

Minutes of the Annual General meeting of the European Suiseki Association (ESA) at EBA ESA Convention in Szekesfehervar, Ungary

Venue: Hotel Magyar Kyraly
Date: 22nd May 2016
Time: 13:30-14:35
Participants: Igor Bárta (president), Gudrun Benz (deputy secretary), Christoph Daim (board member), Vito Di Venere (vice president), Martin Krivošik (web master), Michal Šebo (secretary), Šárka Čermaková, Ella Gornerová
Excused: Luciana Queirolo, Jesus Quintas (treasurer)
Language: Czech, English (translation by Martin Krivošik)
Chairman: Igor Bárta
Appendix: list of participants

Proceeding of the meeting

Point 1

1. Welcomes by the president, thanks for coming to those present and thanks to exhibitors. The president has pointed out the quality of the exhibition that is improving with each year. Special thanks was dedicated to the Hungarian organization committee.
2. Next year's European Convention:
4-5 February 2017 in Genk, Belgium hosted by the Bonsai Association Belgium. As many of the board members will not be able to participate, Gudrun Benz will be in charge of the organization. Gudrun Benz noted that in Genk one has to book hotels in forward as the exhibition takes place within the Noalanders Trophy XVIII and high visitors numbers are expected.
3. European Convention 2018 will most probably take place in Arco, Italy.
4. President noted that articles for the Suiseki Journal are still missing and he asked Luciana Queirolo to write an article on A.I.A.S. exhibition and Gudrun Benz on this years Noalanders Trophy XVII.
5. Vito Di Venere is collecting the membership fees from Italian members, some members are not prolonging their membership, some new are subscribing, therefore he asks for updated web information on membership (fees, etc...)
6. Vito Di Venere read out a contribution from Tom Elias on aesthetic differences of Suiseki in different world parts.
7. Igor Barta noted that on 9-10 July 2016, 3rd international suiseki exhibition "Sanseki" in Krakow is taking place, on which Arishige Matsuura from Japan will participate.

Point 2

Unanimous approval by the assembly of the last year's minutes during the EBA / ESA Convention 2015 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Point 3

Financial report of the Treasurer Jesus Quintas was not delivered.

Point 4

Report of the auditor Mr. Marino Nikpal was not delivered.

Point 5: Election of board members

The term of office has run out for Gudrun Benz, Luciana Queirolo, Jesus Quintas and Michal Sebo. All four were re-elected as board members by the assembly.

Point 6: Miscellaneous matters

Gudrun Benz and Vito Di Venere have participated in the EBA meeting, where exhibition for next years were discussed: for 2018 Italy and for 2019 Slovakia.

Martin Krivosik asked why only exhibitors from 6 countries are exhibiting. Gudrun Benz replied that the transport is complicated, lack of money and free time, bad service and language barriers are the causes.

Gudrun Benz has prepared a lecture about "3rd Japan Suiseki Exhibition" which will be probably presented in Belgium.

Concluding Igor Barta presented "Certificates of Participation" to those present.

Chairman: Igor Bárta

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