



EBA-AGM 2018 - Minutes

Arco (Italy), Sunday May 6th 2018, 10:00 – 12:00

Agenda

- 1. Members present, Quorum**
- 2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM held at Genk (Belgium)**
- 3. Report on EBA Activities from the Board**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Auditor's Report, Release of the Board from Obligations**
- 6. Adoption of RTM-decisions**
- 7. Final Decision about the Program of the 2019 EBA Convention in Albi (France)**
- 8. Decision about 2020 EBA Bonsai Convention**
- 9. Future EBA Conventions 2021, 2022**
- 10. Administration of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the Protection of Natural Persons with Regard to the Processing of Personal Data and on the Free Movement of such Data. It shall apply from 25 May 2018.**
- 11. Bylaws and Rules of EBA**
- 12. Any other Subject**

1. Members present, Quorum

Members present and apologies for absence

EBA Board:

Marc Noelanders, EBA-President

Pierre Bedes, 1. Vice-President

Vaclav Novak, 2. Vice-President

Jürgen Carocci, Treasurer

Detlef Mostler, Secretary

Nigel Wright, Webmaster, apologized

DELEGATES, PARTICIPANTS: (according to attendance list)

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| <i>Austria</i> | <i>Austrian Bonsai Association</i> | <i>Karl-Heinz Unterweger</i> |
| <i>Belgium</i> | <i>Association of Belgian Bonsai Clubs</i> | <i>Christian Voss</i> |
| <i>Czech Republik</i> | <i>Czech Bonsai Association</i> | <i>Ivan Machacek</i> |
| <i>Denmark</i> | <i>Dansk Bonsai Selskab</i> | <i>apologized</i> |
| <i>France</i> | <i>Fédération Française de Bonsai</i> | <i>Pierre Bedes</i> |
| <i>Germany</i> | <i>Bonsai Club Deutschland e.V.</i> | <i>Jürgen Carocci</i> |
| <i>Hungary</i> | <i>Magyar Bonsai Szövetség</i> | <i>Balazs Toth-Szabo</i> |
| <i>Italy</i> | <i>U.B.I.</i> | |
| <i>Lithuania</i> | <i>Bonsai Association of Lithuania</i> | |
| <i>Monaco</i> | <i>Bonsai Club de Monaco</i> | <i>Christophe Maggiore</i> |
| <i>Poland</i> | <i>Polish Bonsai Association</i> | <i>Michal Malawski</i> |
| <i>Portugal</i> | <i>Federação Portuguesa de Bonsai FPB</i> | <i>apologized</i> |
| <i>The Netherlands</i> | <i>Nederlandse Bonsai Vereniging</i> | <i>Bruno Wijman, Rijn Beclude</i> |
| <i>Slovakia</i> | <i>Slovenska Bonsai Association</i> | |
| <i>Slovenia</i> | <i>Slovenski Bonsaj Klub</i> | <i>Nik Rozman</i> |
| <i>Spain</i> | <i>Asociación Española de Bonsai</i> | <i>apologized</i> |
| <i>Sweden</i> | <i>Svenska Bonsaisällskapet</i> | <i>apologized</i> |
| <i>Switzerland</i> | <i>Vereinigung Schweizer Bonsai Freunde</i> | <i>Melanie Walzer</i> |
| <i>United Kingdom</i> | <i>Federation of British Bonsai Societies</i> | <i>Malcolm Hughes</i> |
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| <i>ESA</i> | | <i>Gudrun Benz</i> |

The President welcomed all delegates and participants and noted that **12** member associations out of **19** were present. The quorum of the meeting was reached.

2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM, agenda 2018

The minutes of the 2017 EBA-AGM and the EBA-AGM Agenda 2018 had been sent to the delegates via e-mail and were unanimously approved.

3. Report on EBA activities from the Board

The president and the secretary explained the most important activities of the board since the last meetings. They included mainly the work for the

- EBA Convention in Arco
- documents for the data protection rules
- combination of the EBA Bylaws with the Internal EBA Rules.
- EBA Membership for more than one national association

The president promoted EBA on his various activities in several countries.

Some of the main items were presented at the RTM yesterday. The AGM has to take decisions about today.

The delegates accepted the report.

4. Treasurer's report

The EBA-Treasurer had distributed his written report on the positive financial situation 2017 at the RTM and distributed the rest of the list to some delegates which did not participate in the RTM. The financial situation of EBA is still sound. The budget for 2018 will be nearly the same as last year.

The delegates accepted the report unanimously.

5. Auditor's report, Release of the Board from obligations

The treasurer presented the report for 2017 of the auditors Mr. Axel Paduch and Mr. Kurt Jaritz. They found everything accurate and in accordance with the rules.

The Auditor's Report was accepted unanimously. The assembly thanked the treasurer and both editors for their efforts.

The delegates gave their approval to the activities of the board and released the board from obligations concerning the past period of duty.

6. Adoption of Board and RTM-decisions

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

Quality rules for future EBA Conventions, final Decision about the Program of the 2019 EBA Convention in Albi (France) (Item 7.), decision about 2020 EBA Bonsai Convention in Czech Republic (Item 8.)

The delegates again discussed this item which arose at the RTM (see minutes RTM 2018). Basis for the discussions were some points of the carrying out at the convention in Arco. Some delegates would like to have further quality-rules for future conventions. The secretary referred to the existing EBA Convention Package. It contains all of the most important rules for holding a convention. They just have to be carried out. There are no discipline measures or fines in the rules for not carrying out.

All organizers have to show a preliminary program and the venue during their presentation of the convention at the meetings. The Board and the General Assembly must check the facts presented for compliance with the rules and give their consent. The number of bonsai to be exhibited is also to be agreed. In addition, the responsible persons for the reception of the NTC participants and the exhibition objects should be fixed in advance. A convention manager should be appointed as a central point of contact.

The French delegate is promised to follow the rules. There will be around 80 EBA bonsai and probably the same number of French bonsai on display. The presentation of the EBA Convention in Albi took place at the RTM (see minutes RTM 2018).

Delegates unanimously accepted the allocation of the **EBA Convention 2019** to France (Albi) from 10 to 12 May 2019.

The convention contract will be submitted in writing and signed later via electronic post.

Decision about 2020 EBA Bonsai Convention

The Czech delegate presented the planned EBA Convention 2020 in Kroměříž (September 2020) via a PP presentation and distributed documents. The basic compliance with the quality standards

is also promised for this convention. There is a very large space available at the Exhibition Center Floria. The questions of the delegates and the board were answered satisfactorily and they unanimously decided to hold the EBA Convention 2020 in Czech Republic.

EBA New Talents Contest ©

There were 14 candidates nominated from the members. The course and the results of the NTC were very good. The decision regarding the prize-winners 1st -2nd, - and 3rd was formally correct. Further comments on the item see minutes of RTM 2018.

9. Future EBA Conventions 2021, 2022

There are no applications for a convention for these years, possibly either Germany or Portugal will apply for a convention in those years.

10. Administration of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the Protection of Natural Persons with Regard to the Processing of Personal Data and on the Free Movement of such Data. It shall apply from 25 May 2018.

The discussion from the RTM was continued and unanimous approval of the new rules is given. The majority of delegates have already signed the distributed documents "Consent Declaration". The remaining consents will be made up by e-mail. All related documents will be posted to the EBA website after editorial processing.

11. Bylaws and Rules of EBA

The documents will be supplemented by some details and presented as a joint paper (Bylaws with instructions for implementation according to the EBA Rules-Internal Rules) at the next convention for voting.

12. Any other Subject:

- The treasurer will clarify the possible full membership of Luxembourg.
- The proposal for the free admission for exhibitors of bonsai and other objects at the conventions is vehemently demanded by some delegates. The secretary suggested that this problem should be defined on a case-by-case basis when allocating the respective convention by the delegates. A decision was not made.
- The Dutch delegate points out that the awarding of a price for Shohin has been decided by the AGM and must be carried out.
- A change in the structure of the NTC was further discussed and envisaged for the future. The price for the purchase of created bonsai from the NTC was set at € 75.00. Some delegates thanked the secretary for the past work.

Once again, the organization of EBA Conventions was addressed and requested that the time period for the registration of bonsai, including the photograph, be optimized in terms of time. The secretary argues that this depends on the resources of the organizers. In any case, the persons responsible for the registration should be named in advance. This also applies to the registration of the NTC participants. The organizer also has to ensure optimal signposting of the sites for the activities offered and the various exhibitions.

No subjects were submitted in writing by the delegates.

The President thanked the participants in the AGM for their contributions and decisions. Now we are looking forward to the EBA Convention 2019 in Albi (France). End: 11:45

Marc Noelanders (President)

Detlef Mostler (Secretary)

APPENDIX

EBA New Talents Contest ©

NTC 2018 Arco

14 candidates took part in the contest.

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| Austria | Markus Hartlieb |
| Belgium | Philippe Robert |
| Czech Republic | Karel Haupt |
| France | Marie France Duvic |
| Germany | Manuel Flammann |
| Monaco | Arnaud Desbois |
| Netherlands | Michal Mokry |
| Slovakia | Pavol Labun |
| Slovenia | Aleš Zavodnik |
| Poland | Grzegorz Malinowski |
| Switzerland | Michaelis Martin |
| Italy | Filippo Mazzoni |
| Hungary | Bence Tabányi |
| UK | Bill Hallsworth |

The winners were:

1. Netherlands **Michal Mokry**
2. Slovenia **Aleš Zavodnik**
3. Italy **Filippo Mazzoni**

The winners and the participants received their awards and presents at the B&B&B Dinner.

APPENDIX 2

EBA Awards

EBA Convention 2018 Arco

EBA has also given awards to excellent exhibits:

FAGUS CRENATA **MARIO MADEZ**

PINUS MUGO **STEMBERGER MAURO**

OLEA SYLVESTRIS **NUNES JOSE**

SHOHIN DISPLAY -COTONEASTER ULMUS **WIJMAN BRUNO**

ERICA ARBOREA **ANGELO SANTORIELLO**

The winner of the European Arco Bonsai Contest 2018 was: **Italy**

Klagenfurt September 2018