

Minutes of the IGF Board meeting

9 April 2025, Augusta National Golf Club, GA, USA.

Distributed to the members of the IGF Board

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Meeting	IGF Board Meeting
Place	Magnolia Suite, Augusta National Golf Club, GA, USA.
Date	9 April 2025
Time	13 :00 (EST)

Roll Call

Chairperson: Mr Guy Kinnings (European Tour)

Members present:

Mr Mark Darbon (R&A)

Ms Claudia Garduño (FMG)

Mr Will Jones (ANGC)

Mr Jay Monahan (PGA Tour)

Ms Liz Moore (LPGA)

Ms Annika Sörenstam – President (IGF)

Mr Derek Sprague (PGAA)

Mr Mike Whan (USGA)

In attendance:

Mr Antony Scanlon - Secretary (IGF)

Mr Tyler Dennis (PGA Tour)

Mr Billy Schroder (PGA Tour)

Apologies:

Ms Nobuko Hirayama (JGA)

1. Welcome

- The Chairperson warmly welcomed all the members of the IGF Board attending the meeting and acknowledged the presence of

the new board members Mr Mark Darbon (R&A), Ms Liz Moore (LPGA) and Mr Derek Sprague (PGAA).

2. Confirmation of previous meeting's minutes

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| Decision | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Board
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 December 2024 as a true and correct record. |
| Matters Arising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There were no matters arising out of the minutes. |
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3. Matters for Approval

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| IGF Charters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Following the Board's request at the December 2024 that a Broadcast Committee and Finance & Investment Committee be established, the attached Charters for these Committees were submitted to the Board for approval at this meeting. |
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| Decision | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Board
RESOLVED that the IGF Board approve the Charters for the Broadcast Committee and Finance and Investment Committee as set out in Agenda Item 3.1. |
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4. Financial Report

- The Executive Director distributed the agenda item# 4 paper- IGF Financial Report -April 2025 and provided the Board an overview of the IGFs financial health.
 - The report included a financial dashboard, the IGF Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statements as of 31 March 2025, cash flow forecast, and actual results compared to the overall budget of the IGF.
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5. Report on the LA28 Olympic Games

- The Executive Director and the Technical Director, Mr Billy Schroder presented the following to the Board.

Mixed Teams Event

- The Board was informed that the IOC had announced earlier that day the Executive Board decision to add a mixed team event to the competition schedule for golf events at the LA28 Olympic Games.
- It is planned to have sixteen teams play a 36-hole stroke play team event played over two days with one round consisting of foursomes and the other four-ball play.
- The event will be scheduled the following day after the completion of the men's individual stroke play event.

Event Delivery Proposal

- Discussions continue with LA 2028 to engage the IGF and its membership into the delivery of both the competition and sports services as well as the outside the ropes event delivery.
- A scope document was provided outlining proposed activities and responsibilities for delivery to LA28, and meetings were held with LA28 on 1-2 April to discuss these.
- Unfortunately, LA28 were not able to review the document in these meetings and are not clear on their delivery model for golf. It was agreed that further meetings will take place to work on the venue design and the scope of works that will lead to the determination of the delivery model. The IGF emphasised the need for this decision to be made quickly.

Dates of 2028 Olympic Games

- Tyler Dennis presented a paper outlining the proposed dates for the scheduling of tournaments around the LA28 Olympic Games following constructive dialogue with the R&A and all the relevant tours which will resolve the conflict of dates with the Open Championship.

6. Report on the activities of the IGF Administration

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- The Executive Director presented the following specific points from within his written report to the Board.

IOC Session & IOC Presidential Election

- The 144th IOC Session was held from 19 to 21 March at Costa Navarino in Greece.

- Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe was elected as the 10th President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and the first female President in IOC history, following one round of voting.
- She will succeed the ninth IOC President, Thomas Bach, whose 12-year tenure will officially end after Monday 23 June 2025. The President is elected by the IOC Members by secret ballot for a term of eight years.
- The Board discussed looking at the best opportunity to invite the new President to one of our delivery partner's major events to welcome and introduce her to the golfing family.

2025 Singapore World Amateur Team Championships

- The Executive Director gave an overview on the planning and preparations for the 2025 WATC that is to be hosted by the Singapore Golf Association at the Tanah Merah Country Club, Singapore.
- He raised the concern the IGF had with the budget and financing of the event by the SGA and that no action on budget relief from the IGF will be considered until after the event has been completed, given that they were given a number of opportunities to withdraw from hosting should they have concerns over financing the event. Which they stated on each occasion that they did not.

Olympic Esports Games

- The IOC session officially endorsed the establishment of the Olympic Esports Games with the inaugural edition scheduled to take place in late 2027 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- The IOC has formed a 12-year partnership with the National Olympic Committee of Saudi Arabia to support the development of the esports initiative and the hosting of the event.
- The IGF has submitted two proposals – a console (2K PGA Tour) and simulator (TMRW Sport) for inclusion.
- IOC EB recently deferred a decision on the confirmation of sports and dates for these Games until 2027.
- It was reported that the agreement between the IOC and the Saudi NOC has still to be signed and was one of the reasons for the delay on the decision of the dates for the event.

7. General Business

- The Chairman informed the board that due to number of new Board members that have just joined the Board and will do so later in the year that the Executive Director had drafted a Board

Induction and Governance Handbook that will be distributed to all Board members upon completion.

- Reading this document and following the success of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games he had cause to reflect on what is the current role of the IGF and that the Board should now reflect upon this and future roles that the IGF could fulfil. He then asked the Executive Director to give an overview of the IGFs current role and during this discussion amongst the board ensued.
- The Executive Director was then asked to come back to the board with a paper for discussion on the role of the IGF at the July Board meeting.
- There were no further matters.
- The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation.

Time the Meeting
Closed

- There being no further business, the meeting ended at 14h 30 EST time.

Next proposed
meeting

- The next meeting of the IGF Board will be held on 15 July, during the Open Championship, Royal Port Rush, NI, UK
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FOR APPROVAL

Guy Kinnings
Chairperson

Antony Scanlon
Executive Director