

The first General assembly of club year 2016-2017

14 – 9 – 2016: 14:39.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH) van Strien (GA-CH) (GA-Ch): The quorum is 15% of the members. The Secretary of Fortuna will announce shortly if we have reached this quorum, otherwise the GA will be disbanded¹.

Mariam(FSc): We have reached 158 votes in the room.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH) van Strien (GA-CH): the minimum quorum is 90 votes, so we have reached the quorum.

Mariam (FSc): This is the first general assembly of this academic year. We will be deciding on the budget

Joost Thuis: Could you explain vote by acclamation?

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH) van Strien (GA-CH): we ask if anyone is against, if nobody is against the motion is accepted.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): we vote by acclamation on the adoption of the presidium.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): Nobody raised their hand, the presidium has been accepted.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): Anyone volunteers to become a teller

Floris Holstege (GASc): Say your name clearly before you say anything.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): We will cut you off if you talk to long

Chris (FCh): Is it important that everyone votes?

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): Yes, it is very important otherwise the vote is void.

Kevin: Somebody already left.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): that means we need to have 157 votes.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): let's move on to approval of the agenda. Are there any objections?

The agenda has been accepted [By Acclamation]

¹ Technically the GA has not started at this point.

Chris: We mailed a lot of documents to you. We have an updated version of the budget since we sent out the budget. There have been some clerical errors taken out and we found some extra money, but no changes to how much money will be going to the committees.

Chris: I will give an introduction to Fortuna. You pay a 50,- fee to Fortuna, and with that the Fortuna board pays committees, teams and commissions that serve LUC.

Commissions are temporary. The annual budget is concerned with committees. The rules we need to follow are Dutch law, the rules of procedure, and the articles of association. The main thing to keep in mind is that the rules of procedure are much easier to change than the articles of association. We would have to pay a significant amount of money to change the Articles of Association.

Finally, we need to have at least three General assemblies each year. This GA is concerned with the approval of the budget and the changes to the rules of procedure. We have a lot more committees and money to spend on committees than the year before. We therefore will also have lots more activities than last year. I am responsible for the board, and together we run Fortuna.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): let's move on to the adoption of the last GA minutes. This will be a vote by acclamation

Julia Burger: Could you explain this?

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): we need to accept the minutes; the minutes state what has been said in the last GA. We need to have consensus on what has been said and what has been decided upon

Minutes are accepted by acclamation

Moving on to next agenda point: the annual report

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): Joost will now explain and justify the annual report of 2015-2016

Joost: in this report we explain what we did last year and review our actions. We celebrated our Lustrum last year. It contains key statistics and piece of work I have written about the functioning of committees. It concludes with some remarks about communication. We also have some suggestions for the workload of the board and the budget. We got a liability insurance last year, which will potentially save us a lot of money in the future. We also made some changes to the Rules of procedure, but we will make some more changes this GA later. We added an article on association property. It also includes some remarks of the legal commission.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): Vote by acclamation on the annual report

Annual report accepted [By Acclamation]

Joost: I was also in the legal commission. We made a number of changes to the rules of procedure. Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH) will elaborate

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): we did an investigation into last years election, which was narrowly in line with Dutch law. We have amended the rules of procedure to install the electoral commission to solve this, as well as solve several internal inconsistencies.

Joost: format and cleared up (add later)

Kevin: what was wrong?

Joost Thuis: internal inconsistencies and loophole (add later)

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): Recommend to look into the changes.

Floris: comment on dutch law and nuance

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): clarification, we cannot propose changes, so we need to be discharged first and then the amendments are on our name.

Danilo: is this the moment to discuss minor changes to the RoP?

Floris: we can only discuss changes to RoP after amendments and after dischargement of the legal commission

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): vote by acclamation on discharging Legal commission

Legal commission is discharged

Olivia: I am presenting the financial report but did not make it, the old treasurer is in Canada. I will go over the big figures. There was some cash that reappeared, so our starting budget is more close to 6000. We made a loan to Coasters of 1000 euros, and also received money back from LUC wellbeing week.

This was sent out to you last week, if you have any questions this is the time to ask.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): Are there any questions? No, lets move on to vote by acclamation

Financial report has been accepted.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): we call forward the audit commission

Gijs: As explained the audit commission looks at Fortuna's finances of the past year. Will read its task out right now. Members were Kristina, Gijs, Simon Toussaint, cooperation with Sophie Auton. We sent out invoices and checked the financial documents. Overall, the financial status is in order (check)

- 1) Legal requirements relevant need to be considered
- 2) Money was directed to reserves
- 3) Checking all the finances at the end of the year is suboptimal

We recommend to make the audit commission permanent to keep an constant check on Fortuna. We congratulate Sophie Auton on an excellent year and wish her successor the best of luck.

Joost: Any suggestions on how to make the audit commission permanent?

Gijs: I am willing to be part of the permanent commission, but it's a matter of the GA to vote on.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): Started writing a motion with regards to the permanency of the Audit Commission; but this motion never materialised (i.e. was put to a vote during this General Assembly).

Chris: already have changes for the commission later and include that as part of second GA

Next point on the Agenda: Annual Report of the Fortuna Board (2015-2016)

Joost Thuis: I am representing the board of 2015-2016. I wish the current board good luck. Luckily I am still the chair of the Advisory Board, so I still get to see all of you. I hand over responsibility now over to Chris van Eijk.

Fortuna board is discharged [By Acclamation]

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): we move on to the annual budget.

Olivia: the part you have been waiting for! It is slightly different since we found some money that was made from the lustrum. We also received an reimbursement for wellbeing week. If there are any questions feel free to ask. There is a slight change in assets because we took the loan to Leiden University College bar into account.

Joost: will any effort be made to get some of this money back?

Chris: Coasters is expanding a.i coffee and tea, we will see how Coasters progresses and decide at the end of the year if we want to take action

Kevin: do you mean academic year or calendar year

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): academic year as defined in the RoP

Olivia: Net income increased because of certain sales, for example shirts.

Danilo: why is lustrum money not included in income

Olivia: because it was from last year

Merlijn: we didn't take the money made from selling tickets into account.

Sonja: there was no category for financial buffer, why was this category added?

Olivia: we have to pass on at least 10% of our budget to the next board.

Joost: clarification, we actually had a buffer last year at the very end, since we only got our subscription fee only halfway throughout the year. The buffer ensures that the board does not have fulfil its tasks without any money for half a year.

Olivia: we will leave at least 8000 to the next board

Joost Thuis: The advice is to leave out 2000 on top of the already existing buffer every year to save up for the budget.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): Could you explain the small amendments made before the GA started?

Olivia: Miscalculated sweatshirt sales, reimbursement and money found

Olivia outlines the amendments due to a miscount in Sweatshirt sales, Reimbursements and an additional amount of money that was found. Additional details are available upon request by (a) member(s).

Merlijn: I would like to announce that the auditorium is breaking down, but it will sustain itself for this GA.

Olivia: will slow scroll through the committee budget

Floris Holstege: How will Fortuna debating sustain an debating tournament of just 200 euros?

Kristina: people will pay and tournament will get sponsoring

Joost: Can you justify the spending on the slumber party?

Olivia: Ludens is great since they spent a large part of their budget. The slumber party requires this money to pay for free food.

Chris: Ask specific questions instead of constantly just testing Olivia.

Olivia: Any other questions?

Joost Thuis: It is about board money being spent on printing, this year its higher, is it because of a change in provider? Printing is rather essential, so we are willing to pay a bit more, since it affects almost all students.

Kevin: We had an event were nobody communicated to us that it was possible to discharge an expenditure of Medlife event printing at Fortuna?

Olivia: Not sure what was the amount?

Merlijn: 30 Euros

Olivia: Will discuss later

Ilyaas: The system Fortuna adopts in its stance towards Sportsco is inherently flawed. There is no incentive to gain more people, since that means we get less money. That creates perverse incentives (illustration football).

Olivia: how much per member?

Darian: members pay 40,- euros

Chris: we should meet about this

Ilyaas: asked about meeting but you didn't have time

Thijn: We as a sportsboard clarify, we also do it based on costs per participant per sport, you can share the infrastructure over more people so that's why costs are less, also we want to make all of them accessible, not necessarily cheap, therefore we think that sports with lots of contributing members need less

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): Order

Darian: Its very sad, a lot of talented players can't afford the 40 euros, I do not know what to do about that. I suggest we cut half the team and receive more money. Volleyball receives so much more despite

Ilyaas: concerns should have been noted, but the entire system is flawed, its not just football. It gets being put on the sideline, not just being noted

Rik: If you have concerns this is not the best place, we could have talked about it if you approached me or Thijn. We want to make all sports available for everyone. We should also not charge the female players more because they are with less than the male players.

Olivia: we can take care of the people who cannot pay. This point is too big so we will move on.

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): time constraints mean we need to move forward.

Olivia: Sports committee has been the committee we spent the most on last year

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): concerns can also be brought to the Advisory board.

Joost Thuis: its an internal problem for this committee, you cannot discuss it in the GA but should send a complain to the advisory board, but we should not get too hung up?

Floris-René van Strien (GA-CH): you can also bring up the advisory board appeal to your complain up in the GA.

Joost Thuis: LUC was suggested to pay a bit more for its sports, Fortuna now pays for most of it, is this an issue you will pick up?

Chris: we have talked about this proposal, they seemed enthusiastic and we will write a more advanced proposal to further the issue.

Moving forward: The GA expresses a wish to vote on the matter and then proceed to the next topic.

Ilyas: I don't want to vote by acclamation

Chris: can we also go over the office budget real quick because I want to clarify something.

Merlijn: we can adjust the budget, even though it is largely final. If you approve, this is not definitive but fluid in many areas.

Chris : If we freeze a part of the budget, it takes another GA to unfreeze it, this means that the football team will not receive money until February.

Olivia: I want to emphasize that we can take care of the 40 euros that some members can't pay. We can have a serious discussion about this and have money available.

Julia Burger: Its been said that it is not really final, but can still allocations be made to what can be received by commissions?

Olivia: We can add more to a certain extent

Joost Thuis: we have another fund for this, you only need to send in an budget proposal. This budget is final until the budget review.

Chris: we redesigned the office budget. I understand the printing budget seems very high, because we bought an office printer last year, which means we get almost free printing all year. We might run out of paper, we do not know when exactly. It will need to be refilled at some point this year maybe, for which we have allocated money, which is why it seems so high.

Move on to voting on the annual budget, we will vote by acclamation. Vote passes

Joris Broeders is added as a praesidium secretary, with shared responsibilities together with floris Holstege for the completion of the minutes. [By Acclamation]

Chris van Eijk introduces the year plan:

Priorities and activities therein:

- - Efforts have been made to make student life easier; not different, but better than last year. There have been some events; such as LGBT+ and Act Aware. The Board is trying to be more vocal and visible in the community
- - The Fortuna board is getting insurance on their property.
- - The Fortuna board is strengthening its interaction with staff, including more meetings
- - Stronger focus on USCSRN; getting ready for the GA.
- - Student life will be made easier; they want to work with restaurants, activities; a gym-membership deal was worked out (*Applause*). There is also an online bookstore.
- - Working on creating/establishing a party place (hoenter and hop in the Grote markt).
- - Working on sponsorship; 2 directions:
 - Well-being week; working to get sponsorship for that
 - After the official closing, there is a sponsorship deadline closing (applying for the team).
 - Also work on the Winter Gala (currently 300 Allocated) à Make it bigger through the use of sponsorship.
- Fortuna is also increasing its income from sales
- Real focus on Budget meetings; including having 22 hours in total of them
- The Fortuna Board is open to feedback and wants to be accessible.
- Year Plan is subject to possible modification.

Questions on this topic:

- Joost Thuis: You said something about the furniture of the first floor?
 - o A: A number of people from the Bar's Board had a meeting with the college about ordering furniture. The furniture was ordered very quickly; Any furniture that is ordered has to be checked for relative cheapness by someone. This would mean having to go through every single item.
 - o If Fortuna orders it, it is different.
- Q: If the FB orders and insures the furniture; would LUC sponsor it?
 - o A: They would have to check the costs.
- Q: Joost Thuis: The Furniture would technically belong to us? à How will the 4k that the college would pay to us? Chris: It should be a zero-sum check. The expenditures should be covered by the college and as such, it would cancel out.

The GA moves on to the next topic: Proposed changes to the ROP

- Floris Holstege introduces the point: They want to vote on all the proposed changes unilaterally. The proposed changes do three things:
 - 1. Solve internal contradictions
 - 2. Clarify the rules
 - 3. Adding significant amounts to the Electoral Commission.

Questions: Ilyaas Shirali: Why has Modified Borda been changed to Alternative Vote.

Modified borda is ranking the candidates according to a point system.

AV: Works with the same ranking. AV Then looks at whether a majority has been reached. If not, the system looks at the person with the fewest votes.

Problems with Modified Borda:

- * Someone could win with nothing but second preferences →
- A further clarification of the tradeoff and decision will be posted to LUC Central

Under Alternative Vote first preferences matters more.

Kevin de Wit: Point of Clarification → Why is the phrasing in terms of suggesting the voting method?;

Lotte Elferink: Was in the EC last year, and states that it was already very difficult to count using modified borda.

Floris Holstege: there are a number of votes → There are a number of changes. That makes the voting better.

Any other questions

Danilo Bartazzo; There is a typo in the article about honorary membership

The GA decides that the grammar will be fixed in the glossary definitions. **[By Acclamation]**

Chris van Eijk: Is Chapter 10 in the table of contents? → yes.

Danilo: There is a formatting issue with 9?

FLC: This comment is about clearer formatting.

Motion to scroll through the amendments: **[By acclamation]**

Assumed majority didn't materialise → vote by Acclamation failed.

The GA votes on the adoption of the proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure (Proposed by the FLC):

Favour: 42

Neutral: 34

Against: 71

Abstain: 6

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Vote didn't add up, revote is necessary. The GA attempts to reorganise itself.

Joost Thuis: would like to give another clarification: it is useful to read the documents beforehand.

Clarification: there is also a limit on the amount of authorisations in the Articles of Association (next to the (proposed) rule in the Rules of Procedure).

Kevin de Wit: The limit is 10 authorisations on top of your own.

Danilo Paolo Bartazzo: It states that there is a Fortuna Board member in the Electoral Commission → How does this work with non-interference?

Joost Thuis: We wanted a member; that is also someone who is a member.

- Floris Holstege à If the board of Fortuna is trying to influence the Electoral Commission; this will not work
- Joost Clarifies that this is not the intention of the proposed change.

Danilo Bartazzo: How is the third member decided?

FLC: By the Fortuna Board.

Any other questions?

Floris René van Strien: **asks the GA again?**

Are there any questions;

There is one:

Danilo Bartazzo: Can I bring up a question regarding the minutes from three GAs ago?

Joost Thuis: They were actually adopted.

No further questions;

Voting on unilaterally accepting the changes to the ROP:

Favour: 155

Against: 0

Neutral: 7

Abstain: 1

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Dismissal of Praesidium:

The Praesidium Chair and Teller are dismissed [By Acclamation].

The GA considers dismissing the Secretaries, but it is pointed out that the Secretaries stay in function until their minutes are approved. As such:

Secretaries Floris Holstege and Joris Broeders remain in duty until their minutes are approved at a following GA.

[Given the disbandment of the Praesidium, these notes reflect a part of the subsequent process, but should not be considered part of the formal minutes]

[Chris van Eijk: There is a lot to go on; the sponsorship and merchandising committee are going to help sell shirts and also market research.

Questions:

Janine Schiemer: What is the mail for correspondence on this matter?

Chris van Eijck: The FB Secretary mail.

Chris van Eijck: Wants people to be sustainable; so make nice little piles of the voting papers.
And announces that there are drinks at the Coasters now.

GA is closed: 4:26 PM on Wednesday 14th September.