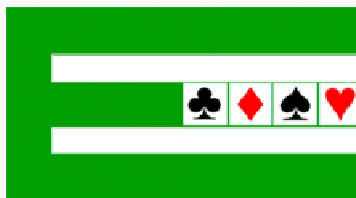


MINUTES OF THE
EBL ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Held at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 29th June 2014
at Hotel Camelia, Opatija - Croatia

Present:	Yves Aubry	President
	Marc de Pauw	1 st Vice President
	Radek Kielbasinski	2 nd Vice President
	Jan Kamras	Honorary Secretary
	David Harris	Treasurer
	Sevinç Atay	Executive Committee Member
	Panos Gerontopoulos	Executive Committee Member
	Josef Harsanyi	Executive Committee Member
	Eric Laurant	Executive Committee Member
	Filippo Palma	Executive Committee Member
	Pim Vaders	Executive Committee Member
	José Damiani	President Emeritus
	Gianarrigo Rona	President Emeritus
	Jean-Claude Beineix	Hon. Vice-President
	Catherine Vitry	Secretary to the President
Excused	Jean-Charles Allavena	Executive Committee Member

Also present were the delegates from the following 42 (forty-two) National Bridge Organisations (NBOs), having the indicated number of votes in accordance with art. 25 of the Statutes:

Austria	4	J. Kamras –proxy	Latvia	1	U. Bethers
Belarus	1	G. Ofir - proxy	Lebanon	2	N. Hamdan
Belgium	4	Ph. Coenraets	Lithuania	1	T. Dihnova -proxy
Bosnia Herz	1	M. Milovic	Luxembourg	1	P. Banchereau
Bulgaria	3	V. Isporski	Monaco	1	P. Zimmermann
Croatia	2	G. Grgurić	Netherlands	7	H. Kelder
Cyprus	1	P.Gerontopoulos- proxy	Norway	4	K. Brinchmann
Czech Rep.	1	M. Macura	Poland	4	W. Paczkowski
Denmark	5	F. Bøgh-Sørensen	Portugal	2	I. Almeida Araújo
England	6	S. Cochemé	Romania	1	M. Georgescu
Estonia	1	A. Rummel	Russia	2	E. Laurant –proxy
Faroe Islands	1	Ø. Winthereig	San Marino	1	S. Valentini -proxy
Finland	2	K. G. Backas	Scotland	4	R. Frame
France	7	P. Grenthe	Serbia	1	D. Parezanin
Germany	6	U. Wenning	Slovakia	1	E. Velecky
Greece	3	N. Delimpaltadakis	Slovenia	1	T. Orac
Hungary	2	J. Harsanyi -proxy	Spain	3	E. Nicolás-Correa
Iceland	2	S. Eiriksson	Sweden	5	M. Melander
Ireland	3	D. Jackson	Switzerland	3	F. Piedra
Israel	4	M. Kenigsberg	Turkey	4	M. Molva
Italy	5	G. Medugno	Wales	2	L. Woodruff



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

The President welcomed the delegates to the EBL Ordinary General Assembly.

1. Confirmation of Roll Call

The Honorary Secretary, Jan Kamras, took the Roll Call of delegates which showed the presence of the above mentioned NBOs. He certified the presence of 42 NBOs out of a total of 46 having the right to vote and of 115 votes out of a total of 119.

The President, in accordance with art. 21 of the Statutes, declared the Assembly valid and opened the proceedings.

2. Appointment of the Assembly Committee

Mike Ash, Modi Kenigsberg and Milan Macura were appointed as members of the Assembly Committee with Stephan Magnusson as secretary.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly, Dublin 2012

The Assembly approved the minutes of the General Assembly held in Dublin on 27th June 2012.

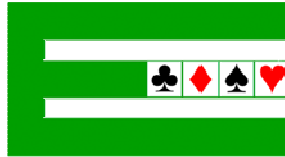
4. President's Report

The President presented his report to the Assembly. A copy of his report (which had been circulated in advance) is appended to these minutes.

5. Approval of the President's Report

The President invited questions and comments on his report from the delegates: Pierre Zimmermann questioned the "stabilization of calendar" mentioned on page 16 of the report. He commented that, to the contrary, the number of events should be augmented in order to increase the income of the EBL. National teams play once every two years in EBL compared to 3 times/year in USA. Yves Aubry answered that he used the word "stabilization" to reflect that the dates of a particular event should be consistent from year to year in order for the NBOs to plan their activities and to avoid conflicts with events organized by WBF, EUSA and FISU. It will be the task of the new board to review the calendar in terms of number of events.

Modi Kenigsberg raised the topic of promotion of youth. Israel created a strong Youth promotion programme in its country and based on their experience he recommended the EBL to have younger persons leading the youth activities, even if they are not members of the Executive Committee and do not have voting rights. He also stated that women are not sufficiently represented on the EBL EC and that at least two women should have been candidates.



Kaj G Backas pointed out a mistake on page 15 of the report where it is written “New IMP scale”. This should be “New Victory Point scale”: This should be amended in the final version of the report. Yves Aubry accepted this amendment. The Assembly approved the report. The President thanked the delegates.

6. Treasurer’s Report

The President called upon the Treasurer, David Harris, to address the Assembly.

The Treasurer presented the report on the financial position of the EBL, including the audited accounts for 2012 and 2013, the membership figures 2012 and 2013, and an overview of income and expenses / evolution of the equity position for the years 2012/2013.

7. Examination of the budget 2014/2015

The Treasurer presented the budget for 2014/2015, which did not lead to any queries from the Assembly, at that stage.

8. Approval of the Balance Sheet and accounts 2012/2013 and Auditors’ Report.

Pierre Zimmermann asked for the reason to mention two offices, one in Lausanne and one “President’s office”. David Harris answered that Lausanne was the registered official office as the EBL headquarters. The President’s office is where the President is located during his term.

Pierre Zimmermann then asked a question on the budget 2015 concerning the Open Championships in Tromsø for which the results seem to be very optimistic given the costs of travel and other expenses at this particular location and stated that this should be reviewed.

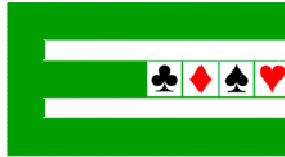
David Harris answered that he is confident that the stated numbers will be achieved. The Assembly approved the 2012 and 2013 balance sheet, accounts and auditors’ report.

9. Membership dues and other fees

David Harris addressed this topic. So far as the small federations are concerned, two years ago the membership dues were reduced to 500€ and the EBL intends to maintain them at this level.

The Assembly approved the dues.

Russel Frame questioned the method of establishing membership numbers for the purpose of determining the dues. David Harris responded that this is a very difficult subject that has been discussed a lot within the EC. Any change will undoubtedly please those who would pay less, but displease those who would pay more, than today. He suggested this is a topic that will have to be addressed as a matter of priority by the new EBL EC.



10. Election of the President and of the 12 EBL Executive Committee Members for the legislature 2014/2018

a) Election of the President

The Vice-President, Marc De Pauw, took the stage to replace Yves Aubry during the election of the new President.

The Hon. Secretary explained the voting procedure to the attendees.

Following a secret ballot, the Vice-President announced that 114 ballots had been handed out and reported the respective votes of each candidate as follows:

Mr Yves Aubry 65 votes

Mr. Panos Gerontopoulos 49 votes

The Vice-President thus declared Yves Aubry elected as President of the EBL.

b) Election of of the 12 EBL Executive Committee Members

Initially 17 candidates applied for this position. One candidate had subsequently withdrawn and another was not present and thus, according to the statutes, the final number was 15 candidates.

Following a secret ballot, the President announced that 114 ballots had been handed out and reported the respective votes of each candidate as follows:

Mrs Sevinç Atay 64 votes

Mr Patrick Bogacki 37 votes

Mr Jurica Carić 53 votes

Mr Marc De Pauw 73 votes

Mr Panos Gerontopoulos 41 votes

Mr David Harris 49 votes

Mr Josef Harsanyi 70 votes

Mr Jan Kamras 80 votes

Mr Radoslaw Kielbasinski 68 votes

Mr Eric Laurant 63 votes

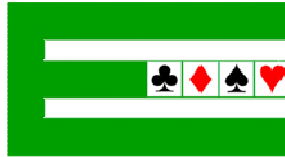
Mr Eitan Levy 80 votes

Mr Jafet Ólafsson 63 votes

Mr Filippo Palma 59 votes

Mr Paul Porteous 54 votes

Mr Pim Vaders 27 votes



The President thus declared S. Atay, Jurica Carić, Marc De Pauw, David Harris, Josef Harsanyi, Jan Kamras, Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Eric Laurant, Eitan Levy, Jafet Ólafsson, Filippo Palma, and Paul Porteous elected as EC Members of the EBL.

11. Questions and proposed resolutions sent by the NBO's

One question had been presented by an NBO in advance of the Assembly.

This was related to the eligibility of Roy Welland to the German Federation: Marc De Pauw replied that the application was fulfilling the EBL Eligibility rules and thus was accepted by the Credentials Committee.

Fernando Piedra took the floor and stated that he was disappointed with this EBL decision. He would have no problem if the rules were being applied equally for everyone, but felt they are not and that corruption may have influenced this case.

The President reminded the delegates that one EBL EC Member, Jens Auken, passed away last January and asked everyone to stand for some moments in memory of Jens Auken.

There being no further business, the President thanked all the delegates for their attendance and contribution, and at 12.50 p.m. declared the Ordinary General Assembly closed.