



Agenda for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the World Gold Panning Association (WGA)

Date: Wednesday, 19th August 2020 at 7:00 PM (Central European Summer Time)

Venue: The Annual General Meeting 2020 takes place at **Mining Museum in Příbram**, Czech Republic

Attendees: Delegates of the World Gold Panning Association Member Nations, Members of the WGA Board, Chairpersons of the Committees and Observers at the meeting.

Notice: Because of Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic it is possible to attend the meeting in three ways:

- to be present at the meeting
- attending virtually at the meeting
- by a proxy

Vice President **Jiri Dunovsky** will send invitations by email to those who are attending at the meeting virtually in video conference via Google Meet.

Please send email addresses of max. 2 national representatives (delegates) and possible observers attending at the virtual meeting **until the 12th of August** to Secretary and Vice President.

Please, see attached instructions in Invitation.

Attendees by Proxy must be announced to the Board until the Meeting starts.

Notice information at item 8 !

Please, use Attendance and Proxy form attached in Invitation.

1. Opening of the SBM

Sanjay Singh, President

2. President's report

Sanjay Singh, President

3. Financial report 1.7.2019- 30.6.2020 and the Budget of the WGA for the next fiscal year (1.7.2020– 30.6.2021).

Daniela Múčková, Treasurer

Attachments: Financial statements

4. Communication Committee report

Arturo Ramella, the Chairperson of the Communications Committee

4.1. Composition of Communication Committee 2020

Arturo Ramella	Chairperson	Italy
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Members and duties:

Christian Wolf	Pictures and web site updates	Austria
Alba Iglesias-Gomez	Collection of Golden News	Spain
Michael Greyshock	Golden Times & Newsletter	USA
Luka Hink	Youth Program, Youngsters delegate at the AGM	Netherlands

Proposed Member:

Jesus Menendez	Photos	Spain
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5. Competition Committee Report

Esko Orava, the Chairperson of the Competition Committee.

5.1. Composition of Competition Committee 2020

Ordinary members:

Chairperson Esko Orava	Finland
Member Peter Grubenmann.	Switzerland
Member Raimo Repola	Finland
Member Geraldine McCrossan	Italy
Member Richard Deighton	Great Britain

Temporary members:

Lorraine Millar	Canada
Daniela Múčková	Slovakia
Vilem Jansa	Czech Republic
Kauno Kuusela	Finland
Jaroslav Dudkiewicz	Poland
Vittorio Mauri	Italy

5.2. Summary of the World Championships 2019 in Tankavaara, Finland

Esko Orava, Chairperson of the Competition Committee will present following report done by **Peter Grubenmann**, Switzerland of the WGC 2019 in Tankavaara, Finland and Area Inspection Protocols from Tankavaara.

Shortreport

concerning the

WORLD GOLDPANNING COMPETITION 2019 at TANKAVAARA FINLAND

From Competition Committee Member Peter Grubenmann, Switzerland

- A great and perfectly organized Championship by our friends from Finland is over. The competition ran smoothly, efficiently and all the systems used worked perfect, highly effective and very important - perfectly at time schedule. All persons involved at practicing pool area, bibbing area, sand and seeding area, competition area, speakers, scrutineers and all supervisors at the competition area worked very efficient and to everybody's happiness!
- The spirit and philosophy of the World Goldpanning Association of fair play and sportsmanship prevailed throughout the event.
- As far as I know, we had 140 Women and 194 Men participating at the two main categories. Out of them, there was 137 Veterans and in addition approximately 30 Juniors.
- After I was appointed by Esko Orava, our Chairman, to write the Competition report on behalf of the WGA Spring-Meeting Members. I asked various Competitors from nearly all the participating countries to please tell me all about any hints or meanings concerning the running Competition, any Competition improvement suggestions as well as any complaints they may have of what's however concerning the Competition. No negative answer was made to my ears up to now... Everybody seemed to be very happy of what they encountered at Tankavaara, were

full of good words and thankful to everybody who contributed to and for the perfectly organized Competition.

- There were no reruns – no disqualification – one official protest was handled by Jury during the whole competition. Any minor complaints by single participants could be solved peacefully by competent and positive negotiations with our Competition Committee Chairperson Esko Orava. Special thanks to you Esko...!

Perfectly done Finland - many thanks to all of you!

Ostermundigen, Switzerland, 15. of September 2019

PETER GRUBENMANN

Attachments: [Arena Inspection Protocols Tankavaara, Finland](#)

6. Bids for European Championships 2021

Czech association is proposing **Zlate Hory** as the host of 2021 European Championships.

Zlate Hory's bid was approved in SBM and this matter goes further to AGM2020. The date of the event was not included in the application and is expected at AGM2020 in finalizing the date, consideration should be given to the fact that the Canadian WGC2021 takes place in the beginning of August, so all countries could organize their local national events.

Attachments:

[Application of Czech Republic's Association for hosting European Gold Panning Championships 2021 in Zlate Hory](#)

7. Bids for World / European Championships 2023

South African Association SAGPA is bidding to host World Gold Panning Championships 2023 in Pilgrims Rest, Mpumalanga..

South African authorities have already at last year's AGM confirmed the support to LOC (Local Organizing Committee) of 2023 World Gold Panning Championships event in Pilgrims Rest.

Attachments:

[Commitment for hosting World Gold Panning Championships in South Africa](#)

[Application of South African Association for hosting World Gold Panning Championships in South Africa](#)

Frank Hartmann informed the Board at SBM that German Association is interested in hosting **2023 European Championships**, should the South African bid be successful.

8. Election of the Board Member

This year **Raimo Repola** has served his full terms of 2x3 years as the member of the Board on the post of Secretary and a new person will be elected on this post at AGM 2020.

The Finnish association, LKL ry has already informed the Board of proposing **Tuija Tunturi** as a candidate to the member of the Board on this post.

The French association, FFOR, has 30.7.2020 informed the Board of proposing **Pierre-Jean Guide** as a candidate to the member of the Board on this post.

Other Member Nations will be asked to make the nominations for the post of Secretary, should they so wish.

Due to limitations on voting by Proxy, Member Nations which may nominate a candidate for the post of Secretary are requested to inform of this to Secretary **latest to the end of July**. (secretary@worldgoldpanningassociation.com)

This allows to share information of all nominations, in time before the AGM, to all attendees (specially users of Proxy).

Voting in this item will happen by secret ballot, virtual attendees can use the proxy form by sending it, filled on this item, by e-mail to the Vice President once the list of candidates has been notified. (vicepresident@worldgoldpanningassociation.com)

9. Youth /Children / family programs

The Board has discussed at SBM on the 18th of June of Family events in competitions and how they should be controlled in future. This item still needs some fine-tuning however, it was agreed that the role of the LOC of each event will provide guidance.

When the Board last year made a decision to support Tankavaara Children's' program during the WGC 2019, a feedback how this was arranged and succeeded was required.

Following report from Tankavaara Gold Village by Marko Touru was accepted:

Report: Children's programs at 2019 World Gold Panning Championships in Tankavaara, Finland

Planning

Children's program was planned by Competition project secretary together with local municipality's culture secretary. Plan was to utilize local resources such as sports clubs etc. Local associations that participated: Lapin Kiehiset, Sodankylän Kisasiskot, 4h-kerho, Lappi Leader project.

Program

Organized and guided children's programs were organized from Tuesday to Friday 10:00-15:00 during the World Gold Panning Championships. Themed workshops schedule and the associations responsible for arranging:

Tuesday 6.8. Gold Village nature workshop – Local Scouts association

Wed 7.8. Rhythm & movement music and sports workshop – Kisasiskot

Thu 8.8. Tankavaara Gold adventure – 4H

Fri 9.8. Nature day in Lapland – Tankavaara Gold Village

The workshops were aimed at children aged 7 and up. Maximum group size for each workshop was 25 at a time. All workshops started from Nugget square and happened in Tankavaara area.

Lappi Leader project also held a face painting booth at the market for a few days during the competitions.

8-10 children attended the workshops daily, mainly competitors' children. Turnout was smaller than expected, probably due to chilly weather. Also, local children's summer holiday had just ended before the competitions started.

Feedback

Competitors who gave feedback were very happy about the guided children's activities, since competitions usually don't have activities only for children. Also the children who attended the activities said they liked the workshops.

Marko Touru

Tankavaara Gold Village

The board expressed its appreciation for the initiative and noted the positive feedback as well as the challenges experienced.

The Board encourages all LOCs to continue with programs for children in future competitions

10. Other current issues

11. Closure of the Meeting

Sanjay Singh, President

On behalf of the Board

Sanjay Singh
President

Raimo Repola
Secretary

Attachments:

Financial statements

Arena Inspection Protocols 2019 Tankavaara

Application EGC Zlate Hory

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