



*European Union Golf Club
Club de Golf de l'Union européenne*

General Assembly - 22 February 2024
(Il Ramo Verdee, 46, Rue de Toulouse, 1040 Brussels)

Minutes

The President opened the meeting at 18h45.

1. The members approved the agenda
2. The President, Christian EHLERS, presented his annual activity report for the year 2023, in which the club celebrated its 40th anniversary. He regretted that the economic framework conditions remained unfavourable. The President pointed out that, next to the winter cups played from November to March, the club had organized 29 competitions in 2023, between April and October. The club also arranged for two weekends, one in Le Touquet in spring and another in the Kent (UK) area.

The President pointed out that the age of the average European Union Golf Club (EUGC) golfer was rising (61 years), and that. On average, 14 players participated in golfing events (11 players in Asterisk* competitions). 96 of the 129 members played at least once. Although the club offered additional prizes, the level of participation remained low. The most likely reason for that was the overall economic situation and the application of the new World Handicap System. The President explained that against the backdrop of the low level of participation, the club would seek a closer cooperation with other clubs, that do not have their own golf course.

The President regretted that 11 members did not renew their membership in 2023. However, the club welcomed four new members during the reporting period.

The President also emphasized the close cooperation between the EUGC, on the one hand, and the Royal Belgian Golf Federation (FRBG) and the Association of French speaking golf clubs (AFGOLF), on the other. EUGC players participated in many regional and national competitions.

Members discussed how the club could be rendered more attractive. Ideas centred around different playing formulae, fewer qualifying events and bringing the club colours and the website more in line with the logos of the European institutions. No decision was taken, but the committee was asked to investigate the matter further.

Following the President's presentation, the Vice-President, Emilio RODRIGUEZ-

CASTRO outlined the features of the club's revamped public website.

3. The President, Christian EHLERS, who also held the position as Treasurer in 2023, described the financial situation of the club as sound. The expenses exceed the club's revenues by €600 as additional money was spent on prizes (EUGC sponsored events) and the 40th anniversary of the club (special golf ball edition). He pointed out that the club would continue to invest in prizes, receptions, and green fees. The Treasurer's presentation can be found in the members' section of the EUGC's public website (www.eu-golfclub.eu).

During the discussion it was suggested to use part of the club's savings to enhance the attractiveness of the club further (i.e. rookie prize). The Treasurer said that the committee would discuss the matter.

4. The Secretary, Chantal JACQUES, introduced the 2024 golfing calendar. She said that the calendar would be updated regularly and could be consulted on the club's public website (www.eu-golfclub.eu). Destinations which triggered little interest in the past were dropped.

The President announced that Chantal JACQUES would relinquish her position as club secretary. He thanked her profoundly for decades of dedicated work in the interest of the club. The assembly applauded.

The President also pointed out that Filip VERCRUYSSSE would resign as captain due to other conflicting engagements. He thanked him for his dedicated work.

5. The General Assembly, by unanimous vote, granted discharge to the EUGC Committee for its management of the club in 2023.
6. Subsequently, the General Assembly, pursuant to Article 8 of the club's statutes, elected the following persons to the committee by unanimous vote:
 - President Christian EHLERS (and temporarily Treasurer),
 - Vice-President Emilio RODRIGUEZ,
 - Captain Dominic DOYLE,
 - Secretary (currently vacant, contact: the President),
 - Peter BAADER, member ("Challenge de Printemps Seniors"), referee,
 - Victoria PAGADIGORRIA, member (Ladies' Captain)

7. No other business was raised.

Thanking the members, the President closed the meeting at 19h40.

Christian EHLERS
President