



**Phone meeting of the EMF Board  
21h00 – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

**Minutes of the meeting**

**Present:** Victor Condeço (President) **VC**  
Reinhard Neitzke (Sport Director) **RN**  
Kristiana Kirsa (Media Manager) **KK**

**Not present:** Mikko Haapasaari (Secretary General) **MH**  
Michael Sølling (Finance Manager) **MS**

**1. Greetings, establishment of the quorum, voting rights.**

Victor Condeço welcomes the participants and declares the meeting opened.

**2. Approving of the agenda.**

Agenda approved.

**3. Minutes of the phone meeting in 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008.**

Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> October phone meeting was accepted without changes.

**4. Open issues from last meeting.**

No open issues.

**5. President VC**

**5.1. Projects for the future “A Sport with no ambition is condemned to die”.**

Minigolf activity is getting people more for leisure and fun and less for sports.

Analyzing the member statistics 2007, we can see member nations that increased the number of players: Netherlands +0.9%; France +1.0%; Belgium +2.8%; Finland +12.2%; Slovenia +20,0%; Portugal +20,0%; Great Britain 23.3% and Latvia +29.5%.

On the other side we have member nations that lost players: Russia -1.5%; Czech Rep. -1.4%; Austria -1.7%; Germany -1.7%; Sweden -2.8%; Luxembourg -9,0%; Slovakia -9.7%; Denmark -21.5%; Hungary -24,0%; Liechtenstein -26,0%; Romania -28.8%; Ukraine -50.6%; Italy -67.7% and Norway -80.0%;

**In total minigolf sport lost -6.1% of players.**

Another critical situation is the player's age. Looking to the statistics we have the following situation: young players 18.0%; Men and women 36.5% and seniors 45.5%.

**Conclusion:**

**82.0% are players with more than 19 years old.**

In 10 years we will have no players in the youth competitions.  
The future for minigolf as a sport is very dark, if no action is done.

It is time to work to have more young players.

## **5.2. Information from last WMF board meeting in 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

VC explained some new ideas discussed: Presentation material for new interested countries; new website for minigolf news; supporting training sessions program; workshop in spring 2009 only for larger member nations with more than 200 active players.

EMF support and welcome the new ideas.

However EMF does not support the wish of having only the larger member nations to participate at the workshop. EMF strongly recommends to open the workshop for all member nations, this can be the only opportunity in the short time to have on the same place larger and smaller member nations. This opportunity could open strategic cooperation between nations. Larger nations can and must support the minigolf development with small nations. This workshop could give the opportunity to the smaller nations to expose the difficulty to develop minigolf as a sport, and to learn with the larger nations. If the smaller nations will not participate, workshop will end with conclusions only valid for larger nations with no application in the small member nations.

## **5.3. Others.**

No others.

## **6. Sport Director RN**

### **6.1. Information about international championships 2009.**

#### **6.1.1. Seniors Nations Cup Lamego (Portugal).**

VC informed that local club is building new miniaturegolf course and concrete course is on repairing. This work is to be finished until end of February.

#### **6.1.2. Seniors Championships Lamego (Portugal).**

Organizer is building up the website to help the participants.

#### **6.1.3. European Cup Vaduz (Liechtenstein).**

Organization is running well.

### **6.2. Information about international championships 2010.**

#### **6.2.1. Seniors Championships Prievidza (Slovakia).**

Organizer has some questions about the contract. If contract is not signed until 15 January 2009 RN will apply for other interested organizers.

#### **6.2.2. General Class championships Predazzo (Italy).**

Contract is signed; organizer is well prepared for this event.

#### **6.2.3. European Cup Vienna (Austria).**

Organizer is used to have good competition preparations.

### **6.3. Information about international championships 2011.**

#### **6.3.1. Seniors Nations Cup and Seniors Championships.**

No application.

**6.3.2. European Cup.**

Contract was sent to Vergiatte - Italy, it was decided to wait until 15 January for the signed contract, after that RN will apply for other interested organizers.

**6.4. Information about international championships 2012.****6.4.1. Seniors Championships.**

No application.

**6.4.2. General Class championships.**

No application.

**6.4.3. European Cup.**

No application.

**6.5. Gifts to Organizers of events 2009.**

Nothing to decided

**6.6. Others.**

VC will send to RN a proposal for a change in the score card. This change will be presented at the next WMF TC meeting.

**7. Finance Manager MS**

Nothing to decide.

**7.1. Financial situation.****7.2. Open invoices.****7.3. Income from WMF.****7.3.1. Membership fees.****7.3.2. Sponsoring income.****7.4. Budget check****7.5. Others.****8. Secretary General. MH****8.1. General information.****8.2. Others.**

It was decided to start the update of the Annual Report 2008-2010. MH will prepare the document.

**9. Media Manager KK****9.1. Communication and media strategy.**

KK informed about the Media Group work, with the production of presentation material and the build up of a new website where it will be posted news about minigolf.

**9.2. Media work for events 2009.**

KK will update next board meeting.

**9.3. Website.**

Semutec proposal to be EMF Webmaster is accepted, VC will coordinated the website transfer.

**9.4. Others.**

No other issues.

**10. Member Nations.**

**10.1. Cooperation.**

EMF board wait the result of WMF Workshop. (see 5.2).

**10.2. Projects.**

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**10.3. Others.**

No others.

**11. Various.**

No other issues.

**12. Next Meeting.**

Next meeting will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March. RN will look for a meeting place.

**13. Meeting closure.**

President thanks the participants and ended the meeting at 21h50 (cet).

**Victor Condeço**  
**EMF President**