The meeting was opened by Mr. Ejnar Eriksson, who welcomed the participants to Berlin. Part of the assembly name continues:...

(Eight participants) ... could not participate.

Doctor Eriksson introduced the different participants to each other and introduced them to Mr. Günter Böhm from the AMK Berlin. AMK Berlin is the trade fair company that was our host during the two days.

Mr. Eriksson presented the agenda for the two-day conference on establishing a European society for knee surgery and arthroscopy. The meeting was announced and convened in good time and in accordance with the intended statutes, the meeting was quorate. The agenda included the following items:

0. Opening
0. Foundation of the European Society for Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy - general discussion
0. Establishment of an executive committee and election of a board
0. Congress of the newly founded company in Berlin - general discussion
0. Cooperation with other international associations
0. Organization of the congress
0. Funding of the congress
0. Exhibitions during the congress
0. Statutes of the society - general discussion
0. Visit to the international congress center.

Doctor Eriksson explained the idea of founding a European society and organizing a first European conference in 1984 with the help of the AMK Berlin.

Doctor Eriksson presented a written proposal for the statutes for the proposed company. After a long discussion, it was agreed to found a European society called the European Society of knee surgery and arthroscopy (ESKA).

It was decided that the attending and invited doctors should form the executive committee of the newly founded society (confirmation by a subsequent general assembly was provided). It has now been proposed to elect a board from the executive committee. With seven votes each and one abstention, elections were held.

President: Werner Müller from Basel Switzerland,
Vice President: E. Trickey from England.
Secretary: Ejnar Eriksson, Sweden
Treasurer: Peter Hertel, Berlin

The other executive committee members are: ...
The new President Werner Müller continued to suggest Mr. J.L. Lerat from Lyon to ask if he would like to become a member of the executive committee - now confirmed –

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... irrelevant discussions (mek)

Several points were suggested for courses to take place before the actual meeting. It was mentioned that a basic course on diagnostic arthroscopy should be organized alongside an advanced course on surgical arthroscopy. One could also provide a course on the biomechanics of the knee, knee ligament surgery and possibly a course on surgical treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee, including the allograft the event.

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There was a long discussion about a possible future collaboration between the new society and the existing International Arthroscopy Association and The International Knee Society. Dr. Eriksson emphasized, among other things, that the idea of this European Society of Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy was to make it the European branch of the merged International Arthroscopy Association and the International Knee Society in the future. The participants agreed in the hope that the two unions would merge.

Such companies should be manufacturers of arthroscopes and surgical and orthopedic instruments and knee implants as well as pharmaceutical companies. It was agreed that the company would need its own letterheads and Mr. Böhm will help us to print them and to send them to the executive committee members in sufficient numbers.

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If a profit is made at the conference, it has been agreed with Mr. Böhm to leave this money with the newly founded European Society of Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy. It was also agreed with Mr. Böhm that either he or the city of Berlin would provide us with a written guarantee for the financing of the conference as well as a cost plan for the conference service you presented and an overview of the service he was offering.

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The statutes of the newly founded company were discussed in detail and it was decided that the secretary, Mr. Eriksson, should revise the statutes in accordance with the talks and send them to the executive committee members. The executive committee members would then contact Mr. Erickson in writing so that he could finally draw up a final version of the approved statutes.

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irrelevant (mek)

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