

# 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

Treasurer: Suvi Soini

Vice Treasurer: Oliver Lindenmayr

Secretary: Chiho Yatsuga

Vice Secretary: Olivier Allain

Social Media: Onur Sarıoğlu

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

Austria: -/-, not attending

Czech Republic: Standa Ozcmi

Estonia: Vahur Kolvart

Finland: Antti Hautapakka

France: Bruno Boulay

Germany: Michael Enzi

Greece: -/-, not attending

Hongkong: Kennedy Lai

Japan: Yatsuga Shuichi

Nepal: -/-, not attending

Poland: Jan Sękowski

Spain: -/-, not attending

Turkey: Onur Sarıoğlu

USA: -/-, not attending

#### **Observers**

Tactic Games OY: Sami Viljanen, Lauri Nieminen

Australia



## 1. Opening the meeting

Welcoming words by the president Damien Landais

Votes: Every country has 1 vote

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

Chairman: Damien Landais

Secretary: Chiho Yatsuga

Checkers: Walter Aust & Olivier Allain

Vote count: Damien Landais

## 3. Accepting the dealing list for this meeting

There were no objections.

## 4. Teams' registration rules for IMO Tournaments

#### General

Due to the rise of Mölkky popularity, the registration for tournaments can be quite tight depending on country. IMO proposes to have a priority register for IMO members.

5% of the maximum number of teams: Reserved for Wild Card for the organizers (To invite sponsors, local teams...)

5% of the maximum number of teams: Reserved for Wild Card for IMO (To invite new countries and continue the development of Mölkky beyond our actual border, also to potentially reward members that have been part of the community for a long time).

45% for the members of the organizing country

45% of the remaining IMO members (Non organizing country)

When the registration opens, on the first month all spots are available (Each IMO country can decide how its allocated spots will be shared within their associations/players.



Non-organizing IMO countries can take more than a total of 10% of the spots at that time.

At the end of month 1, non-organizing IMO countries can take more than 10% of spots, in the limit of the 45% allocated to remaining IMO Members. At the end of Month 2, everyone can register and take whatever remaining spots are available, IMO members or not, in a first arrived, first serve basis.

Register cheat might happen such as falsify their origin of country, but the possibility is low.

Vote Abstain: 0

Against: 0

Favor: 7 (Poland, Japan, HK, France, Germany, Turkey, Czech)

→ DECIDED

#### For World Championship 2024

Additionally, the possibility of limiting to 576 teams (2 venues) instead of 380 teams for 2024 World Championship was also approved.

## 5. Tactic Agreement Review

Ongoing: Sami Viljanen, Lauri Nieminen to finalize with IMO

### 6. European, World & Asian Championships Medals creation idea

No design yet has been done, IMO will launch a design contest. Will be partially financed from IMO. Same design for Indoors/Outdoors?

→ Try to plan medals for the European Outdoor Open in March??



#### 7. I.M.O. Finances

#### **Status**

IMO has a pool of money, so there is no need of annual fee rise. No questions concerning finances.

#### **Membership Fee**

Need to discuss what to do for the countries not paying for multiple years. USA and Nepal.

- → A country which does not pay the fees by the IMO yearly meeting is not considered as IMO member for the past year. A warning is to be sent to USA and Nepal to be removed from the official list (And update statutes accordingly).
- → No application to organise a continental/international tournament should be considered before its federation will have been a member for a full year.

All in favour, Belgium joins IMO as per 2023. (All members present agreed (by means of a vote)

## 8. Vote on organizers of international tournaments for 2024/25

- World Championship 2024:
  - → Hakodate City, Hokkaido, Japan
  - → decided 2022
- World Championship 2025:
  - → no application received, delayed to August 2024.
- European Championship Indoor 2024:
  - → in Saint-Amand-Les-Eaux, France decided 2022
- European Championship Outdoor 2024:
  - → in Zlín, Czech Republic All members present agreed (by means of a vote).
- European Championship Indoor 2025:
  - → in Rakovník, Czech Republic All members present agreed (by means of a vote). (Note: Austria sent application after MTG.)



European Championship Outdoor 2025:

no application received

(Note: Spain sent request after MTG.)

Asian Championships 2024

no application received

Asian Championships 2025

no application received

- Q) How was the registration fee decided as 80 Euro for the European Championship Indoor/Outdoor plan in Czech Republic? This seems expensive.
- A) The venue costs 1300 Euro, the accommodation fee for admin is 900 Euro, Music costs a lot....

### 9. Nations Cup

Nations Cup and Warm Up (Doubles) on same day is getting out of hand. If we want to do the Nations Cup after the Warm up finishes, the Nations Cup will finish at a really late time.

- If IMO wants to make the Nations Cup prestigious, we need to have more audience, and for that, the Warm up and Nations Cup should not be done simultaneously.
- The Nations Cup should be watched from the beginning to make it special.
- Warm up team limit and start 15:00 at the latest?
- No need to finish the Nations Cup in one day, break in the middle and do the rest during noontime Saturday. (Only if the Main tournament timing allows it).
- Draws should be more special
- The ranking system is advantageous for long-time countries and harsh for new IMO members. We wish to limit the seed ranking to the past 5 years. This will be discussed during the coming year.
- → For 2024 Nations Cup (during World Championship), IMO and host country Japan will have talks to decide how to do.



## 10. Free talk for each country

France: Bruno

2024 June French Open in Bordeaux (worldwide known for its wine) 2024 March European Indoors in St Amand Les Eaux

**Germany: Michael** 

Growing population

Finland: Antti

Consecutive with Sports Week in Finland

Japan: Shuichi

Nothing in particular

Hong Kong: Ken

Would like to host 2025 World Championship, but need to plan much

**Czech Republic: Standa** 

2023 Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> Czech National Tournament

Poland: Jan

IMO should consider organizing the MM every 2 years Too many tournaments both indoor and outdoor.

- HK and Japan wish for every year since we need more experience for large tournaments. The European Championships do not have official Nation's cup either.
- → Will talk more about that in the future
- Full review of the Tournaments organised by IMO to take place before next year.



#### **Turkey: Onur**

Some universities are playing and Mölkky is spreading, but for political reasons, the government will not allow to have an association until the International Sport Association recognizes Mölkky as a sport.

- Darts is not a sport but has their association, so there is a possibility in that area
- HK and Finland are both admitted in their country's Sports Association, so that information may help
- IMO to work with Turkey to get Molkky recognized.

#### **Estonia: Vahur**

Wish to have a World Championship indoor tournament every 4 years, and hope to host 2025 World Championship indoor

- Too many tournaments within a year, so the players have to choose which tournament to play, splitting the participants and winners, resulting in too many "winners of the year" and less participation for each tournament.
- → Can not be decided in the IMO meeting but will have ongoing talks

## 11. Other Matters and Proposals

IMO members should have an online meeting once a year. Join IMO board meeting?

→ Will be decided online

## 12. Rules update

See different PDF



## 13. Closure of the meeting

Gratitude to all who joined the meeting.

Secretary:	
Chitro Jakyen	
Chiho Yatsuga	
(Secretary) 2023-08-15	
	Checkers:
Q. Hout	
Walter Aust	Olivier Allain
(Vice President)	(Vice Secretary)