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## **29th General Meeting of the IGF**

Date and Time: 15:30~17:30, Tuesday, 25 May 2010  
Venue: 5F Conference Room.  
Hangzhou Branch of the China Qiyuan

### **Agenda**

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 28th General Meeting.
2. Election of president and eight directors.
3. Report by Secretary General
4. Report on operations
  - (a) The 30th World Amateur Go Championship Shizuoka Tournament (26~31 May 2009).
  - (b) The 20th International Amateur Pair Go Championship (14, 15 November 2009)
  - (c) The Pair Go World Cup Hangzhou Tournament (21, 22 March 2010)
  - (d) The 3rd IGF Go Promotion
5. 2009 Financial Report and 2010 Budget
6. Selection of auditor countries for 2010
7. Reports on GAISF General Meeting and IMSA conference
8. Anti-doping activity
9. Revision of IGF Statues
10. Schedule for 2010 and 2011 operations
  - (a) The 31st World Amateur Go Championship Hangzhou Tournament (24~30 May 2010)

- (b) The 32nd World Amateur Go Championship Shimane Tournament (26 May~2 June 2011)
- (c) The 21st International Amateur Pair Go Championship (16, 17 October 2010)
- (d) The 16th Guangzhou Asian Games (12~27 November 2010)

11. Other

## **Minutes**

The meeting began at 15:30, with IGF Vice President Eduardo Herrero designated by IGF President Hideo Otake to act as chairperson. It was held in the 5th floor conference room of the Hangzhou Branch of the China Qiyuan. A majority of members were in attendance. Explanations were made using PowerPoint.

### **1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 28th General Meeting held on 28 May 2009**

The minutes were confirmed.

### **2. Recommendation by the DM of candidates for the presidency and eight directorships.**

As of this year, the situation has changed, with the three countries with professional go organizations, China, Japan, and Korea, having agreed to support the IGF equally, so the Board of Directors has recommended Zhenming Chang as candidate for president for the next term. Mr. Chang was elected by the meeting. He was introduced and gave an address.

The DM recommended the reelection of six directors, Sang-Yull Han, Eduardo Lopez, Korsak Chairasmisak, Neville Smythe, Martin Stiassney, and Thomas Hsiang, and the election of a new director, Siming Liu, and the election of the former president Hideo Otake as a director. These eight directors were elected by the meeting.

One director is chosen by the president. The reappointment of Ichiro Tanioka, President of Osaka University of Commerce, was reported to the meeting.

The reappointment of Yuki Shigeno as Secretary General for the current year was reported.

It was explained that, after a revision of Article 9 of the statutes, increasing the number of Vice Presidents from three to four, was approved by the meeting, it was proposed to add Hideo Otake and Sang-Yull Han as Vice Presidents to join the

present vice presidents Eduardo Lopez and Thomas Hsiang. The IGF expressed its gratitude to the Chinese Runan Wang, who retired after many years of service as Vice President.

### **3. Report by Secretary General**

Yuki Shigeno presented a report. She mentioned that the three professional go associations will be supporting the IGF this year, that China has provided the president this year, and that mind-sports activity has become livelier, with SportAccord and IMSA also suggesting the holding of a new event. The IGF is approaching a new turning point, so the cooperation of the IGF directors will become ever more important. She expressed the hope that they would participate actively.

### **4. Report on operations**

Eduardo Lopez gave this report. The 30th World Amateur Go Championship Shizuoka Tournament was held from 26 to 31 May 2009 in the Ecopa Arena in Fukuroi City, Shizuoka Prefecture, with 66 countries taking part. It was won by Yuqing Hu of China. On-the-spot reports were relayed on the Net site Ranka-online; Michael Redmond 9-dan took part as game commentator.

The 20th International Amateur Pair Go Championship was held in the Edmont Hotel, Iidabashi, Tokyo, on 14 and 15 November 2009 and was won by the pair from Korea. Various commemorative events were held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of Pair Go, and the tournament was a great success. The Pair Go World Cup Hangzhou Tournament was held on 21 and 22 March 2010 at the Hangzhou Qiyuan (Hangzhou branch of the China Qiyuan) to commemorate Pair Go's 20th anniversary; the tournament was supervised by the IGF.

12 sets of go stones were donated to the Venezuelan Go Society by the The Go Association of Thailand through the IGF. Because of problems in transporting the sets to Venezuela, related to postal conditions and customs procedures, the sets were entrusted to a Japanese go-exchange body and delivered directly. The IGF is grateful to the bodies that cooperated, and we hope to find other opportunities for members to assist each other and work for the popularization of go.

### **5. 2009 Financial Report and 2010 Budget**

Representing one of the auditor countries, Australia, Neville Smythe reported that there were no problems with the 2009 Financial Report.

Yuki Shigeno reported on the 2010 Budget. Starting this year, the IGF will be receiving a subsidy of \$90,000 to support its operations, consisting of \$30,000 each from the Chinese, Korean, and Japanese professional go associations. A secretariat will be newly established in China, the country of the president; it will work with the Japanese office, so the business of the IGF will be carried out by

two offices. It was explained that the expenses of the Chinese office would be borne by the Chinese Weiqi Association.

The 2009 Financial Report and the 2010 Budget were approved by the meeting.

## **6. Selection of auditor countries for 2010**

The meeting approved a proposal to recommend Thailand and Australia to the GM as the auditor countries.

## **7. Reports on GAISF General Meeting and IMSA conference & 8. Anti-doping activity**

Thomas Hsiang reported on the General Meeting of GAISF (name now changed to SportAccord) in Dubai and the IMSA conference. He indicated two possibilities for the future development of mind sports. One was if the IOC stated that its policy was not to recognize mind sports. He hinted that at the same time there was the possibility in the future that it would certify IMSA as the body to organize all international mind-sports organizations. The other possibility was that Sport Accord would approve through IMSA the affiliation with SportAccord of the international mind-sports associations, and that also it would request IMSA to arrange for the foundation of National Mind Sports Associations (NMSA) in each country and the holding of domestic mind-sports events, and the forming of competition committees, etc. Summing up, he thought that there was a need to review IGF's policy to date of seeking affiliation with the IOC. Looking on the positive side, ever-increasing development of the mind-sports world could be expected.

Concerning anti-doping tests, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) was carrying forward a review in the direction of exempting mind sports from doping tests out of competition, so they would not be held at this tournament. The IGF would decide its policy on the basis of the final instructions from WADA.

The IGF recognized the International Federation of Poker (IFP) as a recognized IMSA body.

Concerning the contract between West Nally and Dentsu, the IGF approved promoting the contract.

Concerning the 2nd and 3rd World Mind Sports Games, events with six forms of competition — organized by the four IMSA members, and the Chinese Chess Association, with the addition of poker — would be held. As with the 1st WMSG in Beijing, there would be no prizes, large numbers of competitors, and a large number of medals. The transportation and accommodation expenses of players and officials would be borne by the sponsor. The latest information was that the city of Manchester was the strongest candidate for the 2nd WMSG, which would

be held for two weeks from 11 to 25 August 2012, while the 3rd games were being planned for Brazil in 2016.

Concerning new SA events, there were a number of problems for the host country China, so the IGF would await developments. China suggested that Thomas Hsiang and Yuki Shigeno be entrusted with future liaison with IMSA, and this was approved by the meeting.

### **9. Revision of IGF Statues**

A report was made by Ichiro Tanioka. The main revision was increasing the number of directorships by one, making a total of 12, for three of whom there would be no nationality conditions. The number of vice presidents was increased to four. Besides this, the fact that the IGF approved of WADA affiliation meant that articles dealing with doping and the use of drugs became necessary, so these were added. Since the country of the president was to change, the provision that the official languages be English and the language of the president's country was changed to English only. These and other points were explained. The proposed revisions of the statutes were approved. A report on the final version of the statutes would be made after some fine adjustments in the wording were made.

### **10. Schedule for 2010 and 2011 operations**

A report was made by Eduardo Lopez. The 31st World Amateur Go Championship Hangzhou Tournament was to start the next day. As of this year, transportation expenses were borne by the participants, but players from 60 countries and territories were taking part. The IGF was grateful to all concerned. Ranka-online would present live reports on the IGF's web site again this year. Michael Redmond 9-dan, as last year, and his wife, Xian Xian Niu, a professional go player, were to join the staff.

Next year, the 32nd World Amateur Go Championship would be held in Shimane Prefecture in Japan from 26 May to 2 June. Shimane officials were planning to give an address and to talk about their prefecture at the closing ceremony on the 30th. It was decided to hold the 33rd WAGC in China. The venue has not yet been decided.

The 21st International Amateur Pair Go Championship would be held on 16 and 17 October 2010.

Siming Liu gave a report about the 16th Guangzhou Asian Games. They are scheduled to be held in Guangzhou from 12 to 27 November 2010, and for the first time go would be an official competition sport. There would be three go events: men's team, women's team, and mixed pairs. The venue, the Guangzhou Qiyuan, was almost completed. Total construction costs were \$US35,000,000 and

total floor space was 18,000 sq.m. Chinese rules would be used. Fairness would be emphasized, so international committee members would make up one third of the international participants. The official with top technical responsibility would be Yigang Hua. Any problems that arise would be referred to the arbitration committee which consists of countries and territories including China, Japan, Korea, U.S.A. and Chinese Taipei for the final decision. The initial application deadline (confirmation of intent to participate) is 30 July; the second deadline (presentation of list of competitors) is 30 September. Thomas Hsiang and Yuki Shigeno are scheduled to take part as officials.

## **11. Other**

1. It was reported that the European Go Federation (EGF) had been recognized as an association member.

2. An application for affiliation from the Federation Ivoirienne de Go dated 1 May has been received. There was not enough time to review this application, so it was decided to assess it at the next DM.

3. Questions by members:

Q1. Please release more information in advance about the WAGC on the net. A: We will improve our service here.

Q2: Will transportation fees have to be borne by participants from next year on, as well? A: Yes, they will.

Q3: How about showing appreciation of persons who have made major contributions to spreading go internationally in the form of a Hall of Fame? A: We will examine this possibility.

The meeting closed at 16:50.