

Swiss Go Federation – 2016.05.21 General Assembly meeting minutes

Participants	Club (and Proxy)	Vote power
Flavien Aubelle (Author)	Board member	1
Félicien Mazille	Board member	1
Dominik Müller	Luzern	2
Roberto Morrison	Ticino + Armel-David Wolff (proxy)	3
Jérémy Toutain	Lausanne	3
Sandra Woelffel	Geneva	4
Lorenz Trippel	Board member	1
Martin Python	Yverdon	2

1. [Vote] Approval of minutes of last general assembly meeting.

Approved by unanimity.

2. [Vote] Approval of the current Agenda.

Approved. Roberto did not approve, because point 8 was sent 1 week before, and not 2 weeks.

3. [Vote] Report of the 2015 accounting & approval

Lorenz presented the accounting. Roberto, as auditor, remark that he received the accounting quite late for verification. But the accounting reflecting what was presented by Lorenz, he approved the accounting.

Approved by unanimity.

4. Activity report: committee

a. "Alzheimer & Go" project abortion, reasons and lessons learned

The HUG Centre de la Mémoire, and EMS Béthel were motivated to organize Go sessions with their patients. However, the formal methodology required to scientifically prove that Go would be beneficial for Alzheimer was more time-consuming and complex than anticipated. Therefore, the project - along with Leenaards foundation sponsorship – ended. Leenaards pointed out that if we were ready another time to launch the project again, they would be happy to discuss about it once more.

It was a nice experience and learning. If we start again in the future, we should focus on the social aspect, and remove the scientific approach.

b. Swiss Go Youth - plan to be more active, free discussion

EYGC in Serbia was a nice event, and it would have been nice to see a team of Swiss Youth there. EYGC will be in Grenoble next year. Effort should be made to organize around a potential Youth team for EYGC 2017. An idea would be to gather teachers for an assembly / workshop / week-end where a professional used to teach to children would give advices and recommendation (Lorenz knows one in Germany).

c. EPFL tournament report, and plan for the future

The tournament at EPFL in March was a huge success, many of the top European came to play. Some key facts:

- Top-bar at 5D
- 56 players
- First Swiss is 16th (Sebastien Koch)
- Presence of 2 ex-Yunguseng, Cristian Pop, Dusan Mitic, Cornel Burzo, Jonas Welticke, Pavol Lisy...
- First prize was CHF 1'000.-

Players were happy with the tournament organization, and many found Switzerland to be expensive – but not as expensive as they'd expect. We will put effort to make the EPFL tournament the same success next year.

d. PGETC report

We will probably be before-last and have to play a barrage game for this season, as we did in the last one. A discussion arise on the players that should play, and the consensus was that we should have Armel-David and John play table 1 and 2 as often as they can, and switch for the last 2 players. The goal being to be serious about getting wins, and therefore have our current strongest two always present if they can. This suggestion will be passed on Sylvain Praz, team captain.

e. Swiss Go Team championship status

- After two successful years, only 4 teams registered for this year, so it was cancelled.
- Some said it was too hard to build a regular 3 man-team.
- For those who cumulate Yunguseng, PGETC, etc., this tournament is a little too much, but for many kyu club players it was a nice experience.
- Some teams feel that they are not strong enough. Maybe this tournament should be with handicaps? Or Mac-Mahon with top-bar.

f. Lorenz made 1000 9x9 cardboard games, use?

Lorenz made nice 1000 9x9 gobans (with stones) on his own initiative, net cost of 1 euro each. He already gave some gobans to some clubs / people, and could sell what he has left to people who ask him. Contact Lorenz directly if you are interested.

g. JapAniManga in Davos

More than 10k people will go to this event, 2-days long where you stay inside the even all the way through. A lot of people wander and get to play Go eventually. Jonas, Lorenz and Mario will be there, around 6 people in total, to help promote Go there.

h. Recognition of SGF by CIO

Roberto bring a real opportunity for the Swiss Go Federation to be officially recognized by the Comité International Olympique (CIO). This allow to obtain sponsoring for national activities, and asking sponsor to the Swiss Loto. Roberto wants to try the procedure to get the approval.

It seems that there is also regional organization for sponsorships, as Chess tournaments obtain sponsorship in this fashion also for regional events.

i. SGF is now on LinkedIn

The Swiss Go Federation has now an official page on LinkedIn, and will try to structure its online presence in the coming months.

5. Activity report: teaching

No report from In-Seong who couldn't be there due to personal reasons.

François in Geneva is beginning to try to teach Go in schools.

6. Activity report: European Go Federation

- The EGF is doing well, as the sponsorship project with CEGO.
- Artem made it to professional, we now have 5.
- First European professional tournament happened around January in St Petersburg, and it went well.
- Big news of the year was AlphaGo, and communication around that event. It brought knowledge of the existence of the game of Go to a large audience.

7. [Vote] Status change to have "Federation" instead of "Association"

Proposal: Change the word "Association" to "Federation" in the status to be consistent.

Approved by unanimity.

8. [Vote] Add more flexibility to point 8 of <http://www.swissgo.org/info/point-system.html>

Proposal: Add flexibility for Swiss players living abroad. The idea is rejected to have a generic rule for Swiss players living abroad. However, consensus is found that for active people exception can be made, if asked to the committee at least 2 weeks in advance, and communication is made to "clubs" and "news" newsletters.

No change to the rule.

Approved that John is entitled to win points in this SGC, considering his engagement with the PGETC.

9. Discussion of next Swiss Go Championship (Roberto at Ascona)

Ascona is asking that the tournament takes place in middle of March, instead of April for next year. This condition is accepted.

10. Coordination for a Swiss team at next European Go Congress (St-Petersburg)

People can coordinate for next EGC by mail.

11. European Go Congress 2019 in Switzerland?

- Switzerland was asked if we could organize EGC 2019 in our country.
- The EGC is a heavy tournament, with strong organization skills needed.
- There is not enough activity in Switzerland, and people do not feel comfortable in organizing an EGC
- However, Roberto would be interested by organizing the next available European Pair Go.

12. [Vote] Election of the new committee

Approved by unanimity: The following committee is elected:

- Flavien Aubelle
- Lorenz Trippel
- Félicien Mazille
- Arnaud Aubelle
- Roberto Morrison
- Hwang In-Seong

Armel-David Wolff and Marcel Schweizer resign from their positions. We thank them for their many years of making the Swiss Go Federation what she is today.

13. [Vote] Election of the new president

Approved by unanimity: The president Flavien Aubelle is re-elected for another year.