

EBA EGM 2016 GENK, BELGIUM
CONFERENCE HALL, 1.FLOOR

Sunday 24th JANUARY 2016, 10.30

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EBA-EGM 2016 - Agenda

GENK (Belgium)

- 1. Welcome (Marc Noelanders, Reg Bolton)**
- 2. Members present, Quorum**
- 3. Report EBA President regarding the WG2-Proposals**
- 4. WG2-Proposals Discussion, Final Proposal for decisions at the AGM in Hungary**
- 5. EBA Board Election 2016 in Hungary**
- 6. EBA Events –EBA Convention 2017**
- 7. Any other business**

REPORT

Welcome, Members present, Quorum

At the beginning (10:45) the EBA President Reg Bolton and 2nd Vice President Marc Noelanders, as representative of the hosting organisation, welcomed all delegates and participants. The President asked delegates to write their names on the attendance list. Voting-cards were issued, one per member country attending the EGM. The quorum was reached by the number of delegates present . (See Attendance List)

The agenda was sent to all members and was accepted. The EBA-Webmaster Nigel Wright was introduced to the delegates; he participated for the first time in an EBA meeting.

Report EBA President regarding the WG2-Proposals, Discussion, Final Proposal for decisions at the AGM in Hungary

The president opened the discussion with a statement about his ideas regarding the proposals made. He expressed again his concerns. He found that the proposals mainly are not feasible or unrealistic concerning costs and the necessary manpower.

He remarked that there is no immediate need nor a requirement for changes to the bylaws or internal rules. He asked to discuss what of the proposals are considered acceptable to realize within the given means at the moment or those that maybe could be dismissed or disregarded. Following discussion the delegates, together, with the board should decide if there any decisions remaining to be carried forward to the AGM in Hungary.

For the discussion he used the document where all proposals were listed including the comments of the President and Secretary to each proposal.

This document was circulated to all Members via email to the nominated Delegate. Each point was presented by him and was discussed by the delegates.

Following discussion these items were selected for realisation or further clarification:

- At the moment there is no immediate need for a change of the bylaws and the rules.
- Each delegate to be asked to act as ambassador for the bonsai idea and the EBA.
- The EBA will buy some flags or roll-ups with the logo to use them at the conventions and the meetings.
- EBA-stands at major bonsai-events. Is dependant on the organizers of EBA related events to install an information desk for the promotion of EBA.
- For purpose of EBA promotion the board will initiate the printing of EBA-flyers.
- EBA-awards are available for the members to make at major national bonsai events. These awards must be purchased by the members via treasurer. A short document about the awarding will be published in the EBA NL.
- To extend the communication and information between the EBA Board and members a list of second contacts will be drawn up. The 2nd contact should not replace the delegate. The members are asked to nominate a second person as second contact. This nomination should be sent to the secretary.
- The annual programme concerning the national activities should be sent to the secretary.
- National websites should have a special link to the EBA Website. Members are asked to promote EBA in their publications.
- No further digital means which are on the media-market will be used for communication within the bonsai-scene.
- The process to select and decide future EBA Convention should be handled as it is at the moment.
- The financial support of future EBA Conventions to continue as decided at the AGM in Vilnius.

EBA Board Election 2016 in Hungary

Reg Bolton asked for a correction of point 5 of the agenda and clarified the date of the next election of the Board. It will take place at the EBA Convention in Genk in 2017. The period of duty (4 years) of the board will end 2017. (The previous announcement that the election of the EBA Board was to be in Hungary was based on an assumption that the period of duty is 3 years.) The Secretary apologized for this error.

EBA Events –EBA Convention 2017

Marc Noelanders reported on the planned “Noelanders Trophy” together with the EBA Convention 2017 in Belgium at the Limburg Hall. The preparations are running well and also the promotions are on going. He expects it to be a very interesting and great event.

Reg Bolton requested applications for holding an EBA Convention in 2018 and 2019. At present there is no official candidate for holding these conventions.

Nicola Sorressa, the Italian delegate announced that Italy will apply for holding the EBA Convention 2018 in Arco. All participants in the meeting were pleased about this message.

Any other business

EBA Awards

The president will create some rules for the awarding EBA Merit Awards.

Website

Nigel Wright raised the use of “Home page” to identify the EBA”Website” He advised that instead of “Homepage” it should be identified as :Website: . As he stated the board should replace in the future on all official documents, (rules and bylaws) the word “homepage” by the correct wording “website”.

Recommendation of one European demonstrator (European region) for the 8th WBC SAITAMA CITY

The organizers and the WBFF have asked for a nomination of one European demonstrator to represent Europe at the WBC Event 2017. The board decided to ask the members for nomination within short time. After a discussion the delegates asked the board to decide on one demonstrator from nominated candidates.

At 12:25 the president closed the meeting with thanks for the attendance and the discussion. He apologized for the absence of Marc Noelanders and His absence from the EBA Convention in Szekésfehérvár. EBA will be represented by the 1. Vice-president, Secretary and the Treasurer.

Reg Bolton (EBA President) Detlef Mostler (EBA Secretary)
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List of Delegates - EBA EGM - GENK 2016

Attendance List

| Nr. | Surname | First Name | Member Country |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Wright | Nigel | UK |
| 2 | Bedes | Pierre | France |
| 3 | De Beule | Marc | Belgium |
| 4 | Carocci | Jürgen | Germany |
| 5 | Ryman | Torsten | Sweden |

| Nr. | Surname | First Name | Member Country |
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| 6 | Sorressa | Nicola | Italy |
| 7 | Mostler | Detlef | Austria |
| 8 | Nielsen | Tommy | Denmark |
| 9 | Walzer | Melanie | Switzerland |
| 10 | Pietraszko | Wlodzimierz | Poland |
| 11 | Baumann | Attila | Hungary |
| 12 | Novak | Vaclav | Czech Republic |
| 13 | Wijman | Bruno | Netherlands |
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