



REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AGM 20 OCTOBER 2016

First of all I would like to thank you all for coming to see what we have done in the past year, the issues that concern us and to see how you may be of assistance.

The Board of Directors is today 20 October the following:

President:	Aleca Astreos
Vice-president:	George Georgiades
Secretary:	Rena Livera
Treasurer:	Errikos Leonidou
Member:	Philippos Frangos
Member:	Frosso Tillyri
Member:	Costas Ioannou
Member:	Panos Panayides
Member:	Angelina Paraliki

The Board of Directors meets on a monthly basis as required by our Constitution. We endeavour to follow the guidelines of the Cyprus Sports Federation and for reasons of transparency we formed a committee comprised by George Georgiades, Panos Panayides and Philippos Frangos who studied the Constitution and made recommendations for amendment of certain of its regulations. The amendments have been approved by the board of directors and will first be sent to the Cyprus Sports Organisation and at a later stage presented in an extraordinary general meeting for final approval. For the same reason we send the minutes of our meetings to the clubs and we have printed new receipts and payments books.

Immediately following our election, the European Small Federations Games were organised successfully. We were congratulated by the president Mr Aubry and our members of the Executive Committee of EBL. Our National Team played well and finished 8th out of 14 teams. Because of this result the

board decided that the same national team would represent our country in the European Championship in Budapest. The results were not the best (we were last) and this is because of various reasons such as fatigue, training and other, all of which are detailed in the captain's report. The National Team will take part in a few days in the European Small Federations Games in Croatia and we hope for a good result.

This year our festival was organised in Limassol, in Poseidonia Hotel. Unfortunately participation by visiting non-Cypriots was minimal. This year we have some ideas including how to attract visitors from abroad and we would like to have your views on this matter.

The Federation organised this year also the annual competitions, Open Teams, Mixed Pairs and next month we will have the Open Pairs competition. We have observed that there is little interest by the players to participate and this is a matter of concern. Because of the low participation, the board had to cancel certain competitions such as the Swiss Teams and the Nethie-Geoff White Cup. The Technical Committee will consider this matter and prepare the 2017 calendar of events.

Our Federation took part in the EBL Officers' Seminar represented by the President Aleca Astreos and the Secretary Rena Livera. Rena Livera was invited by the EBL to present Cyprus as a successful case of recognition and as you understand this was honoring for Rena, the Federation and the island of Cyprus. The presentation was excellent and received congratulations from the participants.

We continue to have the challenge of finding directors for this reason we will send two of our directors for training at the EBL's seminar which will take place in Athens. We are hoping for financial support from the Academy of Sports.

Teaching in the training classes of the Ministry of Education continues in Nicosia, Limassol and Larnaca. Some players play on the internet and some take part in the club competitions. The effort to introduce Bridge to schools continues and this year with the assistance of Angelina Paraliki who teaches at GC School of Careers we successfully started a class in the school with a small team. We hope that soon we will be able to do that also in The English School.

The above is a very short update of what happened in the last 12 months.

On behalf of all the board members I would like to thank all clubs for their understanding and support.

On behalf of the Board

Aleca Astreos
President.