MALTA PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (ELECTIVE)**
of the
**MALTA PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday 6th June 2025

**TIME:** 6:00 pm

**PLACE:** Teddy Borg Hall, SportMalta Cottonera Sports Complex.

## 1. START OF MEETING

1.1. The 2025 elective Annual General Meeting (the **"AGM"**) of the Malta Paralympic Committee (the **"MPC"**) was scheduled to start at **6:00 pm** on **Friday 6th June 2025**.

1.2. The meeting formally commenced at **6:15 pm** after allowing members to be present within fifteen (15) minutes of the designated start time, in accordance with the statute of the MPC. The meeting was organised as physical meeting.

## 2. OPENING REMARKS BY MPC PRESIDENT

2.1 **Prof. Joseph N. Grima,** the President of the MPC, gave his opening remarks to the members present. Prof. Grima expressed his gratitude to all the members of the outgoing Executive Committee that was elected in January 2022 to serve for the 2022-2024 term.

2.2 Prof. Grima also extended the Executive Committee's gratitude towards every single Para athlete and their families, sports clubs, coaches, national sports federations and associations, the International Paralympic Committee, Maltese Olympic Committee, AIMS, SportMalta, The Ministry for Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector, The Ministry for Education and Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation, The Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector, CRPD, Agenzija Sapport, The Malta Trust Foundation, and our project partners, sponsors, collaborators and volunteers, and the whole Paralympic

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community, lauding their dedication to the local Paralympic Movement and for living the Paralympic Values.

## 3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

3.1 **Dr. Julian Bajada**, present Secretary General of the MPC, was appointed as the Chairperson (the **"Chair"**) of the AGM.

## 4. ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

4.1 The Chairperson proceeded to a roll call of the members present at the AGM, and noted that members (a combination of full-voting members and non-voting members) were present, including:

- representatives from national sports federations and associations
- representatives from sports clubs
- representatives from project partners, sponsors and collaborators in the sport, disability and education sectors
- Para athletes and their families

4.2 The Chairperson announced that there was, in accordance with MPC' statute, a valid quorum at the meeting and, therefore, declared that the meeting may commence.

4.3 The Chair, on behalf of MPC, thanked those present, which included National Sport Associations' and Federations' representatives, Para athletes, and others present, allowed time for members present to raise any objections to the commencement of business of the AGM. The Chair noted that no objections were raised and declared the AGM formerly open.

## 5. NOTICE AND AGENDA

5.1 The Chair presented the proposed agenda for the AGM, as notified to members of the MPC in advance of this AGM by email on **6th May 2025** (a copy of which is appended in "**Annex 1 - AGM Notice and Agenda"**).

5.2 The Chair allowed time for the members to raise any objections to the agenda as proposed, and to propose any amendments or additions to the agenda as proposed.

5.3 The Chair noted that no objections were made to the agenda as proposed, and that no members proposed any amendments or additions to the agenda. The Chair declared the agenda to have been adopted *in toto* in the form as circulated to members of the MPC by email on **6th May 2025**.

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## 6. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

6.1 The Chair presented a copy of the previous AGM minutes, held on **Thursday 6th June 2024**, and the current MPC statute approved at the 2024 AGM. The Chair noted that no amendments had been made to the statute since the last AGM. Copies of the AGM minutes and the statute were made available to those present.

6.2 The Chair allowed time for the members to raise any objections to the minutes of the previous annual general meeting, to the statute, and to propose any amendments or additions to the said minutes and, or statute.

6.3 The Chair noted that no objections were made to the minutes of the previous annual general meeting of the MPC or to the statute, and that no members proposed any amendments or additions thereto. The minutes were taken as read and approved by the voting members present.

## 7. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT 2024

7.1 The Chair proceeded to present the Annual Report of the MPC for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Chair explained that key highlights of the Annual Report will be presented during the AGM, noting that the full report will be made available to members following the AGM and published on the website of MPC.

7.2 The Chair presented key highlights of the Annual Report 2024.

7.3 The Chair also expressed satisfaction at the further growth in the number of active Para athletes, across a variety of Para sport disciplines and a range of eligible impairment classes (including physical impairments, visual impairments, and intellectual impairments). Importantly, it was noted that most active Para athletes are below 16 years of age, auguring well for the development of a pipeline of active and potentially competitive Para athletes over the next 4 to 8 years' timeframe.

7.4 A high-level statistical overview of the active Para athletes (anonymised list, split by gender, age group, Para sport discipline, level of development, and impairment type) was presented by the Chair.

7.5 The Chair allowed time for the members to raise any questions or objections to the Annual Report, and to propose any amendments or additions to the Annual Report. A copy of the full Annual Report was also made available during the meeting.

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7.6 The Chair noted that no objections were made to the Annual Report and asked members to vote on the approval of the Annual Report. The Annual Report was taken as read and approved by the voting members present.

## 8. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024

8.1 The Chair invited Ms. Vladyslava Kravchenko (Treasurer, MPC) to present the key highlights of the annual Financial Statements of the MPC for the financial year ended 31 December 2024. It was noted that the Financial Statements 2024 were reviewed by Deloitte, in their capacity as external independent accountants in accordance with the accountant's review requirements applicable to Category 2 voluntary organisations pursuant to and in accordance with subsidiary legislation S.L. 492.2 Annual Returns and Annual Accounts Regulations, on the basis that during the financial year ended 31 December 2024, MPC became a 'Category 2' voluntary organisation (a the income of the MPC generated between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024, exceeded €50,000 but did not exceed €250,000).

8.2 The members present were informed that the review will be finalised as promptly as possible following the AGM, with the support of accountants Deloitte and, once the review process has been completed, MPC will submit the final reviewed Financial Statements 2024 to the Office of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations (OCVO) and The Authority for Integrity in Maltese Sport (AIMS), as required by applicable law.

8.3 It was explained that the annual Financial Statements of MPC were prepared on the GAPSME basis and on an accruals accounting basis. Further details will be provided in the notes that will accompany the full and final version of the Financial Statements 2024.

8.4 The Chair allowed time for the members to raise any questions or objections to the Financial Statements 2024, and to propose any amendments or additions to the Financial Statements 2024.

8.5 The Chair noted that no objections were made to the Financial Statements 2024 and asked members to vote on the approval of the Financial Statements 2024.

8.6 The Financial Statements 2024 were taken as read and approved by the voting members present, with MPC being authorised and empowered to liaise the appointed independent accountant to finalise the accounting review process and to make any necessary adjustments to the Financial Statements as a result of such review process.

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## 9. PRESENTATION OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9.1 The Chair circulated a soft copy of the list of duly nominated candidates for the Executive Committee of the MPC (the **"Nominated Candidates"**).

9.2 The voting members present at the AGM unanimously elected all the Nominated Candidates as the elected Executive Committee of the MPC (the **"Executive Committee"**), in the following roles:

| **Position** | **Executive Committee Member** |
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| President | Prof. Joseph N. Grima |
| Vice-President | Simon Zammit |
| Secretary General | Dr Julian Bajada |
| Treasurer and International Affairs | Vladyslava Kravchenko PLY |
| Integrity Officer | Dr Kristina Rapa Manche |
| Strategy & PR | Julian Cassar Torregiani |
| Grassroots and Community | Marilena Imbroll |
| Para Athletes' Representative | Maja Theuma PLY |

9.3 Given that the Statute provides that the Chairperson of the Athletes' Council is an *ex officio* member of the Executive Committee, Maja Theuma PLY *de facto* became a member of the Executive Committee, whose appointment was ratified at the AGM by the unanimous vote of the members present.

9.4 The Chair explained that in terms of the MPC statute, 1/5$^{th}$ of the Executive Committee must be of a different gender, noting that this requirement had been satisfied, with 4 out of 8 members of the Executive Committee being female members.

9.5 The Chair also noted that MPC's statute requires all reasonable efforts to be used to ensure that at least one member shall also have an impairment. This requirement was satisfied, with 3 out of 8 members having physical impairments.

## 10. PRESENTATION OF PARA ATHLETES' COUNCIL

10.1 The Chair explained that the statute recognises the establishment of a Para Athletes' Council, the Chairperson of which is to be an *ex officio* member of the Executive Committee, as the Para Athletes' Representative thereat.

10.2 The Chair noted that the MPC had received nominations from Para athletes interested in forming part of the Para Athletes Council: Maja Theuma PLY (Para swimming), Thomas Borg PLY (multi-sport), JeanFred Agius (multi-sport), Kurt Farrugia (Para rowing) and Nick Mercieca (multi-sport) who were nominated as members of the Para

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Athletes' Council respectively. The nominated members of the Para Athletics Council were unanimously confirmed at the AGM, with Maja Theuma PLY being confirmed as the Chairperson of the Para Athletes' Council.

10.3 The Chair invited Maja Theuma PLY to express her introductory remarks as the newly nominated Chairperson of the Para Athletes Council and the Para Athletes Representative on the Executive Committee of the MPC.

10.4 Maja Theuma PLY expressed her gratitude for the nominations and explained that, drawing upon her own first-hand experience as an active competitive Para athlete, she aims to bring together Para athletes to ensure their voice is well represented in the decision-making forums of MPC and to strive towards a strong community engagement among the local Paralympic Movement. Maja Theuma provided those present with an overview of the key priority areas that she will be seeking to deliver upon within the Para Athletes Council, with a strong focus on awareness and community engagement.

## 11. PRESENTATION OF KEY PRIORITIES 2025-2028

11.1 The Chair proceeded to present the strategic objectives and initiatives the incoming elected Executive Committee of MPC intends to prioritise and implement over the course of 2025-2028, and in the run up to the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games.

11.2 The Chair allowed time for the members to raise any questions or objections to the proposed projects and programmes, and to propose any amendments or additions to the proposed strategic objectives and initiatives.

## 12. AMENDMENTS TO STATUTE (none)

12.1 The Chair noted that no motions for the amendments to the MPC's statute had been received and, therefore, no motions for such purpose were table at the AGM.

## 13. MOTIONS (none)

13.1 The Chair noted that other motions had been received and, therefore, no motions for such purpose were table at the AGM.

## 14. OTHER MATTERS AND OPEN DISCUSSION WITH MEMBERS

14.1 The Chair requested those present whether they would like to raise any further matter for discussion and allowed for an open discussion among those present.

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14.2 A number of national sports associations present put forward views and proposals relating to the continued development of Para Sport in Malta and an open discussion was had on the matters raised.

## 15. CLOSING REMARKS AND CLOSE OF AGM

15.1 The Chair made his closing remarks and thanked those present for participating in the AGM and contributing to the development of Paralympic Sport.

15.2 The AGM was declared to be closed at **7.30 pm**.

**Signed on 6th June 2025, by:**

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| **President** | **Secretary General** |
| Prof. Joseph N. Grima | Dr Julian Bajada |