



FIG and PKE Meeting

Date: 7 November 2017 – 10h00 to 16h00

Participants: Morinari Watanabe, FIG President; André Gueisbuhler, FIG Secretary General; Charles Perrière, Vice-president of FIG Parkour Commission; Florian Busi, FIG Sports Manager responsible for Parkour.

Eugene Minogue, CEO of PKE; Sacha Lemaire, Elected Director for France

Stephen Sampson, General Council of PKE

Excused: Stuart McInnes Chairman of PKE; David Belle, President of FIG Parkour Commission

Minutes: Céline Cachemaille, FIG Sports Manager

Topics	Comments and Decisions
Welcome by FIG President Morinari Watanabe	FIG President warmly welcomes all participants to the FIG Headquarters. He expresses his deep respect towards the involvement of PKE towards PK. He indicates that he has fallen in love with PK when he first discovered the Sport in JPN. His goal is the development of PK and he is therefore honored to lead this meeting.
Introduction - FIG and PKE	Eugene thanks FIG President and tells that he is happy to be able to articulate the concerns of PKE. The meeting participants are presented. Independent Observers could unfortunately not attend this meeting due to time constraints. In spite of FIG suggestion, the meeting will not be recorded but minutes will be taken instead.
Presentation of FIG and its vision for Parkour	André presents FIG’s vision and roadmap for PK on behalf of FIG President (Appendix 1). FIG’s goal is to spread David’s PK philosophy worldwide and make human activities more prosperous through the means of education, competition as well as increased practitioners and fans (from children, to students, to athletes, to elderly people). André explains FIG’s essential role for the development of PK thanks to its close collaboration with different institutions such as the IOC, Gymnastics affiliated NFs, NOCs, Sports Ministries, Education Ministries, ACNO, WADA, FISE, ASOIF, GAIFS, IWGA, CGF, and FISU. The four strategies for the worldwide development of PK within FIG are presented by André as follows: <u>Education Strategy.</u> The PK and Education Commissions, together with the Olympic Solidarity, the FIG Academies, FIG Age Group Program and the e-Learning will support the Continental Unions and the Countries to develop PK with a common education system developed by the FIG PK Commission and other education experts from PK. This program will be launched in 2018 worldwide with basic courses (conducted by PK Experts on each Continent and staged according to language groups) and coaches Academies in various levels to be defined. <u>Organizational Strategy.</u> The FIG PK Commission, the Athletes’ representative and the Sports Manager will instruct the Continental Union and Countries on the worldwide development of the activities. FIG PK Athletes’ representative will play a crucial role and will sit in the FIG Athletes’ Commission, considered at the center of all FIG’s PK activities. <u>Competition Strategy.</u> In 2017, test competitions have been organized in FRA and CHN. In 2018 and 2019, World Cup Series will be organized (4 events per year), PK will be showcased at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, and events will be launched with FISU. In 2020, the first FIG World Championships will be organized and PK will be showcased at the 2020 Olympic Games. From 2021 to 2023, the second FIG World Championships will be staged in 2022, World Cup Series will be organized (4 events per year) and FIG will do its very best to include PK in the programme of the World Games in 2021. In 2024, FIG has launched the necessary steps to integrate PK in the program of the Olympic Games.

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	<p><u>Promotion Strategy:</u> FIG PK will be part of FISE World action Sports festival and World Series in Hiroshima with other various Urban sports (e.g. BMX, skateboard, mountain bike, e-gaming, breakdance, 3x3 basketball, climbing boulder, and inline skating). The goal is to build strong relations with other IFs and institutions linked to FISE (UCI, IFSC, FIRS), train national athletes, grow the urban sports community, think globally while acting locally, and manage an urban cluster to be part of future major events (such as the YOG and the OG). Promotion will be made through the exposure in 100 countries, the engagement of 15'000'000 fans, 500'000 minutes of highlights and the use of social platforms such as web site, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.</p>
<p>Presentation of Parkour Earth and its vision for Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement, its members and its community</p>	<p>Eugene addresses the concerns of his community which according to him have been ignored by FIG. He does not want to present an alternative vision or to collaborate but his goal is rather to protect the sovereignty and integrity of the identity of PK (name created by David to be considered for Eugene now as a collective term for Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement) in the best interest of the community and its members. Eugene informs that PKE is currently composed of 6 founding members, namely the NFs of UK, FRA, NZL, AUS, RSA and POL, two elected board Directors and two elected independent Directors. The aim of PKE is to show good governance in their institution. As governing and administrative body, PKE wants to promote ethical behavior in sport and implement universal values for social change. While their strategies, statutes and constitution will be developed among their NFs, PKE wants to be the sole governing body for PK. For Eugene, PK is not gymnastics.</p> <p>The first PKE Congress will be held in February 2018, during which additional Board Directors will be elected, among them at least one Athlete, for a total of twelve. Members' equity in terms of gender, ethnic and worldwide representation will be sought. Members will be elected for a maximum of two four-year terms mandate. English and French will be the official languages.</p> <p>Charles fully respects what PKE has accomplished but mentions that many areas are still unclear. Florian adds that PK is more than a competition: it is a way to reach out to people through competition. Many persons among NFs and Continental Unions are needed to further develop the sport.</p> <p>Eugene acknowledges the founders of PK and shows great esteem towards what they created. He nevertheless indicates that the community has grown up independently to become a global sport. PKE received the consent of their community</p> <p>Morinari underlines that he fully respects all PK organizations and PKE cannot claim to be the only legitimate body. Athletes will ultimately chose the community to which they want to belong.</p> <p>Eugene mentions that in its 2020 Agenda, the IOC recognizes that different norms can be established for new sports with different cultures and roles.</p> <p>Sacha indicates that they received good feedbacks from their community and that their practitioners feel strongly represented. PK has become a global sport with different evolutions depending on the country. PKE wants to build a place for athletes from different horizons to gather, work together and decide on the best development for the sport.</p> <p>Charles reminds that PK developed freely and therefore differently worldwide. Help and financial support are now needed for the sport to further evolve and be better showcased. FIG and PKE tasks are not opposite but rather complementary.</p> <p>Florian adds that FIG's primary goal is to protect PK too. While FIG's vision still needs to be elaborated in details, FIG will do its utmost to improve its communication in the future in view of the initial upsets and misunderstandings.</p> <p>Eugene continues by stating that FIG is primary "gymnastics" and that it has no lineage whatsoever with the culture of PK. He is concerned about how PK community will be engaged and how its sovereignty will be protected in the future.</p> <p>Morinari reminds that the sports of TRA, ACRO and AER have also used FIG to further develop. He would like PK to become stronger and wants to find the best way to accomplish this goal.</p>

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Eugene answers that the best way for the PK community to develop is independently: no third party is needed. It is up to PKE sovereign choice to decide which direction to take. He takes the examples of snowboarding and BMX to illustrate how large parts of the very essence of these communities have been alienated due to their affiliation with another body. The same will happen to PK if it becomes part of the FIG. He declares that promises made to TRA, ACRO and AER have not be fulfilled and that these new disciplines have not always been well represented by FIG in the past.

André states that in spite of initial issues, TRA, ACRO and AER have developed tremendously and that, had these sports chosen to follow a sovereign and independent path, they would never have grown alone to the level they are now.

Sasha explains that the community of PKE does not understand why another Federation is taking over.

Charles reminds that he addressed several of his concerns about the evolution of PK to different communities. Morinari is the only person who really showed genuine interested in the PK culture and philosophy. Charles and David both felt that they could collaborate with FIG and overcome the initial misunderstandings and disapprovals expressed by the PK community regarding FIG.

Eugene mentions that FIG's involvement represents a clear encroachment in a sport that is not theirs and the ramification are huge. Fundamental concerns have still not been addressed by FIG. PKE letters have been rebuffed. Requests to meet with FIG have been ignored for several months. It is PKE responsibility to take measures to protect the sport. Also, meaningful instead of patronizing dialogues are needed. Eugene mentions that PKE has a legitimacy base even recognized by the Olympic Charter Charter.

While Florian mentions that several weeks have been spent answering the comments expressed, André adds that as an IF, FIG would rightfully deal with recognized IFs and NFs only.

Sacha comment that the goal expressed by all parties for PK to actually succeed should be achieved democratically and with transparency through dialogue and clear explanations.

Morinari suggests sending his presentation to the PK community.

Following Eugene's comment that PK is different in its core than other FIG sports, Morinari replies by saying that sports develops all the time and that basic philosophies change. PK can use FIG's power to satisfy the various needs of the PK communities, be it from practicing PK as a hobby only to striving to compete at the Olympics.

After his trip to Benin, Charles confirms that people sincerely like and want to do PK. They however need support, either by receiving new shoes or money. He clarifies that 20 years ago, people already mentioned that PK was perceived like an evolution of gymnastics. PK is freedom, it is natural. Competition is only a small part of PK. Common goals can be achieved by working together. It is vital to give information and send guidelines to help mitigate initial fears and better explain what the goals are.

Eugene adds that communication and involvement are crucial to help PK community better understand the complexity of FIG and avoid fights.

André indicates that all parties will be judged by their actions rather by their words. By showing the community what will be done and how, will definitely help to convince them.

Following Stephen's statement related to the importance of respecting the Constitution and for FIG Congress to accept the integration of PK by a 2/3 majority for this project to move on, André explains that PK roadmap has been approved by the Presidential Commission, the Executive Committee and the Council. Furthermore, a budget has been foreseen and the necessary changes that will be brought on practical and administrative viewpoints will be decided first by the Executive Committee and then ratified by the Council and the General Assembly. André confirms that the principles of good governance are respected, in spite of Eugene's declaration that FIG does not have the mandate yet in its Statutes to decide if it wants to adopt another sport or not.

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	<p>André explains that the concept of PK actually came from different bodies: our member NFs with PK on their program, the IOC, as well as David and Charles who represented Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement. As a matter of fact, an open door policy has been put into place and all PK recognized IFs were invited to attend the first meeting and to be part of the discussions.</p> <p>Eugene and Sacha indicate that they both consider it as a lack of respect for FIG to ask its gymnastics community to approve the integration of PK as a new sport, but not to do the same with the PK communities, which should also have the right to decide.</p> <p>Charles and Florian indicate that even within the PK community, people have different opinions when it comes to the best development plan for PK (in terms of the need to have competitions or not, and the time it will take to accept changes).</p> <p>Eugene reiterates the principle of democracy and the need to have a consent to govern. Fear of collaboration is not the issue here but rather the fact that new projects are being imposed or forced on the PK communities. BMX, snowboard and skateboard have lost their history. PK, which is far detached from FIG, is protective of its right to self-determine, chose and debate on how to best develop the sport. The presence of a third party is unwanted. PKE has its own wide legitimacy.</p> <p>Morinari reminds that PKE does not represent the PK community more than any other international organization.</p>
<p>Formalise the clarification, understanding and recognition of the sovereignty of Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement as a sport</p>	<p>While André mentions that FIG recognizes PK as a sport within gymnastics, PKE is not the sole governing body and due respect must be given to other PK IFs.</p> <p>Eugene replies that FIG and PKE are separate and distinct communities and PK cannot be a gymnastics discipline. PK is a sport on its own rights which must be considered as independent. Much to Eugene's disapproval, PK history and its creation have already been rewritten and distorted by FIG and British Gymnastics. PKE is here to protect the cultural identity of its community, so that children in ten years' time will remember the essence of PK and what the community did. Eugene continues by explaining that PK is already well organized worldwide and its community does what other sports cannot do (no equipment is required). PK's heart and soul must be kept. PK culture, autonomy and authenticity will be lost if with part of FIG. PK and FIG have different identities and changes will be only forced upon the PK community.</p> <p>Sasha wonders if there could be more than one governing body or more than one PK vision and if it is not ultimately IF's role to protect the culture.</p> <p>Eugene continues by stating that while FIG wants to govern PK, PK wants to grow up, talk about its various desires and make mistakes by itself. While 3 x 3 basketball is part of the basketball culture, PK is not part of gymnastics. PKE wants the right to self-determination. According to Eugene, if IFs are facing good governance problems nowadays, it is because they have lost their values. To protect the core of PK is for him crucial. Eugene finally points out that what FIG is doing on an institution point of view is incorrect. It is PKE's duty to respond. PKE community needs to receive the answers and clarifications which have been dismissed for too long, for people to understand and chose. The PKE community, recognized as a sport and a federation, cannot be bypassed and remain voiceless. It has the right to develop its own philosophy for PK.</p> <p>Morinari answers by stating that while FIG will respect and keep PK philosophy which he loves, the sports constantly evolves, like basketball and soccer. Let us not be afraid of development. Children also change and we have to move on.</p> <p>Florian also acknowledges that what is being done now with FIG is one way, the Olympic way, and not necessarily "the" way. Once the projects will be established, people will be able to choose if they want to select this path and compete or not. FIG will not be the only representation of the sport and it will not rule PK dictatorially. If the FIG and PK communities may not always have been properly consulted and addressed in the past, their opinions will definitely be sought on the best way to work and proceed in the future. Monthly dialogues will be established on different levels.</p>

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	<p>FIG has created space for PK and while rightness is hard to be achieved from the outset, guarantees will be given. Florian and Charles are convinced that FIG can be trusted, the evolution will be beneficial, and the founding fathers together with the PK community, will be respected. PK vision is very wide: let us show you what we can do with FIG. You can then decide to be part of it too or not.</p> <p>André reminds that PK is not only PKE's sport. When the IOC will integrate PK in the Olympic program it will be up to them to decide with which IF they wish to do so. Practitioners will also be at liberty to select the best community for them.</p> <p>André also recalls that he himself was part of the IOC and GAISF recognized Fédération Internationale de Trampoline (FIT) thus a fully independent and sovereign IF. But while the FIT tried to develop the sport for more than 30 years, it ultimately realized that alone, it would not be able to extend the sport to the level its membership wanted. FIT chose to merge with FIG. It is the Trampoline family which develops its sport within the FIG and the same will be the case for PK. The PK experts will develop PK within FIG.</p> <p>Charles adds that if mistakes have been made in the past, FIG is still learning about PK. PK and FIG can all work together and fix the problems in order to grow faster and better. Children simply want to go out, be part of PK schools and associations and happily practice PK. They do not care about the communities. Generations are coming up with different ways to do PK. PK is in constant development, which is good and healthy. The founders will eventually die and others will take care of PK.</p> <p>PK should, according to Sasha, be present worldwide and be accessible to all. Morinari's presentation could be sent to the communities to seek their opinion and open the discussions. Conclusions will have to be taken depending on the reactions</p> <p>Charles replies by stating that PK needs and wants more visibility. In ten years, more people must be part of PK, so ways of thinking must evolve. Red Bull joined PK venture, it is now part of it, but it does not govern it. PK culture does not need to be protected but supported. New aspirations can emerge from the past and differences. It is time to collaborate, speak together, develop the sport and stop fighting over words.</p>
<p>Formalise the understanding and acknowledgment of Parkour Earth as the International Federation for the sovereign sport Parkour/Freerunning/Art Du Déplacement</p>	<p>André mentions that FIG recognizes PKE as one of the International Federations representing PK like several other IF's and organisations claiming to so in the name of the worldwide PK community. PKE currently represents 6 NFs. FIG's goal is to seek cooperation with all IFs. He adds by stating that FIG is not entitled to recognize an IF, only IOC and GAISF can.</p> <p>Eugene indicates that PKE does not seek recognition from FIG .</p>
<p>Possible cooperation of the two organisations</p>	<p>While André reminds the participants of the meeting of Eugene's initial comment not to cooperate with FIG, he invites PKE to delegate one member to be a full member of the FIG PK Commission in order to help develop the sports and discuss the various projects.</p> <p>He asks PKE to come back to FIG with their decision to cooperate.</p> <p>Florian adds that frequent and open consultation will be established, while following the rules of the organization. FIG PK Members may also be assigned to travel to several countries in order to explain to the PK community what FIGs vision and plans are. FIG PK Members will give information and listen to the various opinions, with the aim to receive local views and exchange ideas.</p> <p>Morinari explains that we are in this together. Constant fights are not helping. He is also available to visit countries and explain the various PK projects whenever needed.</p>

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Any Other Business (AOB)	<p>André informs that open letters are not considered as an appropriate way to communicate and FIG will not react to them. Direct communication between the parties is preferred. Open letters create polemics and only spread problems.</p> <p>Different views should not be addressed through open letter, but via respectful communications, to achieve constructive results. Once issues are discussed, common statements can be published.</p> <p>Eugene mentions that PKE's decision to communicate via open letters with its community is to protect the sport and guarantee a level of transparency through the release of facts. FIG is too opaque. Eugene would agree to communicate differently, provided that mutual respect is shown. A lot of questions have still remained unanswered and decisions must be taken in the best interest of the community members. He represents them and they want to know and be informed.</p> <p>Florian reminds that FIG will continue to communicate directly with PKE as it is now an International Federation.</p> <p>Stephen and Sacha mention that they will inform the public and the PKE community of the outcomes of this meeting. An agreement must be reached on the terms to be used in a common statement before its publication. Eugene and Sasha will also attend a board meeting later this week to report back on the discussions held.</p> <p>Eugene presents his common statement proposal. After review of its content by FIG, both parties agree to disagree on its terms (Appendix 2). A common statement will not be issued today and both parties will be free to report back in any way they deem appropriate</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting will be finalized by FIG as soon as possible and sent to PKE for their review as well. The parties should refrain from making public statements until the minutes are agreed.</p>
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Incl: Appendix 1: FIG's vision and roadmap for PK

Appendix 2: Common Statement Proposal