

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2014

Held on 17:00 on Tuesday 29th July 2014 at Hotel Ramada, Sibiu, Romania

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Executive: President: Martin Stiassny

Vice-President: Jana Hricova

Vice-President: Jean-Yves Papazoglou

Secretary: Lorenz Trippel Treasurer: Hans Kostka

Executive Officers: Li Ting, Natalia Kovaleva

Auditors: Michal Zubalík, Steffi Hebsacker

Official representatives:

Austria Viktor Lin Belgium Kris Boyen Bosnia-Herzegovina Natasa Malinic Tsvetomir Varbanov Bulgaria Lovro Furianic Croatia Czechia Vladimir Danek Michael Steffensen Denmark Finland Arto Heikkinen France Frédéric Renaud Michael Marz Germany Hungary Laszlo Boviz Ireland Michael Plikk Israel Ofer Zivony Italy Maurizio Parton Kazakhstan Martin Stiassny Simão Gonçalves Luxembourg Han Ellenbroek Netherlands Norway Pål Sannes Poland Diana Blaszczyk Ion Florescu Romania Russia Oleg Gavrilov Dragan Dubakovic Serbia Juraj Waczulik Slovakia Juan Sampedro Spain Kim Johansson Sweden Switzerland Armel-David Wolff Turkey Kerem Karaerkek Dmytro Jatsenko Ukraine United Kingdom Toby Manning

Also present: Peter Zandveld, William Wandel and Harry vd Krogt of EGCC

Special Guests: Yamashiro Hiroshi: Vice-President Nihon Kiin

Shigeno Yuki: Advisor International Go Federation Lee Hajin: Secretary International Go Federation

Kim Dal-soo: General Secretary of the AGF (Asian Go Federation)

Luo Gang: Chief Manager of CEGO

1. Opening of the Meeting

Verification of membership started at 17:00. Martin Stiassny opened the meeting at 17:30.

2. Verifying Presence and Voting Rights

28 members were present. Germany insisted to check all members to see who paid only a reduced fee. All 28 had paid their fees and were able to vote. Italy joined the meeting bit later.

3. Accepting the Agenda

The agenda was accepted as announced.

4. International Matters

- a. Presentations from other International bodies: None.
- b. Martin Finke was approved to be nominated to the IGF to continue as IGF Director.
- c. Report from IGF Directors: a short report was received. It was reported that IGF now has a Facebook presence.
- d. Report from EGCC Supervisory Board: a short report was received.

5. Acceptance of Previous Year's AGM Minutes

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

6. Admission of New Members and Updates from Candidates

South Africa, Iceland and Greece were accepted at Observer Members. There was a discussion as Greece had not yet written a constitution, but they still got the majority of the votes (14 in favour, 11 against, 4 abstain).

Latvia did not pay their membership fee for 3 years and got excluded. (28 in favour)

Bosnia-Herzegovina had got excluded on the end of 2013, because they could not fully pay their fees, but they managed later to pay all, including the 2014 fee, so they got reaccepted.

7. Reports of the President, Secretary, Treasurer

President's Report: His report was considered.

Secretary's Report: The secretary does mostly paperwork like gathering registrations for international tournaments. He pointed out that he and all other members of the board helped organise the pro qualification tournaments in Strasbourg, Amsterdam and Vienna.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer gave his report and presented the accounts for 2013.

8. Report of the Auditors for 2013, Discharge of the Board

The auditors had completed their audit and reported that the EGF accounts for 2013 were satisfactory.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Discharge was granted to the board.

9. Reports of Officers/Chairmen of Commissions

- a. Tournaments & Rules: No report received.
- b. Ratings: A Report had been received.
- c. Appeals: No report received, though comment was made on a case from Turkey that was investigated.

10. Election of Executive Officers and Auditors

The executive was re-elected.

Catalin Taranu had withdrawn his candidacy. He stated that he upholds his criticism, which he extensively wrote in emails to the member countries, and apologized if delegates had travelled to the meeting only to vote for him.

11. Budgets

The budget was not ready for the meeting and was promised to be published soon after.

12. Appointment of Commissions

The current commissions will continue their work. As there was no feedback from the Tournament & Rules Commission about the previous year's delegations, the Handicap/Extension to 30 Kyu proposal will be handed over to them again this year.

13. European Go Congresses

- a. Financial report from 2013: Olsztyn, Poland: There was not much information, but it was reported they had only made a small insignificant loss.
- b. Comments on 2014: Sibiu, Romania: Ion Florescu reported that all was going well.
- c. Progress report on 2015: Liberec, Czech Republic: Vladimir Danek showed a small promotion video and presented info about the venue "Babylon Centre" and the city Liberec.
- d. Progress report on 2016: St. Petersburg, Russia: The venue will be the Hotel Holiday Inn
- e. Progress report on 2017: Turkey: Burhaniye will no longer be the city for hosting the congress; the main organizer, Kerem Karaerkek, has started to look for other places

14. European Tournament Calendar - Selection of Hosts

- a. Short updates from 2014/15 selected hosts:
 - 27-28.09.2014 Student Championship at Toulouse
 - 12-15.03.2015 Youth Championships at Zandvoort
 - Czechia was not sure if it can hold the 2015 PairGo Championship because it is already doing the EGC in the same year (later, in the board meeting, the PairGo championship 2015 was given to Russia and Czechia will do it in 2016)
 - Women's Championship 2015 will be in Turkey either in Cappadocia or Antalya/Cirali, accommodation will be free
 - 19-20.09.2015 Student Championship: Romania, Cluj-Napoca

- b. Youth Championship 2016: Grenoble, France, or Subotica, Serbia; Subotica got it with 14 votes, Grenoble will hold it in 2017
- c. Student Championship 2016, Netherlands
- d. PairGo 2016, Czechia
- e. Women's Championship 2016 not yet decided; no proposal yet.

The IGF Secretary, Lee Hajin, reported that in 2015 the 1st World Student PairGo Championship will be held.

15. Proposals from Members

a. New Constitution and General Regulations (Commission headed by Han Ellenbroek)

The new constitution was accepted.

Vote on Article 6 of the new Regulations. Voting System

Proposal 1: One vote per EGF Member

Proposal 2: Gradual: 0–40 members or EGF Member paying a reduced Annual Membership Subscription Fee 1 vote, 40–200 members 2 votes, 200–500 members 3 votes, 500+ members 4 votes.

14 in favour of proposal 2, 12 votes in favour of proposal 1, 1 abstention

It was agreed that minor changes could be made to the constitution as it will be needed to translate it into Dutch to submit it to the <u>Chamber of Commerce</u>.

b. Rating of Internet Games (UK, Jon Diamond)

13 in favour, 8 against, 6 abstentions. As there was a discussion especially about how to handle the membership requirements for entering in the EGD, it was decided that the elaboration of the rules will be passed to the Tournament & Rules Commission / Rating Commission.

c. Youth Team Championship (IE, Ian Davis)

This proposal was withdrawn in favour of the other <u>Youth Team Championship</u>. Countries who want to participate should send a complete list of participants not later than 15.10.2014; the first round will start in November 2014.

16. Any other Business:

Austria reminded to upload tournaments results shortly after the tournament was held and announced to open the CEGO Training to more players. <u>EGD results upload / EGF / CEGO Online Training</u>. The EGF is looking for a new logo. It is planned to make an open competition and award the chosen design with 500€. The executive board will make a preselection of the submitted proposals.

Meeting Closed at 23:30