

# Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2005 of the European Go Federation

29th July 2005 in Prague, Czechia

## 1. *Opening*

32 countries were present for most of the meeting. (Romania signed in but did not stay, Hungary and Norway were absent). See the list of representatives.

## 2. *Accepting the agenda*

Accepted without changes.

## 3. *Acceptance of previous year's AGM minutes*

It is noted that Sweden postponed the selection for the venue of the EGC 2008. With this note the minutes are accepted.

## 4. *Admission of new members: Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Cyprus*

Without discussion (but with applause) these three new members are accepted.

## 5. *Reports of the President, Secretary, Treasurer*

The President's report was not read out. Italy questioned the loss of Toshiba sponsorship. The president's answer is that one condition was for a report and accounts by October, but the Polish info was too late. However an application may be made again next year.

There was no secretary's report as "We see his minutes and agendas".

Matti Siivola reported on two Korean teachers who visited.

The accounts from the Treasurer and explanatory notes had already been circulated.

## 6. *Report of the Auditors*

The auditor reported the accounts were OK. He noted that travel expenses had occurred that had not been budgeted for - about 2000 euro over budget.

The accounts were approved (25+/1-/1=)

## 7. *Report from IGF Directors*

Erik Puyt's report had already been circulated describing recent progress with the World Mind Sports and Olympic recognition. France asks whether the EGF committee supports these developments. The answer is yes.

## 8. *Reports of chairmen of existing Commissions – Rules*

There have been three meetings of an international (World) rules group.

The aim is to form a single world ruleset, which is a requirement before the Olympic Committee would recognise Go. Target is to be ready by 2008.

The Rules Commission's Modus was accepted with the change from "Impose" to "Recommend" sanctions.

#### *9. Election of Executive officers and auditors*

The existing Executive, IGF directors and Auditors were re-elected, except that Arnaud Knippel was appointed as the second auditor.

#### *10. Accepting the budgets 2005-2006 and 2006-2007*

It was agreed to modify the budgets presented to include 1000 euro to sponsor Pratesi's Eurogo 3 book publication (the delegates received volumes 1 and 2).

Then the budgets for 2005/6 and 2006/7 were accepted without voting, with the proviso that later decisions could also affect it.

#### *11. Appointment of Commissions*

- The Rules Commission is already running.
- For the Ratings Commission technical support from mathematicians / statisticians is requested. Germany and the Netherlands show interest.
- The Executive proposes a Congress Format Commission - to rethink structure of EGC, what to do about many strong Asians, winter congress, etc.
- Israel suggests a Sponsorship commission.
- The Constitution commission invites proposals before January.
- An appeals commission must be formed.
- Members are invited to send suggestions about participation in commissions by e-mail to the Executive.
- Sweden requested commissions to be appointed by the AGM.

#### *12. European Go Congresses*

##### *a Prague 2005*

- Thanks were given to Jana and team. With over 700 players and 150 non-players it was the biggest so far (Czechia is a popular location).
- It was suggested that as more orientals participate, notices should be translated into Korean/Japanese/Chinese.
- A teaching meeting should be held regularly as this year's had been worthwhile.
- There was some concern about the Asians dominating the top group.

##### *b Rome 2006*

- Their flier was presented.
- Italy complains about the lack of involvement of the EGF Executive.
- On a question from Germany it becomes clear that low cost accommodation is not yet sorted out.
- They are expecting around 500 participants with a weekend peak.
- In reply to a question of Spain: no, they have no plan for prize money.
- Professional attendance is unclear but Saijo will be there.

- c Villach 2007
  - Until now progress has been a bit slow.
  - Sponsors are being researched – the biggest hope is a sponsorship by Red Bull.
  - Low cost accommodation: youth hostels will be less than 20 euro per person per night, with camping about 5km away.
  - The dates of 14 - 28 July complete disregard the "rule" to start in July and end in August. This leads to some discussion but the dates stay as they are.
  
- d Sweden 2008
  - This will be in the last week of July and the first Week of August but the location is not yet fixed. It will be either in about 2 hours from Stockholm (e.g. Leksand) or Stockholm as a fallback. Italy was unhappy with the concept of giving a congress to a country rather than a location and date in a country. Sweden answers that they are testing the sites and will decide late spring 2006.
  - There is some discussion about whether the policy should be to give it to a country or to a location, but no conclusion is reached. Sweden: it depends upon the proposal.
  
- e Voting for 2009
  - Candidates are Serbia with Belgrade, Belgium with Leuven and the Netherlands with Groningen. Before the break the countries presented their plans and after the break the proposals were voted upon. First round: Serbia 13, Netherlands 14, Belgium 3. Second round Serbia 14, Netherlands 16.
  - So the location will be Groningen in Netherlands, in the last week of July and the first of August. All accommodation will be within walking distance and cheap accommodation for 15-25 euro per person per night is expected, also camping possibilities adjacent to the playing venue are investigated.

### 13. *European Tournament Calendar*

#### a. Selection of hosts

- 1 Serbia withdraws so Russia gets the European Youth Go Championship 2006, end March in St Petersburg. The EYGC 2007 is already agreed to be held in the Netherlands.
- 2 European Student Championship 2005: Finland will organise this event for the first time. The Student World Championship in Japan wants 2 male and 1 female representatives. The EGF will support travel to the European tournament. The original budget was 2000 euro, but the AGM voted for the proposal to increase it to 6000 euro (23+/1-/2=).
- 3 Pairs 2006: Germany March/April (other candidate has withdrawn); 2007: Russia: End June, first day of July, sequential after the Women's Championship and before the Toyota in St Petersburg
- 4 Ing: Romania in 2006 and the EGCC in 2007.
- 5 Women's: 2005 in Germany Leipzig, for 2006 no candidate (yet), for 2007: Russia (see above).
- 6 Teams: No bids.

## b. Tournament Rules Proposals

- 1 The New Toyota - IGS PandaNet European Go Tour format was approved.
- 2 The rule change about Ing Cup late reserves was accepted.
- 3 The rule change that European Cup events can be accepted by executive was accepted.
- 4 European Cup residency rule was accepted, but the period of residency was changed from 5 years to 2 years (modification proposed by Germany (23+/0-/2=)).
- 5 European Cup/Toyota Tour – The clarification that the rule is “Only players who compete in every round of an event will be eligible for points for that event” was accepted.
- 6 Proposal from Russia to consider the following: obligatory: participants of the EYGC must have European citizenship (passport); there should be no less than 6 rounds, no more than 2 rounds a day; basic time-control is 60 minutes. The rule on nationality was not accepted. Tournament conditions were accepted.

### *14. Selection of Team Captains for World Pair Go and World Amateur Go Championships*

It was suggested and accepted to send Victor Bogdanov to the International Amateur Pair Go. For the WAGC the organisers of the Czech congress will nominate a representative.

### *15. Items Requested by Member Federations and Executive*

- a The German proposal on A-class rating tournaments was accepted.
- b The proposal about the European Student Go Championships formula was already approved under 13.
- c The Swedish proposal to renew the Figg Agi Agreement was rejected (12+/13-).
- d The German proposal for an Internet Team Event was approved in principle.

### *16. Any other business*

- a Harald Kroll and his "Go4Schools" project are opening their kids' team event to other countries.
- b Iwamoto Go Awards - the EGCC launched a new (3<sup>rd</sup>) edition. Apply by 1 Mar 2006.
- c On a question about the upcoming Koreans Team Tournament it is answered that four European countries were invited directly by the organisers. Also teams of 2 are invited to a Chinese city team tournament on 12 October.
- d There may be a Korean International Baduk Championships in 2006.
- e Korean Baduk University wants to send more teachers to Europe.
- f Germany requested the EGC in 2012.
- g The list of Pair Go countries was read out.
- h The EGC Organiser's WIKI Handbook was advertised.
- i France expresses its concern about the big group of oriental players dominating the congress.

*List of representatives*

Member Country	Representative
Armenia	Victor Zilberberg
Austria	Simon Gemel
Belarus	Alexander Suponev
Belgium	Hicham Vanbork
Bosnia and Herz.	Dragan Paunic
Croatia	Zoran Mutabzija
Czechia	Jana Hricova
Denmark	Ulrik Bro-Joergensen
Finland	Matti Siivola
France	Gérard Gabella
Germany	Michael Marz
Hungary	-
Ireland	John Gibson
Israel	Shavit Fragman
Italy	Gionata Soletti
Lithuania	Martin Stiassny
Luxembourg	Laurent Heiser
Netherlands	Filip Vanderstappen
Norway	-
Poland	Pawel Obrok
Portugal	Ines Teles de Menezes
Romania	(Liliana Iacob)
Russia	Vladimir Holtzman
Serbia	Zoran Jankovic
Slovakia	Martin Strelka
Slovenia	Gregor Butala
Spain	Dimas Cabre
Sweden	Henric Bergsaker
Switzerland	Josef Renner
Turkey	Aylin Demir
Ukraine	Dmitriy Yatsenko
United Kingdom	Steve Bailey
Azerbaijan	Vladimir Gorzhaltsan
Bulgaria	Ioni Lazarov
Cyprus	Dimitris Regginos
Officers present	
Exec: Tony Atkins, Jan van Rongen, Hans Kostka, Martin Stiassny, Oleg Gavrilov, Ales Cieply, Matti Siivola. Auditor: Peter Zandveld.	