

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2013
of the European Go Federation
Held on 18:00 on Thursday 1st August 2013 at
University of Warmia and Mazury, Olsztyn, Poland**

0. Present

Executive: President: Martin Stiasny
Vice-President: Jana Hricova
Vice-President: Leszek Soldan
Treasurer: Hans Kostka
Executive Officer: Li Ting
Lorenz Trippel

Auditors: Michal Zubalík

Official representatives: 19 Countries present and able to vote

Also present: Martin Finke, Director IGF
Peter Zandveld, William Wandel and Harry vd Krogt of EGCC

Special Guests: Yamashiro Hiroshi – Vice-President Nihon Kiin
Shigeno Yuki – Secretary International Go Federation
Lee Hajin – KBA
Lv Bin – CEGO
Kim Dal-soo – General Secretary of the AGF (Asian Go Federation)

1. Opening of the Meeting

Martin Stiasny (President) chaired the meeting. Lorenz Trippel (Executive Officer) took the minutes. Tony Atkins (Secretary) had apologized for absence.

Before starting the meeting the board, members and all present took a moment of silence for Karl-Ernst Paech, who died on 16 April aged 90 years. He was one of the founders of the EGF in the late fifties. As EGF president (1967-1969) and later EGF treasurer, he was a member of the EGF board for more than 15 years.

2. Verifying Presence and Voting Rights

19 members were able to vote. All of the executive, the delegates and guests present introduced themselves.

Bosnia and Herzegovina were expelled on the assumption that they fail to clear their accounts by the end of 2013. 13 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstain.

The board stated that they will prepare motions in due time for the next AGM to expel Portugal and Croatia if they do not pay their fees.

3. Accepting the Agenda

The agenda was accepted as announced.

4. International Matters:

a. Introduction of guests from other International bodies – The chairman of CEGO Lv Bin was introduced and some back ground information was given. There were some questions from the delegates. He replied that CEGO may be able to find Chinese companies for sponsors of members' events and requests should be made via the EGF.

b. Appointment for 2014 – 2016 of continuing IGF Director: Martin Stiasny – this was agreed

c. Report from IGF Directors – the written report was accepted

d. Report from EGCC Supervisory Board – there was not much to report

5. Acceptance of Previous Year's AGM Minutes

The previous year's AGM minutes were accepted with no comments.

6. Reports of the President, Secretary, Treasurer

President's Report – the written report was accepted

Secretary's Report – the written report was accepted

Treasurer's Report – the treasurer gave his report and presented the accounts for 2012.

Discharge was granted to the board.

7. Report of the Auditors for 2012

Despite the resignation of one auditor, the auditors had completed their audit and reported that the EGF accounts for 2012 were satisfactory. The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

8. Reports of Officers/Chairmen of Commissions

a. Rules - The members of the Rules commission stepped back. The meeting thanked Robert Jasiek and Matti Siivola with a big round of applause.

b. Appeals – no report had been received

9. Election of Executive Officers and Auditors

a. The meeting elected the executive as follows:

Martin Stiasny for EGF President

Lorenz Trippel for EGF Secretary

Hans Kostka for EGF Treasurer

Jana Hricova and Jean-Yves Papazoglou for EGF Vice-President

Ting Li and Natalia Kovaleva for EGF officer

The vote for the two vice-presidents: Jana Hricova (14 votes), Jean-Yves Papazoglou (11

votes), Natalia Kovaleva (10 votes).

Leszek Soldan (Vice-President) and Tony Atkins (Secretary) had stepped down after many years working on the board of the EGF. They were thanked with a big round of applause.

b. Auditors:

It was voted on the number of auditors: 3 auditors (9 votes), 2 auditors (8 votes)

Michal Zubalík, Steffi Hebsacker, Leonardo Dal Zovo were elected.

10. New Developments / New Commission / Proposals

A new commission for Tournaments & Rules was created with three members: Herman Hiddema, Ales Ciepły and Leszek Soldan. Their task is to maintain the different tournament sets, rules and guidelines, especially in connection with new events.

New developments and proposals in connection with CEGO were discussed under 11.

11. Budgets

a. Presentation for Comment of Budget 2014

New in the budget is the funding of the cooperation with CEGO:

- Inseis in Beijing
- Online Teaching of the participants
- Start of the European Professional project
- Detail plans of how to create a new marketing (flyers, modern webpage etc.) are still missing, as first a framework for all this has to be setup.
- Qualifying tournaments to become European Professional
- A grand Slam Tournament with 5 digit prizes

Martin Finke pointed out that this will be a big leap for the EGF. Lot of effort will be needed and a strong EGF is required.

Martin Stiassny: Several levels of engagement: Cooperation with Chinese Cultural Centres and big local sponsors for events are still to be acquired. 5 candidates for training have been already selected: Zeno van Ditzhuijzen (NL), Lukas Krämer (DE), Dušan Mitić (RS), Rémi Campagnie (FR) and Andrii Kravets (UA)

The UK representative pointed out that the contract has a vague content. It is more a mixture of contract and press release and should rather be called a paper of understanding. Poland's representative remarked that there are many details missing.

Martin Stiassny: No problem to still add details, as the EGF is open for proposals.

12. European Go Congresses

a. Financial report from 2012: Bonn, Germany

Michael Marz: After fears that there would be a big minus some of the budget was cut down but later some expenditure was smaller than expected. A plus of 15000 € was made.

b. Comments on 2013: Olsztyn, Poland

The organizers are happy that there were no bigger problems all went smoothly. Matti

Siivola pointed out that the playing rooms are very crowded. It is difficult to move around between the boards. Catalin Taranu remarked that it is unusual that players' companions, who do not play in the tournaments, have to pay a half price fee. The organizer said that the companions of players can also attend all side events like workshops, simultaneous games and use all facilities. Serbia (Mijodrag Stankovic) complained about the high prices for food and accommodation and the high entry fees for late registrations.

c. Progress report on 2014: Sibiu, Romania

Mirel Florescu had opened an info desk at the congress. They are ready for more than 1000 players.

d. Progress report on 2015: Liberec, Czechia

Vladimir Danek reported that they are on track. The congress will be in a nice hotel with big capacity and comfort to offer.

e. Progress report on 2016: St Petersburg, Russia

Maxim Podolyak reported they have three hotels as candidates for the congress site.

f. Selection of host for 2017: Burhaniye, Turkey

Selçuk Kerem Karaerkek presented the application for Turkey. The planned place will be Burhaniye on the Aegean coast. It has many hotels and student dormitories are also available. The congress site will be a big wedding hall with a capacity for more than 1000 players. It is possible to arrive there by bus / ferry from Izmir (2h30 drive) or Istanbul (4h30 drive). Flight connections from Istanbul are also available. 18 out of 19 votes were in favor (no other applications had been made).

13. European Tournament Calendar - Selection of Hosts

a. Short updates from 2013/14 selected hosts

UK has had to change the dates for the Youth Championship to Friday 28th February - Monday 3rd March 2014. If this causes problems to anyone who has already booked, they should contact the BGA as soon as possible.

Pair Go: Matti Siivola: 3rd / 4th May 2014 in Helsinki

Student Championship 2013, 5th / 6th October in Trieste, Italy; a Korean pro will be present

Students Championship 2014: Toulouse on 27th/28th September 2014

Women's Championship 2014: St. Petersburg, Moscow or Kazan, Russia

b. Youth Championship 2015: Netherlands, Amstelveen

c. Student Championship 2015: Romania

d. Pair Go 2015: Brno, Czechia (Russia 7 votes, Czechia 10 votes)

e. Women's Championship 2015: Turkey

14. Proposals from Members

a. Proposals from Romania

No 1 New voting system for the AGM: This proposal, to change the voting at General Meetings to give weighting for larger countries, would require a constitutional change. Especially the way to change the weight of a vote according to the number of players of a country was extensively discussed. Han Ellenbroek (NL representative) will head a commission to elaborate it more in detail for the next AGM. There was a vote if the EGF

wants a change. 9 in favor, 7 against, 2 abstain.

No 2 EGF Executive empowerment for key decisions: This proposal to define the powers of the Executive would require a constitutional change, so it too was postponed to the next assembly.

No 3 Set of rules and standards for the European Go Congress: There was a lengthy discussion about this proposal to make a set of rules regarding the European Go Congress. Netherlands: EGF should also help the congress organizers and not only set up the rules for the tournaments and the schedule. Jana Hricova / Catalin Taranu: The EGF should get more power / responsibility to make a good congress. The idea of setting up guidelines and minimum standards of quality was welcomed; however the UK warned against making it too detailed and others did not like the idea of funding an EGF observer. This matter was deferred to the Tournaments and Rules Commission to consider further.

b. Proposals from Germany

The meeting discussed and voted on the new tighter fee collection rules, including that members with any uncleared debt should not be allowed to vote. 12 in favor, 0 against, 2 abstain.

c. Proposals from France / <http://www.eurogofed.org/egf/agm2013propcz.pdf>

1st vote: Shortening to 8 days: 9 in favor, 1 against, 8 abstain

2nd vote: 12 votes for the French proposal, 5 votes for the Czech proposal. The French proposal was accepted, but will not start until 2015.

d. Proposal from Ireland

The proposal for a European Youth Team Championship was welcomed. The EGF board stated that the board would initiate such a tournament, so a vote was no longer needed.

Germany proposed to have the same divisions in the youth tournament as in the European Youth Championship: U12, U16 and U20.

e. Proposals from France

Rating: Handicap in the top group should also count as an A-Class tournament and bottom to be 30 Kyu instead of the current 20 Kyu in EGD. These proposals were delegated to the Tournament and Rules Commission for investigation.

f. Proposals from United Kingdom

It was agreed, without discussion, to cease the European Cup, as it was to be replaced by the new events in the CEGO plan.

The proposal to provide ratings only for members of a national association was withdrawn by Roger Huyshe (the UK representative) after explaining that they were trying to find ways to improve member benefits.

g. Proposals from Rules Commission

It was proposed to expand the A-League teams in the Pandanet Team Championship from 6 to 12 members: There was no need for the meeting to vote, as if a majority of the teams wants this change then it will be okay to change it.

15. Any other business

The proposal to the IGF to weigh the European IGF membership fees according to both number of players and inhabitants, was approved.

Meeting closed at 23:40