

# BGFed.be meeting - Minutes

*Friday, December 6, 2013, 19:00*

*Tennis Club Longchamp, chaussée de Waterloo 836, 1180 Brussels*

Present: Guy Van Middellem (president), Johan Segers (secretary/treasurer), Geert Dooms, Sassan Kashanian, Alain Chif, Michel Lamote, Marius Hentea, Zsolt Tasnadi, Nabil Antoun, Geert Van der Stricht, Daniël de Amicis

Excused: Maurits Pino

## Welcome by the president

## Report by the treasurer

Current balance: 74.25 €.

- In: 32 paying members (5 euro), donations.
- Out: BGFed.be website. Expected expenditures: Bigelo rating list.

Balance 2013 unanimously accepted.

## Membership fee BGFed.be

- Mandatory for participants BIC and 4 Cubes
- Raised to 10 € per member. Proposal accepted unanimously.
- BGFed.be would like to reinforce the local club level. Clubs are requested to keep a list of their members. The BGFed.be membership fee should be paid via the clubs. Clubs are asked to assign a president or responsible.

## Report BIC and 4 Cubes 2013

- All encounters have taken place, without any problems.
- BIC final 20/12/2013 is organised by BGLLeuven. Financial support of 50 € from BGFed.be granted for the practical organisation (video recording, live commentary).
- Competitions 2014: draws on January 3, 2014, during Brussels Friendly 33.

## Other issues

- One member asks whether there are plans for a big national tournament. For the moment, there does not seem to be a need for additional tournaments. In addition, the Belgian law on games of chances does not allow backgammon tournaments with prizes paid from entry fees (in contrast to Denmark, Germany, or Italy), except for in a casino,

which may lead to additional costs. BGFed.be membership fees can be used to support local tournaments, but not as (money) prizes. From contacts with the gaming commission, it seems that the situation is not likely to change in the near future.

- More publicity? One member raises the idea of making posters with publicity for backgammon, with a BGFed.Be logo (to be designed), and containing information on the local clubs.
- Necessary condition to grow: reinforcement of the local club level. See also membership fees above.
- BGFed.be website: everybody is welcome to post message, pictures, backgammon discussions, and other material.