

Prinz-Eugen-Strasse 12 1014 Wien Austria

## **General Assembly - Minutes**

7 May 2022, 11:00 a.m., Corsica, Corte, 1 rue Saint Joseph

## Participants

Austria	Tschohl	Christof	online
Croatia	Jankovic	Alojzije	online
Czech Rep	Petr	Martin	online
France	Escafre	Stephane	in person
Germany	Voekler	Bernd	in person
Hungary	Szabo	Laszlo	online
Italy	Biagioli	Marco	in person
Slovakia	Repkova	Eva	online
Slovenia	Rob	Nina	in person
Switzerland	Wyss	Peter	online
Minutes	Kastner	Walter	in person

## AGENDA

- 1) Opening and attendance
- 2) Report of the Board
- 3) Amendment Statutes (as per draft)
- 4) Projects
  - a) Mitropa meeting in Vienna around the long night of museums (2<sup>nd</sup> October) Mitropa brainstorming, Women in Chess, ...
- 5) Funds
  - a) Establishment of international federations (Austria)
  - b) Erasmus+
- 6) Other matters

ad 1) President Marco Biagioli welcomes the participants to the Extraordinary General Assembly and establishes the quorum.

ad 2) The Extraordinary General Assembly is necessary to formally register the MCA in Austria. For this, an adaptation of the Statutes has to be done. A draft, in which all changes are marked, was sent out. Most of the changes concern the requirements of Austrian association law. They are marked in yellow in the draft. The changes marked in red are clarifications of the content of the original statutes.

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In the next step, the MCA is registered in Austria and immediately receives an association number. However, the registration is not completed until four weeks later. This period allows objections.

The MCA will also apply to FIDE to become a recognised organisation. This must be submitted by 20th May so that it can be dealt with at the next FIDE General Assembly.

Christof Tschohl explains that the association exists legally immediately, unless it is expressly banned. In this respect, the application to FIDE is possible already.

ad 3) Biagioli puts the proposal for changes to the statutes according to the draft to the vote.

The draft statutes are adopted unanimously.

ad 4) Kastner proposes a Mitropa meeting at the beginning of October to discuss together which contents the MCA should fulfil. A possible date is around the Long Night of Museums in Vienna. Recently, however, it became clear that the Austrian Chess Federation would not be able to participate this year. Jankovic refers to the Croatian League that weekend. A date during the European Club Cup in Mayrhofeh, Tyrol, Austria is suggested.

Tschohl cannot promise this, but will talk to the organisers and is confident that a meeting in Mayrhofen will be possible. The target date would be the weekend between 7-9 October 2022.

## ad 5)

a) Kastner reported on the possibility of applying for funding for international sports organisations in Austria, provided they are based in Austria. Administrative and organisational costs are subsidised if they are absolutely necessary for the organisation.

It is agreed to submit such an application.

b) Tschohl explains the evaluation of the Ersasmus Sport Plus application from the previous year, which achieved 54 out of 100 possible points, but failed to reach the required minimum of 60 points and was therefore rejected.

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A new submission is planned. This requires improvement in all areas, but especially in the partner structure (schools!) and the impact. Kastner will inquire about the next possible date for a submission. Biagioli will set up a working group for October.

ad 6) It was discussed in the board that a logo and stationery for the MCA should be developed. Nina Rob knows a good team from the organisation of the last European Championships and agrees to organise this. There are no objections.

Kastner points out that bank details are necessary to apply for funding. It is agreed to set up a bank account as soon as possible.

Jankovic reports that Eva Repkova and himself will run for Vice-Presidency in the upcoming ECU elections. Biagioli pledges the support of the MCA. The ECU Congress will probably not take place during the Chess Olympiad in Chennai, but before that in Thessaloniki.

Petr asks Rob why Slovenia did not play with a team in the men's event this year. Rob gives the overlap with the youth world championships in rapid and blitz. It is important to represent Slovenia as best as possible there. But then the players for the Mitropacup were missing. It would therefore be important to avoid overlaps with World and European Championships.

Regarding the Mitropa Cup, Biagioli, in consultation with Jankovic, Croatia is the next host, proposes to introduce minimum standards for the organisation of the Mitropa Cup. Escafre welcomes this proposal as it also facilitates the work of the organisers. Repkova suggests that a number of female referees should also be specified. At the Mitropa Cup in Corte, the quota is 50% with two women and two men.

Biagioli closes the meeting at 12:05.

With kind regards,

Marco Biagioli President Walter Kastner Secretary General

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