

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

Monday, 8 September 2014

The Kariuzawa Prince West Hotel, Kariuzawa, Japan.

PRESENT

International Golf Federation Tom O'Toole Jr, Joint Chairman
 Patsy Hankins, Women's Chairman
 Peter Dawson, President and Joint Secretary
 Mike Davis, Joint Secretary
 Antony Scanlon, Executive Director Robin Bell, Joint Deputy Secretary Stephanie Parel, Joint Deputy Secretary

Country Delegate

Argentina	Mark Lawrie & Garat Santiago
Australia	Stephen Pitt & Brad James
Austria	Robert Kocher
Belgium	Christian Moyson
Bermuda	Christopher Brough
Brazil	Paulo Pacheco
Canada	Jeff Thompson & Douglas Alexander
Chile	Mauricio Galeno & Gabriel Morgan
Colombia	Lazaro Perez
Costa Rica	Manuel Jimenez
Czech Republic	Miroslav Holub
Denmark	Morten Backhausen & Jim Staffensen
Dominican Republic	Juan Cohen
England	Nigel Edwards
Estonia	Marko Palm & Enrico Villo
Finland	Antti Peltoniemi & Petri Peltoniemi
France	François Illouz
Gabon	Didier Gilardetti One Cecile Poncet
Germany	Marion Thannhäuser
Ghana	Felix Frempong
Greece	Tommy Tokas
Guam	Sam Teker
Guatemala	Jose Munoz
Hong Kong, China	Tom Phillips Margaret Hamilton
Iceland	Haukur Orn Birgisson
India	Dilip Thomas
Ireland	Patrick Finn & Sandra Barnett
Islamic Republic of Iran	Kaykavos Saeidi & Behrouz Keshtavar
Italy	Stefano Manca & Franco Chimenti
Japan	Tsunetada Takeda & Taizo Kawata
Republic of Korea	Hyung-mo Kang Jin-woo Kim
Malaysia	Zulkifli Ismail
Mauritius	Christophe Cure



Mexico	Federico Valdez & Jorge Coghlan
New Zealand	Philip Hassall & Paul Fyfe
Peru	Martin Alarco
Philippines	Carlos Coscolluela
Poland	Jr Janusz Sikora
Portugal	Manuel Agrellos
Puerto Rico	Sidney Wolf
Qatar	Hassan Nasser Al Naimi
R&A	Peter Unsworth & Donald Turner
Scotland	Steve Paulding & Beth Paterson
Singapore	Luke Cantelo
South Africa	Gerhard Conradie & Karen Olivant
Spain	Gonzaga Escauriaza & Luis Mendez
Sweden	Gunnar Hakansson & Christers Bergfors
Switzerland	Paolo Quirici
Chinese Taipei	Tim Sung
Turkey	Alper Alp
Ukraine	Sergey Kozyrenko
United Arab Emirates	Khalid Al Shamsi & Adel Zarouni
United States of America	Daniel Burton & Dot Paluck
Uruguay	Pablo Faget
Venezuela	Freddy Alcantara
Wales	John Jermin

International Golf Federation Wilson Sibbett, Joint Chairman

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

The meeting was called to order at 4.00 pm.

ELECTION OF MEETING CHAIRMAN

Tom O'Toole was elected Chairman of the meeting. He opened the meeting by welcoming all present to Japan for the 2014 World Amateur Team Championships, especially those attending or competing for the first time.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 2 OCTOBER 2012

The Minutes of the Biennial Meeting held in Turkey on 2 October 2012 were approved as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Creation of an African Zone

The opinion of the Administrative Committee was that there is no necessity to create an African Zone at the present time but this will be monitored going forward.

WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

2014 - Japan

Patsy Hankins, Women's Chairman, said that the 26th Women's World Amateur Team Championship hosted by the Japan Golf Association had been a fantastic event with 50 teams competing for the Espirito Santo Trophy on Karuizawa's championship Oshitate and Iriyama courses, which are the longest on record at 6309 and 6311 yards respectively.



The preparation, organisation and running of the 2014 World Amateur Team Championships by the JGA, in association with Seibu Holdings Inc and Prince Hotels and Resorts had been outstanding. So too had the IGF team's management of the event with assistance from an army of volunteers, the media and others resulting in the 50th anniversary of the WWATC being a real celebration of the women's game.

Many records had been broken at this championship, most notable being winner Australia's comeback in the final round breaking the record by 4 strokes, Australian Minjee Lee's 65 and team total 131 both being championship marks for individual and team scoring in the 4th round and Canadian Brooke Henderson's 72 hole score of 269 being 5 strokes lower than the mark set by Lydia Ko of New Zealand in Turkey in 2012.

The standard of play at the 2014 WWATC had been very impressive and we noted 156 sub-par scores returned over the 72 holes as a clear indication that the women's game is going from strength to strength. She acknowledged the progress made by so many countries in the development of their players which augurs well for golf as a whole.

Tai Kawata added that the Japan Golf Association had been honoured to be invited to host this year's WATCs and was delighted with the success of the Women's Championship and was looking forward to the week ahead.

Both were congratulated on the success of the Women's Championship and thanked for their reports.

2016 - Mexico

Federico Valdez said that two years ago, in Turkey, the Mexican Golf Federation (MGF) was elected host of the 2016 WATCs and has been working hard ever since to ensure that all preparations are in place for a great event that year. He invited all delegates to visit the information desk and thanked the meeting for having been given the opportunity. The MGF looks forward to welcoming the WATC teams and officials to Cancun in 2016. The dates of the 2016 WATCs were confirmed as follows:

Espirito Santo Trophy	14-17 September 2016
Eisenhower Trophy	21-24 September 2016

2018 European-African Zone

The only bid received from the European-African Zone was from the Golfing Union of Ireland (GUI) and the Irish Ladies' Golf Union (ILGU). The view of the Administrative Committee was that full support for this bid should be sought from the Biennial Meeting. This received the unanimous support of the meeting and Ireland was elected host for 2018.

Liam Martin, President of the GUI representing both Unions, thanked the meeting for its support and said both Unions are excited by the prospects that lie ahead for 2018.

2020 Asia-Pacific Zone

No bids had yet been received from the Asia-Pacific Zone to host the WATCs in 2020 and the Administrative Committee was hopeful that bids would be received during the next six months.

Items to discuss from Administrative Committee

The Chairman advised there were two items arising from discussions at the previous day's meeting of the Administrative Committee that the Committee wished to bring this meeting's attention.

There had been discussion of junior golf in relation to the IGF, driven by the qualifications being required for the Youth Olympic Games. The Administrative Committee was aware of the possibility of the introduction of a World Junior Golf Ranking and will continue to monitor this subject.

There had also been discussion of the future format of the WATCs. Countries continue to join the IGF which could lead to an increase in entries in the future. The 72-team limit has already been reached for the men's championship. Concern was expressed regarding the cost to the host nation of hosting this event which has led to a reduction

in bids received in recent years. There are challenges in administration, conducting play in daylight hours, etc. The IGF staff has been asked to produce a paper on this subject and this will come back to the AC for consideration in due course. This will continue to be examined and monitored.

The Admin Committee had agreed it was important to raise these two items with delegates. There were no questions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Antony Scanlon said that copies of the audited accounts for 2012 and 2013 had been circulated. The revenue available is due to the good will of the IGF's delivery partners by way of loan funds through to 2016. Following the completion of the Olympic Games in Rio in 2016, the IGF will benefit from the International Olympic Committee's financial support. Post 2016, the loans will be repaid and the IGF should be able to cover its administrative costs thereafter. Post 2020 it should be able to look at how the revenue might be used other than for administrative purposes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Antony Scanlon referred to his IGF Administration Report of 8 September 2014 and highlighted the following items.

Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

The YOG in Nanjing had been a great success and did a great deal to establish stronger links between golf and the IOC. Golf proved to be one of the most popular and best run events of the YOG. The age qualification had proved to be appropriate given the level of maturity needed to live away from home within the complexity of the village atmosphere with up to 5,500 athletes living together. Selection through the use of WAGR achieved the right level of diversity in the number of federations able to represent their countries and contributed to the strength of the field. There were three competitions – best individual girl (Soyoung Lee from Korea), best individual boy (Renato Paratore from Italy) and best team – Sweden (after a play-off). Several IOC members turned out to watch and most notably, Dr Thomas Bach, the IOC President, over-stayed two hours on his schedule. The YOG programme combines high level sport competition with culture and education. Athletes had the opportunity to visit two schools in Nanjing, to conduct a coaching clinic at a local shopping centre and to introduce golf generally to the citizens of Nanjing.

Rio 2016 Olympic Games

He updated the meeting on progress with the preparation of the course in Rio. All 18 holes have been laid out, 7 greens have been laid with the remainder due to be completed by 31 October. This will allow two full growing seasons before the Games in 2016. Unfortunately work on the project is currently in danger of delay, due to a lawsuit being threatened by

a group of environmentalists and this is constantly under review by the IGF and the Rio 2016 Organising Committee. It is hoped to hold a test event towards the end of 2015 but this will depend on how construction continues to progress and a decision on this should be made towards the end of this year. The men's and the



women's individual events will both be 72-hole stroke play and the qualification system, approved by the IOC Executive Board in February, commenced in July 2014.

Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games

The dates of the next YOG will be 11-23 September 2018. The golf course to be used in Buenos Aires is still to be determined. Following a full review of this year's Games recommendations will be made to the Administrative Committee for the event format and qualifying criteria for 2018. Full details will be available in two years' time during the WATCs in Mexico.

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

Kasumigaseki Country Club was the course nominated within the Tokyo bid. The JGA, the IGF and the Club are looking forward to working together to host a successful golf event in 2020.

IOC Relations

The IOC Director of Sport is a keen supporter of golf in the Olympic Games. The IGF has been very active within the Olympic movement and monthly meetings are held between the IGF Executive Director and the IOC Director of Sport.

ASOIF / Sport Accord Relations

Monthly meetings are held with the IGF Executive Director and the ASOIF Director and relations are good.

Membership

There are now 137 National Federation members of the IGF from 131 countries. 23 professional golf organisations have been granted membership.

Anti-Doping

Following the adoption of the 2015 World Anti-Doping Code in November 2013, the IGF Anti-Doping Policy is currently being revised to reflect the changes within the new WADA code for adoption in January 2015. As only 4 of the 7 categories of performance enhancing drugs can be detected by urine testing, going forward the IGF, as the testing authority at the WATCs, will be conducting blood tests in addition to urine tests.

The Executive Director was thanked for his very full report and there were no questions.

2014-2016 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

The Chairman advised that, at its meeting on the previous day, the Administrative Committee nominated the following for 2014-2016:

Joint Chairmen

R&A

USGA

Women's Chairman

New Zealand

Asia-Pacific Zone

Australia

Hong Kong, China



India
Japan
Republic of Korea

American Zone
USGA
Argentina
Canada
Colombia
Puerto Rico

European-African Zone
The R&A
Finland
Germany
Spain
South Africa

Future Sites (Advisory Capacity)
Mexico (2016 site)
Ireland (2018 site) This was ratified by the Meeting.
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Biennial Meeting will be held in Mexico on Monday 19 September 2016. There being no further business the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 5.15 pm.