

**MINUTES OF THE BIENNIAL MEETING
OF THE INTERNATIONAL GOLF FEDERATION**

Tuesday 2 October 2012

The Sirene Belek Hotel, Belek, Turkey

PRESENT

International Golf Federation

Glen Nager, *Joint Chairman*
Wilson Sibbett, *Joint Chairman*
Emma Villacieros, *Women's Chairman*
Peter Dawson, *President and Joint Secretary*
Mike Davis, *Joint Secretary*
Robin Bell, *Joint Deputy Secretary*
Stephanie Parel, *Joint Deputy Secretary*

Country

Delegate

Algeria	Noureddine Djoudi	
Argentina	Mark Lawrie	Virginia Lawrie
Australia	Michael Sammells	Anne Lenagan
Austria	Robert Fiegl	Niki Zitny
Bahrain	Daij Khalifa	
Belgium	Christian Moyson	Jean de Vooght
Bermuda	Craig Brown	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Dunja Selmanagic	Nedim Cahajic
Brazil	Jose Joaquim Barbosa	
Bulgaria	Seth Underwood	Krassi Guergov
Canada	Jeff Thompson	Diane Dunlap-Hebert
Cayman Islands	David Bird	Jane Bird
Chile	Mauricio Galeno	Gabriel Norgan
Colombia	Lazaro Perez	Felipe Harker
Costa Rica	Manuel Jimenez	
Croatia	Dino Klisovic	
Czech Republic	Jan Jencovsky	
Denmark	Soren Clemmenson	Morten Backhausen
Dominican Republic	Carlos Elmudesi	
England	Nigel Edwards	
Estonia	Rein Raudsepp	
Fiji	Mark Hinton	Jenice Hinton
Finland	Antti Peltoniemi	Petri Peltoniemi
France	Laurence Rozner	François Illouz
Germany	Alexander Klose	Marion Thannhäuser
Greece	Sofia Gerardi	
Guam	Wanna Vongjalorn	Orathai Vongjalorn
Guatemala	Rocio Briz de Munoz	Jose Antonio Munoz Molina
Hong Kong, China	Iain Valentine	
Iceland	Eggert Sverrisson	Jon Asgeir Eyjolfsson
India	Jaydeep Chitlangia	Dilip Thomas
Ireland	Patrick Finn	Ada O'Sullivan
Islamic Republic of Iran	Kaykavos Saeede	
Italy	Stefano Manca	Margo de Rossi
Japan	Taizo Kawata	Tsunetada Takeda
Latvia	Santa Puce	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Salem M Musa	Hesen Ali Aboargob



Malaysia	Dato Zulkifli Ismail	Tan Sn Dato Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor
Mexico	Fernando Ysita	Jorge Kahwagi
Netherlands	Eric Brommert	
New Zealand	Patsy Hankins	Phillip Hassall
Nigeria	Sam Iredia	Emy Ekong
Norway	Finn H Andreasson	
Pakistan	Tariq Salim Malik	Taimur Hassan Amin
People's Republic of China	Wei Qingfeng	
Peru	Javier Claus	Silvia Cabieses
Poland	Janusz Sikora	
Portugal	Manuel Agrellos	
Puerto Rico	Christine Beauchamp	Sidney Wolf
Qatar	Fahad Nasser Al Naimi	Mohammed Faisal Al-Naimi
Republic of Korea	Fiyung Mo Kang	Cheu Gyu Oh
R&A	Ronnie Hanna	Duncan Weir
Russian Federation	Nikolay Afanasyev	
Scotland	Shona Malcolm	Hamish Grey
Serbia	Dragan Solak	Irena Suturovic
Singapore	Marevane E	
South Africa	Gerhard Conradie	Cynthia Rayner
Spain	Jose Pan de Soraluze	
Sweden	Gunnar Hakansson	Christer Bergfors
Trinidad and Tobago	Wayne Baptiste	
Tunisia	Maher Bouchammaoui	
Turkey	Ismet Aktekin	Huseyin Alp
Ukraine	Oleg Korben	Sergey Kozyrenko
United Arab Emirates	Adel Zarouni	Khalid Mubarak
United States of America	Tom O'Toole Jr	Martha Lang
Wales	John Jermine	Andy Ingram
Zimbabwe	Boniface Chigorimbo	Roger Baylis

APOLOGIES

International Golf Federation

Antony Scanlon, *Executive Director*

67 member organisations were represented. There were also a number of observers in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 4.00 pm.

1. ELECTION OF MEETING CHAIRMAN

Wilson Sibbett was elected Chairman of the meeting. He opened the meeting by welcoming all present to Turkey for the 2012 World Amateur Team Championships, especially those attending or competing for the first time.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 25 OCTOBER 2010

The Minutes of the Biennial Meeting held in Argentina on 25 October 2010 were approved as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

4. WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

(a) 2012 – Turkey

Emma Villaceros said that the Gloria Golf Club proved to be a fantastic venue for the Espirito Santo Trophy and she thanked the Turkish Golf Federation (TGF) and the Club for their hard work and support. The Republic of Korea won for the second consecutive time with a score of 563 (13 under par), with Germany finishing in second place with a score of 566 and Finland and Australia tying for third place on 567. Lydia Ko, a 15-year old player from New Zealand ranked number 1 on the Women's World Amateur Golf Rankings (WWAGR), achieved the lowest individual score of 274 (14 under par).

She went on to say that, on leaving office as Women's Chairman, she wished to thank all IGF officials and delegates for their support over the years. She has been at 21 WATCs, has watched women's golf grow and improve in standard over the years and is delighted that golf will be in the Olympics in 2016. She added that, with the growth in the number of countries now wishing to compete in the WATCs, it is becoming a difficult event for a host country to manage and it may well be that a change in format will need to be introduced in the future.

Ismet Aktekin took the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Turkey to everyone present and was pleased that everything ran smoothly throughout the Espirito Santo Trophy. He said that the Sultan Course (Antalya Golf Club) and the Faldo Course (Cornelia Golf Club) are well prepared for the Eisenhower Trophy and that the TGF is looking forward to another closely fought and successful championship.

(b) 2014 – Japan

Tsunetada Takeda, Vice President of the Japan Golf Association (JGA), thanked delegates for the support received at the Biennial Meeting in 2010 in Buenos Aires. He said the JGA is proud and honoured to be hosting the WATCs in 2014 and is looking forward to welcoming everyone to Japan at that time.

Taizo Kawata added that the JGA is particularly looking forward to welcoming the women in 2014, as the Espirito Santo Trophy was first played in Paris in 1964, 2 years after Japan hosted the Eisenhower Trophy in 1962.

Both championships are scheduled to be played on the East Oshitate Course and the East Iriyama Course at the Karuizawa Resort in Japan as follows:

Espirito Santo Trophy	3 – 6 September, 2014
Eisenhower Trophy	11-14 September, 2014

For information he said that the resort is 150 km or 95 miles north of Tokyo, is 1000 metres above sea level and the maximum temperature is likely to be around 25°C. The hotel, spread over three buildings with a total of 340 rooms, and 400 cottages (recommended as team accommodation) and the courses are all part of the same resort complex and the negotiation of affordable room rates is well underway. Bus transfers from the international airport at Narita will take approximately 2 hours and everything possible will be done to keep waiting times to a minimum. Indeed it is hoped

that the number of international flights coming into Haneda Airport (the closer domestic airport) will increase before September 2014. The JGA guarantees that all will enjoy traditional Japanese hospitality and is looking forward to greeting everyone.

(c) 2016 – American Zone

A secret ballot was conducted, with each delegate having one vote, to select the country to host the World Amateur Team Championships.

Later in the meeting Mexico was congratulated as the winner with commiserations being expressed to Colombia. Both countries were thanked for the quality of their bids.

Jorge Kahwagi (President of the Mexican Golf Federation) thanked the meeting for the confidence shown in Mexico. He said that his team is learning from the excellent organisation in Turkey and will also be keeping a close watch on this in Japan in 2014. He assured the meeting that the Mexican Golf Federation will do everything it can to ensure a warm welcome and two very successful championships in 2016.

The 2016 Host Country Agreement was signed by Jorge Kahwagi on behalf of the Mexican Golf Federation and by Peter Dawson on behalf of the IGF.

(d) 2018 – European/African Zone

The meeting noted that the due date for applications from countries in the European/African zone to host the WATCs in 2018 is 1 November 2012.

(e) Items from the Administrative Committee Meeting

The Chairman reported that the Administrative Committee met on the previous afternoon. An item discussed was the continuing growth of the WATCs and the increasing demands placed on countries hosting the championships. The former team size of 4 players was reduced to 3 in 2002, followed by the introduction of a 72-team limit. The 72-team limit was reached for the men's championship this year, with 12 countries being placed on a reserve list. Taking into account the IGF requirement for 4 practice days followed by 4 rounds for the women's followed by a further 8 days for the men's championship, it is necessary for the host country to secure 2 golf courses for 3 whole weekends and this is a demand which it is becoming ever more difficult to satisfy. He advised the meeting that the current format of the championships, together with the possibility of introducing some form of qualifying, will be reviewed by the Administrative Committee over the coming months.

5. FINANCIAL UPDATE

(a) General

The Chairman invited the President, Peter Dawson, to report and he referred to the Auditor's Report on the financial statements 2011 of the IGF prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers SA.

He said the cost of setting up, operating and staffing the IGF's office in Lausanne and the cost of interfacing with the IOC and the Olympic movement is being covered by the organisations listed in that report who are making loans to the IGF. These loans are currently \$200,000 per annum for each of the major organisations. This amount will be adequate to meet costs until 2016, at which point the IGF will receive a share of the Olympic television revenue. This will be used to settle the loans and to finance the activities of the IGF until the Games in 2020. If necessary the funding organisations will continue with loan support. By 2020 the IGF should be self-sustaining. The possibility of sponsorship has been examined but, due to possible conflicts between

sponsors of the various funding bodies, it has been agreed that it is better for the game of golf to fund the IGF, rather than to seek external sponsorship.

(b) Financial Aspects of the WATCs

The meeting was advised that, quite apart from the cost to the host country, the approximate cost to The R&A, USGA and IGF Swiss Office combined is approximately \$0.5m.

6. IGF ADMINISTRATION REPORT

The meeting was advised that unfortunately the Chief Executive, Antony Scanlon, was unable to be present. Although he is recovering well from a recent illness his doctors have not yet given him permission to fly.

The meeting received his written report of 30 September 2012, together with an accompanying slide presentation (prepared by Antony Scanlon and presented by Peter Dawson) which highlighted the key items in the written report.

The meeting's attention was drawn to a paper listing the number of IGF member countries that have not affiliated to their National Olympic Committee (NOC) or, at least, have not informed the IGF that they are affiliated. The number at today's date is 38 (excluding India which is in the process of affiliating). According to the IGF Constitution a Federation may not be a member of the IGF unless it is affiliated to its NOC. The 38 countries listed will therefore not be able to continue in membership of the IGF unless they affiliate to the appropriate NOC and advise the IGF that they have done so. All countries are encouraged to rectify matters as soon as possible.

The redesign of the IGF website has commenced, underwritten by a value in kind arrangement with the Golf Channel. The targeted launch date is December 2012.

The IGF Anti-doping policy is in line with the new WADA code. In March 2012 a questionnaire was sent to all IGF members requesting information on their anti-doping activities. Information collated from this survey, together with a flow of information from members on testing procedures and results, is essential to future IGF compliance with the WADA code. The importance of good communication cannot be stressed too highly.

7. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

(a) New Members

There are six new members of the International Golf Federation since the WATCs in 2010.

Gambia
Kyrgyzstan
Ukraine
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

British Golf Association
USA Golf

Peter Dawson advised that in Olympic sports, Great Britain sends a team to compete as a single entity although, in golf the component countries compete separately as England, Scotland and Wales. The British Golf Association has therefore been created in order to interface with the British Olympic Association. In the USA, although the USGA is the governing body for golf, USA Golf has been created to interface with its National Olympic Committee.

(b) Data on Golf from National Federations

In addition to the anti-doping survey above, delegates are also reminded of a second questionnaire relating to numbers of golfers and golf courses in member countries and are urged to send in replies, if they have not already done so. The database of information held at present is inadequate.

8. IGF STATEMENT ON SUSTAINABILITY

The meeting gave its full support to this statement which was adopted by the IGF.

9. CREATION OF AN AFRICAN ZONE

The meeting was advised that in October 2010 a resolution, supported by delegates from 8 African countries, was received by the IGF that a zone should be created within the IGF to cater for the region of Africa. These delegates were advised that the matter would be considered by the Administrative Committee. More recently a request was received from Ambassador Nouredine Djoudi, President of the Algerian Golf Federation, that this matter be considered at the Biennial Meeting.

Nouredine Djoudi was invited to address the meeting. He said he believes that instead of the European-African Zone, Africa should have its own zone. This is not due to any bad feeling or hostility towards Europe but, is a matter of principle and is in line with the Olympic Charter which provides for representation of the five continents as symbolised by the five rings logo. Above all, having an African Zone included in the IGF Constitution will support the development of golf in Africa and will lead those African governments who have not yet done so to start to consider golf as a major discipline to be treated with the same consideration as other sports like football, fencing or boxing.

The Chairman thanked Mr Nouredine and informed the meeting that the Administrative Committee discussed this matter at its meeting on the previous afternoon. Peter Dawson said that the IGF has three zones – the Americas, Europe & Africa and Asia-Pacific, and the only way it uses these zones is to determine the cycle of rotation of the location of the WATCs and to determine representation on the Administrative Committee. It is not a requirement that international federations have to mirror the continental split of the IOC which is not only the case with Africa but also with Oceania. With regard to the hosting of the WATCs, bids have rarely been received from African countries and South Africa is the only African country to have hosted the championships, in 2006.

The meeting agreed that the Administrative Committee should continue to examine this proposal, consider any changes to the IGF Constitution that might be required and what the far ranging implications might be.

10. WOMEN'S CHAIRMAN

The Chairman said that Emma Villacieros has done a splendid job throughout the six years of her chairmanship. She is a lady of tremendous stature in golf and is a great ambassador for the game. He presented her with an engraved silver dish as a mark of the IGF's gratitude for her outstanding service.

He then said that the Administrative Committee has nominated Patsy Hankins of New Zealand as the next Women's Chairman and this was ratified by the meeting.

Patsy Hankins spoke of her pride at being elected to this role and being given the opportunity to follow Emma who had done such a magnificent job. She thanked her fellow delegates for their support and expressed her commiserations to Anne Lenagan, the unsuccessful candidate. She said that she was committed to fostering the development of golf and she would encourage men's and women's organisations to come together. The Olympics will provide a great opportunity to showcase golf to the world and she will be immensely proud to be representing her country in this role.

11. 2012-2014 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

The Chairman advised that, at its meeting on the previous day, the Administrative Committee nominated the following for 2012-2014:

1. Joint Chairmen
 1. R&A
 2. USGA

- II. Women's Chairman
 3. New Zealand

- III. Asia-Pacific Zone
 4. Australia
 5. India
 6. Republic of Korea
 7. Pakistan
 8. Thailand

- IV. American Zone
 9. USGA
 10. Argentina
 11. Canada
 12. Colombia
 13. Puerto Rico

- V. European-African Zone
 14. The R&A
 15. Finland
 16. Germany
 17. Spain
 18. South Africa

- VI. Future Sites (Advisory Capacity)
 19. Japan (2014 site)
 20. Mexico (2016 site)

This was ratified by the Meeting.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business. The Chairman thanked delegates for their attendance and encouraged them to pass any views or information to the Administrative Committee at any time.

13. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Biennial Meeting will be held in Japan in 2014 on a date to be confirmed.

There being no further business the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 5.15 pm.