

First General Assembly of the European Mahjong Association

In the hope that Nijmegen 2005 will be the first of many memorable European mahjong championships we have founded a European Mahjong Association. The founding meeting took place in Nijmegen Saturday June 25th, 2005, 18:30-19:30.

Agenda

1. **Appointment of a chairman for the meeting**
2. **Appointment of a notetaker to prepare the minutes**
3. **Quick presentation round**
4. **Name of the association**
Proposal 1 (Tina Christensen): European Mahjong Association
5. **Statutes of the association**
6. **Election of President, Treasurer and Board**
7. **Siting of future European Championships**
Proposal 1 (Tina Christensen et al.): Copenhagen 2007
8. **Creation of any new Committees**
9. **Items proposed to the General Assembly**
Proposal 1 (Jan Tomassetti): A database with all the results of European tournaments and a European ranking.
Proposal 2 (Uwe Martens): A homepage for EMA?
10. **Any other business**

Minutes

Tina Christensen, DK, was appointed chairman.

Allan Rasmusson, DK, was appointed notetaker.

Participants of the meeting:

- Martin Scheichenbauer, Austria
- Jan Thomassetti, Belgium
- Tina Christensen, Allan Rasmusson, Denmark
- Jean-Marc Cazarre, Stéphane Parcollet, France
- Uwe Martens, André Marohn, Germany
- András Boda, Zsolt Nyulasi, Hungary
- Marco Mordenti, Marco Milandri, Italy
- Chris Janssen, Marianne Croeze, Sjef Strik, Martin Rep, The Netherlands
- Linn Rittmalm-Glimne, Sweden

The statutes were changed slightly from the proposal: the general assembly is to take place every other year, most likely at European championships. (Every year was originally proposed). The changed statutes were agreed upon. Further remarks on the statutes: It was mentioned that the membership terms for nations with several local/national associations should be reviewed at the next general assembly. Regarding finances: For now, EMA is based on voluntary work, no finances at present. Review this at next general assembly.

Results of elections for the board

- President; Uwe Martens, Germany
- Tina Christensen, Denmark
- Marianne Croeze, The Netherlands
- Stéphane Parcollet, France
- András Boda, Hungary
- Italy will discuss within their association whom to appoint to the board
- Martin Scheichenbauer has been added to the board July 3rd 2005

If necessary a board member will be appointed treasurer.

OEMC 2007: Mahjong Denmark was chosen to host OEMC 2007 in Copenhagen, Denmark. (In fact no other nominees). A 3-4 day "tourist-package" was considered a very good idea. Allow only a percentage of participants to be non-european. Do NOT announce best player of any single country, for instance hosting country.

World Mahjong Association: Martin Rep will discuss with the Japanese and Chinese Mahjong Associations whether it is necessary to create a World Mahjong Committee. The main pupose of this commitee is to plan where to have the next Mahjong World Championship. Uwe will join these discussions as the president of EMA.