



THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE 5th MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Lyon, France
Thursday, 17th August 2017 at 14:00**

In Attendance

Mr Gianarrigo Rona, President in the Chair
Mr José Damiani, President Emeritus
Mr John Wignall, 1st Vice President
Mr Al Levy, Executive Vice President
Mr Yves Aubry, Vice President
Mr Patrick Choy, Vice President
Mr Mazhar Jafri, Vice President
Mr Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Vice President
Mr Marc De Pauw, Treasurer
Ms Georgia Heth, Hon. Secretary
Mrs Sevinç Atay, Member
Mr Marcelo Caracci, Member
Mrs Chen Zelan, Member
Mr Giorgio Duboin, Member
Mr Josef Harsanyi, Member
Mr Paul Janicki, Member
Mrs Janice Seamon-Molson, Member
Mr Bernard Pascal, Member
Mrs Sheena Rayner, Member
Mr Merlin Vilhauer, Member
Mr Howard Weinstein, Member
Mr David Harris, General Counsel

Also in Attendance

Mr Simon Fellus, WBF Secretary
Ms Carol von Linstow, Secretary to the Executive Council

By invitation of the President

Mr Philippe Cronier, Chairman HLPC
Mr Panos Gerontopoulos, Honour and Advisory Committee Member
Mrs Esther Sophonpanich, President of Zone 6
Mrs Lilian Sun, Interpreter

The President called the meeting to order at 14:00. He declared that there was a quorum, and the meeting proceeded as follows.

1. World Bridge Championships 2019 & 2020 – agenda item 17

1.1 Kusadasi, Izmir, Turkey 2020 – agenda item 17.1

The President introduced Mr Levent Ozyul to give a presentation for the hosting of the 16th World Bridge Games in Kusadasi, Izmir, Turkey in 2020. The dates would probably be in August – September as in Wroclaw in 2016.

2. Sponsorship – agenda item 23

Ms Lindsey Weinger was introduced to the meeting and made a presentation on the statistics that she has been able to obtain from working with the ACBL over the last year. It was very difficult to obtain these but once a new CEO was appointed, they opened up their database for her. It was the plan to concentrate originally on the US market, but now this has changed.

The President thanked Ms Weinger for her presentation.

3. WBF Web Site – agenda item 13

Mr Simon Fellus, Mr Fotis Skoularikis and Mr Matteo made a presentation on the development of the new web site which was launched at the end of January 2017. It is still a work in progress and importance has been given to certain areas which are more essential in view of these championships in Lyon.

4. Election of the WBF President for the legislature 2018-2022, according to Art. 7.1 of the By-Laws – agenda item 22

The President Emeritus, José Damiani, took over the running of the meeting and asked each of the candidates – Yves Aubry, Al Levy and Gianarrigo Rona – to make a short presentation.

After the first vote, the result was:

Yves Aubry – 8

Al Levy -2

Gianarrigo Rona – 10

On the second ballot:

Yves Aubry – 8

Gianarrigo Rona – 12

Mr Aubry decided to step down and Mr Rona was congratulated on his re-election. After motion duly made and seconded, Mr Rona was re-elected unanimously by acclamation.

President Rona accepted and thanked the Executive.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:25 to be reconvened on Friday, 18th August at 10:30.