

Minutes of Pre-AGM Meeting 2010 of the European Go Federation

Held at 17:00 on 29th July 2010 at EGC Tampere, Finland

0) Present

Representatives of Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, the EGCC, IGF and 4 members of executive.

1) EGCC

Peter Zandveld explained how the Foundation worked and its relation to the EGF through the Supervisory Board. In the past money had been available to support staff to produce publicity material, joining GAISF and so on. Costs had changed and only one full time and one part time staff member was employed, but time available for Go projects will improve in the future. Suggestions for 2011 project should be brought to the Board meeting on the 31st at 10:30 or the workshop at 20:30. The EGCC is available for events, supporting the EGF's stock of 300 tournament Go sets, as a teaching venue, and projects such as the Iwamoto Awards. It is still sited centrally to the European Go population, whereas Eastern Europe Go is still not mature. We need to increase the demand for Go within Europe to make the centre more needed.

2) EC System

There were 8 (or according to some counts 13) proposed systems to be considered. It was explained why non-interference had been agreed (champion placed seventh and not played second best European, for example). To be more sport like it seemed a closed system is more appropriate. However the Open must stay attractive, especially to visitors. The only vote in 2009 not clear majority was the number of rounds vote. The previous vote on qualifying leading to knock out system was only rejected by one vote so should be put back in the list of proposals. Any problems with a system would have to be accepted as a feature (for instance rematches) and details rules worked out by Rules Commission. It was agreed the Executive examine the proposals and produce a limited range of options to be voted on at the AGM.

3) International Relations

Martin Stiassny said that all oriental countries were our equal friends and deserved equal treatment. We had been lucky with Ing Foundation from the 1990s until 2008. He had met Mr Yang in Taipei who said as the agreement was over we could use any rules. Talks with Pandanet meant they would stop the European Cup sponsorship from Paris 2011 and replace it with a new scheme. The Zhuyeqing Tea support for 12000 was guaranteed for two years. We need EGF-wide sponsors and not just national ones. They can gain from visibility and contacts. Maybe Korean companies will be next or even European ones?

The meeting with Mr Liu the previous Sunday to find out ideas had had the same response from us as when KABA asked in 2008 – we had no plan. The Koreans made their own plan and started the Go school in Budapest. Mr Kim can visit tournaments paying his own flights. We need a development plan. The Netherlands Go Association

had done such an exercise prompted by the Olympic connections. Unfortunately no representative from Zhuyeqing was present because of the Expo in Shanghai.

Yuki Shigeno said that Mr Liu from China was IGF Office Director and it was good now that the three big countries were supporting IGF equally and by rotation. However it means organisation is less consistent and the IGF needs to find a clear vision.

The names of the four candidates for IGF Director were announced.

Meeting closed at 19:00