

# I.M.O.

INTERNATIONAL MÖLKKY ORGANISATION

## Minutes of the Meeting



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## **ATTENDES**

### **I.M.O. board members**

President:	Damien Landais
Vice President:	Walter Aust
Vice Treasurer	Sébastien Delarue
Vice Secretary	Chiho Yatsuga

### **I.M.O. member countries**

Austria:	Max Leimstättner
Czech Republic:	Josef Buzek
Estonia:	Vahur Kolvart
Finland:	-/-, not attending
France:	Patrick Tomezak
Germany:	Walter Aust
Greece:	-/-, not attending
Hongkong:	Kennedy Lai
Japan:	Yatsuga Shuichi, Saki Masumura, Yasushi Shishikura, Tadashi J.
Nepal:	Min Gaire, Sabin Sharma
Spain:	Manuel Martínez Gámez
Turkey:	Hünkar Ekşi, Cüneyit Özen, Onur Sarioğlu
USA:	-/-, not attending

### **Observers**

Tactic Games OY:	Sami Viljanen
Australia:	Damien Landais
Poland:	Jan Sękowski
Swiss:	Georg Leuenberger
Others:	Olivier Allain (Oli Good)

## **1. Opening the meeting**

- Welcoming words by the president Damien Landais
- Votes:  
Every country has 3 votes, except for Finland with 4 votes and France with 5 votes.

## **2. Choosing Chairman, Secretary, Checkers and vote counters**

Chairman:	Damien Landais
Secretary:	Walter Aust
Checkers:	Chiho Yatsuga & Damien Landais
Vote count:	Sébastien Delarue & Damien Landais

## **3. Accepting the dealing list for this meeting**

There were no objections.

## **4. Review the actions of the previous year**

- Nations Cup Trophy:  
The board had announced a contest and the members decided between the two applications. Due to COVID-19, the trophy will be awarded for the first time in 2022.
- New members:  
We were pleased to welcome three new countries:  
Austria, Greece and Nepal.
- Instagram account:  
As decided at the last General Assembly, we have opened an Instagram account. Currently there are 150 followers.
- Work on updating the statutes (see section 8)

## 5. I.M.O. Finances

### Status

Nothing has been done so far for 2021, mainly due to COVID-19 and there have been almost no expenditures or incomes. Everything is postponed to 2022.

## 6. Vote on organizers of international tournaments for 2022

- World Championship:  
in Samoëns, France, August 18-21, 2022  
→ All members present agreed (by means of a vote).
- European Championship Indoor:  
in Kuressaare (Saaremaa), Estonia, March 11-13, 2022  
→ All members present agreed (by means of a vote).
- European Championship Outdoor:  
in Zruč nad Sázavou, Czech Republic, July 15-17, 2022  
(Note: will be played on grass)  
→ All members present agreed (by means of a vote).
- Asian Championship  
in Kimitsu City, Japan, March 19-20, 2022  
(Note: number of participants increased to 300)  
→ All members present agreed (by means of a vote).  
| subsequent correction (2021-08-26):  
| March, 12-13, 2022

## 7. Other Matters and Proposals

### Country per country questions

- **Austria: Referees**

Max Leimstättnner (Austria) and Georg Leuenberger (Swiss) are creating a guideline for referees. Beside the detailed guideline they also want to create a two-page guide as a decision-making aid for less experienced referees. Maybe there will be also a video with instructions.

In addition, the following recommendations were made:

- one main referee for major tournaments as the final authority
- Translation of the "Tournament Rules" into the respective national language

- **Turkey: Transformation of the game into a sport?**

Onur Sarioğlu (Turkey) explained why it is so difficult to organise an international Molkky Championship in Turkey. The officials just don't allow it, because Molkky is not an official sport. Unlike many other countries where you can simply rent a venue and hold any kind of international event there, in Turkey you need official permission. For this reason, Turkey has asked for help and support, should it be needed and I.M.O. will try to support them as much as possible.

- **Poland: Conditions for I.M.O. membership?**

Jan Sękowski (Poland) asked if there are any conditions to become a member of the I.M.O., for example a registered national association. The board stated, that there are no official rules for membership. The clubs of a country should have a consensus on who represents the country to our organisation. A national association is usually founded when the number of clubs is so large that this association would make the work much easier.

- **Swiss**

Georg Leuenberger (Swiss) explained that all 8 regions organise the Swiss Championship on a rotational basis and they discuss I.M.O. membership.

- **Nepal**

Min Gaire (Nepal) stated that they are preparing a Molkky Trial throughout Nepal.

- **Molkky Ambassador**

Sami Viljanen (Tactic Games OY) explained that Tactic will need to see how things develop for distribution in Africa, but is ready to answer questions at [sami.viljanen@tactic.net](mailto:sami.viljanen@tactic.net).

## **Creation of leaflet for countries to join I.M.O.**

All participants agree that there should be rules for the admission of new members. But defining the conditions is not so easy, as this always depends on many country-specific circumstances and where to set the bar. This point will continue to be worked on continuously.

## **Change of I.M.O. Board in 2022**

Damien Landais (President) explained that next year (2022) the term of office of the current board ends according to the statutes. Everyone should think about whether they want to work on the board.

## 8. Revising of statutes

Walter Aust (Vice President) briefly presented the changes that essentially concern the following points:

- Registered trademark symbol ® only on the front page
- Some grammatical and spelling corrections
- New chapter for the usage of I.M.O. logos and symbols
- Removing the part for “the right for national championships only for members” and add the “recognition of national championships organized by I.M.O. members”.
- Adding Finland's prerogative to host the World Championship every third event
- Adding the right for the board to reduce the membership fee for certain countries

It was decided that all members would receive a copy of the proposed changes (all highlighted in colour). The changes will be voted on later.

## 9. Closure of the meeting

Gratitude to all who joined the meeting.

Secretary:



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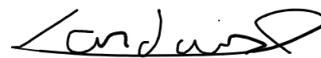
Walter Aust  
(Vice President)  
2021-08-23

Checkers:



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Chiho Yatsuga  
(Vice Secretary)



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Damien Landais  
(President of I.M.O.)

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