

# **Statutes for the EUROPEAN GLIDING UNION**

Representative organisation for the European Glider Pilots

## **Article 1, Founding and Name**

- 1.1 A French association governed by the provision of the July 1, 1901 Law and the August 16, 1901 Decree is established between the undersigned under the name European Gliding Union, EGU. EGU was founded 14<sup>th</sup> November 1992.

## **Article 2, Residence**

- 2.1 The residence of EGU is c/o FFVV, 55 Rue des Petites Écuries, F-75010 Paris or such other place as the Congress may from time to time determine.

## **Article 3, Language**

- 3.1 The language of EGU is English.

## **Article 4, Purpose**

- 4.1 The aim of EGU is to support and represent the interests of its members at the European level, in respect of all relevant regulatory matters affecting gliding and soaring.
- 4.2 The EGU will act independently, but seeks to have good relations with the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), the International Gliding Commission (IGC), the Organisation Scientifique et Technique Internationale du Vol à Voile (OSTIV), Europe Air Sports (EAS) and the National Aeroclubs or the national body representing gliding when this is not the National Aeroclub. The EGU will actively seek the co-operation of these bodies in the fields of regulatory matters affecting gliding.
- 4.3 EGU may co-operate with National Gliding Federations outside Europe in the field of regulatory matters.

## **Article 5, Membership**

- 5.1 Full Membership of the EGU is open to the gliding organisation of countries which are Members of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC).
- 5.2 Associate membership is open to gliding associations of countries that are not eligible for Full Membership as stated in Article 5.1.
- 5.3 The gliding organisation referred to in section 1 and 2 is the organisation which is recognised by the EGU as the most representative of the glider pilots in the country concerned, usually either the NAC or the national body representing gliding when this is not the NAC.
- 5.4 Organisations, which wish to join the EGU, shall transmit their request to the General Secretariat. The Executive Board will examine this candidature and present the latter at the next Congress meeting. In the meantime the candidate will have status as member if the Executive Board decides so.
- 5.5 A full member of the EGU may withdraw its membership with three months written notice. No subscription fee will be reimbursed.

- 5.6 A member can be expelled by the Congress in case of being in arrears with more than one annual subscription.
- 5.7 The Congress may terminate a membership if the gliding organisation is not considered the most representative of the glider pilots in its country, or if its actions have brought the EGU into disrepute.

#### **Article 6, Membership fees**

- 6.1 All members shall pay an annual subscription as determined by the Congress.

#### **Article 7, Governance**

- 7.1 Congress is the assembly of the bona fide delegates of full members. Congress shall meet once a year with a gap of no longer than 15 months between Congress Meetings
- 7.2 The date and place of the Congress will be set at least three months in advance.
- 7.3 If a minimum of 2/3 of the Members so request, or if the Executive Board judges it opportune, an Extraordinary Congress Meeting shall be convened in a member country chosen by the President.
- 7.4 In the event that 2/3 of the Members request an Extraordinary Congress Meeting, the latter will be held within three months following the date on which the request, sent by registered letter and containing the reasons for the meeting, is received by the president. The business agenda must mention the motives for the meeting.
- 7.5 The General Secretary invites, at least two months before the date fixed for a Congress Meeting, all Members to send him or her the points they wish to be included in the agenda of the next Congress Meeting.
- 7.6 At least one month before the date fixed for the meeting of the Congress, the General Secretary sends all Members the agenda, including the items presented by the Members or by the Executive Board, as well as the reports of the specialist or other Committees.
- 7.7 Each full member to have one vote, subject to the member having paid the annual fees, to be exercised by it's delegate.
- 7.8 The Congress deliberations are valid so long as at least one third (rounded off to a natural figure) of the Full Members is present or represented.
- 7.9 Each member organisation may be represented at Congress Meetings by a maximum of two representatives, one of these being the official delegate.
- 7.10 Associate Members may attend and speak on any matters raised in the Congress, but shall not be entitled to vote.
- 7.11 An Full Member may let himself be represented by the delegate of another Member by means of a proxy in due form, but this delegate may not represent more than two other Members.
- 7.12 Congress Meetings are chaired by the President of the EGU or, if the need arises, by a Vice-President.

- 7.13 Unless stated otherwise voting is done by nominal appeal and by simple majority of those present and voting. For elections or other special or delicate questions of importance, or when a Member of the Congress so requests, a secret ballot will held.
- 7.14 In the event that the votes are equal, the President or other chairman of the meeting will have the casting vote.
- 7.15 The Congress may from time to time, by a majority of not less than three quarters of the Full Members present and voting thereon, approve, alter, modify or revoke any or all of the Statutes, provided that due notice of any such proposals has been given to the Congress in accordance with Article 7.6.
- 7.16 The Congress elects, by a simple majority of the Full Members present or represented by a proxy and voting, the members of the Executive Board.
- 7.17 The Congress yearly approves the accounts of the Treasurer as well as his estimates of expenditure for the next year.
- 7.18 The Congress approves the proceedings of the EGU, approves new tasks proposed by the Members, approves or rejects reports made by the Executive Board and the Technical Committees.
- 7.19 The Congress in general takes all final EGU decisions on subjects relating the EGU with any other person or body.

#### **Article 8, Executive Board**

- 8.1 The Executive Board is composed of a President, a First Vice-president, a Second Vice president, a General Secretary, a Treasurer and at least three Board members.
- 8.2. The Executive Board members are elected by the Congress for a three years mandate. These mandates are renewable.  
The President is elected by the Congress. The other functions will be assigned inside the board between the elected members.
- 8.3 The Congress elects members to the Executive Board from persons nominated by a full member of the EGU.
- 8.4 If a delegate is elected as president another person from that organisation shall replace him or her as delegate.
- 8.5 The Executive Board acts as a board of management, executing tasks, set by the Congress.
- 8.6 The Executive Board makes all decisions relating to the activity of the European Gliding Union, ratifying or not the urgent decisions made by the President.
- 8.7 The Executive Board meets at regular intervals, when the President judges it opportune, or at the request of the majority of the members of the Executive Board.
- 8.8 The President heads the EGU and represents it to third parties. In the event of the President's resignation, the presidency will be assumed by the First Vice-President until the next Congress.

- 8.9 The Vice-Presidents assist the President in his or her work and shall replace him or her should this be required.
- 8.10 A simple vote of the Board members present (and subject to there being a quorum) at a duly convened meeting shall be required to decide pre-notified business. The President shall have a casting vote in the event of an even vote.
- 8.11 The General Secretary handles the work of the Secretariat and the reports to member countries as well as those of third parties.
- 8.12 The Executive Board can appoint an Administrative Secretary.
- 8.13 The Board must ensure that a budget is prepared for approval by the Congress each year.
- 8.14 The Treasurer is accountable to the Board for the proper control of revenue, expenditure and cash flow in accordance with the annual budget framework agreed by Congress. The Treasurer must keep up to date accounts as well as forward estimates of revenue and expenditure.
- 8.15 The President or the Treasurer must approve all expenditure, and where feasible in advance.
- 8.16 The financial aim of the EGU is to operate at a surplus of no more than 10% of the income each year, unless Congress approves an alternative financial strategy for particular reasons.
- 8.17 Full members who have not paid their annual subscription fee by a date fixed reasonably for that purpose by the Board, do not have a right to vote until their accounts have been settled.
- 8.18 All members of the Executive Board will get travelling and communication expenses related to their EGU activities reimbursed by the EGU. The Executive Board will set-up guidelines for this.

#### **Article 9, Technical Committees**

- 9.1 As many Committees as deemed necessary will be created to facilitate the good results of the aims defined in Article 4.
- 9.2 A member of the Executive Board shall be appointed as responsible for a Technical Committee, and will report to the Executive Board.
- 9.3 Full and Associate members can appoint Technical Experts as members of Technical Committees.
- 9.4 Each Member of the EGU is responsible for its own expenses incurred in connection with the EGU, as well as for those of its Technical Experts.

#### **Article 10, Verification of Accounts**

- 10.1 During each meeting of the Congress, a Committee for the verification of accounts will be elected, which will be composed of a maximum of three persons, not members of the Executive Board. It will examine the accounts and present to the Congress.

**Article 11, Disbandment**

- 11.1 Disbandment of the EGU may only be approved with a 75% majority of the members voting in person or by proxy, on a resolution properly prepared and notified setting out in detail the reasons for the proposed disbandment.
- 13.2 In the event of an approved disbandment of the EGU, the Board shall be responsible for the realisation and distribution of net assets, which shall be returned to the members in proportion to their aggregate subscriptions paid to EGU for the previous complete five accounting years.

These Statutes were approved by the Congress held on 6 and 7 March 2004 in Eastwood (United Kingdom).

Changes to Art. 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 and 8.12 were approved by the Congress held on 26 and 27 February 2011 in Madrid.

Change to the street address of the residence of EGU in Art. 2.1 was confirmed by the Congress held on 21 and 22 February 2015 in Berlin.

Change to Art. 1.1 was approved by the Congress held on 20 February 2016 in Graz.