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Minutes of the Ordinary Assembly of Delegates – ICO General Assembly 2021

Date: 11. 12. 2021, 16:00 CET

Location: online Zoom meeting

Agenda

1. Address of welcome and declaration of the legality of the meeting
2. Announcement of the chairman of the meeting and the keeper of the minutes
3. Declaration of who is attending and how many votes each attendee has
4. Approval of the agenda / proposals
5. Report of the board of directors
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7. Report of the auditors
8. Discharge of the board of directors for 2019–2021 (current term)
9. Elections of the board of directors for 2021–2023 (next term)
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11. Proposal and vote – financial plan 2021–2023 (next term)
12. ICO Membership Agreement implementation report
13. Associate ICO Membership Agreement vote
14. Tournament Software implementation report
15. New official ICO category – paracrossminton: SSC50 for people with achondroplasia (dwarfism)
16. Miscellaneous

1. Address of welcome and declaration of the legality of the meeting

President Matjaz Sustersic welcomes the delegates at 16:15, and declares the legality of the meeting.

2. Announcement of the chairman of the meeting and the keeper of the minutes

- ➔ Host of the Assembly: Rene Lewicki
- ➔ Keeper of Minutes: Boris Jerković

3. Declaration of who is attending and how many votes each attendee has

Total number of votes: 66

Distribution of votes by members (only present countries):

COUNTRY	VOTES	COUNTRY	VOTES	COUNTRY	VOTES
Bangladesh		Hungary		Russia	3
Belgium		India	3	Serbia	3
Bulgaria		Israel	5	Slovakia	
Central Afr. R.		Japan	10	Slovenia	3
Cote d'Ivoire		Korea		Spain	
Colombia		Latvia	*3	Sweden	
Croatia		Mauritius		Switzerland	5
Czech Republic	3	Netherlands		Turkey	*3
Dominican Rep.		Norway	5	Ukraine	
France		Poland	*5	USA	5
Germany	10	Romania		+ England	

* ICO Member representatives joined the GA later.
The board waives its votes.

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VOTE
Yes votes: 55
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Vote: Yes, the proposed agenda is confirmed by the ICO General Assembly.
~~Vote: No, the proposed agenda is rejected by the ICO General Assembly.~~

5. Report of the Board of Directors

The report was presented by President Matjaž Šuštersič.

Challenges

Development of crossminton as a sport

ICO Member Nations:

2021: 33 countries in 5 continents

Players with ICO licenses:

2017: 912 licenses
2018: 873 licenses
2019: 826 licenses (as of 02. 07. 2019)
2021: 538 licenses

ICO Tournaments development:

2016: 57 tournaments in 16 countries
2017: 95 tournaments in 18 countries
2018: 108 tournaments in 21 countries
2019: 109 tournaments in 24 countries
2020: 26 tournaments in 8 countries
2021: 63 tournaments in 14 countries

Projects, aimed at the development of crossminton

Promotion

Miscellaneous

6. Financial Report

The report was presented by President Matjaž Šušteršič.

End-of-year bank balance

2019: 18.442,87 €

2020: 17.314,22 €

2021: 11.349,42 € (mid-October)

Year 2021 – January to mid-October

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Membership Fees	1.575,00	Tournament Software	8.126,32
Players Licences	1.606,85	Bank/Insurance/Accounting	1.500,25
Paypal Payments	4.827,47	Projects	1.197,55
Sponsoring	6.000,00	Salary	3.150,00
TOTAL	8.009,32	TOTAL	13.974,12

**Sponsoring is still to be received.*

7. Report of the Auditors

Lidia Bomirska and Sven-Torben Wedde have checked and confirmed the ICO financial report for the past term by finding no irregularities.

VOTE
Yes votes: 50
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 5

Vote: Yes, the Report of the Auditors is confirmed by the ICO General Assembly.

~~*Vote: No, the Report of the Auditors is rejected by the ICO General Assembly.*~~

Arvind Anand and Shirube Kasahara have been proposed to be the ICO Financial Auditors for the next term of 2021–2023.

VOTE
Yes votes: 55
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Vote: Yes, Mr. Anand and Mr. Kasahara are confirmed as the ICO Financial Auditors for the next term of 2021–2023 by the ICO General Assembly.

~~*Vote: No, Mr. Anand and Mr. Kasahara are rejected as the ICO Financial Auditors for the next term of 2021–2023 by the ICO General Assembly.*~~

8. Discharge of the board of directors for 2019–2021 (current term)

The current ICO Board of Directors is discharged.

VOTE
Yes votes: 55
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Vote: Yes, the ICO Board of Directors for 2019–2021 is discharged by the ICO General Assembly.

~~*Vote: No, the discharge of the ICO Board of Directors for 2019–2021 is rejected by the ICO General Assembly.*~~

9. Elections of the board of directors for 2021–2023 (next term)

The proposed new ICO Board of Directors for 2021–2023 consists of the following members, who accept the election:

1. First Chairman Matjaž Šušteršič
2. Financial Officer Yoko Koizumi
3. Secretary General Maximilian Franke
4. Chairman Tournaments and Rules Boris Jerković
5. Chairman Sports Development Committee Daniel Robles Rodrigues
6. Chairman Youth Committee Petr Makrlík Jr.
7. Chairman Sports Committee René Lewicki

VOTE
Yes votes: 55
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Vote: Yes, the ICO Board of Directors for 2021–2023 is elected by the ICO General Assembly as proposed.

~~*Vote: No, the proposed new ICO Board of Directors for 2019–2021 is rejected by the ICO General Assembly.*~~

10. Projects 2021–2023 (next term)

- Covid-19
- disproportional growth of categories
- slow growth in traditional countries
- more players in general
- international recognition
- more sponsors
- better media presence
- Tournament Software

At 17:10 representatives of the Latvia, Poland and Turkey have joined the meeting. The number of cumulative votes is now 66.

11. Proposal and vote – financial plan 2021–2023 (next term)

The financial plan for 2021–2023 was presented to the delegates by Matjaž Šušteršič.

Proposal for 2022

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Membership Fees	5.000,00	Tournament software	5.000,00
Players Licences	10.000,00	Bank/Notary Fees	2.000,00
Sponsoring	6.000,00	Salary	6.000,00
		Projects	1.500,00
		Website	1.500,00
		Tournament support	5.000,00
TOTAL	21.000,00	TOTAL	21.000,00

Proposal for 2023

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Membership Fees	5.000,00	Tournament software	5.000,00
Players Licences	15.000,00	Bank/Notary Fees	2.000,00
Sponsoring	6.000,00	Salary	6.000,00
		Projects	3.000,00
		Website	1.000,00
		Tournament support	8.000,00
TOTAL	26.000,00	TOTAL	25.000,00

VOTE
Yes votes: 66
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Vote: Yes, the financial plan for 2021–2023 term is confirmed by the ICO General Assembly.

~~Vote: No, the financial plan for 2021–2023 term is rejected by the ICO General Assembly.~~

12. ICO Membership

Agreement implementation report

ICO Membership Agreement implementation report was presented by Matjaž Šušteršič.

At 17:27 representatives of Turkey have left the meeting. The number of cumulative votes is now 63.

13. Associate ICO Membership Agreement vote

Associate ICO Membership Agreement was presented by Matjaž Šušteršič.

VOTE
Yes votes: 43
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 20

Vote: Yes, the concept of Associate ICO Membership Agreement is confirmed by the ICO General Assembly.

~~*Vote: No, the concept of Associate ICO Membership Agreement is rejected by the ICO General Assembly.*~~

14. Tournament Software implementation report

Tournament Software implementation report was presented by Matjaž Šušteršič.

15. New official ICO category – paracrossminton: SSC50 for people with achondroplasia (dwarfism)

New official ICO category – paracrossminton: SSC50 for people with achondroplasia (dwarfism) was presented by Matjaž Šušteršič.

VOTE
Yes votes: 63
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Vote: Yes, the paracrossminton: SSC50 category for people with achondroplasia (dwarfism) is confirmed by the ICO General Assembly as an official ICO category.

~~*Vote: No, the paracrossminton: SSC50 category for people with achondroplasia (dwarfism) is rejected by the ICO General Assembly as an official ICO category.*~~

The SSC50 category will become an official ICO category on the 1st January 2022.

16. Miscellaneous

16.1 Implementation of U16 category (proposal by Germany)

„The biological and physical difference of just 14 years old to 18 years old is too big to speak of a fair competition. The other junior categories are also divided at intervals of 2 years.“

VOTE
Yes votes: 58
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 5

Vote: Yes, the U16 category is confirmed by the ICO General Assembly as an official ICO category.

~~*Vote: No, the U16 category is rejected by the ICO General Assembly as an official ICO category.*~~

The U16 category will become an official ICO category on the 1st January 2022 and will also be played at the WC 2021, taking place in June 2022 in Croatia.

16.2 Abolishing the 4-categories rule for 2021 retroactively (proposal by Germany)

The proposal was changed in agreement with Germany to directly address the problem of downgrading a tournament due to temporary standards for 2021. A new proposal to upgrade the tournament back to its original ranking points level was then put to vote.

VOTE
Yes votes: 63
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Vote: Yes, the ranking points for the 2. ICO Freiburg Outdoor Open 2021 are reinstated back to a 250 points tournament as originally announced.

~~*Vote: No, the ranking points for the 2. ICO Freiburg Outdoor Open 2021 are not reinstated back to a 250 points tournament.*~~

16.3 Abolishing the 4-categories rule for 2021 (proposal by Germany)

With immediate effect from today, the rule of at least 4 individual categories in ICO tournaments will be abolished.

VOTE
Yes votes: 58
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 5

Vote: Yes, the rule of at least 4 individual categories in ICO tournaments will be abolished from today.

~~*Vote: No, the rule of at least 4 individual categories in ICO tournaments will not be abolished from today.*~~

16.4 Confirming ICO Spanish Open 2021 as a 500 points tournament (proposal by Spain)

Like 16.2, the proposal addresses the problem of downgrading a tournament due to temporary standards for 2021 (while no flight allowed into Gran Canaria) with the aim to upgrade the tournament back to its original ranking points level.

VOTE
Yes votes: 63
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Vote: Yes, the ranking points for the ICO Spanish Open 2021 are reinstated back to a 500 points tournament as originally announced.

~~*Vote: No, the ranking points for the ICO Spanish Open 2021 are not reinstated back to a 500 points tournament.*~~

16.5 Defining the tournament season 2022 (proposal by ICO)

After a discussion, the new temporary standards for 2022 crossminton season are proposed as following:

- all national federations (countries) are allowed to organise 1 x 500 points tournament, 1x 500 points Fun tournament, 1x 500 points junior tournament, 4 x 250 points tournaments and an unlimited number of 100 points tournaments in 2022. There will be no 1.000 points tournaments in 2022.
- to receive full points for all the tournaments, at least either 2 official ICO single categories or min. 16 players (with obligatory Open and Women categories) must play at the tournament. For all tournaments, participants must come from at least 2 different clubs. Minimum number of players for a category at all these tournaments is 4. If one of the above standards is not reached, the tournament will be downgraded to 100 points (100 points tournament will be downgraded to 0 points).
- doubles-only tournaments are also allowed. Only 250p and 100p doubles-only tournaments can be organised, with at least 3 doubles categories (obligatory OD, WD or MD) and at least 4 pairs per category for these tournaments.
- all tournaments must be officially announced at least 1 month before taking place.
- the organisers are responsible for the organisation of the tournament according to all health protocols and demands in their own country.

- the organisers bear no responsibility for the cancellation of a tournament, even in last-minute, so all players are advised to carefully plan their participation, to communicate with the organiser and to constantly check the entry requirements, if travelling cross-border.
- all health protocols and demands that must be respected at a tournament, must be published by the organiser before the tournament and at the entry point of the tournament venue. All players must respect these protocols and demands, otherwise the organiser can deny their participation at the tournament.

VOTE
Yes votes: 50
No votes: 13
Abstentions: 0

Vote: Yes, the agreed tournament standards for the 2022 season are confirmed.
~~Vote: No, the agreed tournament standards for the 2022 season are rejected.~~

16.6 Extension of frozen ranking points into 2022 (proposal by ICO)

The 2021 season is played with the ranking points from the 1st March 2020. All points won through the 2021 season until the 31st December 2021 are added to these existing points. No points will be deleted until the 31st December 2021, when all points from the 1st March 2020 are to be deleted. By doing this, all players would enter the 2022 season only with the points won in the 2021 season. From then on, we would use the same ranking system rules as before the pandemic. Our suggestion is to extend this period of “frozen” ranking points by 6 months, until the 30th June 2022, due to the covid situation and tournaments only being played in certain areas of the world in 2021. Also, this would help having more realistic seedings for the WC 2021, taking place at the end of June 2022.

VOTE
Yes votes: 63
No votes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Vote: Yes, the “frozen” ranking points are extended until 30th June 2022.
~~Vote: No, the “frozen” ranking points are deleted on the 31st December 2021.~~

16.7 European Championships 2022

The ICO has just received news that the European Championships 2022 will not be able to take place in Russia as planned. The ICO General Assembly agreed to try to find a new host and if the new host is not found in the next weeks, the European Championships 2022 will be cancelled.

16.8 Poland – discussion points

All the questions of the Polish Federation will be answered to them by email.

The General Assembly ended at 18:44 CET.

Berlin, 11. 12. 2021



Rene Lewicki (Host of Assembly)



Boris Jerković (Keeper of Minutes)

Attached:
List of Participants

ANNEX: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Czech Republic

- Petr Makrlík
- Petr Makrlík jr.

Germany

- Nico Franke

India

- Ahmad Bilal
- Arvind Anand

Israel

- Alexei Priymenko

Japan

- Yoko Koizumi
- Shirube Kasahara

Latvia

- Martins Zogots

Norway

- Morten Pasche

Poland

- Beata Jagielska

Russia

- Anna Osipova
- Evgeny Chirkin

Serbia

- Boris Jerković

Slovenia

- Matjaž Šušteršič

Switzerland

- Claudine Boyer
- Christian Ehrbar

Turkey

- Ahmed Bozdam

USA

- Rene Lewicki