



EMF Board Meeting – (Video Call)

19th of September 2026

Members of the EMF Executive Committee

Ermes Franchini, Italy	EF – President
Beat Wartenweiler, Switzerland	BW – Secretary General
Tobias Heintze, Germany	TH – VP Finance
Christian Gobetz, Austria	CG – VP Sport
Henrique Sousa, Portugal	HS – VP Media
Stefan Gillberg, Sweden	SG – VP Seniors

Attending: EF, BW, TH, SG, Peter Burri (PB)

Voting rights: 4

Majority: 3

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Minutes

Starting of Meeting: 09:00

1. Appointment of representatives

EF appointed as representative of EMF in the WMF ExCo, BW as deputy in case of unavailability.

CG appointed as representative of EMF in the technical committee of WMF, SG as deputy in case of unavailability.

VOTE	All representatives elected unanimously.
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2. Championship Cycle and Team size Men

According to the decisions taken by the EMF DC 2026, the board has clarified with WMF that for the changes in the “Regulations for Continental Cups” no extraordinary DC WMF is necessary. These changes can be implemented by the ExCo WMF.

The proposal for the changes in the “Regulations for Continental Cups” was discussed and will be finalized through email.

3. Handovers to new board members

The Handovers are ongoing. A separate meeting with EF, BW, TH and PB was set to plan the transfer of banking access and all other administrative work. PB will continue the duties as active secretary general for the MLCF and SWC. For the Handover of the VP Seniors there will be a phone call between EF, SG and WD after the SWC.

With TH as new VP Finance the existing contract with our accounting firm will be terminated.

The Website and registration process for international championships need to be updated. BW is in the lead.

4. Education strategy for international referees

SG proposes to create a strategy for the education of international referees together with WMF. The aim is to create a bigger pool of potential referees for international championships and raise the level of refereeing. SG is in the Lead.

VOTE	The EMF Board unanimously supports the creation of an education strategy for international referees.
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5. Word Games 2029

After 40 Years Minigolf returns to the World Games! The World Games will take place from 19th-29th July in Karlsruhe, Germany.

The Board does not see a direct conflict with EMF’s calendar and championships. But since format, participants and possible qualifications have not been decided yet the board will revisit this topic after those decisions have been made.

6. Requests by Members

The board has received inquiries by a potential new national federation and a development company interested in building a course fit for use in tournaments. The Board will answer these questions and collaborate with WMF where necessary.

End of Meeting: 10:30

Next Meeting: 21.10.2026 19:00