



MINUTES OF THE
EBL ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Held at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 18th June 2022
at Auditorium/Congress Centre, Funchal – Madeira/Portugal

Present:	Jan Kamras	President
	Josef Harsanyi	1 st Vice President
	Marc De Pauw	2 nd Vice President
	Paul Porteous	Honorary Secretary
	Eric Laurant	Treasurer
	Sevinç Atay	Executive Committee Member
	Peter Belčák	Executive Committee Member
	Igor Chalupec	Executive Committee Member
	Eitan Levy	Executive Committee Member
	Gilad Ofir	Executive Committee Member
	Gianarrigo Rona	President Emeritus
	José Damiani	President Emeritus
	Catherine Vitry	Secretary to the President
Excused	Philippe Cronier	Executive Committee Member
	Jafet Ólafson	Executive Committee Member
	Kari-Anne Opsal	Executive Committee Member

Also present were the delegates from the following 37 (Thirty seven) National Bridge Organisations (NBOs), having the indicated number of votes in accordance with art. 6.1. of the Statutes:

Austria	3	F. Piedra - Proxy	Lithuania	1	A. Arlovich
Belgium	4	G. Van Middeltem	Luxembourg	1	P. Banchereau
Bosnia&Herze	1	G. Borevković -Proxy	Netherlands	7	Johan Pieters
Bulgaria	3	Z. Draganov	Norway	4	A. Langeland
Croatia	2	J. Carić	Poland	4	M. Michalowski
Cyprus	1	D. Ballas-Proxy	Portugal	3	P. Salgueiro
Czech Rep.	1	E. Klems	Russia	3	T. Dikhnova
Denmark	5	N. Rasmussen	San Marino	1	P. Parolaro - Proxy
England	5	G. Rainsford	Scotland	4	A. Goodman
Estonia	2	A. Rummel	Serbia	1	A. Stanković
Finland	3	J. Lagerman - Proxy	Slovakia	1	I. Belčáková
France	6	F. Riehm	Slovenia	1	D. Diklić-Proxy
Germany	5	D. Kettel	Spain	4	M. Bessis - Proxy
Greece	3	N. Delimpaltadakis	Sweden	5	C. Wademark
Hungary	2	P. Talyigas	Switzerland	3	P. Zimmermann
Ireland	4	A. Fitzpatrick	Turkey	4	M. Molva
Israel	4	R. Bashvitz	Ukraine	1	V. Vainikonis - Proxy
Italy	5	F. Ferlazzo	Wales	2	C. Pierce
Latvia	1	J. Bethers			



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

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 37 NBOs out of a total of 46 having the right to vote and of 110 votes out of a total of 121.

The President, in accordance with art. 6.4.b. of the Statutes, declared the Assembly valid and opened the proceedings.

2. Appointment of the Assembly Committee

Mike Ash / Scotland, Charlotte Fuglsang / Denmark and Jurica Caric / Croatia were appointed as members and Arianna Testa as secretary of the Assembly Committee.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly, Lausanne 2020

The Assembly approved the minutes of the General Assembly held in Lausanne on 4th November 2020.

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 unanimously adopted. The President thanked the delegates.

6. Treasurer's Report

The President called upon the Treasurer, Eric Laurant, to address the Assembly.

The Treasurer presented the report on the financial position of the EBL, including the audited accounts for 2020 and 2021, the membership figures 2020 and 2021, and an overview of income and expenses for the years 2020/2021. The Treasurer's report was adopted unanimously.

7. Approval of the Balance Sheet and accounts 2020/2021 and Auditors' Report.

The Assembly approved the 2020 and 2021 balance sheet, accounts and auditors' report. Their adoption was unanimously validated.

8. Examination of the budget 2022

The Treasurer presented the budget for 2022.



9. Membership dues and other fees

No change was made in the structure of the membership dues.

10. Election of the President and of the 12 EBL Executive Committee Members for the legislature 2022/2026

a) *Election of the President*

The EBL President, Jan Kamras, explained the voting procedure to the attendees.

Following a secret ballot, the EBL President announced that 110 ballots had been handed out and reported the respective votes of each candidate as follows:

Mr Josef Harsanyi	23 votes
Mr Eric Laurant	77 votes

The EBL President thus declared Eric Laurant elected as President of the EBL. The new elected President accepted to serve for a 4-year period.

The new President, Eric Laurant, will represent the EBL with individual signature according to the EBL Statutes.

The President elect addressed the assembly to thank them for their support.

b) *Election of of the 12 EBL Executive Committee Members*

16 persons had notified the EBL of their candidacy for these positions. Since Eric Laurant was elected president there were 15 remaining candidates.

Following a secret ballot, the President announced that 110 ballots had been handed out and reported the respective votes of each candidate as follows:

Ms Sevinç Atay	32 votes
Mr Peter Belčák	47 votes
Mr Patrick Bogacki	36 votes
Mr Igor Chalupec	71 votes
Mr Marc De Pauw	65 votes
Ms Ida Gronkvist	65 votes
Mr Josef Harsanyi	46 votes



Mr Geert Magerman	80 votes
Ms Oryah Meir	78 votes
Ms Emmanuelle Monod	77 votes
Mr Gilad Ofir	72 votes
Ms Kari-Anne Opsal	71 votes
Mr Ian Payn	66 votes
Mr Paul Porteous	92 votes
Mr Erikas Vainikonis	61 votes

The President thus declared Peter Belčák, Igor Chalupec, Marc De Pauw, Ida Gronkvist, Geert Magerman, Oryah Meir, Emmanuelle Monod, Gilad Ofir, Kari-Anne Opsal, Ian Payn, Paul Porteous and Erikas Vainikonis elected as EC Members of the EBL. All the elected members were present and accepted to serve for a 4-year period.

11. Ratification of the admission to membership of NBOs

There were no candidates for admission.

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

No questions or proposals had been sent to the EBL in advance of the Assembly. The president then invited questions or comments from the floor. The following were forthcoming:

Nis Rasmussen/Denmark took the floor and stated that the EBL should consider the cost for the NBOs when participating at an event and not only the EBL costs. The President responded that whenever there is more than one candidate for hosting an event, the EBL carefully considers the total costs of participation for the NBOs. Those include not only transportation but also lodging, accommodation etc. Unfortunately, it is rare that there are several candidates available. He does expect the new board to continue to bear NBO costs in mind.

Charlotte Fuglsang/Denmark commented that in view of the presentation by Samantha Punch in Cyprus about gender; it was surprising that BBO presentation was not scheduled for Women/Seniors at the Savoy hotel Venue. Jan Kamras reported that initial logistics were difficult with the two Venues but they have now added two BBO tables.

Berit van Dobbenburgh/Netherlands suggested that perhaps the General Assembly could be held at a different time to allow players to attend. The President replied that it is normally difficult to find holes in the playing schedule



to accommodate this request, but that here in Funchal we managed to hold the GA when only one of the four Series were playing.

Mary Kelly-Rogers/Ireland reported that a number of women players were unhappy about the Seniors' and Women's Pairs being combined.

The President pointed out that there were also women players who welcomed this. He explained that the decision was taken due to the extremely low participation and in consultation with the Women' and Seniors committees, to avoid players facing the same opponents over and over again. Fairness was ensured by all pairs playing against all other pairs, whether women or seniors. Furthermore, the Finals were held separately in the respective Series. Mary Kelly-Rogers responded that she, as a member of the Women's committee, had not been informed in advance. Possibly there was a lack of communication within the committee.

13. Various – Any other Business

None

There being no further business, the President thanked all the delegates for their attendance and contribution, and at 12:30 p.m. declared the Ordinary General Assembly closed.

Jan Kamras
EBL President

Paul Porteous
EBL Honorary Secretary