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## **The 33rd Annual General Meeting of the International Go Federation**

### Meeting Minutes

Date: 13:30 – 16:00, July 5th, 2014  
Venue: Hotel Hyundai Gyeongju, Korea

### Agenda

1. Address by IGF President Koichiro MATSUURA
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 32nd AGM held in Sendai in August 2013 (Annex 1)
3. Reports on 2013 operations: relevant directors
  - (a) The 34th World Amateur Go Championship Sendai, Japan Tournament (August 31-September 5, 2013): Hiroshi YAMASHIRO, Office Director
  - (b) The 24th International Amateur Pair Go Championship (November 2 & 3, 2013): Hiroko TAKI, Director
  - (c) The 3rd SportAccord World Mind Games (December 12-18, 2013): Thomas HSIANG, Vice President
  - (d) Anti-doping activity: Martin FINKE, Director
4. 2013 Financial Report and 2014 Budget: Hiroshi YAMASHIRO, Office Director (Annex 2.3)
5. Report by auditors: Thailand, Austria
6. Concerning the new IGF office system: Hiroshi YAMASHIRO, Office Director (Annex 4. 4-a)
7. 2014 Operations Report and operations schedule: relevant directors
  - (a) The 12th World Students Oza Tournament (February 24-26, 2014): Hiroko TAKI, Director
  - (b) The 2nd Bailing Cup (March 2014 - ): Siming LIU, Vice President
  - (c) Report on April 2014 SportAccord General Meeting and IMSA Conference: Thomas HSIANG, Vice President

- (d) The 35th World Amateur Go Championship Korean Tournament  
(July 4-11, 2014): Jaeho YANG, Vice President
- (e) The 25th International Amateur Pair Go Championship  
(October 25-27, 2014): Hiroko TAKI, Director
- (f) The 4th SportAccord Mind Games  
(December 11-17, 2014): Thomas HSIANG, Vice President (Annex 5.6)
- (g) Anti-doping activity: Martin FINKE, Director
- (h) Olympic application: Martin FINKE, Director

- 8. 2014 auditor countries: Hiroshi YAMASHIRO, Office Director
- 9. 36th World Amateur Go Championship (2015): Jaeho YANG, Vice President
- 10. 37th World Amateur Go Championship (2016): Siming LIU, Vice President
- 11. Recommendation by the DM of candidates for president and 8  
directors(7 candidates current directors, 1 new) for the 2014-  
2016 term: President Koichiro MATSUURA

< Candidate for president >

Seokhyun HONG

(Recommended by the Korea Baduk Association)

< Candidates for directors >

Siming LIU, President of the China Qiyuan, current / IGF VP

Thomas HSIANG, American Go Association Vice President, current / IGF VP

Ichiro TANIOKA, President of Osaka University of Commerce, current

Korsak CHAIRASMISAK, President of the Go Association of Thailand, current

Neville SMYTHE, President of the Australia Go Association, current

Martin STIASSNY, President of the European Go Federation, current

Minghaw YING, President of Ing Changk Wei-Chi Education Foundation, current

Norio WADA, President of the Nihon Ki-in, new candidate

- 12. Selection of Office Director and other staff for 2014- 2016: New President
- 13. Date of next AGM: New President
- 14. Other

## Minutes

The Annual General Meeting began at 13:40 with the greetings from the President Matsuura. The meeting was held in Jade Hall, Hotel Hyundai Gyeongju B1F.

### **Item 1:** Address by IGF President

Mr. Matsuura expressed his gratitude, on behalf of IGF, to Gyeongju city and KBA for organizing the 35th WAGC. He also extended his welcome to all observers presented in the board meeting.

### **Item 2:** Confirmation of the minutes of the 32nd AGM held in Sendai in August 2013

The minutes were approved.

### **Item 3:** Reports on 2013 operations

#### (a) The 34th World Amateur Go Championship in Sendai, Japan

A report was made by Mr. Yamashiro. The Championship was organized successfully.

#### (b) The 24th International Amateur Pair Go Championship

A report was made by Ms. Taki. The IAPGC was held from Nov. 2 to 3, 2013. Total 21 countries and territories participated, and the winner was the Korean pair. Overall, it was a big success.

#### (c) The 3rd SportAccord World Mind Games

A report was made by Mr. Hsiang. The event was held from December 11 to 18, and consisted of 5 games: Go, Chess, Bridge, Draughts, and Xiangqi. There were 96 medals in total. China won the most medals, but small countries also won some medals, leading to happy results for all participating countries and territories. In Go, China won 3 medals in total, and Chinese Taipei won two medals, setting new record. One feature was that the majority of athletes in Go were teenagers and it created a good image for Go. Along with the main event, there were two online tournaments which attracted about 310,000 players.

Mr. Matsuura offered his gratitude to Mr. Liu and to Beijing city for the successful organizations of the 3<sup>rd</sup> SportAccord World Mind Games.

#### (d) Anti-doping activities

A report was made by Mr. Finke. Last WAGC also carried doping tests for 3 players inside competition and 1 player out-of-competition. All results were negative as expected. IGF is in a good standing in anti-doping activities, accumulating doping test results.

### **Item 4:** 2013 Financial Report and 2014 Budget: (Annex 2, 3)

Mr. Yamashiro designated Ms. Shigeno for the report. She expressed appreciation to China, Japan and Korea associations for operation subsidies. This year, IGF income increased mainly because Japanese currency depreciated against most major currencies. Also, Mlilly Cup in China submitted 500,000 JPY (5,000 USD) as a supervision fee. In expenses, it is

almost the same as last year. One difference is that the operation fee for the IGF headquarters in Japan increased because the new Secretary General will be based in Korea. Due to the distance, more budget for the headquarters were allocated.

IGF's IMSA account exists to manage fund from IMSA and SportAccord events separately from the IGF main account. For example, 10% of the total prize money at the SportAccord is contributed to IGF for supervising the event. Mr. Hsiang suggested that IGF's IMSA account should be managed only in US dollars, instead of JPY and USD, and it was agreed by the board. Thus, IGF is to convert all JPY in IMSA account to USD and combine it to the USD account.

**Item 5:** Report by auditing countries

A report was made by Mr. Smythe and Ms. Namasonthi. There were no concerns.

**Item 6:** The new IGF system (Annex 4, 4-a)

A report was given by Mr. Yamashiro, and later he designated Ms. Shigeno for further explanations. For the next 2 years, IGF will have new president, office director, and secretary general from Korea. Ms. Hajin Lee will be the new Secretary General of IGF. The headquarters of IGF will remain in Japan. Mr. Stiassny expressed his agreement with the decision that IGF headquarters should stay at one place rather than moving every two years as presidency changes. In Annex 4, the roles of secretary general and headquarters are stated, and Annex 4-a specifies IGF projects and responsible directors.

Ms. Shigeno informed of new IGF official email addresses: [secretary@intergofed.org](mailto:secretary@intergofed.org) for the Secretary General, and [office@intergofed.org](mailto:office@intergofed.org) for the headquarters of IGF.

**Item 7:** 2014 operations report

(a) The 12th World Students Oza Tournament

A report was given by Ms. Taki. The 12th World Students Oza Tournament was held from February 24 to 28 in Tokyo. 16 students from 12 countries and territories participated in the event, and Wang Chen from China won the tournament. In the 11th tournament last year was won by Kim Youngha from Korea.

(b) The 2nd Bailing Cup (March 2014 - )

A report was made by Mr. Liu. Bailing Cup international tournament started in March, this year. Over 300 players participated in the preliminary round. The tournament is still in progress. There will be the top 32 and 16 players match on 23rd and 24th of this month in Beijing, and the quarter and semi-final of the tournament will be in September. The grand final of the tournament is planned next year.

(c) Report on 2014 SportAccord General Meeting and IMSA conference

A report was made by Mr. Hsiang. 2014 SportAccord convention was held in April in Antalya, Turkey. Inside SportAccord, IGF is associated with two sub-groups: IMSA (International Mind Sports Association) and AIMS (Alliance of Independent Members of SportAccord). In

these two groups, IGF is working to get IOC recognition together with other members.

This year's meeting started with the discussions about 2016 Summer Olympics in Brazil. There were concerns whether Brazil can be ready for the event in time, and some members suggested that the Summer Olympics should be held in Nanjing in China, instead. Yet, the IOC President stepped in and decided Brazil should have its chance. However, other events such as World Mind Sports Games (WMSG) won't be held in Brazil.

Concerning IMSA, its main sponsor, the Mind Sports Partners canceled the sponsorship contract with IMSA, and there are no sponsors secured yet. IMSA won't be able to pay 25,000 USD that it promised to each federation. Next WMSG may be in Baku, Azerbaijan when Chess Olympiad happens. Xiangqi was accepted as the 5<sup>th</sup> member of IMSA, but Poker was rejected again.

(d) The 35th World Amateur Go Championship in Gyeongju

A report was made by Mr. Yang. The 35th WAGC was sponsored by Gyeongju city, Gyeongsang province, and a few corporations including Nongshim and Cyberoro. The main organization work was cooperated between KBA and KABA. Total of 54 players from different countries and territories participated, and the players will have 8 rounds in 4 days. The tournament will take place from July 6 to 9 at Hotel Hyundai Gyeongju, Korea.

(e) The 25th International Amateur Pair Go Championship

A report was made by Ms. Taki. The 25th IAPGC will be held from October 25 to 26 in Tokyo, Idabashi Edmont Metropolitan Hotel. To celebrate the 25th anniversary, the World Pair Go Association is preparing for a special event. She encouraged everyone in the audience to visit.

(f) The 4th SportAccord World Mind Games

A report was made by Mr. Hsiang. This year's SportAccord event will be held from December 11 to 17 in Beijing. One difference is that it will be organized by the Beijing Sport Authority instead of Beijing city. The prize money will stay the same, and the number of athletes and officials will also stay the same. The Technical Delegate will be again Ms. Yuky Shigeno. The online tournament for Go will be run by Panda Net as last year.

One new feature of the event is called "Mind Sports Challenge" 10 players from each division will participate in this event and compete with a mind sport that is not in the World Mind Games event. The kind of mind game has not been decided yet.

This year will be the last year in Beijing, and the next place is not finalized yet. One candidate is Astana in Kazakhstan. Also, it was agreed by the board that 10% of the total prize money from the SportAccord World Mind Games will go to IGF as contribution.

(g) Anti-doping activities

A report was given by Mr. Finke. In 2014, WADA is introducing new anti-doping rules with stricter regulations. Because doping is not a problem in mind sports, however, we are trying to reduce the penalty for athletes with doping practice. Doping penalty varies depending on

how serious the doping test result was.

(h) Olympic application

A report was made by Mr. Finke. SportAccord is helping its members get IOC recognition. One of such efforts is their website with a guideline. Unfortunately we didn't make much progress last half a year. We will first need to get a lot of documentations in order to submit our application to IOC.

**Item 8:**2014 auditor countries:

Mr. Yamashiro asked Thailand and Australia to be the auditor countries again, and both countries accepted the offer to be the auditor countries again.

**Item 9:** The 36th World Amateur Go Championship (2015)

A report was given by Mr. Yang. The 36th WAGC will be co-organized between the Go Association of Thailand and the Korea Baduk Association. The championship will be held in Bangkok in either May or June.

**Item 10:** The 37th World Amateur Go Championship (2016)

A report was made by Mr. Liu. The 37th WAGC will be organized by the China Weiqi Association, but because it's still 2 years away, the time and place have not been decided yet.

**Item 11:** Recommendation by the DM of candidates for president and 8 directors

7 directors were recommended for re-election, and 1 director was recommended as a new board member. The names of the recommended directors are stated on the agenda. The recommended directors were all accepted and welcomed.

Mr. Seokhyun HONG, the Chairman of the Korea Baduk Association was accepted as the new President of IGF. There was a short speech by the new President.

**Item 12:** Selection of Office Director and other staff for 2014-2016: Seokhyun HONG, President

Mr. Chimoon PARK, Vice Chairman of KBA, Mr. Jaeho YANG, Secretary General of KBA, and Ms. Hajin Lee were introduced as the new members of IGF leadership team.

**Item 13:** Date of next AGM: Seokhyun HONG, President

The next AGM will be in Bangkok during the 36th WAGC. Further details will be informed to the members through email.

**Item 14:** Other businesses

Meeting concluded at 14:50.