



## EMF Board Meeting – (Email)

29. October 2025

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### Members of the EMF Executive Committee

Ermes Franchini, Italy	<b>EF</b> – President
Peter Burri, Switzerland	<b>PB</b> – Secretary General
Victor Condeço, Portugal	<b>VC</b> – VP Finance
Christian Gobetz, Austria	<b>CG</b> – VP Sport
Henrique Sousa, Portugal	<b>HS</b> – VP Media
Wil van Disseldorp, Netherlands	<b>WD</b> – VP Seniors

### Minutes

**Attending: EF, PB, VC, CG, HS, WD**, voting rights 6, Majority 4

### Agenda

1. Appointment of the substitute of the president inside of the WMF board in case of absence
2. Decisions regarding the some of the deliberations taken at the WMF DC and their application to the EMF regulations.
3. MCLF 2025 Appelscha

### Discussion/Decisions

1. According to the WMF Statutes EMF has one seat in the ExCo as European Representative. To this role, traditionally, has ever been appointed the EMF President. It is now needed, according to the rules, to appoint a substitute, in case of absence.

**EF proposes to appoint to this role Henrique Sousa.**

After discussion and in absence of further candidates, the motion is **approved unanimously**.

2. During this year WMF DC there has been a relevant number of approvals that can significantly impact the championships calendar, the operating rules related to the various championships and that change in some cases some relevant topics. In particular:
  - ◆ Change from 100€ to 150€ of the entry fees for any championships
  - ◆ Change from 7 to 6 players of the various men teams in the World and potentially in the European Championships, and potentially also in the Minigolf Champions League Finals
  - ◆ potential Introduction of a Continental Adventuregolf Championship.

In consideration of:

- ◆ the relevant impact on EMF Associated
- ◆ considering that the contracts for 2026 are already signed or under signature
- ◆ that, specifically for MCLF in some cases the qualification for 2026 already happened
- ◆ that in EMF DC has never been discussed the opportunity to create a Continental Adventuregolf Championships

The **motion proposed by the President** is to temporarily do not apply the above-mentioned rules to EMF Tournaments for 2026 and to proceed with an open discussion during the DC Conference in August 26 about both the application of such rules and the related starting date.

After long and fruitful discussion, the **motion** has been **unanimously approved**.

3. The President informs about the reception of an email (text attached) from Bangolfklubben Jönköping and Uppsala Bangolfklubb about a case that has not been reported to the Tournament Jury. This topic will be treated in the next Board, giving time to the board members to gather all info needed to take a decision.

The President informs that the interested persons have been reached on the course the day after from the Head Referee to pose his apologies.

Next meeting: tba

Kaiseraugst, 29.10.2025

Peter Burri  
Secretary General

Ernes Franchini  
President

## **Minutes of EMF Board Meeting 29.10.2025 -- Attachment**

### **To: European Minigolf Federation – President and Sport Director**

This letter is sent regarding an incident that occurred during the Champions League in Appelscha last week.

#### **Description of the incident**

On the second day of the competition, the weather was rather poor when play was about to start. Despite the rain, the women's competition on miniaturegolf began. One of our players questioned this decision to referee Wil by asking, *“Isn't it better to wait a little than to start playing in the rain?”*

A jury member overheard the question and asked, *“Don't you guys play in rain in Sweden?”* A player from the other Swedish club, Uppsala, then replied, *“Not on miniaturegolf. Felt is different. On miniaturegolf we wait.”* One of our players agreed with this statement.

The head referee Wil then responded, literally: *“Complain, complain, complain. You pussies.”*

This is how a referee – in fact, the **head referee** – chose to respond, address, and speak to the players. We find this **completely unacceptable**.

We also know that the above-mentioned jury member heard the comment, which he later confirmed himself. It should be added that the jury member is from the same nation as the head referee.

We brought the matter to Pasi Aho, who forwarded it to EMF, resulting in a meeting that same evening to discuss possible actions.

We were informed that the decided action was that the referee in question would not be present at the miniaturegolf course on the final day. However, he was still there on several occasions during the day.

He apologized for his “poor choice of words.”

We appreciate that EMF took action, and we also appreciate the apologize, but we question the consequences that were decided.

We have two questions and standpoints regarding this incident:

1. We question how the referee was allowed to continue officiating at all during the competition. How was this decision reached?
2. Our standpoint is that the referee should not be allowed to officiate at this level in the future – at least not for a long period of time. How do you intend to handle this going forward?

We expect a response to this email and are sending a copy of it to the Swedish Minigolf Federation for their awareness.

Wish you both a pleasant weekend!

Best regards,  
Jonas Gustafsson  
Chairman  
Bangolfklubben Jönköping

Carl-Johan Ryner  
Club Manager  
Uppsala Bangolfklubb