



EBA Round Table (RTM) 2024 Minutes
 Reus (Spain), Saturday 23rd November 2024 15.00-17.00, firReus
 Esdeveniments, Avenida de Bellissens, 40 - meeting room

Agenda

List of Subjects

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<u>a</u>	Report EBA Board Meeting	
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EBA Board Members present and those apologised for absence:

- Marc Noelanders, President
- Pierre Bedes, 1. Vice-president
- Jürgen Carocci, Treasurer
- Detlef Mostler, Secretary
- Vaclav Novak, 2. Vice-president apologised
- Nigel Wright (Webmaster) apologised

DELEGATES, PARTICIPANTS: (according to attendance list)

EBA Board		Marc Noelanders
Austria	Austrian Bonsai Association	Detlef Mostler
Belgium	Association of Belgian Bonsai Clubs	Marc De Beule
Czech Republik	Czech Bonsai Association	

Denmark	Dansk Bonsai Selskab	
France	Fédération Française de Bonsai	Pierre Bedes
Germany	Bonsai Club Deutschland e.V.	Jürgen Carocci
Hungary	Magyar Bonsai Szövetség	Karoly Deutsch
Italy	U.B.I.	
Lithuania	Bonsai Association of Lithuania	Kestutis Ptakauskas
Monaco	Bonsai Club de Monaco	Jackye Thevenot
Poland	Polish Bonsai Association	Tomasz Sobczak
Portugal	Federação Portuguesa de Bonsai FPB	
The Netherlands	Nederlandse Bonsai Vereniging	
Slovakia	Slovenska Bonsai Association	Lukas Jancina
Slovenia	Slovenski Bonsaj Klub	
Spain	Asociacion Española de Bonsai	Juan Gomez
Sweden	Svenska Bonsaisällskapet	
Switzerland	Vereinigung Schweizer Bonsai Freunde	Matthias Graf
United Kingdom	Federation of British Bonsai Societies	
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a. Report EBA Board Meeting

The president welcomed all delegates and participants. At the beginning D suggested to change the order of discussion items. Point f. (Future EBA Conventions) was brought forward.

Kestutis Ptakauskas (President of the Lithuanian Bonsai Association) supported by his daughter (translating) presented the application of Lithuania for holding the EBA Convention 2025 in Klaipėda with the help of a video show. The venue will be the Klaipėda Svyturio arena, 10 Dubysos gatvė, 94108 Klaipėda, Lithuania.

The EBA Convention would take place from October 3rd to 5th, 2025, together with various events of other Japanese arts. Detailed information will be provided in due course after the decision of the AGM. In the subsequent discussion, questions about the accessibility of Klaipėda, the weather situation in October and the transport of bonsai for the exhibition were discussed. Klaipėda does have a small airport, but the

international airport is Vilnius. Klaipeda can be reached from there by rental car, bus or train. The distance is about 300 km. Klaipeda is a port city and can also be reached by ferry (night ferry 24h). (Sweden, Denmark, Germany: Kiel, Rostock, Travemünde ...). A shuttle service from Vilnius to Klaipeda may be set up. After the broad discussion on hosting the EBA Convention 2025 in Lithuania, the members' approval will be given at the AGM. Since no other applications have been received, the delegates have promised a positive decision.

(a.) The items on the agenda of the Board Meeting are also part of the agenda of the Round Table Meeting and will be discussed under these points.

b. EBA New Talent Contest®

The processing of the NTC was fixed. P managed the contest. He prepared all documents for the evaluation.

All participants and judges received a summary of the rules for the NTC via email in advance, and the judges received the evaluation sheets at the beginning of the NTC.

The room for the NTC was excellent; it was enough space for all participants. The trees for the contest were very good; the height was at the upper limit for the processing time of 4 hours. The mood among the participants was good.

P did the calculation of the results by the judges and determined the winners.

c. Payment of membership fees

J presented the actual financial situation by presenting his statistics. The account balance 2023 is minus 1568.83€. The overall financial situation of EBA is positive. J handed over the relevant documents including the report of the Auditor. Everything was regular, correct and accurate.

d. Members and Contacts

New EBA Delegate for Belgium: Luc Nagels. The Board thanks the outgoing delegate Philip Haesen and welcomes the new delegate.

Efforts are continuing to attract new EBA members such as Luxembourg.

e. EBA Website

A more modern version of the EBA website is being discussed by some delegates. Nigel Wright should be consulted about this, also with a view to making the website relatively quick to access and browse on mobiles.

The virtual tour through an EBA exhibition should also be discussed (see a., f.).

In the course of the discussion about increasing the interest of EBA members in applying to hold an EBA Convention, the advantages and disadvantages of publishing a book with the exhibits from the EBA exhibition were discussed. Lukas Jancina presented a contemporary way of presenting the SBA's national exhibition via a virtual tour of the exhibition using professional recordings (photos). He briefly explained the necessary preparatory work and showed the result of the new type of presentation using the SBA website. The presentation was received positively by the delegates and the board and Lukas Jancina was asked to create a kind of manual (guide line) for developing such a virtual tour of the EBA Convention. He agreed to do this.

Other presentation-options were then discussed, such as a video wall presentation of the exhibits during an EBA Convention.

The framework for such contemporary presentations must be the available financial and human resources, which must then be confirmed in advance. This should in no way be a deterrent to applying to hold a convention. Lukas Jancina estimated the costs to be not too high.

f. Future EBA Conventions, Convention 2025; Convention 2026... (see a.)

g. WBFF Report

M explains the current situation with the WBFF and points out that President Sae won Kim is trying very hard to implement his ideas. However, not all members agree. M and Malcolm Hughes will travel to the next meeting of the WBFF (2026), which will take place in Malaysia.

h. Other Subjects

The idea was put forward to introduce so-called "driftwood (deadwood) and stone art" as another art-form of design in the EBA. The discussion did not reveal any urgency to implement this.

Marc Noelanders (President)

End: 17.15
Detlef Mostler (Secretary)