



**THE FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATIONS
MINUTES OF THE 12TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
THE ARCOTEL HOTEL, VIENNA, AUSTRIA – 26TH FEBRUARY 2010.**

1. Opening of the Annual General Meeting

Stig Persson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. Identifying the Member Associations present

17 Member Associations and their representatives were identified as follows:

Austria:	Alex Hoefinger
Belgium:	Philippe Mallaerts
Bulgaria:	Arne van Amerongen
Czech Republic:	Kamil Pecenka
Denmark:	Martin Nilsson
Finland:	Tuukka Monttinen
Germany:	Hennes Kraft
Hungary:	Zsolt Óri
Iceland:	Gudmundur A Gunnarsson
Italy:	Giovanni Nava
Netherlands:	John van Hoesen
Norway:	Haege Kranstad
Portugal:	Luis Fialho
Poland:	Tomasz Klimza
Rep. of Ireland:	Alan Mahon
Slovenia:	Gorazd Nastran
South Africa:	Malcolm Bromley
Spain:	Luis Connejo
Sweden:	Ingvar Fjellman
Switzerland:	Johannes Vogt
United Kingdom:	Paul Worster

Also in attendance was Gordana Solak of Serbia

Apologies were given from Slovakia

3. Passing of Minutes from the last AGM

Minutes were passed by the meeting

4. Matters arising from the last AGM

Stig Persson raised the issue on registration of FEGGA. The board had looked at many options of registration and having considered all the options were recommending to the members to support an application to be made in Sweden. This registration looked to be a simple process and can be done on an annual basis.

John Pemberton asked the question regarding Country liability if FEGGA was to go into receivership. Stig Persson replied that through the Swedish process, there would be no liability to Member Countries.

Stig Persson Talked about the FEGGA liability, with the main liability being the FEGGA Conference. The structure of FEGGA meant that all programmes and projects were only undertaken if funds were in place to allow them. FEGGA had no tied in responsibilities currently that would have a harmful affect on them.

Gorazd Nastran asked if the registration agreement could be translated into English, and that all associations could receive a copy. This was agreed.

The meeting approved the application to be submitted to Sweden.

Ingvar Fjellman asked if there was anything in the constitution regarding non greenkeepers being on the FEGGA board. It was agreed that the board would look at this option in readiness for the elections to be held at the next AGM. During this process the board would also be looking at the election structure and the length of time a board member could serve.

5. The Boards report on the year's administration

The annual report was presented to the Membership by electronic form prior to the meeting and was accepted as a true recording. (This is attached)

6. Passing the statement of accounts for the past year.

Dean Cleaver gave a summary of the account as per 30th September 2009. The accounts had been prepared and approved by a chartered accountant, Brookes and Co. The passing of the Statement of Account as per 30th September 2009 was approved by the meeting.

It was agreed that the letter of approval from the accountants would be enclosed with the accounts that are sent out to the member associations in future years.

The budget was presented to the attending members, with key points highlighted. (The budget is attached for your information)

Martin Nilsson asked about excess money and if this could be used to help the new emerging Countries. Dean Cleaver said that at present FEGGA had no reserve money, which in it self was a problem and something that the board were going to focus on during this year. Despite this FEGGA was doing a lot to help these Countries as part of its main focus.

John Pemberton asked what the GEO costs included. Dean Cleaver said that these only covered general travel costs to participate in meetings etc. There were no other costs. FEGGA had been approached to assist with some funding, but it was decided by the board that this was not the role of FEGGA. FEGGA would continue to act as a partner of GEO and provide platforms within our website, Newsletters and Conferences etc.

Giovanni Nava asked whether Greenkeeping Associations having non greenkeepers as members within their organisations would affect their membership of FEGGA. This would have no effect; many already have non greenkeepers from other sports as members and could not operate a sustainable association without them.

Alex Hoefinger asked what the Newsletter income included. The income included all advertising and postage sponsorship costs.

Alan Mahon asked about creating a reserve for the future. The board agreed, but at the moment FEGGA was not in a position to do this, all money was being used to run the Federation. As reported earlier the board were as part of its long term planning looking at more ways of raising income, which as reported in the business plan quite limited.

7. Deciding the amount of Membership fee for 2009

It was agreed to increase all respected membership fees by 5%

At this point of the meeting it was agreed to accept the membership applications of Hungary, Slovakia and Serbia

8. Any Other business

Alex Hoefinger commented on how much he liked the new web site and asked whether it would be possible in the future to have access to their own association page and update as when required. At the moment it was not possible, but it was agreed to look into this possibility.

Gorazd Nastran commented on the EGEU. He liked the website and felt it was a valuable tool that could help associations and individuals. There was however a great expectation for more work to be done with the EGEU, allowing it to be more effective in the future. Dean Cleaver said he totally agreed, but again funding was an issue and more funding was needed to allow for this work to be done.

John Pemberton asked if it would be possible for associations to be notified of up coming board meetings, so there was an opportunity to submit material to the board before the meeting. This was agreed.

Malcolm Bromley and Rory Anderson commented on how much they had enjoyed attending the Conference and how much they had gained from the wonderful experience. They really appreciated the warm welcome they had received; they now really felt part of FEGGA. They also said that they hoped that in the future they would have the opportunity to host a FEGGA Conference.

9. Place and date of the next Annual General Meeting

The next AGM would be held in Iceland, during the next FEGGA Conference. The date and venue will be confirmed in the very near future.

It was also agreed that the 2012 Conference would be held in Czech Republic and the 2013 Conference would be held in Switzerland.

Dean Cleaver
Executive Officer