Minutes of the 49. Extraordinary Congress April 23rd, 2016 in Ratingen (DE)

Order of the day: Enclosed as attachment 1

Presence Federations: Enclosed as attachment 2

Presence CEB Board: apart from D. Wild completely present

Simultaneous translations into English, French and German.

1. Opening of the congress by the president a.i.

At 10.40 h President a.i. B. Deegens welcomes the present representatives of the federations. In particular he welcomes the newly elected president of the Union Mondiale de Billard (UMB), Farouk Barki and vice president of the World Confederation of Billiard Sports (WCBS), Marcin Krzeminski.

Mr. Deegens declares that the Secretary General has invited in due form and in due time to this general assembly and that the assembly is constituting a quorum. He extends the order of the day with the presentation of the results of the Artistic-Commission. There is no contradiction.

He recalls that this extraordinary congress is particularly because it is the first one without Wolfgang Rittmann. With his death, the world of billiards has lost one - if not the - driving force of at least the last 25 years. The gap left by his death will be difficult to fill.

Then B. Deegens asks the participants to rise in order to commemorate the deceased members for a minute's silence. Particular reference is made to the late president Wolfgang Rittmann, the CEB honorary member Roger Gall and Manfred Goossen.

Connected with thanks for hosting the conference in Germany, he welcomes the President of the Deutsche Billard-Union, Michael John and asks him for his welcome address.

2. Welcome speech of the President of DBU, Michael John

Michael John recalls in his address to the life's work of Wolfgang Rittmann whose death is a huge loss for the entire world of billiards. In many areas he has entered new territory as a pioneer and opened paths that offered new opportunities to develop the sports of billiards. The loss will be difficult to replace and he wishes the designated president B. Deegens courage, foresight and a sure hand in the execution of his office.

3. Determination of the presence and of the right to vote by the secretary general

52 out of 84 votes are present (s. attachment 3). Absolute majority 27 votes; 2/3 of majority 35 votes. Thus, the Congress has a quorum. There are no objections.

4. Nomination of the election committee (counting votes)

F. Barki, M. Krzeminski and E. Schran are unanimously elected as election committee by acclamation.

5. Election of the CEB president

Bennie Deegens is the only candidate nominated by the board for president (s. attachment 4). Before starting with the election Fleming Knudsen (DK) expresses that he finds it strange that the candidate will be elected without a prior personal statement.

B. Deegens explains that in case of his election his main focus will be on the implementation of the European Championship in 2017 and that he wants to try to get closer to the members and to establish more transparency.

In the following secret ballot Bennie Deegens is elected with 45 votes in favour, 5 votes against and 1 abstention as new CEB President and declares that he accepts the election.

B. Deegens is grateful for the confidence the congress showed him with his election. He - and with him the whole CEB board - are aware that they have to deal with a huge legacy and many challenges are waiting for them in the months ahead.

He recalls that the CEB has had a president who did his job in a professional, but also in his very own way.

B. Deegens continues: "Of course, we try to continue the work to honour his memory, but certainly in a different way. The biggest challenge in the near future is the implementation of the EC 2017 in Brandenburg a.d.H. This means a lot of work for the board, but I am confident that with the support of our reliable partners in Brandenburg these EC will be a great success again.

With the support and confidence of the entire billiard family we will be able to manage our future by our own right."

6. Admission of the Polish Billiard Federation

Secretary-General H. Biermann explains that the Polish Billiard Association has now fulfilled all statutory requirements for admission to the CEB and the board recommends the admission as a full member (s. Appendix 5).

He gives the word to the Polish delegate, M. Krzeminski, which uses the opportunity to point out that in the Polish city of Krakow aristocrats, professors and churchmen as early as 1938 had started to play carom billiards.

Since 1996 Carom is re-established now and offered in connection with schools to promote young talents. The proximity to the Baltic States provides more opportunities for further development in the future. The first participation of a Polish athlete at the World Cup in Hurghada was noticed with pleasure.

The Polish Billiard Association was unanimously accepted as a new member of the CEB by acclamation.

Then M. Krzeminski reports in his position as vice president of WCBS about the organisation of the World Games from July 20th to July 30th, 2017 in Wroclaw/Poland. A problem was the former deadline for inscriptions December 31st, 2016, but that could be changed for European federations to April 20th, 2017. M. Krzeminski is the local organizer and F. Barki is acting as sports director.

The billiard competitions will now take place in the midst of the other sports in a conference hall. With a little initiative it will be possible to present an excellent sports venue.

The World Games 2017 are of enormous importance to introduce ourselves to the IOC for the tender process for the Olympic Games 2024. For a successful presentation of our sport the solidarity of the entire family of Billiards is required.

In connection with the World Games 650 movie clips are created, which should reach 25-30 million viewers.

From billiards is expected to show a more active participation in the fight against doping. A positively perceived step was the fact that the participants of the World Cup in Hurghada were all equipped with WADA stickers.

7. New Concept Artistic

During the last congress in Brandenburg a.d.H. 2015 a commission with Wolfgang Rittmann, Hans de Jager and Robert Immervoll - under the direction of Santos Chocron - was established which should work out proposals for a new concept for artistic.

S. Chocron vividly presents the results achieved until now (s. attachment 6). Then a lively discussion on the statements and proposals developed.

Ersan Ercan (TR) - himself a former artistic player - has stopped competing with the system of 100 figures to play because it was boring and predictable. There are big changes necessary; the results presented are not enough and everyone should think about the introduction of Free Style possibly awarded by a jury. At the example Semih Sayginer one is able to see how artistic could be promoted better.

Herbert Thür (AT) reports that Austria recently had a lot of television broadcasts and is always asked for artistic. The high quality of the productions of Kozoom are praised and we must take advantage of the emerging opportunities.

An artistic program of 12 compulsory figures and free style with show effects could be a way.

Johny Houtsch (LUX) criticizes that, although the former Turkish president and former CEB Vice President Ugur Kurogöllü was given more than 5 years time to change the artistic system, nothing has happened.

Santos Chocron indicates that the system cannot be changed overnight. The athletes must get the opportunity to adjust.

The Congress appoints unanimously a new artistic commission with Bennie Deegens, Jean Pierre Guiraud, Robert Immervoll, Ersan Ercan, led by Santos Chocron. The main task of the commission will primarily be the development of a new concept for the presentation of artistic for the EC 2017.

8. Nomination of CEB referees

In accordance with the proposals made by Carlos Borrell (s. attachments 7), the congress unanimously appoints 5 new CEB-referees.

Johny Houtsch reports that Reginald Depoorter – acting as Belgian president for decades - has retired. Regarding his services to the billiard sport in Europe he requests to confer the honorary membership of the CEB to Reginald Depoorter. The congress approves unanimously the proposal by acclamation.

9. Situation UMB

The newly elected UMB President F. Barki takes the opportunity to report on current developments in the UMB.

On April 22nd, 2016 a trendsetting new agreement was concluded with KOZOOM which gives the UMB substantial additional revenue in the next three years. With these additional resources our sport can be promoted better and a significant expansion of future media presence can be established.

The UMB continues to pursue the objective to find an internationally operating main sponsor in medium term, which would then give their actions greater impact.

B. Deegens and H. Biermann describe again from their personal view the developments since the European Championships in 2015, which ultimately led to the resignation of Jean-Claude Dupont and the election of the new UMB president on 16.01.2016 in Cairo.

The newly elected President of the Belgian Federation - Arthur Standaert - apologizes for the problems caused by his compatriot Jean-Claude Dupont.

Fleming Knudsen (DK) wants - among other things - statements regarding the election of Farouk Barki and Fernando Requena, information on the review of further five years of the financial activities of UMB, alternatives to the commitment to Kozoom and how the CEB is going to ensure that the same things are not happen again.

The UMB President F. Barki, B. Deegens and H. Biermann take position in detail to the questions raised. The CEB's internal decision-making process for F. Barki and F. Requena is explained and stated that another 5 years of UMB accounting will be checked by the previous auditors.

H. Biermann sees no reason for doubts in the commitment of Kozoom and to make arrangements for alternatives.

The cooperation of the acting people involved in CEB and UMB matters is characterized by trust. With B. Deegens and H. Biermann two CEB representatives belong to the UMB board and are involved in the decisions also.

10. Miscellaneous

Youth Director Did Schintgen reports on the current situation of the organization of youth competitions. From six possible European Youth Championships are aligned in 2016 only four:

- EC Free Game U17 (small table) Dudelange (LUX)
- EC Free Game U21 Copenhagen (DK)
- EC Three Cushion U17 (small table) Leuven (BE)
- EC Three Cushion U21 Murcia (ES)

A number of federations would like to send participants, but do not have the financial resources. The promotion of youth should be worth to raise the necessary funds.

Michael John (DE) replies that the budgeting is setting strict limits regarding the participation of athletes. If competitions are not determined when the budgets are prepared, it is difficult to provide funds in the current year. Competitions must be announced at an early stage to have the opportunity to take them into account for the planning.

D. Schintgen describes how difficult it is for him to find organizers for championships at all. Here all members are called to support the CEB.

B. Deegens announces that the CEB intends – regarding the given costs – to give up simultaneous interpretation during congresses in future and hold these only in the English language.

The previous CEB office in Bottrop (DE) has been abandoned and moved into the office of the Secretary-General in Herne (DE).

All attempts of CEB to operate a reasonably working website have failed. Based on a technical specification CEB will now try a public tender to find a competent partner for the creation of a new web presence. F. Barki recommends to get in touch with F. Requena, who is able to make a contact with the creator of the UMB website.

B. Deegens announces that the CEB Board will appoint at its subsequent meeting the two previous assessors Gabrio Volante and Diane Wild to acting vice presidents. This is necessary because both positions are vacant at present.

On May 20th or 27th, 2017 the next ordinary CEB congress will take place in Rome or Naples.

11. Termination of the congress

President B. Deegens thanks the participants for their attendance, wishes the participants a save journey home and closes the congress at 14.50 h.

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Bennie DEEGENS

President CEB

Objections against the minutes have to be received by the CEB Secretary General in writing according to the statutes of the CEB 6 weeks after the distribution at the latest. After that, the minutes are considered to be approved.

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INVITATION TO THE EXORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE CEB

Dear colleagues,

According to Art. 411.2 of the statutes of CEB an extraordinary congress has to be carried out with an appointed period of time of three months if the office of the president is deserted and a by-election for the rest of the normal election period is required.

The board of CEB has decided to organize the extraordinary congress in cooperation with the German Billiard Federation (DBU).

According to the 1st formal invitation the congress will be organized at Saturday the 23rd April 2016, 10:30 h in Ratingen / Germany.

The venue will take place at the

Landhotel Krummenweg Am Krummenweg 1, D-40885 Ratingen Tel.: +49 (0) 2102 700 670 Fax. +49 (0) 2102 70 06 7-100

The venue is 13 km away from Düsseldorf International Airport.

Intended Agenda:

- 01. Opening of the congress by the president a.i.
- 02. Welcome speech of the President of DBU, Michael John
- 03. Determination of the presence and of the right to vote by the secretary general
- 04. Nomination of the election committee (counting votes)
- 05. Election of the CEB president
- 06. Admission of the Polish Billiard Federation
- 07. Nomination of CEB referees
- 08. Situation UMB
- 09. Termination of the congress





A contingent of single-rooms is available (code word "BILLARD") for € 85.00 per night including breakfast.

Please keep in mind that the federations which are in delay of payment loose the right to vote.

Kind regards,

Confédération Européenne de Billard

Helmut Biermann Secretary-General

Enclosures

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Denmark	5	5		
Finland	2			
France	6	6		
Germany	6	6		
Hungary	3			
Israel	2			
Italy	6	6		
Luxemburg	2	2		
North Cyprus	2	2		
Norway	2			
Portugal	4			
San Marino	2			
Spain	6			
Sweden	4			
Switzerland	3	3		
The Netherlands	6	6		
Turkey	6	6		
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Nomination for the Position of President of the CEB

Dear colleagues,

In the meeting at 12th March 2016 in Herne (Germany) the board of CEB decided unanimously to nominate the actual vice-president **Bennie Deegens** as candidate for the vacant position of the president of CEB.

The board of CEB proposes to the Extraordinary Congress to elect **Mr. Deegens** for the position as president of CEB.

On behalf of the board of CEB

Helmut Biermann Secretary-General





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Admission of the Polish Billiard Federation as member

Dear colleagues,

According to Art. 202.5 the admission of the new member (national federation) can only take place on the application of the board of the CEB by a decision of the congress.

The Polish Billiard Federation has applied for the membership of CEB. All requirements of Art. 202.2, 202.3 and 202.4 of the statutes of CEB are fulfilled and according to Art.202.6 the board of CEB has recognized the national federation with all duties and sporting rights as a temporary member till the next congress.

In the meeting at 12th March 2016 in Herne (Germany) the board of CEB decided unanimously to propose the admission of the Polish Billiard Federation as new member to the Extraordinary Congress to of CEB.

Kind regards,

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Helmut Biermann Secretary-General

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New Concept "Billard Artistique"

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Assignment

During the CEB Congress of 2015, in Brandenburg, the General Assembly assigned Mr. Santos Chocron the request to investigate the possibilities for a new concept for Artistic Billiards.

The goal of this assignment being to improve the rules of the game making it more attractive for parties involved. The new concept is to be implemented during the next European Championships Artistique, in Brandenburg 2017.

Commission

The Commission involved with the investigation for a New Artistic Concept was composed of:

- Mr. Santos Chocron Project leader
- Mr. Wolfgang Rittmann CEB President
- Mr. Hans de Jager (The Netherlands Veteran Player)
- Mr. Robert Immervoll (Austria Veteran Player)

Development

- ➤ The Commission came first together on October 2nd, 2015, at Schiphol Airport.
- A first exchange of ideas took place that resulted in a working plan.
- ➤ Following this plan, consecutive meetings took place in Bottrop (Germany) with late Mr. Rittmann (30-7-2015) and at the KNBB Office in Nieuwegein (NL) with the leaders of the Dutch Artistic Commission, Mr. Ewald Holzhaus and Mr. Sander Jonen (4-8-2015).

Working Plan

The further investigation and the gathering of relevant information should follow a defined meeting plan with:

- Delegation of International Artistic Players: Grand-Prix Artistique in Marseille, October 8th, 2015.
- Kozoom Corporation: World Championship 3-Cushion in Bordeaux and again during the Dutch Cup final 2016 in Rijsbergen (NL).
- Sander Jonen: during the Grand Dutch in Haarlo (NL) and the Dutch Cup final in Rijsbergen (NL)

Basic Concepts (1/2)

- ❖ The Current Artistique playing rules consist of a system of 100 figures involving the most technical and spectacular shots like "Piqué", "Coulé", "Massé", "Retro", "Foueté" and a combination of those.
- ❖ These shots have been brought into a schedule of 100 figures spread over 10 sets of 10 figures with a well balanced repartition of the shots among he sets, according to their grade of difficulty. Each shot is given a number of points in relation to the difficulty of the shot, called "Coefficient".

Basic Concepts (2/2)

- For each shot, three attempts are allowed without time any limit to realize the shot. This may result in a maximum of 30 attempts per set of 10 figures.
- For the European Championship the playing system consists of **best of 5 sets** to win the game.
- The average duration of the game becoming unacceptably too long.
- Players and organizations agreed that the system should be renewed, such that the duration should not exceed 90 minutes per match.

Proposal (1/6)

We need to make the game more attractive

- For whom? Players, Audience, Media, Sponsors
- How?
 - Faster game development, less figures per set, less average attempts per set, time clock ...
 - Increase the popularity by introducing more ranking tournaments in Europe – Most important!!
- Subventions from the Confederations and Federations to stimulate the interests of media and organizers
- * Better explanation and Figure display options prior to the shot. Pro-active behavior of referee, trick shots show ...

Proposal (2/6)

We need to make the game more attractive

- Events? Most important to improve.
 - Grand-Prix ranking tournaments and Championships
 - National
 - Confederal
 - Worldwide

Promotional?

- Improve the promotional communication
- Uniform Flyers and Posters of Events
- Trick shots events and shows
- Combined shows with other disciplines

Proposal (3/6)

We need to make the game more attractive

- Improve Prize Money? Most important!
 - Grand-Prix ranking tournaments and Championships
 - National
 - Confederal (Worldwide?)
- Subventions? A Three-year subvention program
 - Federations: to cover the travel and accommodation for two candidates
 - Confederation: Subvention for organizing Federations
 - Kozoom Multimedia: Broadcasting and media rights commercialization

Proposal (4/6)

We need to make the game more attractive

- Innovation programs:
 - Trick shots promotional events combined with other disciplines
 - Trick shots contest program with media broadcasting
 - European Championships for National teams (2 players)

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15 sets de 7 figures chacun, pour un total de 50 points par set 5 nouvelles figures pour un total de 105 figures (7x15) Total général 750 points (15x50) a

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Proposals (5/6)

We need to make the game more attractive

- Innovation programs:
 - Reduce the number of figures per set to 7
 - * Fabrice Lemesle concept: 15 sets of 7 figures (105)
 Adds 5 new figures to the current 100 figures
 - Sander Jonen concept: 14 sets of 7 figures (98)
 Deletes 2 figures from the current 100 figures

Proposal (6/6)

We need to make the game more attractive

- Actions to be taken:
 - Nominate a new Commission to finalize the concept
 - Stimulate Federations to cooperate with this concepts (Federations with an "Artistique" program, a.o. Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Spain, The Netherlands, Turkey ...)
 - Introduce European initial Grand-Prix concepts for those federations (3-year subvention program) (1 event per year)

Questions and Discussion



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Bözberg (Switzerland), the 27th of January 2016

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Mr. Bennie Deegens Vice-President of the CEB

Proposal for the members of the Board of the CEB

PROPOSAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF 5 NEW INTERNATIONAL REFEREES CEB

Belgium: 4

- Mr. BOSSELOIRS, Francis; 09/12/1954; Classics & Three Cushion & 5 Pins
- Mr. ENGELBOS, Patrick; 22/06/1966; Classics & Three Cushion & 5 Pins
- Mr. SCHIETTECATTE, Yves; 03/12/1961; Classics & Three Cushion & 5 Pins
- Mr. VANBIESEN, Tom; 16/06/1975; Classics & Three Cushion & 5 Pins

Switzerland: 1

Mr. BOULAZ, Matthieu; 24/09/1986; Classics & Three Cushion

Carlos Borrell

CEB Board Member



