



**EBA Round Table (RTM) 2018 – Minutes**  
**Arco (Italy), Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 14:30-16.30**

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Members present and apologies for absence

EBA Board:

Marc Noelanders, 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):**

<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 Republic</i>	<i>Czech Bonsai Association</i>	<i>Ivan Machacek</i>
<i>Denmark</i>	<i>Dansk Bonsai Selskab</i>	<i>Erik Pedersen</i>
<i>France</i>	<i>Fédération Française de Bonsai</i>	<i>Philippe Massard, Jean Marie Couderl, Nadine Echivard</i>
<i>Germany</i>	<i>Bonsai Club Deutschland e.V.</i>	<i>Jürgen Carocci</i>
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Nederlandse Bonsai Vereniging</i>	<i>Wymann Bruno, Rijn Becude</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>Portugal</i>	<i>Federação Portuguesa de Bonsai</i>	



	<i>FPB</i>	
<i>Slovakia</i>	<i>Slovenska Bonsai Association</i>	<i>Vladimir Krisko</i>
<i>Slovenia</i>	<i>Slovenski Bonsaj Klub</i>	<i>Nik Rozman</i>
<i>Spain</i>	<i>Asociacion Española de Bonsai</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>
<i>ESA</i>		

#### **a. Report EBA Board Meeting;**

The President welcomed all delegates and participants. All main topics of the Board Meeting will be reported and discussed later, assigned to the relevant subject.

#### **b. EBA New Talent Contest©**

There were 14 candidates nominated by the members. The room for the NTC was checked, there is enough space for the participants and the audience. The trees provided by the organizers were appropriate.

There was a problem with the marking of the trees as name and number were indicated. This should no longer take place in accordance with the AGM decision in Genk. The secretary apologizes for the mistake that he and the second vice president had missed that fact in the general hustle and bustle of the NTC's launch. It is suggested to improve the timing of the NTC next year.

As with the board meeting, the structure of the NTC was also addressed and proposals for change were introduced and discussed (bigger trees and longer working hours). There are numerous pros and cons for structural changes and the topic should be further discussed. The participants are asked to send the diverse requests for changes in writing to the secretary with the pro and contra arguments. For the next RTM the secretary will present a summary of the requests to make a decision possible about this sensitive matter.

The NTC was managed without any special occurrences by the 2.Vice-president, with support of the Treasurer and the Secretary.

The evaluation of the results was done by the Secretary supported by the Treasurer. The results will be published at the B&B&B on Saturday evening. The trees of the candidates were for sale after the contest at the desk of UBI.

#### **c. Payment of membership fees**

Jürgen Carocci, the EBA Treasurer, did a short presentation of the financial situation of EBA and submitted his prepared papers about the financial situation. The treasurer explains that the payment practices are good. The membership fees have been paid in full in 2017. There are some membership fees still missing for 2018.

#### **d. Members and Contacts**

The President pointed out the problematic of the situation with the requests for EBA membership of two more national bonsai organizations in Spain and argued for a refusal to join the EBA from more than one national roof associations. He justifies this with the bad



experiences in the past. The secretary briefly explains the current situation of the Spanish membership on the basis of the applications for membership and submits the suggestion of the board. Participants agree to the suggestion to ask the Spanish national organizations to establish a common umbrella organization which will then be a member of the EBA. The President also addresses a possible membership of national organizations of countries geographically located outside of Europe. He is referring to the case of the Israeli bonsai organization, which may like to be a full member of the EBA. This is not possible according to the present statutes. Some of the participants welcome an opening of EBA to other continents, other see no profit for the EBA. The proposal to use the currently possible type of membership as an "EBA Contact" and to create a special version based on it. This could be explained in the internal rules. The delegate of the UK Malcolm Hughes offered to draft a proposal and forward it to the secretary.

**e. Newsletter, EBA Homepage,**

As the situation regarding contributions to the EBA NL has not improved, the board's proposal to close the NL and to use the EBA website for national contributions in general is accepted. The board will publish more important EBA information in the "Letter to the Members". The proposal will now be submitted to the webmaster Nigel Wright for a solution on the website.

**f. Presentation of the 2019 EBA Convention in Albi (France) by the French Delegation )**

The Board proposed to hold the EBA Convention 2019 in Albi (France). A document has already been sent via email to the members before the meeting. For the final decision in a Power Point slide show the French delegation presented the most important parts of the convention such as the location, the venue and the preliminary program. The participants discussed some facts from the experience with the convention in Arco and, above all, demanded a convention manager with extensive skills. His name as well as the names of the other responsible persons for the handling of important organizational matters such as the receipt of the exhibits or the reception of the NTC participants should be known in advance. The French delegation promised an optimal organization of the event.

The appropriate number of EBA Bonsai will be provided and the organization of the reception of the NTC participants will be carried out. The owners of the exhibits receive a free entrance ticket. The public traffic network was discussed together with the possibility to manage a shuttle transport from the airport.

The convention contract will be submitted in writing and signed on the basis of the positive approval of the delegates at the AGM.

**g. Future EBA Conventions, 2020, 2021...**

This point was only briefly addressed and pointed to the AGM where the presentation of the EBA Convention 2020 will take place.

At present there is no application for holding the EBA Convention 2021.

**h. 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.**

The point is only briefly addressed and pointed to the AGM.



### **i. Other Subjects**

Some participants criticized some points of the carrying out at the convention in Arco. It concerned the payment of the tickets by the exhibitors, the light in the main hall and the low number of EBA bonsai. There were suggestions for improvements of the quality standards in the convention contract.

The secretary refers to the existing rules in the convention contract as well as to take into account the possibilities given at the place of the venue.

Decisions can only be made by the AGM. The secretary further refers to the consideration of the limited possibilities of smaller member countries which cannot hold a convention if the requirements are too strict.

He also points out that for decades the bonsai exhibition in Arco has been held by the organizers to the full satisfaction of a high number of visitors and traders. Also the performances of the artists were always well attended.

This matter will be a part of the discussions at the AGM.

End: 16.10

Marc Noelanders (President):

Detlef Mostler (Secretary)

Klagenfurt, September 2018