

MINUTES OF THE EBL ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY Held at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 24th June 2016 at Groupama Arena, Budapest - Hungary

Present: Yves Aubry President

Marc de Pauw 1st Vice President Radek Kielbasinski 2nd Vice President Paul Porteous Honorary Secretary

Josef Harsanyi Treasurer

Sevinç Atay
Jurica Carić
Executive Committee Member

Gianarrigo Rona President Emeritus Bill Pencharz Hon. President

Catherine Vitry Secretary to the President

Excused Filippo Palma

Also present were the delegates from the following 38 (thirty-eight) National Bridge Organisations (NBOs), having the indicated number of votes in accordance with art. 25 of the Statutes:

Austria	4	A. Babsch	Italy	5	G. Medugno
Belarus	1	A. Korzun	Latvia	1	N. Armanis
Belgium	4	Ph. Coenraets	Luxembourg	1	P. Banchereau
Bulgaria	3	T. Rusev	Malta	1	M. Horton - proxy
Croatia	2	T. Perković	Netherlands	7	K. Vrieze
Cyprus	1	E. Leonidou	Norway	4	K-A. Opsal
Czech Rep.	1	J. Martynek	Poland	4	W. Stachnik
Denmark	5	N. Rasmussen	Portugal	2	I. Araújo
England	6	B. Pencharz	Romania	1	M. Georgescu
Estonia	1	S. Sester	San Marino	1	A. Pecci
Finland	2	K. G. Backas	Scotland	4	I. Hunter
France	7	J-D Chalet	Serbia	1	D. Parežanin
Georgia	1	G. Gogoberidze	Slovakia	1	P. Belcak
Germany	6	K-U. Benthack	Spain	3	E. Nicolás-Correa
Greece	4	F. Skoularikis -proxy	Sweden	5	J. Grönkvist
Hungary	2	A. Hermanyi	Switzerland	3	C. Thompson
Iceland	2	O. Thorsteinsdottir	Turkey	4	N. Aydogdu
Ireland	3	G. Lessels	Ukraine	1	V. Dragan
Israel	4	O.Meir	Wales	2	P. Jourdain



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

1. Confirmation of Roll Call

The Honorary Secretary, Paul Porteous, took the Roll Call of delegates which showed the presence of the above mentioned NBOs. He certified the presence of 38 NBOs out of a total of 46 having the right to vote and of 108 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

Flemming Bøgh-Sørensen/Denmark, Rena Livera/Cyprus and Oryah Meir/Israel were appointed as members of the Assembly Committee.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly, Opatija 2014

KG Backas from Finland suggested that the EBL should send out the final minutes of the EBL General Assembly shortly after the assembly is held and not just before the next General assembly. The Assembly approved the minutes of the General Assembly held in Opatija on 27th June 2014, on the proposal of Kaj Backas/Finland, seconded by Errikos Leonidou(Cyprus).

4. President's Report

The President presented his report to the Assembly. A copy of his report is appended to these minutes.

5. Approval of the President's Report

The President invited questions and comments on his report from the delegates. None were forthcoming; the report was adopted on the proposal of Bill Pencharz/England, seconded by Ian Hunter/Scotland. The President thanked the delegates.

6. Treasurer's Report

The President called upon the Treasurer, Josef Harsanyi, to address the Assembly. Josef Harsanyi asked the Assembly to validate the change of EBL Auditors from Kingston Smith/England to the new Auditors Kokott in Germany. This proposal was accepted on a show of hands.

The EBL bank accounts have been transferred from England to Switzerland.

The Treasurer presented the report on the financial position of the EBL, including the audited accounts for 2014 and 2015, the membership figures 2014 and 2015, and an overview of income and expenses for the years 2014/2015.



7. Examination of the budget 2016/2017

The Treasurer presented the budget for 2016/2017.

Gilad Ofir from Israel thanked Josef Harsanyi for his presentation and raised 2 points on the budget 2016-2017

- A column to show the actual expenditure in the year 2015 would be very useful for comparison purposes and
- The youth bridge fund figure shows a zero figure an amount in this column would validate the work of the Youth Committee.

Josef Harsanyi thanked Gilad and confirmed that he would take his remarks into account for future presentations.

8. Approval of the Balance Sheet and accounts 2014/2015 and Auditors' Report.

The Assembly approved the 2014 and 2015 balance sheet, accounts and auditors' report. Their adoption was proposed by Gordon Lessells/Ireland and Errikos Leonidou/Cyprus.

9. Membership dues and other fees

Josef Harsanyi addressed this topic. The Assembly approved the dues.

Yves Aubry stated that the membership dues will not be increased to offset the effect of the expenditure on the cheating cases..

10. Ratification of the admission to membership of NBOs

None

11.Bestowing the titles of President Emeritus, Honorary President, Honorary Vice-President or Honorary Member on any individual or organisation having contributed outstandingly to the development of European bridge or having served European bridge with distinction;

The President proposed Panos Gerontopoulos as an Honorary Member. Yves Aubry outlined the various roles fulfilled by Panos Gerontopoulos for the EBL over almost 30 years.

The NBOs Delegates approved the nomination of Panos Gerontopoulos as an Honorary Member.

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

Fernando Piedra from Switzerland asked about cheating cases and in particular on the cessation of suspensions and correction of MP holdings. The Italian pair Buratti/Lanzaroti had been banned but were recently re-admitted to play in international events: some process to synchronise information should be implemented.

Yves Aubry reported that Buratti/Lanzaroti had been adjudged rehabilitated and allowed to play by the FIGB, but he agreed that information such as this should be fully circulated.



Ian Hunter from Scotland requested that when players are banned, the EBL and WBF should co-ordinate their efforts and information streams more fully.

There being no further business, the President thanked all the delegates for their attendance and contribution, and at 11:15 a.m. declared the Ordinary General Assembly closed.