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Minutes of General Assembly of European Society for Muscle Research held September 23rd, 2013 at the XLII European Muscle Conference, at Felix Meritis, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

§1 The chairman of the European Society for Muscle Research (ESMR), Professor Anders Arner, welcomed the assembly to the meeting and explained the nature of the ESMR, its relationship to the European Muscle Conferences. He also expressed thanks, from the Society and the participants, to the local organizers, Coen Ottenheijm, Rob Wüst, Richard Jaspers and Jolanda van der Velden, for hosting a very successful meeting in Amsterdam.

§2 Prof Arner proposed that Professor Steven Marston be appointed to take the Minutes of the General Assembly

This was **agreed** by the Assembly.

§3 The current members of the Board of the Society were presented.

Anders Arner, *Chairman*, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden (elected 2009)

Bernhard Brenner, Medizinische Hochschule, Hannover Germany (2009)

Laurence Stevens, Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille, France (2009)

Steven Marston, *Secretary*, Imperial College School of Medicine, London, UK, (2009)

Carlo Reggiani, Università di Padova, Italy (2009)

Marcus C. Schaub, University of Zurich, Switzerland (2009)

Ger Stienen, *Treasurer*, VUmc, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Wolfgang Linke, Bochum, Germany (2009)

Elisabeth Ehler, King's College London, UK (2010)

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a) The minutes of the previous meeting in Rhodes 2012 have been available at the Society homepage (www.esmr.org). No further comments were made and the minutes were approved.

§5

Prof Arner reported on the board activities regarding the official registration of the Society. The Society is now registered as a charitable organization (“ideell förening”) in Sweden and a bank account has been opened to keep the Society funds. The tax declaration has been submitted in Sweden

This was **approved** by the Assembly.

a) The economical statement of 2012/13 were presented. The Society funds (251 752 SEK (about 25 755 EUR) by Sept 6th, 2013) are built up from membership fees and have been used to support young scientists to attend the Rhodes meeting 2012. The auditor (Prof Jolanta Redowicz, elected 2012) had reviewed the economical statement and had no objections.

This Assembly **granted discharge of liability** for the board.

The **annual membership fee was decided to be 10 EUR/year**, paid by meeting delegates as a part of the registration fee. The assembly **approved that that part of the membership fees are used to support young scientist symposia**.

The following re/elections were made (for 2013) as indicated. The election period is 4 years. The board will have the following members:

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Bernhard Brenner, Medizinische Hochschule, Hannover Germany (2013)
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Drs Anders Arner and Ger Stienen can independently sign for the Society in economical matters.

§6. Dr. Else Marie Bartels (Fredriksberg, Denmark) and Dr. Mohammed El-Mezgueldi (Leicester, UK) were elected auditor and deputy auditor for 2012/13.

§7. Prof Mathias Gautel presented the activities of the JMRCM.

§8. No other issues were raised.

§9. The plans for the annual meeting in Salzburg, Austria 2014 were presented by Dr. Stefan Galler. The assembly decided to ask Dr. Jolanta Redowicz to organize the 2015 meeting in Warsaw.

The Assembly was closed.

Prof Steven Marston



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