



**10/19**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Assembly of Delegates 2019 - ICO**

**Date: 03.07.2019, 1:00 pm**

**Location: Budapest, Hungary**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and determination of proper convocation
2. Presentation of the chairman and the secretary
3. Determination of the clubs present and the distribution of votes
4. Approval of agenda items
5. Report of the Board
6. Financial Report
7. Report of the cash auditors
8. Discharge of the Board of Directors
9. Election of the new Board
10. Projects 2019/20
11. Vote on a new budget plan for 2019/20 (Attached to the invitation as an annex)
12. Presentation of new ICO Membership Agreement
13. Miscellaneous

**1. Welcome and determination of proper convocation**

President Matjaz Sustersic welcomes the delegates at 1:28, and notes the proper convocation.

**2. Presentation of the Chairman and the Secretary:**

- Host of the Assembly: Rene Lewicki (General Secretary)
- Keeper of Minutes: Maximilian Franke (Committee of Rules and Tournaments Chairman)

**3. Distribution of votes**

Total number of votes: 85

Distribution of votes by members (only present countries):

	Votes		Votes
BAN		MRI	5
BRA		NET	
BUL	3	NOR	
BUL		POL	5
CAR		ROM	
CDI		RUS	
COL		SER	3
CRO	5	SVK	5
CZE	7	SLO	5
DOM		ESP	
FRA	(7)	SWE	
GER	10	SUI	7
HUN	5	TUR	
IND	3	UKR	
JPN	10	USA	7
KOR			
LAT	5		

The board waives its votes.

#### **4. Approval of the agenda**

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 85*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Vote: The agenda items were adopted unanimously.*

## **5. Report of the Board**

### Member Nations:

2011: 11  
 2013: 22  
 2015: 27  
 2017: 30  
 2019: 31

### Players in the ICO:

2015: 2244 licenses  
 2016: 1087 licenses  
 2017: 912 licenses  
 2018: 873 licenses  
 2019: 826 licenses (as of 02. 07. 2019)

In Ophardt about 10,000 players are registered.

### Tournaments 2019:

84 tournaments in 23 countries in 2019 (announced until 02.07.2019)  
 108 tournaments in 21 countries in 2018  
 95 tournaments in 18 countries in 2017

13:55 France is present, the number of votes increased to 92.

## **6. Financial Report 2018/19**

The cash report is presented by President Matjaz Sustersic.

### **2017**

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Membership Fees	3097.5	Ophardt	2000
Players Licences	11486.72	Bank/Notary Fees	232.78
Paypal Payments	2346.88	Education	317.89
Sponsoring	8000	Administration	6449.4
Taxes	407.01	Tournament support	4588.91
Start Fees	1189		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26527.11</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13588.98</b>

### **2018**

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Membership Fees	4437	Ophardt	3500
Players Licences	14538.63	Bank/Notary Fees	165.2
Sponsoring	6020	Salary	4800
Start Fees	1487.5	Education	1378.79
EC2018 Fee	40	Administration	5250.79
		Tournament support	8735
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26523.13</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23829.78</b>

As of 23.06.2019: +19.501,90 € credit

### **7. Report of the cash auditors**

Charly Knobling and Michal Scholze have checked and confirmed the cash report 2017 and 2018 and ask for discharge of the board.

### **8. Discharge of the board**

The previous board is discharged.

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting result: The ICO Board of Directors is unanimously discharged.*

### **9. Election of the new Board**

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

**Voting record:**

The election of the new board was unanimously elected.

1. First Chairman Matjaz Sustersic
2. Treasurer Yoko Koizumi
3. Secretary General René Lewicki
4. Chairman Tournaments and Rules Maximilian Franke
5. Chairman Sports Development Committee Daniel Robles Rodrigues
6. Chairman Youth Committee Petr Makrlík Jr.
7. Chairman Sports Committee Charly Knobling

The newly elected board members accept the election.

### **10. Presentation of the planned projects in 2019/20 by the new board**

### **11. Budget planning for 2019/20**

The budget plan of 2019/20 was presented to the delegates. A statement of benefits for members was provided by the ICO.

### **Proposal for 2019**

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Membership Fees	5000	Ophardt	3500
Players Licences	15000	Bank/Notary Fees	100
Sponsoring	8000	Salary	4800
		Education	1000
		GAISF Fee	3600
		Administration	3600
		Public Call	2400
		Tournament support	9000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28000</b>

### Proposal for 2020

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Membership Fees	6000	Ophardt	3500
Players Licences	16000	Bank/Notary Fees	100
Sponsoring	8000	Salary	4800
		Education	1000
		Administration	4600
		Public Calls	6000
		Tournament support	10000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30000</b>

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: Budget planning was adopted unanimously.*

Break from 14:47 - 15:10.

### **12. Presentation of new ICO Member Agreement**

Choice:

Yes, the new membership agreement will be confirmed and used immediately

No, the new membership agreement is rejected

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Vote: The new membership agreement was unanimously approved.*

### **13. Miscellaneous**

**Reduction of license fee for athletes in developing countries (all countries with GDP pc below world average) by 50%.**

Yes, lower the license fee by 50%, immediately

No, all players should pay the same

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 75*

*No votes: 17*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The proposal was accepted.*

**Suggestions for defining the Fun series**

Fun tournaments qualify if they include something unique. It can be played in the dark with black light, on several surfaces, on a mountain in the snow or on a boat. The idea is to present all aspects of our sport, attract attention and just have a great time with something truly unique. Each member country is allowed to host a Fun 500-point tournament each year.

Yes, continue with the existing regulation.

No, find new rules for qualification for this category

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

**Unification of payment methods via Ophardt on Paypal**

Merge all payment methods to PayPal, but without additional fees for players. Advantage, there are no manual transactions to do with the bank and it works in a timely manner. AFFECTED ARE ONLY PAYMENTS TO ICO.

Yes for the conversion to PayPal from 01.01.2020

No, should still be able to pay by bank and PayPal

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 31*

*No votes: 52*

*Abstentions: 7*

*Voting record: The application was rejected.*

**Change of junior categories**

The request applies to junior categories with 6 players. You should play a group of 6 instead of 2 groups of 3 players. That means more games for everyone. Especially for the juniors, it is important to play as many games as possible against new opponents (which is only possible in tournaments).

Yes, change from 01.01.2020 to a group of 6 players

No, continue two groups of 3 players each

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 60*

*No votes: 32*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

**Add new age categories (A)**



40+, 50+, 60+ age categories are played at all ICO tournaments for both men and women.

Yes, adding the new classes

No, do not offer new classes

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 0*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The request was not voted because it is similar to other applications.*

### **Add new age categories (B)**

Recognition of the new unified age single categories 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+ in all ICO tournaments for men and women. In doubles, new categories are 40+, 50+, 60+ and 70+ men, female and mixed doubles.

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 67*

*No votes: 25*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

### **Add new age categories (C)**

Breakdown of age categories every 5 years instead of every 10 years in 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+

Yes, classes will be split from 01.01.2020 in 5-year steps

No, the previous rule remains.

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 5*

*No votes: 26*

*Abstentions: 61*

*Voting record: The application was rejected.*

### **Same prize money**

Male and female players (Open and Women categories) must receive the same prize money at ICO tournaments.

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 70*

*No votes: 22*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

### **Nomination of the referees**

The week before the tournament, all licensed referees will be contacted so that they can indicate which matches (quarter, semi-final, final) they would like to become referees. Everyone should make at least 2 games. If not all games have been assigned 4 days before, the head referee assigns the referees manually and announces them.

Yes, for integrating the umpire nomination into the standards of 500-point tournaments.

Start: 01.01.2020

No, keep the current status.



*Poll:*  
*Yes votes: 42*  
*No votes: 34*  
*Abstentions: 16*  
*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

### **Absence of players at medal ceremonies**

If a player has reached one of the positions 1 to 4 and is not present at the award ceremony, he will receive neither a trophy nor a medal, a prize or a certificate.

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes: 19*

*No votes: 73*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was rejected.*

### **Awards for junior categories**

If only 1-5 youth participants participate in a tournament. Should a medal prize be rewarded as usual with two third places or only the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place?

Yes, from 01.01.2020 only one 3rd place

No, still two third places

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 30*

*No votes: 55*

*Abstentions: 7*

*Voting record: The application was rejected.*

### **ICO Awards for Tournaments**

Medals or trophies should be entered in the standards at the award ceremony in 500 and 1000 tournaments as compulsory.

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 85*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 7*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

### **The winner certificate should contain the name of the player**

All ICO certificates must include names (of winners, runners-up and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed players).

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 68*

*No votes: 17*

*Abstentions: 7*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

### **Vote 3 members for the Arbitration Board**



In the event of any dispute within the Community, the Panel may be convened pursuant to paragraph 15 of our Standards.

Proposals for members of the Conciliation Committee:

1. Petr Makrlik Sr.; 2. Boris Jerkovic; 3. Vikram Sharma

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

### **Create rules of conduct for the community**

Some incidents in recent years have led to requests for official codes of conduct within the ICO. For this reason, we would like to form a group that develops proposals for it.

Yes, for the election of a Knigge working group. Start: 01.08.2019

No, the community should continue to exist without defined rules

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 85*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 7*

*Voting record: The application was accepted, the Arbitration Committee elaborates guidelines.*

### **Nations Cup new concept**

A new concept for the Nations Cup competition has been drafted.

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

### **Nations Cup region switch – Switzerland**

Switzerland wants to play in another region

Yes, Switzerland can play in another region

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 0*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: Not elected due to a new concept of the competition.*

### **Participation in EC / WC**

For World and European Championships only players who have participated in at least one ICO tournament last year can register. There have been instances when a completely new player registered for the tournament and did not participate in the tournament, disrupting the placement of players in the group and the minimum number of games for multiple players. If the player had participated in an international tournament, at least the federations of the country would know that player. The second advantage is that in such a case there would be leaderboard points for all players, no additional draw for the non-classified players. And the third benefit that could increase licensed players and entrants for 1000p, 500p and 250p tournaments.



Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 37*

*No votes: 55*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was rejected.*

### **No points for Nations Cup players**

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 32*

*No votes: 50*

*Abstentions: 10*

*Voting record: The application was rejected.*

### **No points for Crossminton Masters tournament**

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 37*

*No votes: 48*

*Abstentions: 7*

*Voting record: The application was rejected.*

### **One-time tournament license**

The ICO has a one-tournament license to test a tournament only once in a lifetime. We want youth players to have this license every year.

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

### **Rule for service mark for youth games**

The Kids Court is 4m x 4m. The service line is 3 meters from the front line. We want the service line on the kids court to be moved closer to the front court mark, suggestion 2 meters away from it.

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 80*

*No votes: 12*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted. The line is moved to 2 meters from the front line.*

### **Minimum number of players**



For categories that can not be played due to less than 8 participating players, we would like to change this rule. It would be better if the minimum number of players in a category is 4.

Yes, a reduction of the minimum participants per category to 4 from 01.01.2020

No, at least 8 participants per category

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 54*

*No votes: 38*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

### **Avoid players from the same countries in the same groups**

Tournament organizers must consider a player's country when creating tournament groups in ICO tournaments to avoid players from the same country being in a group. In the future, this must also be checked by the person responsible for ICO.

Yes, from 01.09.2019

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 20*

*No votes: 65*

*Abstentions: 7*

*Voting record: The application was rejected.*

### **With 3 players in a group all 3 players from the group should ascend**

In a group of 3 players, all players should move up to the elimination matches to avoid one player playing only 2 games.

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 10*

*No votes: 72*

*Abstentions: 10*

*Voting record: The application was rejected.*

### **One player can play either singles + doubles or doubles + doubles**

In a tournament, a player can play either one singles and one doubles category or one doubles and mixed doubles category.

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

### **Presentation of the IT system by G. Chmielewski**

The system would be presented at a meeting or as a webinar by the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

### **Unification of tournament standards/minimum requirements**

There are big differences in how tournaments are organized. Minimum requirements for all tournaments must be set – like free water and fruits, obligatory national anthems etc.

*No vote, we already have standards.*

### **Registration (licenses) of new players can only be made through national federation officials.**

New players should only be registered (licensed) through national federation officials.

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 54*

*No votes: 38*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

### **Players, who are not members of an existing national federation in their own country, should pay double license fees and double tournament registration fees for all tournaments.**

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 7*

*No votes: 85*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was rejected.*

### **Players being late for their matches**

A player, who doesn't appear for his/her match in time, loses the match automatically, unless the later arrival had been agreed with the opponent and head umpire at least 10 minutes before the start of the match. Same applies for all of his/her remaining matches.

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

**Players without a name and/or country on his/her jersey**

A player without a name and/or country on his/her jersey first receives a warning from the head umpire – but not during a match. Automatic disqualification (losing all remaining matches 16:0, 16:0) follows, if the player still doesn't have a name and/or country on his/her jersey for the next match.

Yes, from 01.01.2020

No

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

*Voting record: The application was accepted.*

**Choice of cash auditors:**

Proposal: Lidia Bomirska (POL), Sven-Torben Wedde (GER)

*Poll:*

*Yes votes: 92*

*No votes: 0*

*Abstentions: 0*

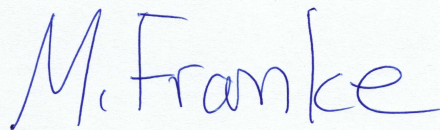
*Voting record: The election was unanimously confirmed.*

The General Assembly ended at 5:41pm

Budapest, 04.07.2019



Rene Lewicki (Host of Assembly)



Maximilian Franke (Keeper of Minutes)

Attached:  
List of Participants