



## **IBPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Monday morning, 23 September 2019, Wuhan China Minutes

**0. Attendance:** 31 + 11 proxies (see list below)

**1. Establishing if we have a quorum**

We have a quorum

**2. Election of the Chairman of the AGM.**

Barry Rigal is elected as Chairman. Proposed by David Stern, seconded by Ton Kooijman

**3. Approval of the agenda**

Everybody approves. Proposed by John Carruthers and seconded by Ton Kooijman

**4. Remembrance of deceased members**

Deceased are Anant Bhagwat and George Rosenkranz. We paid our respect with a minute of silence.

**5. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on October 1 2018 Orlando USA**

Approved. Proposed by Ton Kooijman and seconded by Katie Thorpe.

**6. Officers' Reports**

The President Barry Rigal states that the success of the IBPA is dependent on three aspects: Number of members, Contributions to the bulletin and Financial status. Thanks to the sponsoring from the Hainan Festival we have financial stability and are able to provide more services to the members to make the Pressroom a good place to work. He hopes for more contributions to the bulletin and a greater visibility. There are 15 new members. The President thanks the Awards Committee and Jan Swaan, Monika Kummel, Francesca Canali and Elisabeth van Ettinger for their work in the pressroom and at the bulletin.

Chairman Per Jannersten reports the good judicial and financial status. He emphasises the importance of bringing in a younger generation. The Organization needs more publicity and we need help to find younger writers.

**7. Appointees' Reports**

John Carruthers has the same report as every year. The Bulletin has run smoothly thanks to the help of Philip Alder, P.O Sundelin and Katie Thorpe. He is thinking about retirement in maybe 4 or 5 years and would like to find a younger person to replace him.

The membership report by Katie Thorpe is attached. Total membership for 2019 is 211 plus the new members and renewals in Wuhan (15), of which 10 honorary members and 30 sponsored members.

### **8. Treasurer's Report**

In theory we have a small loss but this is solely due to the exchange rate between dollars and Euro's. The expenses have gone down and the sponsor money has gone up. Our economic situation is good. The report is attached. Moved by David Stern that the financial report be accepted as presented, seconded by Ton Kooijman.

### **9. Budget for 2019**

The idea is to use some of the money we have to translate a number of pages of the bulletin into Chinese. David Stern asks if the bulk of our money can be invested to get some interest. Due to the economic situation in the world the only way to generate interest is to buy stocks. Marc DePauw strongly advises against this idea for our organization. Moved by David Stern and seconded by Ton Kooijman.

### **10. Approval of membership fee for 2019 & sponsored membership**

The proposal is to keep the membership fee at the same level as last year, \$ 43 and half price for junior members.. The IBPA would like to sponsor more active members. The definition of a active member is still: *Actively contributing members may have their dues sponsored fully or partly by the organisation, subject to annual approval by the AGM.* Approved nem con.

### **11. Elections**

Proposed for annual re-election are:

Hon. Auditor: Richard Fleet (England): Approved

Hon. General Counsel: David Harris: Approved

Proposed for election to the Executive until 2022 are:

Jan van Cleeff (Netherlands): Approved

Brent Manley (USA): Approved

Francesca Canali (Italy): Approved

All candidates were elected on a show of hands, nem con.

### **12. The IBPA Annual Awards**

Three awards are presented at the AGM, all the others will be presented at the Hainan Festival

The Masterpoint Press Book of the Year award is won by Juppe Juhl for his book: Master of Bridge Psychology: Inside the remarkable mind of Peter Fredin.

Simon Cochemé received the Alan Truscott Memorial reward for his humorous articles over the last two decades.

The John E. Simon award for Sportsmanship is won by The Australian Junior team. After their match against Japan, which they won with a difference of 1 imp, they discovered a scoring error of 1 imp. They immediately brought this to the attention of the Tournament director. Since this meant that the match was now a draw, they had to play four extra boards. After this the Australians did win the match.

### **13 Any other competent business:**

We still need someone who is willing to occupy him or herself with our Facebook page. At the moment nothing has been posted for two years.

David Stern confirmed that all IBPA journalists should have access to a program to convert BBO Lin files to Word. He will be writing an article for IBPA in the near future.

### **List of attendees to the AGM**

Barry Rigal, Brent Manley, Brian Senior, Christian Vennerod, David Harris, David Stern, Elisabeth van Ettinger, Fernando Lema, Gianarrigo Rona, Herman de Wael, J.J.Wang, Jan Swaan, Jerry Li, John Carruthers, John Wignall, Jon Egil Furunes, Kathie Thorpe, Marc DePauw, Marc van Beijsterveldt, Marek Pietreszek, Marek Wojciki, Mark Horton, Mirek Ckitochi, Per Jannersten, Trine Furunes, Ton Kooijman, Fu Qiang, Monika Kummel, Francesca Canali, Bo Bilde, Jan Nielsen

Proxies: Patrice Foulon, Bob Pitts, Allan Falk, Dilip Gidwani, Nicolas Hammond, Jan van Cleeff, Pierre Schmidt, Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, Malgorzata Maruszkin

### **Reports to the AGM**

See attachment

