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# INTERNATIONAL MÖLKKY ORGANISATION

# **Minutes of the Meeting**



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# ATTENDES

### **IMO board members**

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

### **IMO** member countries

Czech Republic:	-/-, not attending
Estonia:	-/-, no response to invitation
Finland:	Tony Nyberg, Petteri
France:	-/-, no response to invitation
Germany:	Walter Aust
Hongkong:	Kennedy Lai
Japan:	Yatsuga Shuichi, Etsuko
Spain:	-/-, (no sound/video)
Turkey:	Hünkar Ekşi, Cüneyit Özen, Onur Sarıoğlu
USA:	-/-, not attending

### Observers

Tactic Games OY:	Sami Viljanen
Australia:	Damien Landais
Germany:	Michael Enzi jun., Kaisa Lahio
Nepal:	Min Gaire, Sabin Sharma
Swiss:	Georg Leuenberger
Others:	Oli Good (Olivier Allain)



# **1. Opening the meeting**

- Welcoming words
- Votes: Every country has 3 votes, except for Finland with 4 votes and France with 5 votes.
- No country review during the IMO meeting 2020: This took almost 1 hr every time, so IMO board has decided to omit. IMO board asks all to submit each country's actions at the end of 2020, and IMO board will publish that in the newsletter.

# 2. Chairman & Secretary

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

# 3. Accepting the dealing list for this meeting

There were no objections.

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

- Booklet Nations Cup ex) Only IMO has the right for the Nations Cup.
- Booklet Tournament Organization:
  ex) Rules, such as main language for the World Championship, shall be in English.
   Both are available on IMO website.
- Newsletter: If a member country wants to publish something please tell the IMO board.



# 5. IMO Finances

#### Status

The IMO board wants to show finances from now on, since IMO wants to be crystal clear.

- Income: Some countries have already paid for this year, but IMO board proposes to omit the 2020 annual fee.
- Expense: "Fee Finland MM" is for the payment to FIMA, which was an agreement when separating FIMA and IMO. 2020 is the last year.

#### Money usage

IMO board wishes to use the money efficiently so that member countries will benefit. Any suggestions?

 French federation has said that IMO should use money for the Nations Cup

# 6. Voting on 2020 fee payment

### Should the 2020 annual fee be omitted?

- Japan: Although there was no tournament, IMO board was working, so Japan suggests to pay the annual fee.
- Other countries: Agree to omit this year's fee
- → Vote casted and decided with 13 votes to 3 to omit 2020 annual fee
- Nepal: Since there is no import of Mölkky in Nepal, they wish to have a discount/omit of 1-2 years of the annual fee.
  - ➔ IMO board will discuss this matter



# World/Continental Tournaments have to pay a certain sum to IMO

Due to COVID, IMO board is willing to help if the organiser need compensation.

- What, if they ask for compensation?
  - → They need to ask the IMO board and proof what loss they had, after that the IMO board will decide.

### 7. Voting for organizers for 2021 International tournaments

 2021 MM: slide from 2020, Hyvinkää

➔ All agreed by vote

- 2021 EM indoor/outdoor: no application yet, wait till end of October
- 2021 Asian championship: Japan 20-21 March
  - ➔ All agreed by vote

No need of Visa for IMO member countries 3-4 people/team The final decision about the cancellation (due to COVID) will be made around November

- Hongkong: If there is no Nation Cup, maybe some kind of gathering or ceremony for each nation can be a good idea.
  - → The idea will be considered.

# 8. Other Matters

# Proposal of organizing international tournaments can be handed in 2 years ahead.

- Starting from 2021, for 2022 and 2023.
  - ➔ All agreed by vote
- What if a tournament cancels due to COVID and slides to the next year, but another country hands in a proposal for the next year?
  - → The former host country will have priority for the next year.



### Creating a trophy for Nations Cup

- A protecting trophy, which the winner nation will bring to MM each year, and a new plate will be placed on the trophy.
- Design contest where anyone can join. Most likely made by wood, estimate of cost must be considered. Size should matter because they need to bring it to the MM. The design should be handed in by any means, no requirement for software installation. The design winner will have a free ticket to the next MM.
- IMO will pay for manufacturing the trophy.
- Vote will be done by IMO member countries.
- → All agreed by vote.
- → IMO will advertise on Facebook after we decide on the details.

### Format change of nation cup

- Playing the Nation Cup on Friday before World Championship. Normally it was Saturday evening.
   Depending on the number of nations attending, it will start on Friday morning or Friday afternoon.
- Moving it to Friday will place a burden on the players since they need to come early.
   Burden on organizers as well, since some part of the field will be used.
   Volunteers will be needed. IMO meeting will be on Friday as well.
- Finland: Playing the Nations Cup after a long day of MM is hard. Also, more people can come to watch since it is Friday. Challenge for 2021 but positive, needs volunteers
- Turkey:

Nations cup should have a more important role. Representing your country is an honour, and is distinct from just coming to MM to play as a hobby. Feels much more respect since each country plays with each other. Also, playing in the evening when it is getting dark is not a good idea.

- Germany: World Championship needs more effort in organizing, Friday is needed for making fields and such.
- ➔ All agreed by vote



### **Regular Asian Championship**

- Japan, HK is in Asia.
- Hopefully Nepal will join IMO, maybe Macau and Singapore in the future?
- Turkey is considered as Europe.
- Australia should be considered as Asia?
- ➔ No voting, no conclusion

### Expansion of IMO

- Nepal: Hope to join IMO.
   Applying for national sports council Mölkky trail & trek event Hopefully make it international in 2022-2023
  - ➔ Please ask for membership via email, and IMO countries will vote through email.

### Instagram account

- Turkey: Some do not have Facebook, and Instagram is more popular.
- Japan: What do we write on Facebook and on Instagram, any differentiation? Newsletters and pics?
  - → Facebook and Instagram can be linked
- Germany: Who will be the one to take responsibility of the account?
  - → further discussion by email

### **Other Questions and Ideas**

• Turkey:

If we fall back 3 times to 25, are we out of the game?

→ It was in the competition rules but applies only to the indoor games.

# 9. Statutes change in 2021

Current statutes were written in 2016, IMO board would like to review and change some items will in 2021.

Everyone who has ideas, please send comments.



### **10. IMO change of address**

For bank convenience, IMO president proposed to have the IMO address at parents' house (France) instead of current residence (Australia).

New address:

Damien Landais 6 rue du stade 56250 La Vraie Croix France

➔ No objections

# 11. Closure of the meeting

Gratitude to all who joined the meeting.

Secretaries:

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