



European Naginata Federation (ENF)
General Assembly Minutes
Braga – 1st of November 2019



Participants :

- Board :

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Treasurer : Eduardo Brito - enftreasurer@gmail.com

- Members :

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Britain – BNA – secretary@naginata.org.uk: represented by Oliver Masters

Czech Rep – Gorenkai – naginatagorenkai@seznam.cz: represented by Mark Berghaan

Finland – FKA - mika.kankainen@fka.fi : not represented

France – CNK – dominique.pouchard@cnkendo-dr.com: represented by David D'hose

Germany – DnagB – praesident@dnagb.de: represented by David D'hose

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Italy – CIK - segreteria.naginata@kendo-cik.it: not represented

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Portugal – APnagi – apnagi.geral@gmail.com : represented by Eduardo Brito

Sweden – SBK - naginata@kendoforbundet.se : represented by Kirsi Hoglund

Ukraine – UKF – strizh@bk.ru : not represented

- Temporary members :

Russia-IRNA-naginata.ru@gmail.com : represented by David D'hose

TOTAL: 9 members and one temporary member represented

Observer: Claire Leftwich Winchester (BNA)

- **Agenda:**

1. Audit of past finance and finances review of year 2018-2019
2. Vice president vote
3. Ukraine Situation
4. Vote for Russia as definitive member
5. Technical director word
6. INF board of Director review
7. Year revue
8. ENC 2020 in Sweden
9. Future ENF events in 2021 and 2022
10. Spain and Hungary situation
11. Info publishing on the web

Audit of past finance and report:

No auditor has been found so far. As the procedure to do auditing is proving to be too difficult and too long, following decisions has been decided:

1. Ask past treasurer (Tyl Dermine) answers about expenses over a sunne and a kote on the ENF account.
2. Start clean treasury (draw a line) from November 2018 on the new account on the amount of 14.933,57€

Concerning the request of France; Every year the ENF treasurer will send an invoice to ask for the ENF fees. The ENF however is not able to collect INF fees as ENF is not a member of INF.

The financial report is in annex.

Treasurer insists that fee will not be collected in cash! (we now are able to provide several forms of electronic payment and being able to send receipts and requests for money directly from the bank)

Treasurer will provide a report on a regular basis

| Year | Belgium | Britain | Czech Republic | Finland | France | Germany | Italy | Netherlands | Sweden | Ukraine | Total |
|------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|-------|-------------|--------|---------|-------|
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | 83 | | 83 |
| 2003 | 125 | | 100 | | 173 | | 83 | 100 | 83 | | 664 |
| 2004 | 125 | | 100 | | 173 | | 83 | 100 | | | 581 |
| 2005 | 153 | | 100 | | 173 | | 83 | 100 | 83 | | 692 |
| 2006 | 142 | | | | 210 | 165 | | 115 | 142 | | 774 |
| 2007 | 142 | | 96 | | 360 | 115 | 60 | 115 | 142 | | 1030 |
| 2008 | 142 | | 96 | | 360 | 115 | 178 | 115 | 142 | | 1148 |
| 2009 | 142 | 60 | 96 | | 360 | 115 | 178 | 115 | 142 | | 1208 |
| 2010 | 142 | 96 | 96 | | 360 | 155 | 178 | 115 | | | 1142 |
| 2011 | 142 | 96 | 96 | | 360 | 142 | | 115 | | | 951 |
| 2012 | 142 | 115 | 96 | | 360 | 142 | 178 | 115 | 115 | 72 | 1335 |
| 2013 | 142 | 115 | 96 | | 360 | 142 | 178 | 115 | 115 | | 1263 |
| 2014 | 115 | 115 | 96 | | | 142 | 115 | 115 | 142 | | 840 |
| 2015 | 115 | | 96 | | | 142 | 142 | 115 | 142 | | 752 |
| 2016 | 115 | 96 | | | | 142 | | | 115 | | 468 |
| 2017 | 115 | | | | 360 | 142 | | | 115 | | 732 |
| 2018 | 115 | | | | | | | | | | 115 |

- Vice president vote:

Nobody applied for this position even while we asked a few members. We are still looking for active members in order to help the board and ENF in its development.

No voting took place.

Ukraine situation:

History of the Ukrainian Kendo Federation (UKF) relations with the ENF:

- UKF was accepted as temporary member in ENF in 2010.
- Since 2013 UKF didn't paid fees to ENF, (except the affiliation fee in 2013), despite multiple requests.
- Beside this they said last year that they would renew it if we forward a paypal, and reduce the amount of payment (this request was made because of the fact that they never came to any ENF event since at least 2015).
- While the political situation in Ukraine for the last few years was difficult, making the attendance of Naginata events in Europe harder than usual, several solutions were proposed to them on multiple occasions, without any result.
- In the 18th of March 2018, the following email was sent to UKF (here under) and received no reaction from them.
- UKF said they will join to Portugal ENF event, in order to have a discussion with the ENF board, but they failed to send any representative.
- We realize that the UKF is still very active in Kendo on a national and international level. As the people who are responsible for the Kendo activities in the UKF are also the same who lead the UKF Naginata department, we see no reason to accept this kind of inactivity.

Copy of an Email that was sent to the Ukraine Naginata Federation in 18th of March 2018:

Dear Ukrainian Naginata Federation,

We all know that Ukraine have been through difficult times, and we hope that you are going well. You were expected at the last European Championship, and cancelled at the last minute. Despite numerous efforts to contact you, we didn't receive answers, in an official or a non-official way.

Beside our Treasurer have informed us that since 2013 you haven't paid your affiliation fee to ENF.

Considering our statutes:

CHAPTER VII. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Article 30. Grounds for Expulsion and Suspension by the GA

A member may be expelled or suspended from ENF for:

- Breaking the statute rules & by-laws of ENF*
- Violating international laws*
- Actions contrary to the moral, the individuals and society*
- Lack of payment of the annual fee for 2 years (unless rectified)*

So, at the last ENF General Assembly we have decided to give you 3 month to send us an explanation to this and correct your situation.

If you do not react to this email by the 17 of June 2018 the Ukrainian Naginata Federation will not be part of ENF anymore.

PS: sorry to send you this message so late but I was waiting the Minute of our last GA which never came, but this cannot wait anymore (I will send it to you as soon as I will receive it)

Vote proposal:

- A. Expulsion definition: a federation expulse is not recognized to have any naginata activity in order to regain its access to the ENF they will have to re-submit statutes and prove its activity.
- B. Suspension definition: a federation that would be suspended won't have access to European Championship and will have to be supported by another federation for grading recognition. The status is similar to "temporary membership".

Expulse or Suspension for UKF Voting Results: 4 Expulsion to 5 Suspension

Suspension Results: 9 Agree

UKF is officially suspended from ENF

- Russia:

Find in attachment the details of the evolution of IRNA

Vote for IRNA as Definitive ENF Member: 8 yes 1 abstention

IRNA is now a definitive ENF member

- Technical director:

ENF Examinations (In response to the critics of the exams that took place in Bordeaux, 2018)

Written exams: the points are given per question (1000 points total, 250 starting points, 700 points needed to pass, number of questions is divided by 750, each partial answer divided by points per question).

Example: 10 questions, each question 75 points.

A question with 3 parts has 3 parts of 25 points. Total 75 points.

6 correct questions out of 10 are enough to pass the exam.

Written exams, point system

- Transparency (results can be reproduced if graded by another person)
- Objectivity (anyone can do the grading as long as they understand the language)
- Flexibility (other wording can be used as long as meaning is there)
- Which book to be used for technical exam will be clearly defined (red or green)

A problem:

- It takes a long time to grade many exams (2 people, 3 hours on the Saturday evening in 2018).
- We want people to be able to receive the result in the seminar time
- The theory exam is before the practical exam because people expect a result at the end of the seminar.

- Last time we decided to see if people with exceptional practical skill would be able to compensate their lacking theoretical exam. They were given a second chance to pass the exam. One person with a failed theory exam passed because of this.
- Unfortunately, the performance of the others was enough to pass the technical part but not enough to compensate for the theory exam.

Solution:

- Option A: People who failed the theory will not get a chance to compensate and therefore will not be grading the technical part.
- Option B: Put the theory exam after the practical exam. And let the results be sent by ENF later to the member countries.

In the meeting more solutions were expressed. The Technical director said to think about it more and that he would communicate the way in advance of the next ENF seminar and exams.

- ENC 2019
 - Much better timing in general
 - Less loose bogu
 - Less broken Naginata and habu
 - Manager tasks are handled better than before
 - Points of attention:
 - Some people arrive too late to their starting positions.
 - Some people do not know the procedures how to behave in the shiai.
 - Some proceedings were not clear in planning (extra team fight).
- ENC 2020
 - Shinpan (many new shinpan)
 - During the last ENC we were short on shinpan by 1 and we had to move engi to a single court.
 - Having the certificate means you accept the responsibility to be a shinpan
 - The ENC is for all of us. Senior members should lead by example.
 - Being at the ENC while having a certificate should mean you help out.
 - More shinpan means less tired shinpan which means better judging.
 - **Please make a list of your shinpan so they can help at the next ENC.**
 - New shinpan will be matched with more experienced shinpan.

- Children's competition in Goodwill tournament after the coming ENC in Sweden.

Not many national federations have active children activity, as very few of the federations responded to the General secretary's inquiry.

The Swedish Local sports organizations demand the existence of a children's event for qualifying for grants.

Age 6 – 12 Engi or Kihon/Jogeburi

Age 13-15 Shiai

- The use of Hantai in matches (as done in the WNC)
 - o All individual fights in the ENC will have 1 encho, followed by Hantai
 - o All team matches will be similar: will have 1 encho, followed by Hantai
 - o Hantai means 2 ippon
 - o Hantai means better fights because of different motivation
 - o Getting ippon becomes more important than going for hiki wake

Round Robin/Pool system -> Japanese Naginata way vs Old ENC way

What is more important?

A: A loss

B: An ippon

So the Japanese way has been chosen for the next ENC

Point requested by Belgium has answered:

- The fights are organized by the number of fighters and not by the number of fights one person might do.
- Last square (final) fight is not linked to the way round robin are linked.
- Warm up is a matter of every team's own responsibility.

Members are reminded of last year's decisions regarding the grading of people who are resident in non-ENF member countries.

- o The following rules had reached a consensus during the meetings, and will be followed from now on: ☐
When a citizen of a country of an ENF affiliated federation wants to do an exam in Naginata in the country of another ENF affiliated federation, the federation hosting the exam will communicate about the possible registration with the federation of the country of which the person applying for the exam is a citizen.



- When a citizen of a country (in the ENF zone) with no ENF affiliated federation wants to do an exam in Naginata in the country of an ENF affiliated federation, the federation hosting the exam will communicate about the possible registration with the European Naginata Federation

- INF board of director review:

You will find the minutes in attachment, two topics that were point out are:

- ISRNF is now a full INF member
- INF board president Hashimoto san has insisted that INF members need to find new active member for next INF board elections

- Year review:

Please send your events and results to General secretary, we haven't spent much time on this topic except mentioning the nice work of Germany for the WNC in Wiesbaden.

- ENC in 2020 in Sweden:

The next ENC will be in Uppsala, Sweden in 2020 on the 23rd to 27th of October:

Meetings 23/10

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Sat 24/10 hours: 8-19 ENC (one big hall)

Sun 25/10 hours: 8-19 ENC (one big hall)

ENF-seminar

Mon 26/10 hours: 9-18 (two halls)

Tues 27/10 hours: 9-12 (two halls)

Grading

Tues 27/10 hours: 12-17 (one big hall)

Kirsi Höglund is still waiting for budget details to send to our treasurer but it might have a substantial influence on the registration to the Championship.

This will be confirmed by April when we expect Sweden to send the registration forms to the ENF members.

- Future event in 2021 and 2022:

Czech Republic requested to host the ENF seminar in 2021 and we are still looking for a someone to host the ENC 2022.

We are reminded that INF seminar 2020 will be in Italy Torino.



Please send your events to general Secretary enfsecretary@gmail.com

Who will post them on our social media.

- Non-ENF member situation:

Non ENF members are guided by ENF members. To start naginata it is the best way to learn naginata and organize the development and grading in a controlled and future-proof way.

Spain has an active club in Barcelona training with France (Bordeaux/Dominique Pouchard).

Also there has been some interest in Madrid.

Hungary has an active club training with Czech Republic (Jan Hrbac)

Estonia is training with Finland (Mari Paasonen)

Greece has no recent news but seems to still be active with small numbers.

- Information published on the web:

Our general secretary would like to publish:

- The information about the seminars and competitions you prepare and open to ENF members
- The clear details about your clubs

Please send this information as soon as possible to the General Secretary enfsecretary@gmail.com