



AFL Europe

2017 General Assembly Meeting (GAM) Minutes Bordeaux, France

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Meeting open 10:10am

Attendees:

- Oliver Howard – OH - (AFL Europe)
- Andrew Hughes – AH - (AFL)
- Ryan Davey – RD* - (AFL Europe)
- Ben Durance – BD - (AFL Europe)
- Lily Beck – LB - (AFL Europe)
- Greg Hutton – GH - (AFL Europe)
- Josip Kravar – JK - (AFL Europe & Croatia)
- Ivan Molnar – IM - (Croatia)
- Mickel van Eijk – MvE - (Netherlands)
- Maurice Verbakel – MV - (Netherlands)
- Jonas Loven – JL - (Sweden)
- Ryan Davidsson – RD - (Sweden)
- Slava Belov – SB - (Russia)
- Thomas Urban – TU - (France)
- Berengere Portal – BP - (France)
- Brian Currane – BC - (Ireland)
- Stefan Burgener – SB* - (Switzerland)
- Kirsty Gray – KG - (Scotland)
- Katrina Stopinski – KS - (Umpires)
- Lisa Wilson – LW - (AFL Europe & England)
- Laura Turner-Ramadan – LTR - (England)
- Danni Saulter – DS - (England)
- Pat Leavy – PL - (Ireland)
- John Enright – JE - (Umpires)
- Michael Currane – MC - (Ireland)
- Ciaran O’Hara – COH - (AFL Europe & Ireland)

1. Introductions/Welcomes/Apologies

Oliver Howard (OH): Welcome to the 2017 General Assembly meeting. Thank you all for attending, and a particular thank you to Thomas Urban and the CNFA for organising a wonderful Euro Cup yesterday. I would also like to thank the AFL Europe team (Ryan, Ben and Lily) for this tireless work on Euro Cup and throughout the past 12 months. Unfortunately, fellow Commissioner Chris Dow is unable to attend the General Assembly, and Commissioners Morten Merhoj and Heidi Shakespear are stepping down from the Commission so are also apologies today.

OH: Introductions around the room. Confirm that quorum for the General Assembly is met.

2. Appointment of Chair and Secretary for General Assembly

OH: Oliver Howard nominated as Chair of General Assembly, moved by Ciaran O’Hara and Mike Currane seconded

OH: Ben Durance nominated as Secretary for the General Assembly, moved by Ciaran O'Hara and Mike Currane seconded

3. Ratification of 2016 General Assembly Minutes

OH: GAM Minutes for 2016 moved by Ciaran O'Hara, seconded by Mickel van Eijk

4. Chairman Report (all Oliver Howard)

I am delighted to deliver this Chairman's report – it's been an amazing 12 months for AFL Europe.

We are in a very different position to this time last year, and first and foremost I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank AFL Europe team – Ryan, Ben and Lily – for the tireless work they have done this year. They have rolled their sleeves up and steadied the ship, and sure you can all agree that it's been an incredibly successful year.

As the governing body for Australian Football in Europe, 2017 has seen us **refocus on serving the community**. I am proud that we have been able to withdraw membership fees, lower event registration and increase community contact and courses. As an example, the umpiring and coaching courses being delivered across Europe will have a huge ripple effect on the growth of footy throughout this region.

This past year has been very busy and a magnificent success for the AFL's Game Development both domestically and internationally. International growth of AFL with the first ever game for points played in China and partnerships between AFL clubs and India. The launch of AFLW and AFLX. These initiatives can only bode well for the continued international expansion – one day into Europe.

We now have over 6,000 players (men and women) and 2,500 kids engaged in 21 European countries. We are proud to help local leagues form, strengthen and grow.

In addition, the Elite Talent Identification Program continues to uncover European talent and last year was attended by a French player so is becoming a talent searching ground for players from across the continent.

In 2017 AFL Europe has hosted events in:

- Ireland (Fitzpatrick Cup attended by 11 University teams),
- the Netherlands (Champions League attended by 24 teams that won their local country league),
- the Western Front in France (ANZAC Cup at Villers-Bretonneux between the French men's and women's national teams and the Spirit of Australia teams),
- London (Canada tour of London)
- Bordeaux (over 20 teams to the annual Euro Cup being held this year in Bordeaux, France).

2017 was a very special year on the AFL Europe calendar as we sent 5 men's teams and 3 women's teams to the International Cup held in Melbourne, and the Irish women and Croatian men both returned victors of their divisions.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support from the AFL, our outstanding volunteers across Europe and the continued support from our AFL Europe partners and sponsors Philippine Airlines, O'Neills Irish International Sports Company, anzuk Education, PSS International Removals, The Down Under Centre, South Australia Government and Swisse Wellness. Thank you all - your efforts and support are greatly appreciated.

5. AFL Europe Commission resignations and nominations

OH: Explanation of the structure of AFL Europe Commission:

- 7 Commission members total;
- 1 Chairman;
- 3 Chairman appointed roles, re-appointed every two years; and
- 3 Community elected roles, elected at the General Assembly every two years.

OH: Community elected roles are up for election every odd year, so the community will vote for their representatives today.

OH: Broader issues of membership structure will be discussed later in this meeting as a topic.

OH: Heidi Shakespeare, one of the appointed representatives has voluntarily decided step down from her role due to work and family commitments. Heidi has breathed new life into the Commission and been an important part of establishing our identity as an organisation which is helping with sponsorship and commercialisation opportunities. I would like to formally thank her for everything that she has contributed to AFL Europe. Tom Rischbieth has been appointed to take Heidi's place on the Commission for the remainder of her term. We are very lucky to have Tom's commitment – in addition to a period on Port Adelaide's AFL list, he is a trained lawyer who now works for a Sports Rights Management and has been heavily involved in AFL Europe events for the past 4 years. Welcome Tom.

OH: Ciaran O'Hara has served the maximum three terms and so steps down. I can't thank Ciaran enough for the support and guidance he has provided over many years – Ciaran will be sorely missed.

OH: Morten Merholj has decided to step down this term. Morten has been amazing to grow the game in Denmark, and in the northern European region. Unfortunately for us Morten is incredibly busy with a new family and working as a doctor. We wish you all the best.

OH: Josip Kravar (Croatia) will be standing again. We are also lucky to have applications from Thomas Urban (France), Ryan Tucker (Sweden) and Michael Currane (Ireland) standing for the three community-elected commission positions.

Ciaran O'Hara (COH): Chance to pitch for community commission members.

Thomas Urban (TU): Thanks for coming to Bordeaux. I have over 10 years' experience in Aussie rules, Master's degree in Sports Management, previously President of CNFA, spent time in Australia playing and experiencing IC, currently working with Leo Lagrange who work with the development of the game here in France. Still working in the development of the game in umpiring and coaching the French women's national team. Want to work closely to achieve national governing bodies in their region. Many years in AFL Europe and want to pass on my knowledge to help the community and for this and many others would like to apply for the role.

Michael Currane (MC): Involved with ARFLI since day 1 (20 years). In 1999 started the first club in Ireland. Contributed to growing the league to 6 teams. Created the first umbrella group for footy in Europe and involved in the Atlantic Alliance between USA and Canada. Attended 3 ICs, attended forums with the AFL and AFL Europe. Involved as team manager for both men's and women's Irish sides. Feel my experience over time puts me in a great position for the role

OH: Ryan Tucker from Sweden will put up a presentation he created. (Video plays)

Ryan Davidsson (RD): Ryan Tucker has done great work on the Footy Web Sports TG in Sweden and is expanding to the other Northern Regions

Lisa Wilson (LW): Is it licensed?

Andrew Hughes (AH): It's free, we pay on behalf of the footy community.

RD: Ryan Tucker was previously involved in Rugby but since Sweden has devoted everything to footy in the region and started from the bottom and has developed so much.

Josip Kravar (JK): CEAFL involvement for growth of game in this region. Worked last few years in AFL Europe with a specific focus in the CEAFL and Croatia starting with a small step and then growing. I believe with three members working in regions

OH: We will now proceed to the secret ballot for the 3 roles with the 4 candidates. Full Members are eligible to vote.

*** Vote takes place, and is collected by Lily Beck (LB) ***

6. Western Europe Community Committee

OH: Instead of doing country reports individually we'll be doing the regional reports by the Chair of each regional sub-committee as they were set-up at the GAM in 2016.

COH: Introduced the committee set-ups but with IC made it difficult after a great start early on. Voting rights were discussed (Who is a full-member? Who is an associate?). Strength differs greatly amongst the western community. What our committee came back to was that everyone wants representations. Other recommendation was the re-introduction of the pan-European teams the Titans and Legion. France very strong, Britain strongest competition in the region. Number of teams from region represented at IC. Best placing for Britain in an IC. Toughest women's game at IC was between Ireland and GB. Size of events is becoming a problem. Sheer popularity is causing an issue with hosting. Do we potentially divisionalise our competitions? All these things up for discussion.

7. Central Europe Community Committee

JK: Czech Republic, Italy, Croatia and Austria but no response from Germany via email. See if Germany wants to be in Western region.

Slava Belov (SB): Our main footy is happening in St Petersburg. Our main footy is in Northern Community so would be great to be a part of this region. Estonia is our next place for competition. Close to Helsinki, Tallin and St Petersburg. We want to welcome everyone to St Petersburg and we want to build up more communication even create a Baltic Cup if possible? It costs us 3 times more to travel to events than other communities I believe.

SB: Czech Republic team filled with other players from other countries. Why is this possible?

OH: To address Slava we will be discussing eligibility criteria later in the meeting if that's ok?

JK: Started CEAFL to include countries with 1 team so they can play footy otherwise they fall apart. Tournament in each region. Clubs are going forward with the goal going forward to found a new club in both Austria and in Italy. Austria wants to merge with a rugby club. Italy has a good start to found a club in Rome.

8. Northern Europe Community Committee

RD: Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Netherlands. Nordic women's league very successful, SAFF league 4 teams (condensed their league to consolidate teams), Finland feel a bit left out and better communication. Iceland hosted a team. Norrtälje and Port Malmö at Champions League. Danish League 7 team league. Lot of locals involved. Women's side is about the away trips as there is interest from around Europe but can only afford 2 trips per year. If anyone wants to come to Malmö always welcome.

SB: Moscow and St Petersburg have 4 rounds. This year started AFL St Petersburg, two teams from the one club. Baltic Cup held this year.

Micka van Eijk (MvE): Participation in the Netherlands was about the same as last year. Champions League was a great success and can't wait to organise that again next year. Mini-League to increase participation. Draft system and included 2 more rounds this year. More involved now and some new trying the sport. Mixed game for the first time and an introduction to the sport.

Maurice Verbakel (MV): Introduction of a women's team is our goal.

JK: Why is Denmark not represented here?

COH: Cultural issue. If they can't afford it, they don't come. If domestic league needs more attention than they don't come.

MV: Will we keep the regional structure?

OH: I think we should keep it. Whoever is leading the committee is taking a strong role actioning the idea. It takes one person to be a driving force in the committee.

MV: Steve Dillion pushed for meetings, but nothing came up.

RD: Unlucky with the personal circumstances for Morten which didn't help the Northern Community Committee.

OH: We will put it on our agenda from AFL Europe to push along every 3 months as we don't want this to separate.

LW: Do the heads of these committees need to meet to ensure transparency and transfer of information following their regional meetings/discussions?

Ryan Davey (RD*): Given Germany have such a strong competition, is it a case of who they can help best?

COH: They are very self-sufficient, and it was a great step for them joining AFL Europe as a committee. Need to understand each country's idiosyncrasy.

OH: I think there are still obligations to help other countries as apart of AFL Europe.

TU: Can we combine the umpiring managers into these committees?

COH: We need to govern football in the continent regardless of whether they wish to contribute to committees or not. They attend all events and grow the game of footy.

COH: We need to work with each culture and each country regardless.

OH: Committees will meet soon after this meeting as will the creation of the committees. Aligning an umpire into each committee. AFL Europe will keep the wheels moving for these committees every 3 months.

9. Female Football

OH: Huge boom in women's footy. AFLW launched this year – what a huge success, especially for the Crows as first premiers. 8 teams this year, 2 added next year (North and Cats) and then 4 added in 2020. Huge opportunity for European talent to find pathways to AFL.

LW: 2 new teams at IC. 3 teams overall with Ireland winning. GB started 18 months prior to IC and we beat USA. Crusaders very savvy with how they got over to IC. Goal to have other teams attend in 3 years. 1 new team from Wales (combined with Denmark). Next Euro Cup hopefully German women's attending. I'll be moving to Germany in 6 weeks so will hopefully help with the communication. Women reaching out to me from all over Europe. Hopefully looking at 10 teams at Euro Cup in the future. Women attending heaps of tournaments around Europe. How have we been working as women's development? Facebook group with all the key leaders in the group. London teams always looking to travel. Keep inviting them. Post in the women's group with events to get teams to play. Creating some resources to circulate, taster session notes. Laura Turner-Ramadan doing lots of work up in the North of England. People going to rugby clubs to do taster sessions. Gap between AFLW and AFL Europe isn't that big at the moment. GB girl had a trial with GWS Giants. Awaiting to hear the results.

OH: 6 new women's teams by 2020.

LW: We want to bridge the gap and looking at running our own combine in England. Number of coaches coming through the ranks doing a number of courses.

Laura Turner-Ramadan (LTR): Number of girls did the course at IC.

LW: It is a matter of fact that where women go men will follow!

COH: On talent with AFLW, Tagh and Kevin Sheehan getting back to how we can get back to AFL Europe.

AH: Some chat about how we can get the international rookies. Significant challenges in terms of costs. Funding is a real challenge.

COH: Give us the data and we can make the case. To convince that someone from outside an elite environment they need to have something special.

10. Junior Update (Lisa Wilson on behalf of Ian Mitchell)

LW: Very little contact from people. Heard from Scotland and a group in Norway. Needs people to reach out and work into their communities. 15 packs to reach 3000 kids in the UK. Under 16s Scotland vs England game in the works. Juniors from Australia coming to the play international rules and stopping in London. Clapham Cubs in London up and running for 2 years (3-15yrs old). Build clubs up from junior bases. Ryan Davey hoping to start a program in London to be replicated in Europe hopefully. 2 players under the age of 18 played for Scotland yesterday. Summer Camps from Netherlands we gave a clinic for 70 kids this year (4-11).

MV: one of the goals in the future.

MvE: Hopefully do 2 next year.

11. European Talent Programs

COH: Push to create community pathways available to all in Europe, not just Ireland. If you have someone on in your area, send test results. There are 2 Irish boys at this year's talent combine in Australia and had good results. More opportunities in AFLW but we need to be realistic. Pay gap etc as its in it's infancy. Send us that X-Factor data for any potential talent.

JK: We have huge potential in Croatia but huge difficulty with the other sports as it is an amateur program.

COH: Potential for scholarship ideas but still need for data which really is not that hard to put together.

RD*: I've got a template and can show if you have anyone in mind.

12. Umpiring Update

Katrina Stopinski (KS): I've only been in London for 6 months. Head Coach of the London Umpires. Attended the Champions League and Euro Cup. I've implemented some training sessions and online forums. With some great feedback. Now with some time I'd like to work with Ryan Davey and John Enright to develop the best practice for umpiring throughout Europe. Accrediting umpires is a real important focus.

AH: Structure for accreditation for umpires a little different to coaching. Quite easy to get an online and be assessed by an assessor.

RD*: A lot of time to become umpires need to reduce the barriers to umpires. We want to simplify the process to become an umpire. There was great culture within the umpiring group this year – great numbers at events.

LW: And three European umpires to the International Cup.

13. 2017 Events Review

RD*: Busy year:

- Fitzpatrick Cup, 4th, UCC, Cork, Ireland, 11 teams (8 men's, 3 women's), first women's competition, RD*: Champions League, 1st April, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 24 teams (19 men's, 5 women's), largest participation ever.
- ANZAC Cup, 23rd-25th April, Villers-Bretonneux, France, media stories listed on the front page of AFL website.
- Centenary Commemoration Match, 6th May, London, UK, commemorating 100th Anniversary of a football match played at the Queen's Club in 1916.
- London Footy Carnival, 19th-21st May, London, UK, 8 teams. Hosted AFL Canada.
- IC, 5th-21st August, Melbourne, Australia, 8 teams. Banshees and Knights Champions of their divisions.
- Euro Cup, 7th October, Bordeaux, France, 21 teams.
- Talent Combine, 30th-2nd December, Dublin, Ireland

RD*: The dates for the early 2018 events are as follows: Fitzpatrick Cup: Saturday 3rd February, Champions League: Saturday 7th April, ANZAC Cup: Wednesday 25th April.

OH: We now want to vote on the locations for 2018 and 2019.

JK: Regarding the European Championships, there are not enough countries to compete as the cost is high and players not available.

COH: Removing barriers to entry. It is a 10-day commitment. Can it be a 3-4 day? For Ireland to come to European Championships is around 1500euro. Half of IC cost. What is the incentive? Do European Championships act as a qualifier for International Cup? Replicated IC format for Euro Championships. We take the IC11 model. Lightening carnival first day and finals second day over a 4-day period

LW: Instead of Euro cup why do we not have a just one European Championships?

SB: What are the strategic goals of the Euro Cup and European Championships?

RD: Why is 18-a-side footy the goal?

COH: Umpires will not be able to facilitate nor a venue.

Kirsty Gray (KG): not having Euro Cup would be backward step for us.

OH: We always want Euro Cup.

AH: Reducing timeframe will get you the result of increasing participation.

Brian Currane (BC): Costs aside. Would enough teams have the players?

COH: Rankings for IC would be an incentive.

AH: Divisions would be hard to determine for the next IC regardless.

COH: This hinders our plans to organise.

OH: Different needs for different countries. Who thinks it should be played at a combined tournament in an ideal world? (Everyone)

RD: If we only do championship every three years then miss out on the Euro Cup?

TU: Has there been any discussion for the International Cup to be every four 4 years?

COH: The pinnacle point in the calendar we have no influence in the format, when, how why? We are the key drivers without influence?

OH: Expression of interest for European Championships to be circulated and taken offline by the Events Committee and discussed the format with the relevant parties. We will get these discussions going within 3 months.

15. Euro Cup Venue Selection

OH: Euro Cup 2018 application for Berlin, Germany.

Everyone agrees for Berlin, Germany in 2018.

OH: Euro Cup 2019 application from Sweden. For Norrtalje in 2019. To be discussed at the Events Committee depending on European Championships.

16. Financial and Commercial Update

OH: 2016 was a very tough financial year for AFL Europe, and I couldn't be prouder of what Ryan and the team have been able to achieve with a limited budget. Thank you.

Financial statements passed out.

Greg Hutton (GH): Circulated draft financial statements until April 2017. Events for community to breakeven. Our absolute goals are to breakeven for the community to reduce player registration costs. Geo-Advertising still a driving force for commercial. Philippine Airlines as our Airline Partner and continue to get going forward and hopefully get some deals for IC participants in the future. Expenses on page 7 – big reduction in expenses in 2017. Thankful for the management of the budget in 2017 and structuring to go forward.

OH: Footy as a focus to the community, but commercial endeavours are important for us as an organisation. Any commercial revenue generated by AFL Europe is used to improve our support of the community and growth of footy in Europe.

COH: Great work to Greg on the clean-up work over the past few years.

17. Ratification of Affiliate Members

OH: Our membership structures are outdated, and will be discussed shortly, but let's continue with the ratification of Affiliate Members as required by our Articles of Association.

- Austria - Ireland and France (moved and seconded)
- Czech Republic – Netherlands and Ireland (moved and seconded)
- Norway – Ireland and France (moved and seconded)
- Portugal – Ireland and Sweden (moved and seconded)
- Russia – Netherlands and Ireland (moved and seconded)
- Wales – England and Scotland (moved and seconded)
- Peace Team - England and Ireland (moved and seconded)

18. Articles of Association review

OH: Affiliates this year but will look at the whole membership structure and propose this at the GAM in 2018. Josip with a change of articles as proposed in the 2016 GAM.

JK: Proposal for the article of association with a small working party. Full members, affiliate members. Still in discussions to the structures in the articles. We will not present until we have final solutions and proposals. It has been a busy year with IC and took a back burner.

JK: Chairman to bring CV's of appointee Commission members to the GAM to present to the community for transparency.

OH: Agreed.

19. Eligibility for AFL Europe events

RD*: Open the floor to discuss the eligibility of players at Euro Cup and any other AFL Europe tournament.

COH: Completely connected to integrity. Communication. There was a document agreed in 2010. No Australian's to play unless the country is in 1st year. Need to communicate better if exemptions are given to pass around to all competing teams.

MvE: FootyWeb would help significantly.

BD: We will use IC17 eligibility and communicate in lead up to tournament to advise the community of any exemptions granted.

20. AFL International Strategy

AH: Generally, key metrics – broadcast, attendance, participation (women), membership, AFLW 1st match, Kids strategy, China match, AFLX, IC17 biggest ever – thanks to everyone for their efforts

- International strategy.... 6 key focus areas:
 - 1) Participation – playing (130k → 160k, coaching (change will make it easier) and umpiring (online)...junior dev important (volunteers / schools)
 - 2) Talent – Ireland combine (USA & NZ)
 - 3) Broadcast and Digital – Watch AFL, broadcast deals (consumption)
 - 4) Matches and events – China, NZ, India... AFLX
 - 5) Partnerships – AFL Clubs, Government, Commercial (outside revenue)
 - 6) Governance – strong board and reporting lines etc.
- AFLX: Smaller rectangular field, 7 on the field, 3 on the bench. High scoring, free flowing, maintain the key aspects of the game (contested - tackling, high marking). IRS in Perth in November. Week 1 of JLT in Feb '18. End of 2018 overseas – exhibit elite version to encourage consumption in traditional game
- WGB: Research project under way. Process to do so is quite lengthy. Benefits of doing so provides recognition as a sport and access to funding.
- IC: Significant investment to encourage local player development. Currently reviewing IC17 to consider how it can be improved in the future. Understand the importance of IC for the development of footy around the world.

AH: Priority for AFL Europe are to service community / stakeholders (events, coach education, coordination and sharing of ideas and resources), build exposure/interest (playing, watching, following, fans), partnerships (AFL clubs, commercial). AFL key investment in Europe is in HR (Ryan, Ben, Lily) to support the European community. We speak regularly with Ryan, Ollie and others on the board. Feed through ideas to Ryan / Ollie and the board.

SB: Does AFLX meet the strategy? We want to play 18-a-side?

AH: Is more a branding and exposure exercise.

LTR: Will there be women's AFLX?

AH: There have been discussions but in early stages.

SB: This is the first I've heard of strategy? All we do should refer back to this strategy? Documents and reports would really help for everyone.

AH: We can't dictate from AFL House to people Europe.

OH: We will obtain the 6 pillar international strategy from AFL and share with the community.

COH: Dialogue should be a pillar. It is one-way communication from the AFL. The participants need to be heard. Participation without representation. World Footy Forum was not held. Policy should be coming from the community. More numbers in Europe than QLD, NSW and NT. We need to be heard. How our primary event will be run (IC)? We need a world governing body for our voice to heard. Forum called off in IC was damaging.

Ivan Molnar (IM): We want to work out how to become World Governing Body.

COH: The recent IC was the most under resourced since 2002 in my opinion.

OH: Use me as the voice of community to start dialogue direct to the AFL. I am always happy to speak on the phone or via email.

TU: Maybe we need to build this governing body together.

JK: We may do this ourselves. Talk to America and Asia.

COH: We need to confirm from the AFL Commission that if wants to recognise AFL as a sport if they want to take it seriously or not.

SB: We take your broad strategy and include our operational activities we will then see what we need.

COH: Our intention to not split with the AFL. We want to work the AFL to get this together.

MV: Max Bailey on summer tour. We would love more players to come and do tours and go to clubs.

OH: We can look to build that through the club and AFL connections we've got.

21. Auditors for Financial Reports

OH: Chartered Accountants, AC Partners proposed as auditors for 2017, moved by Pat Leavy and seconded by Greg Hutton

22. Community Commission Members Elections

OH: Votes for the Community Commission Members have been collected and tallied. The commission members voted by you to represent the community on the AFL Europe Commission are Josip Kravar (Croatia), Mike Currane (Ireland) and Ryan Tucker (Sweden). Thank you all – I look forward to working closely together to grow footy across the Continent.

OH: Thank you for Thomas Urban as well for the great application.

Meeting closed: 1:34pm

Minutes signed off by:

SECRETARY of the Annual General Assembly

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Signature:



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