



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP CYCLING TO SERVE (FCS)
HELD ON FRIDAY 10th OF MAY 2013, SALZBURG, AUSTRIA**

1. Welcome

FCS President Niko Endres welcomes all members present at the Annual General Assembly 2013. A special welcome is addressed to our FCS representative for Australia, Michael Jobe.

In his welcome the president also expressed his appreciation for the devotion and support of the Board Members and National Representatives for the operations of the Fellowship Cycling to Serve. Finally he refers to the rather hash weather conditions on day two of the 4-Days Touring Salzburg, arriving at the conclusion that all participants are real **“heroes”**.

2. Agenda of the meeting

The meeting agenda is presented, proposed and approved without change.

3. Minutes of the Assembly 2012

The minutes of the Assembly held on 18th of May 2012 in Heist op den Berg , Belgium are reviewed and approved, subject to the following change:

The last sentence of paragraph 8 should read : **“Raf Van Rooy”**

4. Review of the events 2012.

4.1 4-Days in Heist op den Berg, Belgium

After some difficult years, we are glad to see a new Belgium FCS team with Raf Van Rooy as National Representative assisted by Paul Heylen and Jan Van Den Brande.

We experienced wonderful days cycling together and have enjoyed beautiful parts of the Belgium countryside.

4.2 28th World Cycling Championships for Rotarians in La Rochelle

We have seen fantastic competition and great champions.

Unfortunately we experienced some problems with the organisation and timing of the races, which has resulted in amendments of the Championship Guidelines and Race Regulations.

Thanks at this point to our former President Jos Kuijper for his input and support for continuously improving guidelines and regulations for our Championships.

Nobody will ever forget the Evening of Friendship with a show of dance and music starting in the Lido de Paris, dancers in Marakesh, Cruise ship Cakes with fireworks and the fine food and drinks.

4.3 Other events to be mentioned.

Thomas Dommermuth’s participation in the Race across America with a unbelievable 5th place in the Team Competition overall.

The 12 hours Indoor Cycling in St. Valentin, Austria, organised by Meinhard Huber, aiming to raise money for a social project in Nigeria was an other local initiative by FCS members. It should mentioned that our friend Peter Lüscher from Switzerland also participated in the event.

5. Future events of the FCS

5.1 29th Rotary World Cycling Championship for Rotarians in Avezano/Italia

The World Championships 2013 will take place in Avezano, Italy, during the weekend 30 August – 1 September 2013. You will find more information on www.cyclingtoserve2013.it.

By organising the World Championships, the Rotary Club of Avezzano will support a humanitarian project in Masango, Burundi.

5.2 4-Days Touring 2014 in Werbellin/Berlin.

After the 2008 event in Brandenburg/Berlin, the offer was made by Uwe Rosenkranz to organise the 4-Days Touring this time in the area of Berlin/Werbellin, together with the Polish Rotary Club of Szczecin. For more info please visit www.cycling2serve.org

5.3 30th Championships Heist op den Berg, Belgium.

The organisation of the Championships 2014 are in the capable hands of our friends from RC Heist op den berg, Belgium. 2014 is “BACK TO THE ROOTS”, where it all begun in Herentals in 1984. They are proud to announce that Eddy Merckx has agreed to act as “godfather” of this event.

5.4 4-Days Touring 2015

There is a plan to go to Italy again. Rotarians in Sicily made a proposal to combine the 4days event with the invitation to spend a week there.

Secretarial Note : This offer needs confirmation, alternative proposals are still welcome.

5.5 Championships 2015

The World Cycling Championships are definitely assigned to RC Nimes, South of France near Toulouse. Rtn. Frederic Moline, incoming Governor is the “Man in Duty” for our Championships 2015.

5.6 Championships beyond 2015

For the years 2016-2017, applications have been suggested by Denmark and Luxembourg.

6. FCS Treasurers report 2012-2013

On behalf of Jaap Nagtegaal, Wolfgang Schulz presented the financial report.

A question was raised about the absence of transfer of membership fees by some countries. National Representatives of these countries have been requested to take the necessary actions. The meeting unanimously accepted the financial report 2012 – 2013.

7. New National representative for Austria

In close cooperation with Gerd Bürger, Meinhard Huber has been proposed as successor of Gerd as National FCS Representative for Austria. The meeting welcomes this decision , wishing Meinhard all possible success and expresses appreciation for Gerd’s support to FCS in the past.

8. FCS presence at the Rotary International Convention Lisbon, June 2013

FCS has decided to accept the invitation to share a booth with the Marathon Fellowship in the Hall of the Fellowships at the RI Convention in Lisbon. Niko Endres will at least be present during the convention.

9. Any Other Business (AOB)

One of the members reported about the serious illness of our friend Bernhard Stallkamp. We all wish Bernhard strength in coping with his sickness.

10. Close out of the meeting

In the absence of further need for discussion, the chairman closed the meeting, thanking all members for their support and confidence.

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Jos Kuijper, 18 May 2013