

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2006 of the European Go Federation

4th August 2006 at Frascati EGC, Italy

Meeting opened at 19:05

1) Opening of the meeting, verifying presence and voting rights

Tony Atkins opened the meeting. See the attached list (at the end of the paper) about the participating executive-board-members, the officers, the auditors and the representatives of 20 European countries. Tony Atkins proposed Martin Stiassny to take the job for writing the minutes – accepted.

2) Accepting the agenda

The agenda was accepted, but one point was added: Mr. Yang Sung-Mo, Vice-Chairman of KABA (Korean Amateur Baduk Association) gets time for announcing an international tournament in Korea.

Mr. Yang explained that from now on every year the Korean Prime Minister Cup International Baduk Championship will happen. One representative from each country that is member of the IGF will be invited. The tournament is scheduled for October. Mr. Yang passed flyers to the participants of the meeting and earned a big applause. He was accompanied by Mr. Kim Seong-June, who will be the main organizer of this year's event.

3) Last year's minutes

The minutes were accepted without any comments.

4) New members

No new members were accepted. Greece is still in the formal process of forming an association. Mr. Stankovic (from Serbia/Montenegro) explained that after the political split of Serbia/Montenegro into two independent countries that probably Montenegro will found its own association in the coming years.

5) Reports of the President, Secretary, Treasurer

The President's report has been published and distributed by e-mail – there was no need to read it out in the meeting. No questions on this report. There was no secretary report as Jan van Rongen had stepped down. The accounts from the treasurer and explanatory notes were circulated. Some questions were answered; others were postponed to the next item. Hans Kostka implored countries to get bank accounts for ease of international transfers.

6) Report of the Auditors

The auditors reported that the treasurer made a good job, the accounts are ok. The participants of the meeting would like to get the figures earlier (in the future). The auditors recommended the EGF to take tax advice. Mr. Soletti missed not having the paper which shows which countries have paid the membership-fee (and which not), like was done in other years. Mr. Soletti also addressed the point that the costs for the officers should be explained in detail in order to get better transparency. In a vote this proposal was rejected by the meeting

7) Report from IGF Directors

The report from Martin Stiassny and Erik Puyt was circulated. Questions were received and answered on the Olympic status. Any Mind Sports Games will need big sponsors to go ahead. Mr. Soletti especially mentioned the difficult issue of doping and possible problems; Netherlands are already dealing with this.

8) Reports of Chairmen of existing Commissions

No written reports were received from any commission. Matti Siivola reported about ongoing activities of the Rules Commission.

9) Election of Executive officers and auditors

All candidates were elected. The only change to the past year is a new secretary, John Gibson, from Ireland.

President: Tony Atkins
Vice-Presidents: Martin Stiassny, Oleg Gavrillov
Secretary: John Gibson
Treasurer: Hans Kostka
Officers: Ales Cieply, Matti Siivola
Auditors: Arnaud Knippel, Peter Zandveld

10) Presentation of Budgets for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008

The budgets were presented. The amount of support by the EGF for Professionals at the European Congress was thought to be too low. The EGF executive should think about raising this sum in the future.

11) Appointment of Commissions

The Rules, Youth- and Rating Commissions will continue. Again the idea of reactivating the Constitution Commission was discussed. Setting up additional commissions if necessary was decided.

12) European Congresses

2006 – Frascati – The meeting thanked the congress team
2007 – Villach – Austria presented their plans in detail, very positive
2008 – Sweden – This congress will be held in Leksand / Dalarna. A flyer was circulated
2009 – Groningen – The Netherlands reported about the venue and their planning-activities
2010 – Finland, probably at Tampere, was voted. There was no other candidate

For the years after 2010 following countries announced their interest:

Poland (Krakow), Czechia (Brno) and Luxembourg for 2011
Germany for 2012 (75th anniversary of Deutscher Go-Bund)
Russia for 2014 because of the Winter Olympics

13) European Tournament Calendar

The following European Championships / Main Go Events for the next years were given to the following countries:

Youth 2008 – Czechia - Brno

Student 2007 – Sweden - Stockholm

Student 2008 – no bids at the moment

Pairs 2007 - Russia, will be played on a boat-trip from Moscow to St. Petersburg

Pairs 2008 - Poland - Krakow

Ing 2008 – Russia

Women 2007 - Russia, St. Petersburg, after Pair event

Women 2008 – no bids at the moment

Teams 2006 – Slovakia (flyers were circulated)

Teams 2007 – no bids at the moment

Teams 2008 – no bids at the moment

14) Rules Proposals

a) European Masters – keeps unchanged for 2007.

b) European Cup – prize money will be rounded down, to nearest cutoff, starting in 2007.

c) European Go-Tour – The Executive-board is authorised to change the tour structure if no new sponsor will be found replacing Toyota. Toyota will end its sponsoring in 2007.

d) European Students – proposal accepted, age must be under 29.

e) European tournament Rules – the proposals of the Rules Commission are not finished, so no decision on this point.

f) European Youth – the Dutch proposal was accepted (cutting support for accompanying adults to 50 %).

g) Dutch motion for a knock-out-system in the second week of the EGC 2009 for European top-players: After a long discussion it was voted on the unchanged Dutch proposal, which was rejected by. 6/7/5 (pro/con/abst). The meeting suggested further studies on this point.

15) Selection of European Team Captains

For the World Pair Go Championship in November 2006: Hans Kostka

For the World Amateur Go Championship in May 2007: Maurizio de Leo (chosen by Italy)

16) Other items requested by the members

The original suggestion of Russia to consider and discuss a change in the voting of executive-members – election for two years instead of for one year - was skipped

17) Any Other Business

a) After the split of Montenegro and Serbia both countries must be separate EGF members.

b) Hungary has changed to federal system but not the ir name.

c) Gionata Soletti explained that they do not want nor need more financial support from the EGF for running the congress, after someone asked, despite fewer participants than expected.

d) Francis Roads raised a vote of thanks on the EGF executive.

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List of Representatives

<u>Member Country</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Armenia	Victor Zilberberg
Austria	Simon Gemel
Belgium	Thomas Connor
Belarus	Oleg Gavrilov
Cyprus	Maria Leonidon
Czechia	Martina Simunkova
Finland	Matti Siivola
France	J�rome Hubert
Germany	Martin Stiassny
Hungary	Tibor Rapai
Israel	Shavit Fragman
Italy	Gionata Soletti
Luxembourg	Nguyen Cuong
Netherlands	Jan Derksen
Norway	P�l Sannes
Poland	Robert Bugaj
Russia	Victor Bogdanov
Serbia / Montenegro	Dejan Stankovic
Slovakia	Miroslav Smid
United Kingdom	Francis Roads

Officers present

Executive Officers/ Auditors

President: Tony Atkins	Officer Tournaments: Matti Siivola
Vice-President: Martin Stiassny	
Vice-President: Oleg Gavrilov	Auditor 1: Peter Zandveld
Treasurer: Hans Kostka	Auditor 2: Arnaud Knippel