



European Naginata Federation (ENF)

General Assembly Minutes

31st of November 2021



Time and method:

The meeting took place at 18:30 (GMT +2), in Brussels and using the "zoom" application

Participants:

- Board :

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Minutes written by Board Directors



Agenda:

1. 2020 and 2021 treasury report
2. ENF events in 2022 and 2023
3. Word from our Technical director
4. Statutes
5. Election of new board
6. INF news
7. Questions from Belgium

David D'hose (ENF President):

After approving the agenda, the meeting started with the treasury report.

1. 2020 and 2021 treasury report:

- A. Eduardo Brito presented the incoming and outgoing funds (see document01 in annex). Most of the fees (including the late fees) have now been collected. The only countries who didn't pay membership fees for 2021 were Czech Republic and Israel. A reminder will be sent to those countries.
- B. A proposal was made to provisionally keep fees at 15€ in 2022. In case we are able to organize the ENC, the remaining fees would be charged to all members in accordance with the table of fees of previous years [see attachment].
- C. NNR made the comment that these reports were not received in advance so there should be no vote on the validity of the report. Everyone agreed that the reports would be sent with the minutes so that people could make comments which would then be addressed.
- D. NNR had some questions about the report and it was agreed they would send them by email. The treasurer agreed to respond to these questions with all members in cc.
- E. Joren Zandstra accepted to be the auditor for the next financial report in 2022.

2. ENF events:

- A. 2022 ENC: Netherlands will check before the end of January if they are able to organize the ENC.
- B. 2023 Seminar: Russia is ready to organize a seminar in 2023 and will show a report at the next GA where and what will be the conditions. Some of our members point out that it will be the year of the WNC so it might be financially hard.

3. Word from our Technical director

- A. 2021-2022 Goals



Forming an active Technical Committee with all countries before 31-12-2021.

Technical committee will have the task to:

1. audit the "Agreement for procedures" to be presented at the 2022 ENF GA.
2. finalize the "Exams By-laws, as connected to Article 25 and 26 of the ENF statutes" to be presented at the 2022 ENF GA.
3. audit and improve the documents and procedures belonging to the organization of the European Naginata Championships so they can be used for the 2022 ENC.

The goal is to have improved versions of all documents and procedures before 01-07-2022.

B. What we need

People that have a good understanding of the English Language.

People that want and can do the work needed.

People with the will to build and improve procedures and regulations.

People that want to be involved with the organization of the European Naginata Championships.

Members should send the name and email address of the person participating in this committee to the secretary of ENF (enfsecretary@gmail.com) before 31-12-2021. Every country member can propose one (1) person from their organisation.

4. Statutes:

The Board suggests updating the ENF Statutes (in annex) in 3 steps:

- Each country members can send an improvement proposal for the statutes until 30th of April 2022 by email to the General Secretary enfsecretary@gmail.com
- On the 31st of August 2022 the Board will send back a version of the statutes with the proposals made by all the federations and invite you all to read it.
- The next GA we can talk about the new version of the statutes and vote for the changes

5. INF

INF didn't organize a GA assembly since our extraordinary assembly. We expect an online assembly before the end of 2021. Normally there should be a seminar in 2022 "maybe" in Japan and a WNC in 2023 in the US.

6. Questions raised by Belgium:

- More warm up time before ENC.
- A real final for the team matches (not 1 big round robin pool).
- There are too many fights in the ENC for those who have to fight until the final.

Answer by the TD:



I believe it is the responsibility of the team manager and the individual competitor to have a good warmup. However, if possible, the hosting organisation should provide space to warm up while the ENC is ongoing.

I try to use the ENC to give everyone a chance to gain experience. This means I try to make use of every minute we have to fill the day with competition. If you have both individual matches and team matches on the day it can be a lot. We could look into dividing these events into separate days. However, then people would need to be shinpan and competitor on the same day. In any way we look at it there is always a disadvantage in winning many fights or/and being shinpan. The further you get in the knockout ladder, the shorter the waiting time in between the fights will be. This is the same for everyone competing, there is no unfair advantage anywhere. Just discomfort because you may be tired after a lot of fights. Most of the issues could be solved by having more people who are just shinpan and who do not compete.

[1] הערות עם: Here we also mentioned the availability of new shinpan that would possibly mitigate some of these issues.

I agree that a single big round-robin pool for all the teams may not be optimal. However, it has happened in the past that there would only be 5 teams. Now that we have more teams I agree we may no longer need this system and I will try to make sure there is a real final for the team matches.

Thank you everyone for coming.

For any further questions please contact Gur Nedzvetsky through enfsecretary@gmail.com