

32nd General Meeting of the International Go Federation

Time: 13:30~15:00, Saturday, 31 August 2013

Venue: Special Conference Room (AER 6th floor), Sendai City Information Industrial Plaza

Agenda

1. Speech by IGF President, Koichiro MATSUURA
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 31st GM (held in Guangzhou City, China in May 2012)
3. Election of four directors (re-election): Koichiro MATUURA, President

Jae-Ho YANG (Korean Baduk Association Office Head, IGS Vice President)
Eduardo LOPEZ (Consultant to Iberoamerican Go Association, IGF Vice President)
Hiroko TAKI (World Pair Go Association Vice President)
Martin FINKE (Dutch Mind Games Association Office Director)

4. 2012 Operations Reports: Related directors

- (a) 10th World Student Oza Tournament (27 February~2 March 2012):
Hiroko TAKI, Director
- (b) 33rd World Amateur Go Championship China Guangzhou Tournament
(11~18 May 2012): Siming LIU, Vice President
- (c) 2nd World Mind Sports Games, France (9~23 August 2012):
Martin STIASSNEY, Director
- (d) Central & South American Go Propagation Project (September 2012~July 2013):
Eduardo HERRERO, Vice President
- (e) 1st International Go Symposium (4 & 5 August 2012, American Go Association):
Thomas HSIANG, Vice President
- (f) 23rd International Pair Go Championship (3, 4 November 2012):
Hiroko TAKI, Director
- (g) 2nd SportAccord Mind Sports Games (12~19 December 2012):
Thomas HSIANG, Vice President

5. 2012 Financial Report and 2013 Budget: Hiroshi YAMASHIRO, Office Director

6. 2013 auditor countries: Hiroshi YAMASHIRO, Office Director

7. Report on 2013 operations and scheduled operations: Related directors

- (a) 11th World Student Oza Tournament (25 February~1 March 2013):
Hiroko TAKI, Director
- (b) 1st Mlily Cup (May 2013~): Siming LIU, Vice President
- (c) Report on May 2013 SportAccord General Meeting and IMSA conference:
Thomas HSIANG, Vice President
- (g) 2nd SportAccord Mind Sports Games (12~19 December 2012): Thomas HSIANG,
Vice President
- (h) Anti-doping activity: Martin FINKE, Director

8. The 35th World Amateur Go Championship Korean Tournament (2014):
Jae-Ho YANG, Vice President
9. The 36th World Amateur Go Championship Korean Tournament (2015):
Jae-Ho YANG, Vice President
10. Date of next AGM: President Matsuura
11. Other business

Minutes

The condition of the microphone was bad, and it took time to adjust it, so the start of the meeting was delayed until 13:45. It took place in the Special Conference Room (AER 6th floor), Sendai City Information Industrial Plaza. The meeting was declared started by President Matsuura. IGF members from 56 countries and territories were in attendance. At the start, there was a report on conditions after the tsunami resulting from the Great East Japan Earthquake two and a half years ago, a description was given of the nearby World Heritage Site of Hiraizumi, and it was announced that Vice President Herrero was absent because of ill health.

Item 2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 31st GM (held in Guangzhou City in May 2012).

The minutes were approved.

Item 3. Election (re-election) of four directors

The re-election of the following four directors was approved by the meeting. The re-appointment of the Vice Chairmen was announced.

Jae-Ho YANG (Korean Baduk Association Office Head, IGS Vice President)
Eduardo LOPEZ (Consultant to Iberoamerican Go Association, IGF Vice President)
Hiroko TAKI (World Pair Go Association Vice President)
Martin FINKE (Dutch Mind Games Association Office Director)

Item 4. 2012 Operations Reports

(a) 10th World Student Oza Tournament (27 February~2 March 2012)

A report was made by Hiroko TAKI, Director. Sixteen players from 12 countries and territories took part, and the tournament was won by the Chinese representative. The tournament had a nice at-home atmosphere.

(b) 33rd World Amateur Go Championship China Guangzhou Tournament (11~18 May 2012)

A report was made by Siming LIU, Vice President. The tournament was held at the Guangzhou Ki-in in Guangzhou, where go was included with great success as an official event for the first time in the 2010 Asian Games. This experience was utilized, and the organization etc. of the tournament was very smooth. Mr. Liu expressed his gratitude to all those persons who extended cooperation

(c) 2nd World Mind Sports Games, France (9~23 August 2012)

A report was made by Martin STIASSNEY, Director. Despite the short time for preparation of two and a half months, we were successfully able to stage the event with

the cooperation of everyone. Only amateurs took part, and, apart from the Pair Go, Chinese Taipei did well, winning the gold medals.

(d) Central & South American Go Propagation Project (September 2012~July 2013)

In place of the absent Eduardo HERRERO, Vice President, Thomas HSIANG, Vice President, gave a report. With a subsidy granted for IGF propagations activities by IMSA for the first time, go instruction has been carried out from September last year to July this year, centering on teaching at five elementary schools (including a school for the hearing impaired) in Venezuela and including teaching instructors, and it has achieved excellent results. Materials and reports on expenses were presented.

A request by Vice President LOPEZ for the continuation of activity was presented. It was agreed that this would be postponed because of uncertainty as to whether a subsidy from IMSA would be forthcoming and because there had not been sufficient time to examine the ways of using the IMSA fund.

(e) 1st International Go Symposium (4 & 5 August 2012, American Go Association)

A report was given by Thomas HSIANG, Vice President. As one link in the IGF propagation activities and based on a grant from IMSA of \$7,000, the 1st International Go Symposium was held during the American Go Congress. Nolan Bushnel, the founder of ATARI, Hotta Yumi, the writer of 'Hikaru no Go', and IGF Director Ichiro TANIOKA, the President of Osaka University of Commerce, took part. This was an epoch-making event that was broadcast live on the Net and in which anyone could take part. The American Go Association plans to hold an international symposium every second year.

(f) 23rd International Pair Go Championship (3, 4 November 2012)

A report was given by Hiroko TAKI, Director. Teams from 21 countries and territories took part; the Korean pair won.

(g) 2nd SportAccord Mind Sports Games (12~19 December 2012)

A report was given by Thomas HSIANG, Vice President. Twenty-eight players took part, 80% of whom were different from the 1st Games. Two-thirds of players were in their 20's or younger. The total prize money was \$400,000 (double the 1st Games); 10% of the total prize money for each participating team was levied as a subsidy for the IGF-IMSA fund, so for the IGF the event was financially a big success.

(h) Antidoping activity

A report was given by Martin FINKE, Director. The IGF is carrying out doping tests every year, and in the Sendai tournament beginning the next day, tests will be carried out in Japan for the first time. As a result of a review by WADA carried out this year, the basic value for marihuana was raised.

Item 5. 2012 Financial Report and 2013 Budget

Yuki SHIGENO, Secretary General, was designated by Hiroshi YAMASHIRO, Office Director, to give the report. At the Guangzhou Tournament held the previous year, we received financial assistance from the Chinese Weiqi Association and were able to hold down the expenses of the Directors Meeting, the doping tests, etc. Also, as a managerial fee for the new tournament, the Mlily Cup, that started in China, we received \$5,000.

Item 6. 2013 auditor countries

A report was made by Hiroshi YAMASHIRO, Office Director. Thailand and Australia were chosen as the auditor countries.

Item 7. Report on 2013 operations and scheduled operations

(a) 11th World Student Oza Tournament (25 February~1 March 2013)

A report was given by Hiroko TAKI, Director. Sixteen players from 12 countries and territories took part. The Korean representative won.

(b) 1st Mlily Cup (May 2013~)

A report was given by Siming LIU, Vice President. Through the assistance of an industrialist in his 30s who is a fan of go, a new international tournament was started, and it is planned to hold it every second year. There are 64 players in the main tournament, of whom four are female and four are amateurs. The period from the announcement to the holding of the tournament was short, so there were few amateurs from the West and many from Asia. The organizers are considering giving one seat to Europe and one to America.

(c) Report on May 2013 SportAccord General Meeting and IMSA conference

A report was made by Thomas HSIANG, Vice President. At the SA GM held in St. Petersburg from May 26~29, a new president, Marius L. Vizer, the President of the International Judo Federation, was elected to a two-year term. SA will support all its members and give them positive support in applying for IOC affiliation. The IGF has not applied for IOC recognition so far, but, with the situation changing like this, I think the time has come to consider applying. Next year SA's GM will be held in Turkey from April 6~11.

Poker's SA application was rejected, and its application to join IMSA has become a clean slate. The International Xiangqi Association, which is an IMSA observer, plans to apply to join next year. The World Scrabble Association has applied to join IMSA and is next scheduled to become an observer.

During the period of the SA GM, an IMSA executive meeting was held, and Kirsan LLYUMZHINOV, President of the World Chess Association, was approved as president succeeding Jose DAMIANI. Concerning the contract between Mind Sports Partners (MSP) and IMSA, the MSP representative Mr. Patrick NALLY has resigned, and Dentsu has become the representative, but concerning the contract Dentsu made the judgement that the IMSA side did not carry it out. The promised contract fee remains unpaid. Previous IMSA President Jose DAMIANI made the proposal that the annual subsidy of 250,000 Euros per year be suspended for the first year, then be paid in subsequent years, but Dentsu rejected this. The dispute will continue through the lawyers on both sides, but if no agreement is reached there is a possibility of submitting the matter to the court on Sport Arbitration (CAS).

Mr. Damiani, who personally bore the expense of 110,000 Euros for running IMSA, made the following claim. Worried about the fact that the contract fee from Dentsu had stopped, he asked Mr. Llyumzhinov to take over the payment on his taking up his new post, but Mr. Llyumzhinov refused.

On a separate matter the contract time for the Mind Sports event sponsored by IMSA and being held in the city of Ufa, the capital of the republic of Bashkortostan in Russia, was approaching, but in the end we were unable to secure the agreement of the Russian government, so the event was postponed. The Russian government has hinted that it might consider sponsoring SAWMG after the December 2014 SAWMG in Beijing.

(d) 4th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Inch'eon Tournament (27 June~6 July 2013)

A report was given by Jae-Ho YANG, Vice President. Seventy-six players from 11 countries and territories took part in four events, male individual, male team, female team, and Pair Go. Letting spectators into the playing venue this year led to greater publicity, and the tournament was a success.

(e) 34th World Amateur Go Championship Japan Sendai Tournament (31 August~5 September 2013)

A report was given by Hiroshi YAMASHIRO, Office Director. At present, 61 countries and territories are scheduled to take part. The players from two countries that became members of the IGF last year, Kazakhstan and Brunei, and who are making their debuts, and the representative of the Chinese Taipei Wei-ch'i Association, which replaced the previous organization representing Chinese Taipei last year, were introduced. Many side events have been planned by Sendai go fans and go bodies, so we hope you all enjoy yourselves.

(f) 24th International Amateur Pair Go Championship (2 & 3 November 2013)

A report was given by Hiroko TAKI, Director. This year 21 pairs will take part. Next year will be the landmark 25th year, so we are already thinking of holding a suitably memorable event. We welcome any advice you have.

(g) 3rd SportAccord World Mind Games (12~18 December 2013)

A report was given by Yuki Shigeno, Secretary General and technical adviser to this event, in place of Thomas HSIANG, Vice President. The 3rd SAWMG will be held at the Beijing Convention Center, the same as last year, from December 12~18 with three events, male team, female individual, and Pair Go. Thirty players from six countries and territories will take part. Accommodation will be at the North Star Continental Grand Hotel, the same as last year. The 4th SAWMG will be held with the same schedule in 2014.

SA has proposed holding 'cultural events' again this year, with players visiting local elementary schools during the tournament and playing go with children. Officials and players not taking part in the Pair Go event are scheduled to make the visits on December 17 or 18. The deadline for registration for players and officials is September 20.

(h) Antidoping activity

A report was given by Martin FINKE, Director. It is omitted, as Mr. Finke replied under the previous item.

Item 8. The 35th World Amateur Go Championship Korean Tournament (2014)

A report was given by Jae-Ho YANG, Vice President. Consideration is being given to holding the tournament in Seoul from July 3~10, 2014, but there are also other candidate venues, so there is a possibility of change. Mr. Yang said that he very much looked forward to the opportunity of meeting everyone in Korea.

Item 9. The 36th World Amateur Go Championship Korean Tournament (2015)

A report was given by Jae-Ho YANG, Vice President. This tournament will be organized by the Korean Baduk Association, but the candidate venue and dates have not yet been decided.

Item 10. Date of next DM

This will be held on July 3, during the course of the WAGC Korean Tournament (July 3~10, 2014). The IGF AGM will be held in the afternoon.

Item 11. Other business

Martin Finke, Director, presented a draft proposal for a review of the membership fees of the countries belonging to the European Go Federation, and the AGM agreed to present it to the AGM.

Meeting concluded at 14:50.