

EBA-AGM 2022 - Minutes

Augsburg (Germany)

Sunday, 19th June 2022

9:00 – 12:00 – Hotel Dorint “Besprechungsraum”

Agenda

1. Members present, Quorum
2. Minutes of the V.EO. AGM 2021
3. Report on EBA Activities from the Board
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Auditor’s report, Release of the Board from obligations
6. Election of the Board
7. Adoption of RTM-decisions
8. EBA Convention 2023
9. Future EBA Conventions 2024, 2025
10. Any other subject
11. Members present, Quorum

EBA Board Members present and those apologised for absence:

* Marc Noelanders, President
* Pierre Bedes, 1. Vice-president
* Vaclav Novak, 2. Vice-president
* Jürgen Carocci, Treasurer
* Detlef Mostler, Secretary
* Nigel Wright (Webmaster) apologises

DELEGATES, PARTICIPANTS: (according to attendance list)

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| Austria | Austrian Bonsai Association | Detlef Mostler |
| Belgium | Association of Belgian Bonsai Clubs |  |
| Czech Republik | Czech Bonsai Association | Vaclav Novak |
| Denmark | Dansk Bonsai Selskab |  |
| France | Fédération Française de Bonsai | Philippe Massard, Pierre Bedes |
| Germany | Bonsai Club Deutschland e.V. | Jürgen Carocci |
| Hungary | Magyar Bonsai Szövetség |  |
| Italy | U.B.I. |  |
| Lithuania | Bonsai Association of Lithuania |  |
| Monaco | Bonsai Club de Monaco |  |
| Poland | Polish Bonsai Association |  |
| Portugal | Federação Portuguesa de Bonsai FPB |  |
| The Netherlands | Nederlandse Bonsai Vereniging | Approval for re-election of the EBA Board |
| Slovakia | Slovenska Bonsai Association | LukasJancina |
| Slovenia | Slovenski Bonsaj Klub | Nik Rozman |
| Spain | Asociacion Española de Bonsai | Juan Gomez |
| Sweden | Svenska Bonsaisälskapet |  |
| Switzerland | Vereinigung Schweizer Bonsai Freunde | Matthias Graf |
| United Kingdom | Federation of British Bonsai Societies |  |
| ESA |  |  |

The President welcomed all delegates and participants and noted that 8 member associations out of 19 were present.

1. Minutes of the V.EO. AGM 2021

The minutes of the V.EO. AGM 2021 had been sent to the delegates via e-mail and were unanimously approved.

1. Report on EBA activities from the Board

The president and the secretary explained some activities of the Board since the last meetings.

This is almost three years without an EBA convention and meetings. Only an extraordinary board meeting was held in Arco in September 2021, where Jürgen Carocci and Harald Lehner presented the EBA Convention 2022 in Augsburg and various details were discussed.

The problem with the authorities in Austria had to be solved because the board could not be re-elected during the pandemic and an application had to be made to extend the term of office.

Unfortunately, the conventions in Kromeriz (CBA) and Gaydon (FoBBS) have been cancelled.

Together with the organizers, the program for the 2022 Convention in Augsburg was determined and the necessary documents for the EBA member countries were sent out. As could be seen after two days, the EBA Convention in Augsburg is a complete success for the European bonsai idea thanks to the commitment of the organizers. The Board solicited applications for future conventions from member countries.

The problem with WBFF was raised again by the President (see RTM). The delegates accepted the report.

1. Treasurer’s report

The Treasurer presented the account balance from 2019 to 2021. The financial situation of EBA is still sound. The budgets for 2022 and 2023 will be a little higher as in the past years. The EBA financial support for the organizers of the EBA Conventions was increased to 2500,00€ because of the higher financial burden of holding a convention. The delegates accepted the report unanimously.

1. Auditor’s report, Release of the Board from obligations

The treasurer reported on the audit of financial management by the auditors. The auditor Axel Paduch found everything accurate and in accordance with the rules.

The Auditor’s Report was accepted unanimously. The delegates gave their approval of the activities of the Board and released the Board from obligations concerning the past period of duty.

1. Election of the Board

As discussed and approved at the RTM M and D explained the process of the election. There will be a joint vote on the re-election of the previous board including the auditors and the webmaster, as no further nominations were made. Additional the Netherlands agreed via email to the re-election of the previous board. The previous board and the additional functions were unanimously re-elected. The members of the Board accepted their re-election.

1. Adoption of Board and RTM-decisions

Most of the delegates participated in the RTM and were already informed about these items, (see minutes of RTM).

1. EBA Convention 2023

(see minutes RTM 2023).

1. Future EBA Conventions 2024 2025

(see minutes RTM 2023).

1. Any other Subject:

No subjects were submitted in writing by the delegates.

The President thanked the delegates for re-election and for their discussion posts. He asked again for applications from the member countries for upcoming EBA Conventions.

Ended: 09:50

Marc Noelanders (President) Detlef Mostler (Secretary)

Klagenfurt January 2023