabilising work process of EuNatCom and EuNat will be thwarted if in future the meetings would take place every 2 years only. Set up of the required network would become unnecessarily difficult.

Vote:

**With 163 votes "against" and 2 votes "pro" this motion has been rejected.**

#### **08.07. Motion 2 by the DFK: Homepage of the INF-FNI, European Events**

The DFK criticizes the present homepage of "INF-Europe". The information given small, of low interest; the German text often contains many mistakes or is not available at all.

Responsible person for this homepage is R.Viola, as PR-person for Europe. He, too, criticizes the quality of the internet presentation, but it is not his fault. There is a lot which can be improved.

The job offer concerned the search for adolescent assistants on a commercial naturist site in France, during summertime. This offer was not given in German language and had lead to understandable confusions.

The INF-Vice-President Mick used the occasion to give more information about the problems in relation to the present website. The previous American webmaster had changed, the new one is more expensive, yet the quality decreased - in short this was no more tolerable. Also, this communication to the other side of the "pool" could no more be as fluent and active as needed, this because of the time difference. We are now looking for a consultant and operator here in Europe, best would be in Austria. As far as possible this should be finalised before the congress (in 2012).

E.Isene mentioned a joint proposal from Norway and Sweden, which can be loaded onto any server or Smartphone and be used without fees nor any costs for consultants. This proposal will be discussed further under **Item 9.09**.

#### **08.08. Motion by the FENAIT: EuNatCom Regulations, Review and Voting**

The applicant G.Ribolzi made clear that he does not want to provoke polemics. He also accepts that a new organization requires time to set-up and to function. However during the year 2011 there have been periods which were unclear, but which have now improved a lot. What had happened?

The Italian Federation had big problems with the Youth Officer of the EuNatCom and had experienced that there had been no person and no deputy to talk to. Nobody within EuNatCom, nobody within INF was able to help. That cannot be.

K. Fischer considered the judgement that : „In the past everything was clear, today many things are blunt“ is not correct in relation to the topic. The rules of today are the same as those in the past. It is up to us how we handle the stipulations the correct way. If we stick to the rules, there will be no problems, if however we ourselves act ambiguously, the problem already is on the way. One example is the swim-gala. In the past we never encountered the situation to get 3 candidates for one same event. The consequence was that the analysis and the final decision had to be planned very carefully which in turn took a lot of time. And one additional decision for the future had to be taken : how shall we handle the remaining candidacies ?

For G. Ribolzi that was not the problem, because in the past such situations had always been solved through conversations. It was precisely this where there was no solution. He expects that precisely in such cases it is the EC of the INF which at the end gives the remedy and takes a decision.

K. Fischer realizes that in case of a conflict our regulations must include an appropriate rule, yet one thing must remain clear : since 2008 the EuNat is a loose alliance of the European federations, which by the annual conference discuss the events and than execute accordingly. The EuNatCom is the execution committee, which has been set up by the INF and also can be dismissed by the INF. To be clear : the INF is the final arbitration office to solve any problems.

The President of the INF concluded that the source of all these problems was the lack of possibilities to contact the Youth Officer. Nobody was able to get in touch with him. That shall not happen again in future.

#### **Lunchtime and Photo call**

#### **08.09. Motion 2 by the FENAIT: Intended ENY Meeting 2012 in Costalunga (IT)**

This motion is postponed till Saturday as the Youth representatives have not arrived yet.

#### **08.10 Motion 2 by the FFN: Activities on naturist beaches.**

The motion itself is very scant and not conform to the rules. One single sentence, without any explanation, no one can understand without adequate explanations. L. Cotard explains the meaning of the motion to the assembly:

1. France would like to hear from the present representatives of the federations what the rules are how to deal with the problems caused by unpleasant visitors on our beaches.
2. How can non-organized holidaymakers be encouraged to join our organization ? How is the publicity organized?

Ad question 1: K. Fischer informs the assembly that there are only 2 beaches in Germany being under control of the DFK, and that there are no problems on those beaches.

J. Russell reports from the UK, that special „Beach days“ are organized, during which guests get all the important information, which means also about ways how to deal with problematic situations.

E. Zimmermann doubts that general advices from other federations will bring a solution, as very often some of these federations are not even faced with such problems. She pleads to sensitize each single naturist to keep his/her eyes open and take action him/herself should such a case arise.

B. Huijser sees the situation the same way. He advises the concerned federations to start an intensive exchange of views.

E. Isene describes the situation in Norway and Sweden, where a part of a beach recently has been closed due to sexual misconducts. But this did not solve the problem, more couples had been caught. The opinion of the organized naturists in this respect does not interest the public, in contrary they are being laughed at !

P. Lambrechts recommends that for future meetings such important issues will be treated by separate discussion points, with more time scheduled herefore. The time available here and now is not sufficient.

P. Lagendijk proposes to include warnings for our members about such places through appropriate links, and by boycotting such places owners of these places will be forced to take actions. Another possibility then would be to simply avoid such beaches. If nobody goes to these beaches, this kind of problem could disappear by itself.

K. Fischer considers this public discrimination as being problematic, as legally not tenable. This could lead to legal persecutions which we never will be able to pay for.

G. Ribolzi reports that in Italy there are various motives to practice naturism. Out of the 30 naturist beaches 6 are legally approved and under continuous supervision. On these approved beaches where the atmosphere is naturist and good, it is very difficult to force the non-organized persons to become members.

This also is the case in France. L. Cotard specifies that in France 60 % of the 100 naturist beaches are approved by the authorities. Some of them are managed by clubs and for these clubs the federation must think about some actions. The others are run on commercial base and here the owners are responsible.

M. Damen thinks that it is the duty of the authorities to take action against exhibitionism. In fact it is getting more and more a problem for naturists if they cannot enjoy the pleasure of naturism anymore.

K. Fischer explains the status for Germany : as long as there is no official complaint the authorities are not interested to take action. Only in case of notification of “public nuisance“ the authorities will take the necessary steps.

B. Huijser proposes for the future to reduce the discussion points but, instead, set up 1 or 2 working groups which will deal with these present issues. However this requires good preparations if we want to reach some practicable results.

#### **08.11. Motion 1 of the FFN: Improvements for the Fair in Utrecht**

On behalf of the president L. Cotard reports that in point of view of the French federation the platform for the Naturism in Utrecht was badly chosen. We should try to find a better place and perhaps also try to arrange a "round of talks" of the federations at the same place.

S. Ivo claims that overall this was the first time we participated at a large fair. In such case mistakes are unavoidable. Yet the combination with the NFN disposing of a large exhibition area worked fine.

For the DFK K. Fischer considers the situation very positively. The common area set up as a square nearly was optimal. There was a possibility to report a posteriori all the flaws to the Fair management. I hope that has been done. In spite of the non-optimal location the resonance by the public was very high. The audience – in majority adult persons – had asked for a lot of information and we could have more publicity for the non-participating federations if the required publication material had been available. Please don't forget: for the Fair management we as naturists are customers. This management decides who will be located where and how. We should rely on the NFN who will surely maximise its possibilities of relationship.

H. Smeeman admits that they had a better place the previous year. Improvements will be possible. The NFN already had organised conversation evenings, but exchange of views were rather impeded by the various languages.

P. Lambrechts would appreciate to quickly receive the ideas of the INF for the future, to check for feasibilities to participate. His federation's budget is low and careful spending is a must. If the location will again be financed by the EuNatCom budget, the additional expenses can be listed easily on hand of the present invoices.

At any case, Italy and the DFK are interested to participate also during 2013.

#### **08.12. Motion 1 by the FEN: Documentation for fairs**

I. Rodrigo presents a leaflet which is to be distributed during fairs. 5000 copies are planned to promote naturist vacations in Spain during the fairs. As the INF committees involved again and again had called for supply of brochures and flyers to be distributed during fairs the Spanish federation has contacted a company to get a professional layout and now would like to apply for a contribution of 1500 € to these costs, for example also in order to get leaflets in three languages. The leaflet can be extended to additional European prospective partners.

The opinion of the audience is quite clear : after analysing the details stated on the leaflet the majority of the resorts and hotels in Spain are on commercial base. Therefore the federation shall get in touch with these commercial owners. Other federations work the same way. Because, if such would not be handled this way, all other federations could ask for allowances, then our cash box would very quickly be empty.

The vote results are as follows:

<b>158 against and 7 pro. – The motion is rejected.</b>
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#### **08.13. Motion of the PN: Proposal for a Family-Meeting in Southern Europe 2012**

The applicant and later executing person had been registered; but a few days ago she has not been legitimized by her federation. For these reasons she is not present and her motion is no more valid.

#### **08.14 Motion by the FBN: Working methods of the ENY (European Naturist Youth Group)**

P. Lambrechts withdraws this motion. The content is included in another motion which will be dealt with on Saturday.

## **09. Discussion Points of the Federations**

### **09.01. Point 1 from the DFK: Structures of the Federations**

K. Fischer presents this topic:

Discussion and explanation of the question: what are the principles and structures, what are the views and goals of the various European federations ? In 2011 this main question had been sent by the INF per questionnaires to the federations. The result was appalling. Not even 30 % of the questionnaires had been returned. As in the view of the DFK all questions and their answers are very relevant to the mutual understanding, we should deal with this issue right today. K.Fischer explains the point of view of the DFK through a short statement.

S. Ivo promises to all attendants that the questionnaires will be mailed again next month; these shall be replied to within 4 weeks.

The information document from the NFN (under 9.11) and the document of Sweden will be mailed to the INF together with the document of the DFK. A further discussion is no more needed, as the contents are for information purposes only.

### **09.02. Point 2 of the DFK: Talk about the ENY-Protocol dated 31st July 2011**

The protocol has been mailed to the federations last year. The discussions will take place tomorrow with the Youth representatives.

### **09.03. Point 3 of the DFK: Talk about the ENC - Regulations**

Is withdrawn, as this issue will be discussed under **Item 13.03**.

### **09.04. Point 4 of the DFK: INF Homepage: Discussion concerning the EuNat-Homepage**

K.Fischer rather wants to present this topic as information, not as a real discussion point. It would be useful if other federations would also write down all flaws they have noticed and send all to Mick, for in his speech this morning M. Ayers had already mentioned the flaws and mistakes in the present Homepage-presentation.

J. Peters gives an advice to the INF for the coming World Congress: the positive experience with the „Download-centre“ during the preparations of this meeting should encourage the INF to consider to set up and use the same system.

### **09.05. Point 1 of the FBN: Regulations of the „ENC Sports-Finances“**

P. Lambrechts criticizes the way of handing-over of the cheque during the recent INF-Sport events. This has made a bad impression in Belgium, for the volunteers of these events saw this as a gift to the executing committee. It took a lot of efforts to calm down the members, because the total costs are known to be always higher than the sum stated on the cheque.

R. Viola answers that it was his idea to issue a cheque, because he had problems to find organizers for the events and that in general such large cheques enjoy a large acceptance by the public. In addition there had been one case, where during one previous event the INF-allocation did not "go down well", which in turn the Sports-Officer considered to be tasteless. Such a giant cheque can be seen by everybody and cannot be missed. Maybe we should emphasize more on explaining the purpose of this cheque during the hand-over.

E. Nessler advises to keep in mind that such a cheque has a symbolic effect to the audience. It concerns an amount being noticed and honoured at that particular moment. That is the reason for a public hand-over. Herewith the job of the workers is appreciated and pointed out, so is felt exactly the other way around than as seen in Belgium.

### **09.06. Point 2 of the FBN: „Regulations Sports“ – Meeting scheduled ?**

R. Viola reports that in Sweden the persons responsible for sports had agreed to meet, but eventually this did not happen. He reminds that whatever decision is taken – and we do have our Sports regulations – situations may arise where someone has to interpret these

regulations, in order the competition can take place. However, „being right“ does not bring a result. Therefore sometimes discussions are needed to reach an agreement. A typical example : the rules of Petanque stipulate that the courts on which the games are played must have the same type of surface. Imagine the following situation : the site of the organiser includes different surfaces, from sand and lawn up to gravel. Should this event be cancelled just to abide the rules ? Not possible. Because in such case all participants having travelled from far away would be punished, too. So one has to sit together and elaborate a well balanced plan to play on the different courts. Of course the general rule shall prevail, otherwise, on long term, it might turn into a chaos.

J. Russell thinks a discussion is also needed to analyse and clarify some general points, in a way that they must be included as binding rules in all applications.

E. Nesseler does not understand the problem. In order to find an appropriate solution to a given problem the team leaders of the coming competition should be fully legitimized. What have the Sports Officers of the respective federations got to do there ? They actually have higher-ranking jobs to do.

R. Viola has a different view of it. The DFK is in a comfortable situation to have a separate responsible person for each different kind of sports. But within most federations it is always one same person who has to see to all various types of sports and their specific problems. Nothing can be delegated to another person.

K. Fischer states that there cannot be common rules to all various kinds of sports. For example : for decades the swimming competitions are being held according to the same rules. What do you want to change ? The Petanque competitions, too, can be run according to the existing rules, if actually everybody would adhere to these rules. Only one factor represents a trouble : the types of surfaces of the numerous courts. These shall be identical, but this is not always true. This has to be regulated, but please well before the competition, because on the scene of action the problem can only be solved by a compromise.

R. Viola replies that according to his opinion problems exist not only as to Petanque, but in relation to sports in general.

J. Peters proposes that Jim Russell should make a list of all problems in the various kinds of sports by the end of the year, and then at the end of the year the whole issue shall be checked and evaluated.

G. Ribolzi advises to keep in mind that the regulations for Petanque exist for many years and problems always have been discussed and solved on the spot. No rules exist which can be applied for any imaginable type of problem. Regulations constitute a framework, which allows scopes for single decisions. However, problems, which repeatedly show up, must be discussed.

J. Peters repeats his proposal to list all known problems in the various kinds of sports by the end of the year and then to talk about them.

P. Lambrechts wishes to specify his motion in that sense that he took the example of Petanque how in the regulations of his federation a problem is being tackled : once a problem is identified, a group of responsible persons will meet and discuss the problem till a solution has been found. This way of identification and way of settlement is the solution. But he also recognises that a listing shall be the starting base.

K. Fischer cites the available documents: the INF regulations for swimming and Petanque have been updated in 2008. If these are to be changed a group of people must sit together and work on it. The organization of this as well as the preliminary analysis falls under the responsibility of the EuNat Sports Officer. This also includes thinking about when and where he will be able to have the responsible persons of the federations together. If Roger is right, the same persons are always present during the events. So the question remains : who is present when ? Or is it necessary to arrange a separate meeting ?

H. Smeeman cannot follow all these talks anymore. The regulations of EuNat will be dealt with under **Item 13.03**. So why this long discussion now ?

Herewith this point is closed.

### 09.07 Point 1 of the FFN: INF-Licenses and its advantages

Also here a preliminary explanation by L. Cotard clarifies the content of the motion to the audience. France would like to obtain an exchange of experiences concerning the standardization of the licenses from the clubs and associations and from the commercial resorts. Not all of the club members do hold a license (i.e. INF stamps). In order to get more stamps for the FFN, France would like to offer advantages, various types and ways. How do other federations handle this ? In France some clubs offer licenses for one couple, that means one license with one stamp for 2 persons. What kind of incentive can be given to persons not holding a license so that they will acquire a license ?

G. Ribolzi is familiar with this situation that guests are couples with only one license.

K. Fischer stated that within the DFK each single member receives its own license which bears the yearly INF stamp proving the identity of membership.

E. Nessler said that for years the DFK together with the NFN are struggling to increase the value of the INF stamp, in the way that a person holding the license with the stamp gets access as such to naturist resorts/clubs/hotels or are granted additional advantages.

S. Ivo was very surprised to learn about the procedure in France, which so far was unknown to her. She recognises the stamp on the license of persons and adolescents as being the personal identification as member. The idea to increase the value of the stamp is the fact that only those persons holding a license will be allowed onto many sites, which is the reason why sites are getting certifications.

L. Cotard confirms that the statutes in France also require this permit, but the reality shows to be different.

M. Damen joins this confirmation that in the UK the license including its stamp is bound to one single person. The British members demand more actions by the managing committee, as the financial margins are getting smaller and the number of members is decreasing. Furtheron naturism requires a better legal protection so that people can spend naturist holidays in Europe more freely.

L. Cotard continues by explaining the second part of his motions, in relation to the numbers of licenses within each federation.

K. Fischer announces that all federations will get this listing for the coming Congress, because at that moment the number of licenses sold will be the basis to fix the number of votes. What so far is not clearly measurable is : how many members and how many sponsoring members are receiving the stamps/licences and how many stamps are being handed out on base of the so-called vacation cards? At the moment the present figures do not show this.

G. Ribolzi says that those sites which grant access without showing the license and/or stamp should not get the certification at all.

The INF confirms this procedure. M. Ayers emphasises that the commercial centres often only check the holiday reservations, but lateron they don't care who is coming, be it with or without any license. This will now be impinged through the certification : it will be made clear to the managers of all commercial centres that holidaymakers holding a license are the „better“ holidaymakers. And these centres shall be urged to grant discounts or other special offers to these naturist holidaymakers. Please refer to the list in our website.

L. Cotard states that in France there are those centres being duly approved, those who are partners only and those who are „nothing“. The „approved“ centres are committed to check for the license, but for the moment these centres are a minority. Meanwhile general INF licenses are being issued in the form of credit cards.

E. Zimmermann calls to mind that participation at the INF Sport events requires a license plus the valid stamp.

E. Nessler points out that the DFK not only organizes sports competitions but also other events. Through its website members of the DFK receive offers with discounts in relation to insurances, travel agencies and tour operators.

B. Huijser refers back to the status in France, where the example of the NFN is now adopted so to increase the number of persons having licenses, namely by issuing them in

the form of credit cards. Herewith one may expect to identify the naturist community more easily.

P. Lambrechts demands that all events from the INF and EuNat may take place on certified sites only.

S. Ivo backs up this opinion and says that only the Alpe-Adria-Meeting takes place on a non-certified site; however talks are being held in this aspect and we can be hopeful.

G. Ribolzi mentions that during summertime, in Italy 7 out of 10 Italian guests do not hold an INF license, because for them the licenses are not required when spending holidays in France nor Spain. This must be changed in future.

For his side K. Fischer recalls that since 2004 the issue of the licenses and stamps always has been a topic for discussions during the congresses. The discussions never ended up in a result. Due to the many privately owned sites the situation in Germany is totally different from France or Croatia with their numerous commercial centres. In Germany it is not possible to give discounts based on the licenses. This is only possible for commercially run centres. This must be kept in mind during discussions.

The word is now with I. Rodrigo. He points out having written an article about the INF licenses.

#### **09.08. Point 1 by the FEN: Duties of the EuNatCom-Members**

I. Rodrigo assesses that

1. neither EuNatCom nor any member has the right nor the competency to change decisions taken or the voted budget before the next meeting of EuNat.
2. the responsible person must have the authority to make small amendments, within a reasonable limit.
3. the role of the secretary must be to help to solve problems rather than to increase them.

K. Fischer sees a contradiction in this statement : according to point 1 nobody is allowed to change anything, but according to point 2 a person may do that, „within a reasonable limit“. What does that mean ? This is a total contradiction. According to understandings of the speaker the members of the EuNatCom are responsible for the planning and execution of the given duties in between the meetings. Within the limits of their responsibilities as set by the regulations of EuNatCom they duly are allowed the make changes, if such changes are required and are being agreed upon, for example with the INF. Regarding point 3 of the applicant it must be said that the main duties of the secretary consist in managing and monitoring the budget, maintain contacts with the INF, prepare translations as far as feasible, but it also may include the need to act as mediator in case of problems. That is the job for which the position as secretary had been asked for and the secretary had been employed.

J. Peters seizes the opportunity to take up the blame by Ismail during 2011 in this connection, that the secretary had manipulated the budget. J.Peters is not willing to tolerate such kind of reproach and asks for a due apologize from I. Rodrigo, otherwise he will reserve the right to take legal steps against him.

G. Ribolzi asks to proceed to the next item.

S.Ivo comments that this commission is now active for three years. She expressively thanks J. Peters for his self-sacrificing and dedicated work.

#### **09.09. Point 1 by the SNF: Free of charge Offer for technical Support of Internet**

E. Isene would like to present a new development to the audience. A new free software has been discovered in Sweden and Norway, which requires no licensing fee, can be implemented globally and for which a solution has been developed assisting the naturists in Europe for the various languages involved. This is called „Multipage and Multilanguage Development“. „Drupal“ is a free software with CMS system. As no multimedia-presentation was available during the assembly please note the internet information can be found under: <http://drupal.org/drupal-7.0>. After the conference the participants will have the opportunity to see a small presentation in the hotel lobby. This program can do a lot more. Both federations have a common portal but each its own website. It is a kind of

„mobile website“ which is even used by the White House in the USA. „Drupal“ can be adapted to one’s own needs and be used with the Smartphone.

The program can be obtained directly from the Swedish federation. The Swedish federation cannot assume any responsibility and support availability is limited. This must be found out by oneself.

H. Seiss said : perhaps it would be useful if a small group takes up this issue and present some proposals during the next meeting, how this new medium can be used by the federations.

S. Ivo replies that the INF will deal with this subject. Mick will contact them and will take this new system into consideration when checking the possibilities for renewal of the INF homepage.

#### **09.10. Point 2 by the SNF: Description of locations of the Naturist clubs in Internet**

E. Isene had noticed following : the INF website only shows a short description of the address - that can be done better. The Swedish site is very good and fully up to date. But one shall look at this in real. Spoken explanations are not clear enough.

M. Ayers added that all data on the INF site are coming from the federations and their associations and very often are protected. It is very, very difficult to change anything there. Often the clubs do not even want to change anything and lack an appropriate feeling for commercial ideas. The information often is neither up to date nor correct. That must remain in the hands of the clubs.

E. Isene replies that the authority must of course remain in the hands of the clubs, with the links to Google or to the INF.

L. Cotard specifies that the Website of his federation has links to all clubs and to the INF.

M. Ayers retorts that INF has a direct link to the federations and to the clubs.

#### **09.11. Point by the NFN: Outline of the NFN structure**

Has been discussed already in 9.01.

#### **10. Elections respectively confirmations of the EuNatCom – Members Sports Officer and Youth Officer**

Election of the Sports Officer : candidate Jim Russell elected in 2011 and re-eligible.

Jim expresses his thanks for the confidence and looks forward to an ongoing cooperation.

There is no other candidate.

Voting result :

Jim Russell is unanimously re-elected for the next three years.

Confirmation respectively election of the Youth Officer : reported till tomorrow.

#### **11. Events Agenda of EuNat for 2012, Debate, approval, possible applications for 2013**

The table with the Events 2012 is available to all delegates. Each date is discussed on the spot.

The INF-World congress takes place in Koversada from 13th till 16th September 2012.

As to 2013 following events are foreseen :

27th April till 4th May : Family-meeting Southern Europe in Spain - Templo del Sol  
24th-25th August : Petanque competition in Montalivet (France) in combination with the INF.  
30th-31st August : 60th Anniversary of the INF, same place Montalivet.  
The Swim-gala will take place as usual begin November. Spain shows interest.

## **12. INF – ENC Fairs 2012**

The INF-President emphasises again the success during the fair in Utrecht. The INF will participate again in 2013 in Utrecht, in cooperation with the NFN.

The INF considers participating at more fairs and has decided to join the fair in Essen (Germany) during which flyers of the federations will be distributed. Such fairs produce an excellent publicity and all federations should seize the opportunity.

K. Fischer confirms the attendance at Utrecht of the DFK, in spite of some doubts. The visitors at the naturist stand showed a very, very strong interest, it was a real pity that only a limited quantity of leaflets had been available.

At the fair in Essen the interest of the visitors will concentrate on holidays throughout whole Europe, for durations of 10-14 days. We definitively shall participate and present our naturist activities.

The participation in person surely is a question of costs, living and stay at the fairs are always expensive, wherever these fairs take place. Both fairs are scheduled for January/February 2013.

**End of the meeting for today. Tomorrow we start at 0900 sharp.**

### **Saturday, 24th March 2012 – 9.00**

The chairman K. Fischer welcomes the attendants who meanwhile have joined the assembly:

As guests the two delegates from the Danish association.

The present Youth Officer of EuNatCom also has arrived.

Andreas Fischer, the newly elected president of the Youth section of the DFK is present, too, this to „sniff a bit of the international flair”. He is seated at the technical equipment table, so is right away engaged as technical assistant.

## **13. Budget for 2012**

### **13.01. Budget of the ENY for 2012, debate and approval**

This item will be dealt with later, once the two other youth delegates have arrived.

### **13.02. Budget of the ENC for 2012, debate and approval**

J. Peters presents the budget, on hand of a recently updated sheet, which now includes the final allowances by the INF. Concerning the estimations for the swim competition he advises the organising federation of France to review the submitted budget once more, so that additional costs expected to arise (increase of the Value Added Tax in France) can be considered right away.

The budget has been elaborated based on the best knowledge and belief. Amendments are possible, should acute changes appear.

Regarding travel costs J. Peters gives a presently due comment :

The regulations for travel expenses of the INF dated 15.04.2011 apply. For the expense report the most cost-effective voyage is considered. Use of the personal car is subject to a previous approval by the INF. Whatever means of travel is chosen J. Peters needs to get valid receipts, an excerpt from the internet for a fictive travel from A to B is not acceptable. Also, the possibility to settle the accounts with a proof of travel costs by railway printed from the internet but to actually use the own car as being cheaper, is not correct in regards of true budgeting. He will have some talks with the INF in this respect.

S. Ivo agrees with Jean : in future no more fictive expense reports. Submission of correct receipts is mandatory.

B. Huijser wants to get information about the allowances by EuNat for the 2 fairs in 2013. 13.000 € will barely be sufficient for 2 participations, if some federations will attend.  
S. Ivo indicates that only the INF will attend the fair in Essen, the federations only will have to supply the flyers. That is the present concept. Should the attendance in Essen prove to be a large success and some federations would like to attend in addition to the INF, first the question of space available must be analysed, because the present size of the DFK stand has been fixed already and is not extendable.  
K. Fischer imagines using the same procedure as in Utrecht, where the NFN already is the owner of the allocated space, to which additional areas have been connected. Mentally seen the costs for publicity and fairs shall be combined.

Vote concerning the budget :

**The budget 2012 excluding the part for the Youth section is unanimously approved.**

### **ENC Regulations, Debate and Approval**

The EuNatCom secretary has reviewed the three following 3 discussion points and has included the necessary changes in the text. He presents all these in detail which then are being discussed. The updated texts will be added to the protocol of this meeting.

#### **13.03. Summary of the Regulations concerning the EuNat-Meetings**

Here some changes decided yesterday still must be included :

Point I: for small federations having less than 400 members the application to fix the cost allowance at 400 € is accepted. Furtheron editorial changes have been made in order to ensure better understanding.

Vote :

**The regulations are unanimously accepted.**

#### **13.04. Regulations for EuNatCom Commission.**

Apart from the editorial amendments some useful hints have been added. For example in § 1 the „preface“ has been adopted to the present circumstances and been completely rewritten. The question by L. Cotard for further official regulations of the INF or EuNat has been answered as follows :

The regulations have been asked for by the federations and have been elaborated accordingly. Now we have to live with it accordingly. If proposals for changes are made, then these proposals must be discussed.

Voting :

**The Regulations excluding the part for the Youth section is unanimously accepted.**

#### **13.05. Regulations for the Finances of the European INF-EuNat Events Sports-Leisure time-Culture**

An important supplement and explanation is included in § 1.3 Point h).

The purpose is to set a limitation concerning possible additional costs for publicity and travel expenses, which must not be included in the expense report of these measures.

In § 2, b the text must be changed as follows :

*„The valid INF stamp must be indicated at the registration“*

For § 3 regarding swimming the colours of the bathing caps is discussed. As example, for the moment the swimmers of the DFK wear silvercoloured caps, this being the colour at international swim competitions. The Swiss have changed their colour at their own request. To allow flexibility the text preceding the Table “Caps“ is shown as follows :

*„Following colours of the bathing caps are proposed :“*

The new text below the table is important, too :

*„Can be adapted according to specific needs“.*

Herewith a sufficient flexibility is guaranteed.

Voting :

**The Regulations are unanimously accepted.**

Final comment by the EuNatCom Secretary :

As he is also responsible for the accounts of the Youth measures appropriate information still has to be given how this shall be handled. For the moment this is not yet available.

**At this point the Youth Officer and his two Committee Members are being welcomed and the Items postponed on Friday and Saturday morning are now dealt with.**

**Declaration by E. Nesslerer on behalf of the DFK**

The EuNatCom Youth Officer S.G. Heuft has lost his trust by the DFK. He and his committee will not receive any support whatever from the DFK anymore.

S. Ivo indicates that the INF has invited the two additional youth delegates to this meeting, in order to hear what has happened at their youth section during the last one and a half year, and what is expected to happen during the next months.

As he had been the person addressed to S. G. Heuft would like to speak first. He explains that he is very sorry that he has to explain again why he has not been able to do his job as youth officer on a satisfactory level. When he had been elected in 2007 the goal was to set up an active youth group, which partly has brought a success but yet is not running at full satisfaction. The goal of a professional way of job has not been reached. He is very ill, which is the reason of his behaviour. As his job is asking for more challenges he would like to resign from his present position. He has not been in contact with his committee since November last year and he wants to remit his mandate this coming May. He wishes to clarify once more that it was not on purpose that he did not communicate, but this was due to his illness. He recognises that there will be no more cooperation with him in this committee.

E. Nesslerer points out that since 2004 already S.G. Heuft has had these problems with himself and his illness, which he could have avoided by a timely retreat from his duties. Today we have to face with considerable damages to him as well as to the youth group, nationally and internationally.

K. Fischer asks the youth delegates who will be the contact person within the youth section for the EuNatCom till the month of May. After a short debate A. Marniquet will assume this responsibility as deputy. She will act in coordination and agreement with J.v. Houdt in a way that there always will be a contact person. The decision by the youth section will be communicated in May.

S. Ivo: for the committee of EuNatCom the Youth Officer will be nominated in May and will be confirmed during the meeting next year. By then the Regulations for the Youth Group will be ready for discussions too ( which also means availability in the three languages) and be remitted within the deadline for the EuNat Meeting in Italy. The regulations cannot be discussed now and here.

P. Lambrechts would appreciate a nomination of a deputy on continuous base within the Youth Group.

S.G. Heuft answers that this has been considered already but there is a problem of experience needed to be able to properly act in such situations.

**Back to the Item 8.09**

For G. Ribolzi it is all about appropriate dialogue with each other. And herefore one shall use all possible technical methods which nowadays are more than abundant.

P. Lambrechts wants to call in mind that our European operations work rather well. As to the organisation within the Youth activities foreseen to be held in Italy obviously there has been a large unmentioned wrong information flow.

S. G. Heuft declares that the assignment to France instead of to Italy has been decided already in May 2011, because no agreement could be found with the youth group of Italy.

G. Ribolzi criticizes the lack of professionalism of S.G. Heuft, which made it impossible to tackle this controversial issue to a positive agreement. Different point of views must be discussed directly and not by unilateral setting of final facts.

A. Marniquet replies that the decision within the committee had been taken by three persons; it has not been a single-handed action by S.G. Heuft. Herewith this unpleasant issue has been closed.

#### **Back to Item 9.02**

The protocol of the Youth Group dated May 2011 has been remitted to all attendants. Is there any need of discussions ? No inquiry has been made.

#### **Back to Item 13.01**

The Budget for the **Youth Section** is available. This budget has been established in accordance with the plans of the youth section as stated in the protocol dated last May. It does not show all the specific details but as such is truly correct.

E. Nessler thinks that the youth section must prove in their budget all activities and events the same way as for the adults, so to have a possibility to compare the performances. He proposes to reduce the budget to 6'000€ because only one single event is foreseen.

J. Peters does not agree with this. The youth section has the same type of current expenses and organisation costs. So far the youth section never has completely spent the given budget. Anyhow only actually executed works are being paid.

E. Zimmermann would like to get information about the entry Attendance of the Youth section at the INF World congress with the amount of 3.000 €.

S. G. Heuft answers that there has been a change in the meantime. Originally a youth event was planned parallel to the World congress, but this showed to be unfeasible and therefore has been cancelled. This induces that this item of 3.000 € shall be deleted, giving a correct total of only 12.000 €.

The president of the French federation would highly appreciate the presence of the youth section at the world congress. In France the connection youth and adults is very common in France and enables adequate dialogue.

K. Fischer compares the circumstances : the French federation always has its youth section joining their congress. Fine. The INF does not have a youth section being active worldwide. We have a European youth section, which organises its own meetings.

S.G. Heuft is well aware that the EuNat-Meeting is the counterpart of the youth. In Koversada the youth group had in mind to establish a picture of its work seen today and elaborated to be in the future. This might be of great interest to the non-European federations.

G. Ribolzi could imagine having a small delegation of the youth group show up at the world congress, so to bridge the gap to the youth group.

K. Fischer replies that such a gap-bridging must happen in Europe. Mutual cheering and applauding without a real meaning, - that's no use at all.

P. Lambrechts desires to maintain the previously reduced amount of 3.000 € as spare money for the youth group, as reserve to enable execution of activities which might develop lateron.

S. Ivo adds that such a reserve is anyhow available in general, and only needs a mutual agreement.

#### **Decision :**

**The budget for the Youth group is fixed at 12.000 €, plus a reserve of 3.000 €**

Voting result :

<b>Pro : 61 , contra : 27 , abstentions : 77 votes, totalizing 165 votes.</b>
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## Lunch

### 14. INF Congress 2012 – Preparations of motions and discussion points

#### 14.01 Proposal 1 by the FFN: Activities of the federations in Europe

The document comes from the FFN showing proposals which L. Cotard considers to be very important. In fact these issues are being intensively dealt with and are even a main topic during its own congress.

K. Fischer would like to know, how this should be developed, for Europe only or worldwide?

S. Ivo says that during the world congress only one point can be discussed, this because lack of time.

Yet L. Cotard would like to invite the other federations to give their comments and opinions to each of these topics. During the congress in France working groups will be organised at the end of which they will present conclusions which will be implemented, as far as possible.

M. Ayers recognizes the importance. He also sees the importance of the opinions from the other federations. Considering that each federation is due to remit a report of activities, it should be possible to include these points. Information shall be transmitted to all federations, as early as possible so to make it possible to reach a result during the congress.

G. Ribolzi asks what the official main theme of the congress will be. He holds no information yet.

S. Ivo answers : it will be a medical topic with analysis of the psychological reactions towards naturism.

Final proposal by K. Fischer: comments regarding the listed proposals shall be included in the activity reports of the federations.

#### 14.02. Proposal 2 by the FFN: Budget planning

L. Cotard reports on behalf of his president that during the precedent congress there had been no discussion before the voting of the budget, because of disagreements.

K. Fischer hears from the assembly that there had been discrepancies with the French translations, causing a great disadvantage to all francophone persons. But this deficiency will be discussed right during the next item.

#### 14.03. Proposal 3 by the FFN: French Translations

The translators for the last congress had been hired from the Czech Republic, and indeed the French translations had been disastrous. Let's hope that in Croatia persons with higher qualifications will be available. We expect to have professional staff.

#### 14.04. Proposal 4 by the FFN: Advance fixing of number of votes/ Preparation of secret elections

L. Cotard had received an advice from his president that during the congress the number of votes had not been communicated before the elections.

S. Ivo declares that right as first item of the agenda all participants are being presented, together with the number of their votes, the same way as for EuNat. She also confirms that appropriate number of voting sheets will be available for the secret elections.

#### 14.05. Proposal by the SNF: Extraordinary direct Membership at the INF

E. Isene presents an „old“ point for the congress : there are Swedish members who prefer to be member at the INF, rather than being member of a Swedish federation. The statutes of the INF allow ordinary members who also are member of a federation and extraordinary members coming from countries which have a federation.

E. Isene stated having prepared a modernization of the present text which he will submit to the coming congress.

#### 14.06. Information by the CC of the INF

There is no additional information by the CC.

## 15. **EuNat-Meeting 2013 in Italy – Date and location of the Meeting**

G. Ribolzi indicates the meeting will take place in Le Betulle from 22nd till 25th May 2013. Participants may be picked up at the airport of Turin. Overnight accommodations are available on the site. Train connections are also available. More details will be transmitted in due time. Interesting sight-seeing possibilities will be offered.

## 16. **Various**

### 16.01. **World Naturist Day 2012**

The INF-President reports :

The date has been changed. There are now two different days: in the Netherlands 17th June is a legal holiday which must be taken into consideration.

The INF asks to get appropriate news in case something is going on in a federation. A short report would be useful in order to allow evaluations.

P. Lambrechts thinks the solution with different days is no good, as this will create confusions to the visitors. Such shall be avoided in future.

E. Zimmermann points out that the swim event in 2013 also coincides with a legal holiday, namely All Saints' Day. Will that be no problem in Spain ?

I. Rodrigo does not see any problem.

### 16.02. **Nudefest 2012 by the BN**

M. Damen refers to the extensive information which has already been mailed. It will take place in Cornwell, with a well-filled program.

## **General Requests to speak**

E. Isene wishes to arrange a presentation of the new Swedish website in the hotel, at 15.45. Interested persons are invited to report in the hotel lobby.

The Youth representatives would like to discuss the change of age limit for participants with the delegates:

### **Age limit as Youth Participant 27 or 29 years. The responsible Youth representatives may be older.**

S.G. Heuft thinks there is a trend in the international youth organizations to raise the age limit up to 29 years. That is the background reason of this proposal.

E. Nesseler believes this will not be possible without consulting the federations.

The afterward debate, running very controversially, ends in the idea that the general acceptance by all federations is required. In case all federations agree to fix the limit at 29 years, then such can be adopted. But allowances based once on age 27, once on age 29 will not work, simply for reasons of fairness.

At this time the opinions of youth delegates themselves differ and it is not clear yet how this shall be settled. In Europe the age limit in most associations is 27. The youth section would like to avoid losses at the higher age.

During their meeting last November they had decided to fix the age limit at 29. The youth delegates had considered this limit as not being a serious issue and so had sent the invitations for the events to the federations stating this age limit of 29. Based on which legitimacy? Actually none. Federations are not aware of this decision.

Peter Lagendijk thinks the decision for fixing the age limit shall be taken during a meeting of EuNat, so that federations can discuss and then vote.

E. Nesseler would like to get the opportunity to discuss this with his own naturist youth group. We shall pronounce ourselves whether we can support this.

**Vote : who agrees to fix the age limit for youth participant at 29 years ?**

pro : 69 / contra 93 / abstentions :10

Herewith the age limit remains at 27, with the recommendation to the youth group to better clarify and transmit to the youth groups of the federations.

Thanks to the attentiveness and circumspection of T. Möckel one more item of the agenda remains to be dealt with :

Regarding **Item 13.03** the text referring to the youth group had been left out but has not been talked about now with the youth representatives !

Therefore we go back to **13.03 : Regulations of EuNatCom - § 3.**

J. Peters has reedited the text. This new text is important for the activities of the youth group.

Vote :

The text as presented is unanimously accepted.

**Before starting with the closing words a few more important advices :**

- do not forget to advance the time by 1 hour during the coming night
- the times for the return flights are published on the board. Please coordinate with each other so to call for cabs.

#### **17. Final words by the organizer and the EuNatCom-Secretary**

The chairman of the meeting closes the official part of the assembly. As the two translators are unable to join the final banquet the organizer expresses them his sincere thanks for their excellent job. The DFK has arranged for small presents and the president is already looking forward to see them again in Italy during 2013.

**Special thanks are also due to Jean, who was always willing to invest his time for the preparation and execution of this meeting. More to come tonight at the banquet.**

**Jean Peters expresses his thanks to the delegates for their dedicated participation.**

End of the meeting at 15.39



For the protocol

31.3.2012

Chairman of the Meeting  
Kurt Fischer – DFK-President

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