

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2017

Held on Tuesday 25th July 2017 from 18:00 to 00:30 in Oberhof, Germany

0. Present

President:	Martin Stiasny
Vice-President:	Jana Hricova
Vice-President:	Jean-Yves Papazoglou
Vice-President:	Li Ting
Secretary:	Lorenz Trippel
Treasurer:	Harry van der Krogt
Executive Officer:	Natalia Kovaleva

Official Representatives, 22 countries:

Country	Representative	Votes
Austria	Viktor Lin	2
Belgium	Thomas Connor	2
Croatia	Damir Medak	1
Czechia	Thierry Defer	2
Denmark	Finn Nørgaard	2
France	Chantal Gajdos, Arnaud Knippel	4
Germany	Michael Marz	4
Hungary	Julia Seres	2
Israel	Ali Jabarin	2
Italy	Maurizio Parton	2
Netherlands	Han Ellenbroek	4
Norway	Heming Hanevik, Pål Sannes	2
Poland	Mateusz Surma	2
Romania	Catalin Taranu	2
Russia	Maxim Volkov	4
Serbia	Nikola Mitic	1
Slovakia	Milan Jadron	2
Sweden	Robin Nilsson	2
Switzerland	Flavien Aubelle	3

Turkey	Kerem Karaerkek	4
Ukraine	Volodimir & Artem Kachanovskyi	2
UK	Martin Harvey	3
	Total:	54

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Verifying Presence and Voting Rights
3. Accepting the Agenda
4. International Matters:
 - a. Presentations from other International bodies, Zhang Yanqi, vice secretary China Qi-yuan
 - b. Report from IGF Directors:
 - i. Martin Stiassny: Presidency of IGF will change to Japan in 2018. Meeting Guiyang. Georgia accepted as 77th member. Explanation for choosing Russia as host of the WAGC in 2020.
 - ii. Li Ting: Chinese Congress in inner Mongolia, AI Open in China, Oscar outstanding results: wildcard for the Pro qualification, EGF Academy will continue to be supported for 2 more years sponsored by Ge Yuhong School, Silk road tournament 9-14th Oct., Chinese C-League: European team, 3 more years of support
 - c. Report from EGCC Supervisory Board
 - i. Peter Zandveld: 25th anniversary weekend tournament (bonus point tournament)
5. Acceptance of [Previous Year's AGM Minutes](#) accepted without voting
6. Admission of New Members: Morocco will play in the pandanet team championship
7. Reports of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Presidents, Officers
 - a. President Report (Martin Stiassny) [report](#)
 - b. Secretary Report (Lorenz Trippel)
Works mostly on administrative things. Improved web page with tournament knock out tree, manages news on web page and facebook account together with Pavol, biggest chunk of work this year was coordinating the yearbook
 - c. Treasurer Report (Harry vd Krogt)
reduced cash payments, bought more equipment (clocks, computer)
 - d. Vice Presidents Reports ([Jean-Yves Papazoglou](#), [Jana Hricova](#), Li Ting, Other Reports of Board members Natalia Kovaleva).

- i. Internet Tournaments Class D experimental period ended.
 Martin Finke: People like to see results in EGD, cheating seems not happening, nobody can guarantee though.
 Arnaud Knippel: We should monitor it carefully, maybe make a separate list with online internet games
 Damir: All participants should be member of the federation.
 Michael Marz: Germany has big online tournaments and experience is that it is not necessary to have on-line tournaments in the EGD to make it popular.
 As the matter was only announced in the report of the Vice President the voting about it was postponed to next year's AGM.

- 8. [Report of the Auditors](#) for 2015 (Marieke Ahlborn, Chantal Gajdos), Discharge of the Board, no objections:
 The board is discharged. Auditors have postponed the checking of the accounts (with the papers).

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- 9. Reports of Officers/Chairmen of Commission
 - a. Tournaments & Rules (Fabien Lips)
 - b. Ratings Aldo Podavini
 - c. Appeals (Leo Dal Zovo, Kerem Karaerkek) [Report](#)
 - i. Longer discussion. Romania, Sorin Sora complains that the decision took very long. Romania needs to report the championship results of their players, to have to report a change after half a year is very difficult.
 Kerem: The appeals commission should have the right to overrule.
 Michael: The tournaments rules commission should have been approached and made a decision not the board.
 Catalin: Change in the constitution will need some specialist to make a good proposal to change the constitution.
 Need more members for the appeals commission
 - d. Academy (Viktor Lin)
 - e. Congress Advisor (Manja Marz)
- 10. Election of Executive Officers (for a period of 3 years) and Auditors
 - a. Next election of the board will be in 2018.
 - b. Auditors: Marieke and Chantal will continue, they would like to have one or two more members, they can add them by themselves.
- 11. Budgets
 - a. Presentation for Comment of Budgets 2017
 - i. The treasurer didn't get to the point to make a budget as he was setting up the new accounting system.

- ii. Chantal: Would like to decide how to use the google money.
 Jana: We had to assign the money to 3 different areas: Youth, Marketing and Professionals
 Martin Stiassny: Money in the professional system is well invested.
 Martin Finke: What is the timeframe to spend this money?
 Martin Stiassny: It was set up to be spent in three years
 Erwin: EGF should have long term goals, like how many professionals in 2020? How many sponsor money in 2025?

12. Appointment of Commissions

a. Tournament Rules & Commission:

- i. Members
 - 1. Fabien Lips leaves the commission
 Candidates:
 - 1. Michal Timko
 - 2. François Mizessyn

b. Appeals Commission:

- i. Members:
 - 1. Leo Dal Zovo
 - 2. Kerem Karaerkek
 Candidates: Secretary will make an announcement that the EGF is looking for more members!

c. Pro Commission:

- i. No report, next year they will present a report.

13. Proposals from Members / Board Members / Commissions

a. German go association: [Reduce application period for EGC](#)

Accepted

b. Martin Stiassny: [New membership fee system](#), [Excel sheet](#)

- i. Proposal is withdrawn. The proposal will be worked out in more details for the next AGM
 Michael: Idea is good, minimum fee shouldn't be reduced
 Kerem: Turkey has only 50 paying members, most of the members are young and don't pay a fee. If EGD is taken as measurement Turkey can not stay in the EGF.
 Han: There are players in the EGD which are not member of the association.
 Chantal: Gaps make it difficult if there is only few people over the gap, a linear system would be better.

c. European Pro Commission: [Proposal for EC system 16 instead of 24 participants](#)

Nikola: Already many "small" tournaments with small number of participants, the EC shouldn't be just another small tournament as there are over 800 players in place.

Catalin: Dragos who is a long time top player was not sure if he can

enter the super group, making it smaller would exclude many strong players

10 of 54 votes in favor => **rejected**

- d. German go association: [Registration fee for the participants of the European Go Championship](#)

Michael: To take away the burden to pay the entry fee for 24 players is a lot for the congress organizers.

Kerem: Congress profits also from the participation of the top players

Catalin: No player in the championship should make minus, prize money should be distributed in a way it covers also the costs

(participation fee, travelling, accommodation) of the losing players.

Accepted

14. European Go Congresses

- a. Financial report from 2016: St. Petersburg, Russia

- b. Comments on 2017: Oberhof, Germany

- c. Progress report on 2018: Pisa, Italy, [egc2018.it](#), [presentation](#)

- d. Progress report on 2019: Brussels, Belgium, report by Thomas

Connor: Website is being build: [egc2019.be](#)

Additional (private) security is needed, as Belgium is in a kind of emergency state

- e. Selection of Host for the Congress 2020? (see motion of Germany above). Poland is interested. Olympics in a Japan? Martin Stiassny: One week in July and one week August. What if it clashes with players invited to Japan? The international pair go assoc. will not set it up on the same dates, Martin will meet with them soon.

15. European Tournament Calendar - Selection of Hosts

- a. Short updates from 2017/18:

- i. Women Championship, [Odessa](#), Ukraine, 19/20.8.2017
Free accommodation for the first 60 participants

- ii. Student Championship 2017 [Ceske Budejovice](#), Czechia, 9/10.9.2017

- iii. Women Championship 2018, Finland

- iv. Youth Championship 2018, 29th-31st March, [Kiev](#), Ukraine

- v. Pair Go Championship 7/8.4.2018, Ascona Switzerland

- b. Call for candidates:

- i. Grand Slam qualification 2018 (February - latest 1st April)

- ii. Pro qualification (March till June, latest mid July. Before congress) - will not happen in 2018, but in 2019

Albert Fenech (Strasbourg) is interested

- iii. Student Championship 2018, Leksand, 15th/16th August, Sweden

- iv. Pro Championship 2018

- v. Pro Championship 2019

- vi. Student Championship 2019, Moscow is interested

- vii. Grand Slam Qualification 2019, Czechia is interested

- viii. Women Championship 2019 (second half of year)
 - ix. Pair Go Championship 2019, [Groningen, Netherlands](#), April/May 2019.
 - x. Youth Go Championships 2019: 26 / 15 votes: EYGC 2019 goes to Russia Moscow:
 - 1. Moscow, Russia, [presentation](#)
 - 2. Congress Center of Terme Tuhelj near Zagreb, Croatia, [presentation](#)
16. European Grand Prix [link](#)
- a. Bonus Tournaments
 - b. Grand Prix 2017 Final, Olomouc, 20th January 2018
 - c. Grand Slam(s) 2017/18: Warsaw, Berlin
17. Internet Championships
- a. [Pandamet Go European Team Championship](#)
Morocco will join.
 - b. [European Youth Go Team Championship](#)
 - c. [European Student Team](#)
18. Any other Business:
- a. Romania: Changing the result of the Women Championship 2016 and its implications
 - b. UK: What plans does the EGF have for using their share of the prize money from the AlphaGo/Lee Sedol match? (if not answered earlier in the meeting)