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Minutes for the General Meeting of the
International Korfball Federation

held on Saturday 28 October 2023
in New Taipei City, Chinese Taipei

at 9:00 AM TWT (GMT+8)

1. Opening and Announcements

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a) Opening

The president opened the meeting welcoming everyone to Chinese Taipei.

b) President's Address

Dear President and Secretary Generals of our National Korfball Organizations,
Dear Honorary Member Ben Crum who is present with us here in Taipei,
Dear colleagues on the IKF Council, and members of IKF committees
Dear Bearers of the IKF Badge of Honour and all others distinguished by the IKF for their services in the past,
Dear IKF Committee Members and Guests present here in Taipei,

Like all of you, I have grown up in a world in which we have been able to travel more or less without restrictions, where friendships were not hindered by borders, and where our sport could

grow internationally primarily based on the opportunities that athletes had to compete against athletes from other countries, whether neighboring or far away.

It is with deep pain in my heart that I see this globalized world becoming fragmented. We have ongoing wars and threats with major consequences far beyond these immediate conflicts. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has severely hampered many international sports federations, including ours. We feel great sympathy to the Ukranian Korfball Federation, of which we know many of those involved in korfball have been fighting to defend their country's territory. We feel a great loss to our Russian korfball community that has fallen apart and has ceased all activities. And here, in Taipei, we regularly feel the tensions across the Taiwan Strait. These have now also affected our Championship this week as we are very sad to miss the presence of Chinese korfball athletes at this WKC.

Over the past 36 years of my involvement in the International Korfball Federation, ever since my first start as a volunteer at the 1987 World Korfball Championship in the Netherlands, I have been fortunate to be part of an enormous growth in global presence of our sport, and a democratization in access to our core values as a mixed-gender sport. In 1987 korfball was primarily a European sport, with Australia and three countries in Asia also playing. We are now a global sport, with presence also in Latin America, in sub-Saharan Africa, and today entering into the Middle East with Egypt joining our ranks. And I firmly believe that with the strong growth of beach korfball, we are further opening up this democratic access, as no expensive courts or facilities are needed to play beach korfball, and with a potential format of 2vs2, 3vs3, or 4vs4 we create ample flexibility to play as soon as a small group of boys and girls takes the initiative to play. I hope that urban korfball will develop a similar potential in cities, as many disadvantaged communities in cities to not have access to indoor sports facilities.

Over the past few days in the Congress we have had extensive discussions on the development of these new formats, that I think eventually will be separate disciplines. Korfball, Beach Korfball, and Urban Korfball will co-exist, just like rugby, rugby 7, and beach rugby coexist, just like basketball and 3x3 co-exist, and American football and flag football co-exist. We will need to learn to accept that each of these disciplines will gradually develop their own culture and appeal to different players. Within rugby, there are people that love and hate rugby 7. Within American football, there are many that do not consider flag football a serious sport. But actually it is flag football that has made it to the Olympic Games. I hope that we, with many of us having played only korfball in 8vs8 (or in my case, even 12vs12) will remain open-minded and will refrain from

judgments that certain korfball disciplines should not be taken seriously. Our core value is to be inclusive. And to be inclusive implies being respectful about any korfball discipline. Only in this way, we can maintain a coherent and growing global community of korfball friends.

These global friendships, the grass roots desire of everyone on the globe to play sport on an inclusive basis, and the opportunity to represent your nation in an international competition in whatever korfball discipline, are the main drivers of the development of our sport.

Obviously, as an international federation, we need to work on proper governance, on fighting doping, on regulating the game, on marketing of our sport, on OTT platforms, and on novel technologies. And probably on many other matters as you have experienced at our congress this week. You will notice that I have not commented on any of these in my opening remarks. As of today, I will refrain from commenting on any of these topics, and happily leave this to the Secretary General and the incoming President.

However, as I say farewell to you today, I would like you to realize that all of us are doing this not because of strategy or priorities, but because we build and experience friendships, we enjoy or have enjoyed playing our great game, and because we want to hand over the opportunity to enjoy korfball to future generations across the globe. As long as we, as long as YOU ALL, keep on realizing that this is the basis of our sport, this global korfball community will keep on developing, and we will be able to realize our future dreams together.

I now declare this General Meeting open. Thank you.

This week, all of us have experienced a fabulous 12th IKF World Korfball Championship here in Taipei. The venue is fabulous, the hotel is excellent, food and transport are well arranged, the technical conditions on the court are perfect, and the atmosphere in the venue is outstanding. Personally, I also find it very important that together we managed to have every team in a single hotel, with breakfast and dinner in a joint location. This is crucial for an outstanding athlete experience and in helping to further develop mutual relationships and understanding in our growing global korfball community.

The fabulous volunteers and the in-depth hospitality demonstrated every hour of the day at the venue, at the hotel, and anywhere in Taipei City has created an everlasting memory and has demonstrated Taipei and the CTKA as a fabulous host and partner.

It is all the more remarkable since this Championship was organized in less than a year. Only 12 months ago, Taiwan opened to receive the first international visitors following the pandemic.

The IKF has a large team on the ground here in Taipei, with competition officials - in particular referees, jury members, and assessors – and media officials – in particular media, social media, and livestream, with the latter also including live commentators both here in the ground and working from home.

The entire team is lead by chief coordinating officer Tim Miller.

Tim, you and your team have done a fabulous job on the largest championship the IKF ever hosted, and on behalf of all athletes and officials present here today I want to thank you wholeheartedly for a job well done!

Tim has done this work in close collaboration with the local organizing committee. Penny, Tina, and Ray have delivered an outstanding championship. As you know, I have been pressing quite a bit over the past year on many matters, and we have had our challenges and differences in points of view. Penny, I realize this also happened while you were facing very difficult circumstances in your family. I have observed Tina and Ray being under lots of pressure from many sides and were often caught in-between. But on behalf of the global korfball community I want to congratulate you with the delivery of an outstanding world championship and thank you for making your many nights without sleep come to fruition in a great experience for all of us.

I would now like to invite the LOC here on stage, along with Vincent Huang, President of the CTKA.

Before we proceed, I would like to honor a few people, because I am not the only one saying farewell today, and since at least during this meeting I am still the President, I can retain control over what is being said.

First, I would like to thank Gert Dijkstra. Gert Dijkstra has had a lifelong involvement in korfball, and also has been active internationally in many roles, primarily as a referee and jury member before joining the executive committee. Our archives are in a bit of disarray, so we are not exactly sure how long you have served If it on the Council, but we know it was in 2011 that you formally joined the Council. While many of you may have thought that Gert was a member of the executive committee, this is actually not true. When Gert joined the Executive Committee, we were in need of a capable person to help develop our international competitions. We also had made a clear choice not to have too many Dutch people on the Executive Committee, and I asked Gert to join as Special Delegate for competitions. A special delegate can serve at the request of the President as a Member of the Council, but without a right to vote. Gert was hence also never elected but he

*was **se**lected. However, for all practical purposes, we have always considered Gert as effectively a member of the Exco, and also as Chair of the IKF Competitions Committee, and also for many years as chair of the Playing Rules Committee. Under Gert's leadership, the IKF competition calendar has grown tremendously, and probably faster and to more events than Gert considered to be feasible. In many of these events, especially many major events like World Championships, World Games, and European Championships, Gert served as Coordinating Officer, working closely with many of you in our National Organizations. As a culmination of this growth in events, and partly due to the COVID period, we actually organized more than 10 events in just the last four months of 2022, across four continents, with Gert at the helm. Further, during Gert's tenure, we have become much more professional on the court in our events, and I am happy to see that many of the regulatory setups that we have created internationally have been taken over in national competitions. As a chair of the playing rules committee, Gert oversaw major changes such as the new free pass rules and the shotclock. Very importantly, Gert always closely aligned initiatives with the major national korfball leagues to ensure we keep a single set of korfball playing rules globally.*

Gert, for all your efforts in korfball, the IKF Council has decided to award you the IKF Badge of Honour.

Second, I would like to thank Danielle Ruts. Danielle has been Treasurer of the IKF for 16 years. Initially she combined this with als being treasurer at the KBKB, and also with being treasurer at home if I am well informed by Andre. Later, Danielle combined the IKF role with the Presidency of the KBKB. This was a very successful Presidency, with probably as highlight the World Korfball Championship in 2015 in the presence of King Filip of Belgium, and the centennial of the KBKB in 2021. Many treasurers are treasurers: boring people taking care of the financial administration and presenting the numbers in our meetings. Danielle is an atypical treasurer: while on the one hand closely monitoring income and expenses, she firmly believes that money needs to work at the service of korfball development. This implies that despite our tight budgets, and while ensuring our financial health, Daniele always found ways to finance new initiatives. Moreover, as a member of the Exco, Danielle very clearly always prioritized the global perspective of korfball over any specific interests. This is not trivial. Although the IKF Statutes clearly say that any member of the council should operate purely in the interest of the International federation, unfortunately over the years I have had the misfortune of having to work with some colleagues on the exco that were

advocates of their own national federation or of their specific continent. I have appreciated Danielle for always, and I repeat, always, prioritizing korfball ahead of any national or continental interests. I can only hope that everyone that will serve on the Exco will take you as an example in that!
Danielle, for all your efforts in korfball, the IKF Council has decided to award you the IKF Badge of Honour.

Finally, I would like to make a special presentation to Professor Inglish Huang, IKF Vice-President for Asia, President of IKF Asia, and former Secretary General and Vice-President of the CTKA.
Inglish has joined the IKF Council in 2003, at the same time as I was elected as your President. This implies that Inglish today celebrates 20 years of membership of the IKF Council, and 20 years at the helm of IKF Asia. And it only testifies to your enormous recognition in this massive continent that earlier this week you were re-elected unanimously as President of IKF Asia.
I have known Inglish Huang since more than 30 years. Actually, many people may not know this, but I actually played against Inglish Huang. I was organizer of a student tournament in Eindhoven where also the Chinese Taipei team played multiple times in the late 80s. Inglish played on one of those teams. For those of you that have ever seen me play, you realize that I was far from a korfball superstar, but I was a pretty good rebounder. And at least for quite a few years playing as a rebounder against Inglish gave me some reputation here in Taiwan.
Inglish played for many years on the national team of Chinese Taipei. He was designated by CTKA founder Professor Eugene Chen – Harriet present? – to lead the development of korfball in Taiwan and Asia. Eugene Chen was a remarkable man. He single-handedly founded and developed the CTKA to a very stable and professional status in less than 15 years. Unfortunately, due to a premature illness he died way too young, but even just before his death he designated a group of former players to support Inglish here in Taiwan.
Inglish's major contributions for korfball have been in the very impressive development of korfball across Asia. Almost all countries in Asia bear Inglish's signature. Korea has been established through the exchange program of Inglish's school. Inglish joined me and Ben Crum on the first korfball promotion trip to China in 2004. All countries in continental South East Asia have been established through Inglish's efforts. Inglish spans a very wide set of skills, as he is not only excellent at building and developing relationships, but also is an excellent instructor for coaches and national teams. As part of his activities and initiatives, the CTKA and many korfball players

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have actively helped in across many countries, oftentimes contributing by funding this out of their own pocket. Inglish has created a culture of mutual support among all of the Asian countries, to which many countries in other continents can take an example.

Interestingly, Inglish continually surrounds himself with powerful female organizers in IKF Asia, such as Esther, Akiko, Daphne, Supranee, Lisa, and Penny, just to name a few of the recent ones. These Asian women as leaders in korfball are a profound example to many other places in the world.

At home, Inglish has always been supported by Bird – and vice-versa – in an excellent relationship that was grounded and developed in korfball.

Dear Inglish, I am happy you are not yet retiring, although I know you have been thinking about this for a while. Asia needs you, and the world of korfball needs you. They need to learn from your passion for korfball, and from the way that you are able to let IKF member countries care about other countries. Hence, upon me retiring, I want to make an important proposal to the General Meeting, and that is to appoint Professor Inglish Ying-Che Huang as Honorary Member of the International Korfball Federation.

c) Presentation of the World Korfball Awards

As a final part of the Opening of this Meeting, I am now proceeding with announcing the winners of this year's World Korfball Awards. As you remember, these awards for national korfball organizations were initiated in 2019, following an excellent proposal by the Sri Lanka Korfball Association. The IKF Executive Committee is the overall jury for the awards, and designates certain committees within the IKF to evaluate the proposals. There is an open nomination process, which includes potential self-nominations, so every national organization has the opportunity to bring their outstanding proposals forward. The only exception is the elite development award, which is determined by mere facts, and that is the progress in the IKF World Ranking reached.

1) Excellence in Governance

Awarded to: Malaysia Korfball Association

The Malaysia Korfball Association has had a spectacular development in recent years. The association is led by a board setting clear and realistic development goals with accompanying action plans. The volunteers are structurally involved in the association, and furthermore actively contribute to IKF developments by being members of committees. Their strong development includes various korfball courses in online, onsite, and hybrid formats. Their communication with the IKF is always open, transparent and timely. They undertake continuous efforts to get the recognition and support of national sport institutions.

The award will be presented by IKF Exco Member Danielle Ruts to Ms Daphne Lau Wai Fun – President of the MKA

2) *Best grassroots development*

Awarded to: Fédération Korfball France

The Fédération Korfball France receives this award for its school projects and the impact thereof. The federation has been involved with the 2021 Erasmus+ project; managing with a vision. This was a collaboration between the IKF and 6 European National Federations (France, Wales, Slovakia, Poland, Ukraine, and Switzerland). Through this project, the FKF defined a development goal to increase the number of players, with action required in three pillars. One of these pillars was the korfball at schools. They formed partnerships with two umbrella school sports organizations, to teach the Physical Education teachers about korfball. This school program is thus not only focused on increasing the number of kids playing korfball, but also on educating Physical Education teachers across the country.

This Award will be presented by Jorge Alves, IKF Exco Member and Chair of the IKF Development and Education Committee. President David Dupuy of the FKF is unfortunately not present, but he is watching online and we will take a picture now and present the award later in France.

3) *Best Elite Development*

Awarded to: Deutscher Turner Bund e.V/Korfball Deutschland

The senior team of Korfball Deutschland has shown high quality of korfball with matching results at IKF events in recent years. In 2018, they surprised the korfball world by beating Belgium in the semi-final at the IKF European Korfball Championship, claiming silver in the final against the Netherlands. This outstanding achievement turned out to be a sign of what was to come. Germany

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finished 5th at the IKF World Korfball Championship in 2019, 3rd at the IKF European Korfball Championship 2021, and 4th at The World Games Korfball Tournament 2023. Their impressive results are reflected in the World Korfball Ranking, where Germany currently holds 4th position, with just a 10 point difference to Chinese Taipei.

The Award will be presented by IKF Special Delegate Gert DIjkstra to Mr Jochen Schittkowski, representing the Executive Committee of Korfball Deutschland as part of the Deutscher Turner Bund.

4) *Best Event*

Awarded to: Association Marocaine de Korfball for the IKF World Beach Korfball Championship 2022.

After the postponement of the event by one year due to the pandemic, the IKF World Beach Korfball Championship 2022 was hosted by the Association Marocaine de Korfball on the beautiful beach of Nador, in August 2022. This was the first IKF event hosted by the federation, and debuting with such a high profile event was no easy task. The federation and its volunteers went above and beyond to create a distinct beach korfball atmosphere, with lots of spectators, beautiful arenas and excellent competition conditions. They well exceeded any expectations to provide all athletes and attendees with the best possible experience. The event was used by the federation to promote (beach) korfball in Nador and beyond, and the video images produced were highly instrumental in getting beackh korfball included in the program of The World Games 2025

The Award will be presented by IKF Exco Member Anita Derks.

President Younes Cherfaoui of the AMK is unfortunately not present, but he is watching online and we will take a picture now and present the award later in Morocco.

5) *Innovation*

Awarded to: Japan Korfball Association

The award for innovation is presented to the Japan Korfball Association. The JKA started a partnership with Other Sports World to promote korfball. Other Sports World is a provider of monthly subscription services, focused on the lesser-known sports. Korfball has been incorporated in their services, which makes a significant contribution to the promotion and

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development of korfball. People are trying out the sport and the federation hopes to bind the enthusiastic participants to korfball for a longer period of time.
The award will be presented by IKF Exco Member Bjorn Elewaut to Mr Hajime Shinohara – board member of the Japan Korfball Association

6) Best initiative for cooperation (new award)

In the global korfball community, there are a lot of cooperation projects between national federations, and this award is created to highlight those projects. The first edition of this award is presented to the Chinese Taipei Korfball Association.
The CTKA has been critical to the development of korfball in Asia, specifically the South East Asia region, for years. The CTKA has close relationships with the Asian national federations and actively identifies in which areas these federations could use support. Based on the identified needs, they provide materials, knowledge and support. For example, recently the CTKA send athletes and coaches to Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand to conduct multiple courses and to prepare teams for international championships.
The Cooperation Award is presented by IKF Exco Chair Gabi Kool to Vincent Huang, President of the CTKA.

This completes the presentation of the World Korfball Awards.

d) Verification of credentials

The IKF Secretary General made the roll call.

The IKF (full) members absent from the meeting were Armenia, England, New Zealand, Portugal and Russia.

There were no proxy votes.

There were 38 votes (75%) present at the General Meeting, having the absolute majority as 19 votes and the special majority as 29 votes.

The full attendance list of the meeting, including the list of countries represented with their number of votes is included in the Appendix to this meeting.

e) Announcements

This General Meeting was held in an in-person only format.

In the General Meeting, the IKF Honorary Member, Ben Crum, was present.

The following apologies of absence were received by distinguished members: Graham CRAFTER (Badge of honour); Roy KIRKBY (Honorary Member); Erik BUIZER (Honorary Member); Frank BUVENS (Honorary Member); Frans WALVIS (Honorary Member).

The Irish Korfball Association and Federação Portugesa de Corfebol excuse themselves from the meeting.

f) Obituaries

Since the last General Meeting, four of our distinguished members passed away: Ruth Kool, who served for a very long time as a Financial Administrator of the IKF; Karel Verschoor, who was instrumental for many years in the development of Eastern Europe, in particular Czechia; Egon E. Jolig, long time leader in the German community; and Jean-Claude Besnard, founder and developer of korfball in France

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting and the General Meeting held on 30 October 2021 in Antwerp (BEL)

No comments were received regarding the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting. This Extraordinary General Meeting was made with the real intention of a real General Meeting. The President specifically asked if anyone still had doubts about the Extraordinary General Meeting 2021 and General Meeting 2021 statutes' changes and if there was any objection to any of the changes, and no objections were raised.

The voting for approval of the minutes of each meeting was done independently. The General Meeting adopted the Minutes of both these meetings unanimously.

3. Annual Report for the year 2021

There were no comments to the report.

The General Meeting approved the Annual Report 2021 unanimously.

4. Financial Report for the year 2021 and associated report of the Auditing Committee (contained in the Annual Report 2021)

There were no comments to the report.

The General Meeting approved the financial report 2021 unanimously.

5. Approval of the accounts for the year 2021

There were no comments to the accounts.

The General Meeting approved the accounts of the year 2021 unanimously.

6. Discharge of the Council for the year 2021

The General Meeting unanimously discharged the Council.

7. Annual Report for the year 2022

There were no comments to the report.

The General Meeting approved the Annual Report 2022 unanimously.

8. Financial Report for the year 2022 and associated report of the Auditing Committee (contained in the Annual Report 2022)

There were no comments to the report.

The General Meeting approved the financial report 2022 unanimously.

9. Approval of the accounts for the year 2022

There were no comments to the accounts.

The General Meeting approved the accounts of the year 2022 unanimously.

10. Discharge of the Council for the year 2022

The General Meeting unanimously discharged the Council.

11. Subscriptions and levies for 2024 and 2025

The Treasurer addressed the meeting and explained the proposals for the subscriptions and levies for 2024 and 2025.

The proposed subscriptions and levies were adopted by the General Meeting with unanimous approval.

12. Budgets for 2024 and 2025

The Treasurer provided an explanation for the budgets and thanked the IKF financial administrator, Erik Buizer, for his work and commitment.

The proposed budgets were approved unanimously by the General Meeting.

The President thanked the Treasurer for her outstanding work.

13. Membership

a) Applications for new associate members.

The Council has received multiple applications to join the IKF, has evaluated all applications, and proposed the following four National Organisations to be admitted as Associate Member of the IKF:

1. Egyptian Federation for Recreational Sports and Games (EGY)
2. Federación Mexicana de Korfball (MEX)
3. Federação de Corfebol de São Tomé e Príncipe (STP)
4. Uganda Korfball Association (UGA)

Each application was voted independently. All applications were approved unanimously by the General Meeting, hence the four national organisations have become Associate Members of the IKF.

b) Appointment as full member

The Council proposed to accept the application from Malaysia Korfball Association, currently Associate Member, to become (Full) Member.

The proposal was approved unanimously by the General Meeting, hence the Malaysia Korfball Association has become a (full) Member of the IKF.

c) Suspension of the membership of the Korfball Federation of India

An update was provided at the General Meeting with an associated proposal by the Council to reinstate India as a (Full) Member.

India was suspended in 2014 and ratified by the General Meeting in 2015, due to their governance issues. Given the current status, the Council believes the federation has reached an acceptable level of governance.

The General Meeting approved unanimously the reinstatement of Korfball Federation of India as a member of IKF.

d) Expulsion of inactive Associate Members

The Council proposes to expel two Associate Members in accordance with article 8.6(a) and 8.6(c) of the IKF Statutes. We are not aware of any recent or current korfball activity in these

countries, and efforts in the past ten years by the IKF have not resulted in any korfball activity. This concerns the following two Associate Members:

1. Cyprus Korfball Federation (CYP)
2. Pakistan Korfball Federation (PAK)

Each proposal was voted independently. The General Meeting approved unanimously both expulsions.

14. Changes in the Statutes (attached)

a) Change in Statutes: Athletes Committee

The IKF Council proposed to establish a statutory athletes committee and to grant Council membership to the chair of the committee.

In accordance with the Statutes, this proposal has been shared with the Membership three months before the date of the General Meeting. No questions or comments regarding this proposed change have been received.

The proposed changes were approved unanimously by the General Meetings.

The following changes in the Statutes were approved (in English and in Dutch):

Article	***Current text***	***New text applicable from 28 October 2023***
10.2 (English)		(a)(v)The chair of the Athletes Committee
10.2 (Dutch)		(a)(v) De voorzitter van de atletencommissie

23 (New – English)		23.1 The Athletes Committee shall be an independent committee of the Federation and shall consider issues related to athletes and provide advice and recommendations to the Council, including representing the rights and interests of athletes 23.2 The Athletes Committee shall consist of 5 (five) members directly elected by athletes participating in the World Korfball Championship. The election procedures shall be defined in the Byelaws of the Federation. 23.3 The members shall appoint a chairperson from among their midst. 23.5 Each member of the Athletes Committee shall hold office for four (4) years and is eligible for reelection forthwith.
23. (Nieuwe -Dutch)		23.1 De atletencommissie is een onafhankelijke commissie van de IKF, overweegt atletenzaken en geeft advies en aanbevelingen aan de Council, met inbegrip van het vertegenwoordigen van de rechten en belangen van atleten. 23.2 De atletencommissie zal bestaan uit 5 (vijf) leden die rechtstreeks gekozen worden door atleten die deelnemen aan het Wereldkampioenschap. De verkiezingsprocedures worden vastgelegd in de Byelaws van de IKF.

		23.3 De leden wijzen uit hun midden een voorzitter aan. 23.5 Elk lid van de atletencommissie vervult zijn functie voor vier (4) jaar en is onmiddellijk herkiesbaar
Renumber current Articles 23ff to 24ff		
Hernummer de huidige artikelen Articles 23 e.v. tot 24 e.v.		

b) Change in Statutes: Position of Secretary General in relation to the position of Managing Director

The IKF Council proposed to clarify the relationship between the President, Secretary General, and Managing Director for cases where the Council appoints the Secretary General as Managing Director.

In accordance with the Statutes, this proposal has been shared with the Membership three months before the date of the General Meeting. No questions or comments regarding this proposed change have been received.

The proposed changes were approved unanimously by the General Meeting.

The following changes were approved:

Article	***Current text***	***New text applicable from 28 October 2023***
12.1 (English)		(f) Supervise the Headquarters of the IKF, the IKF Executive Director, and the administration of the IKF, or designate one of the other members of the Executive Committee to do so.

12.1 (Dutch)		(f) Houdt toezicht op het bureau, de IKF Executive Director en de administratie van de IKF, of wijst een van de andere leden van de Executive Committee aan om dit te doen.

12.4	The Secretary General shall: (a) Supervise the Headquarters of the IKF, the IKF Executive Director, and the administration of the IKF.	Remove Clause (a); Renumber Clause (b)ff to (a)ff
12.4	De Secretaris Generaal: (a) Houdt toezicht op het bureau, de IKF Executive Director en de administratie van de IKF.	Verwijder Lid (a); Hernummer Lid (b) e.v. tot (a) e.v.

c) Change in Statutes: General Meetings of Continental Confederations

The IKF Council proposes that such meetings can be held in online or hybrid format, similar to the IKF General Meetings. Note that this is effectively already current practice in some of the continents.

In accordance with the Statutes, this proposal has been shared with the Membership three months before the date of the General Meeting. No questions or comments regarding this proposed change have been received.

The proposed changes were approved unanimously by the General Meeting.

The following changes were approved to add the following text to Clause 14.3(b):

Article	***New text applicable from 28 October 2023***
14.3(b): (English)	In exceptional circumstances, the Executive Committee of the Continental Confederation may decide to convene a remote General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting using an online meeting application with video capabilities. Such Meeting may also be held in hybrid form, that is with part of the membership present at the place of the Meeting, and another part of the membership present online.
14.3(b): (Dutch)	In uitzonderlijke omstandigheden mag de Executive Committee van een continentale organisatie besluiten om een Algemene Vergadering of Buitengewone Algemene Vergadering van de continentale organisatie op afstand te houden, gebruik makend van een online vergaderingsapplicatie met videomogelijkheden. Een dergelijke Vergadering mag ook in een hybride vorm worden gehouden, zodat een deel van de leden op de locatie van de Vergadering aanwezig zijn, en een ander deel van de leden online aanwezig zijn.

15. Changes in the Disciplinary Procedures (attached)

a) Change in Disciplinary Procedures: Online Hearings

The IKF Council proposed that the hearings of the Disciplinary Committee can be held in online or hybrid format.

In accordance with the Statutes, this proposal has been shared with the Membership three months before the date of the General Meeting. No questions or comments regarding this proposed change have been received.

The proposed changes were approved unanimously by the General Meeting.

Therefore, the following changes in the Disciplinary Procedures were approved:

Article	***New text applicable from 28 October 2023***
6.7 (a) (Add text)	The Disciplinary Committee may decide for the hearing to take place using an online meeting application with video capabilities.

16. Composition of the Executive Committee

a) Election of the President (Article 10.2(a)(i))

President Jan FRANSOO (NED) has indicated at the General Meeting held in 2019 his desire that the current term would be his last. The IKF Executive Committee has conducted a search in 2019 that identified Mr Gabi KOOL (NED) as an excellent candidate for the Presidency of the IKF. The Council has co-opted Mr KOOL as a member of the Executive Committee in January 2022, and he has assumed the role of Chair of the Executive Committee as per 1 June 2022, with President FRANSOO ceding to exercise his right to attend and vote in the meeting of the Executive Committee.

Following the request of the IKF Council, KNKV (NED) has nominated Mr KOOL as a candidate for the position of the 8th President of the International Korfball Federation.

The Council hence proposed Mr KOOL to be elected as President.

No other nominations for the position of President have been received.

Mr Kool was elected President of the IKF by unanimous acclamation.

b) Election of the Members of the Executive Committee (Article 10.2(a)(iii))

In accordance with the Statutes, the following have completed their elected term of office:

- Ms Anita DERKS (NED)
- Ms Danielle RUTS (BEL)

Ms DERKS has indicated she is available for a further term. The Council hence proposes Ms DERKS to be elected for a second term.

Ms RUTS has indicated she is not available for a further term.

No nominations for the position of Member of the Executive Committee and the Council have been received by the required date, hence Ms DERKS shall be declared elected, and one vacancy remains open to this date. Mr. KOOL will continue with the search for a candidate to fill in the vacancy in the Executive Committee. This new Member of the Exco shall be appointed as Treasurer by the Council. Candidates interested in the position of Member of the IKF Executive Committee with competency for the Treasury are requested to contact Mr. KOOL.

Ms DERKS was elected member of the executive committee of the IKF by acclamation.

17. Confirmation of the election of the Regional Vice-Presidents

In accordance with the IKF Statutes, the Regional Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the respective Continental Confederations of the IKF.

IKF Africa have held their elections in 2022. Mr Tarirai CHADEBAH (ZIM) has been elected president of IKF Africa. Since none of the elected members of the Executive Committee of IKF Africa are from a country that is a full member of the IKF, the position of IKF Vice-President for Africa will remain vacant.

IKF Americas does not yet have any (full) members in the IKF, and hence this position will remain vacant until an Associate Member in the Americas reaches (Full) Member status.

IKF Asia, IKF Oceania and IKF Europe had their General Meetings in October in Taipei. The IKF Asia elected President is Mr Inglish HUANG (TPE). The IKF Oceania elected President is Mr Tim MILLER (AUS). The elected IKF Europe president is Mr Yves DAELMANS (BEL). These are the three people nominated for the respective three positions of Regional Vice-President of the IKF. The General Meeting approved by acclamation these Regional Vice-Presidents as Members of the IKF Council.

18. Election of the Members of the General Meeting Committees

a) Members of the Auditing Committee

Three Members shall be elected. In accordance with the Statutes the following have completed their elected term of office as Member of the Auditing Committee and are eligible for re-election

- Mr Jan Beunder (NED) (eligible for a final third term)
- Mr Danny FONTEYNE (BEL) (eligible for a second term)
- Mr Chris WEST (ENG) (eligible for a second term)

No further nominations have been received, hence Mr. BEUNDER, Mr. FONTEYNE and Mr. WEST were declared elected at the Meeting, in accordance with Article 9.12(c) of the IKF Statutes.

The Members of the Auditing Committee shall elect one of their members as chair.

b) Deputy Members of the Auditing Committee

Two Deputy Members shall be elected. In accordance with the Statutes the following have completed their elected term of office as Member of the Auditing Committee and are eligible for re-election:

- Mr. Hajime SHINOHARA (JPN) (eligible for a second term)
- Ms. Ute WICKENHÄUSER (GER) (eligible for a second term)

No further nominations have been received, hence Mr. SHINOHARA and Ms. WICKENHÄUSER were declared elected at the Meeting, in accordance with Article 9.12(c) of the IKF Statutes.

c) Disciplinary Committee

Seven Members shall be elected.

The following Members have indicated they are not available to continue for a further term:

- Bert KOSMEIJER (NED)
- Ngaire SMITH (NZL)

The following Members are eligible for a further term:

- Jan DE NEF (BEL)
- Martina BOUMAN (CZE)
- Sarah VERSTRAELEN (BEL)
- Siu Ching TAI (HKG)
- Anne Van VEGCHEL (NED)

KNKV (NED) has nominated Mr. Gert DIJKSTRA and Mr. Gerrit LOLKEMA for the Disciplinary Committee. The Council proposed to elect both as Members of the Disciplinary Committee.

No further nominations have been received, hence these seven candidates were declared elected at the Meeting, in accordance with Article 9.12(c) of the IKF Statutes.

d) Appeals Committee

Seven Members shall be elected.

The following Members have indicated they are not available to continue for a further term:

- Frank BACKX (NED)
- Tarirai CHADEBAH (ZIM)

The following Members are eligible for a further term:

- Graham CRAFTER (ENG)
- Jan VAN DEN BERGHE (BEL)
- Marjan DE JONG (NED)

- Pedro BERJANO DE OLIVEIRA (POR)
- Mr Michael SPENCER (AUS)

KNKV (NED) has nominated Mr. Frans WALVIS for the Appeals Committee.

CTKA (TPE) has nominated Mr. Yu-Tang WEN for the Appeals Committee

The Council proposed to elect both as Members of the Appeals Committee.

No further nominations have been received, hence these seven candidates were declared elected at the Meeting, in accordance with Article 9.12(c) of the IKF Statutes.

e. **Ethics Committee**

Five Members shall be elected.

Mr Jean-Claude GHILLEBERT (BEL) has indicated he is not available to continue for a further term.

The following Members are eligible for a further term:

- Graham Crafter (ENG)
- Pedro BERJANO DE OLIVEIRA (POR)
- Corrie NOOM (NED)
- Ursula CHEER (NZL)

HKCKA (HKG) has nominated Ms. Sharon CHIU for the Ethics Committee.

The Council proposed to elect her as Member of the Ethics Committee.

No further nominations have been received, hence these five candidates were declared elected at the Meeting, in accordance with Article 9.12(c) of the IKF Statutes.

19. Items brought forward from the Congress or from the Continental Confederations

Gabi Kool made a recap of the items coming out of the IKF Korfball World Congress 2023 that need follow up in the coming years.

20. International Tournament Calendar

The International tournament calendar for korfball and beach korfball for the next four years was presented.

There are still many events without hosts. It is very important that countries apply for hosting events.

21. Postponement of the Approval of the Annual Reports 2023 and 2024 until the General Meeting of 2025

In line with Netherlands legislation we need these permissions in order to be able to have our General Meeting on a biannual basis.

22. Place and Date of the next General Meeting

The IKF will send out a call for hosting the 2025 General Meeting and Congress in early 2024.

23. Any other business

Patrick Risch highlighted the need for sustainability in future events of IKF.

24. Closure

At the end of the General Meeting, the Sports Ministry of Taipei addressed the General Meeting and awarded Mr Jan FRANSOO the highest level of award in the field of education in Chinese Taipei, the First Class Medal for Contribution to the Field of Education, for his contribution and

outstanding performance in promoting korfball internationally and for his invaluable support in the development in Chinese Taipei.

The Secretary General, Ms Joana FARIA, addressed the General Meeting and thanked Jan FRANSOO for his long time serving in the IKF and for his invaluable work during the 26 years of service to the IKF (6 years as Secretary General and 20 years as President). She highlighted his outstanding contribution, long-standing commitment, and exceptional leadership that shaped the development and growth of korfball worldwide. She expressed the gratitude of the IKF and its members for his vision and dedication throughout his presidency.

In recognition of his remarkable work and his extreme dedication to korfball and the IKF throughout his life, the IKF Council has decided to award Jan FRANSOO with the Honorary Life President distinction.

Let us honour his legacy by continuing to build a global Korfball community that stands as a beacon of unity, respect, equality and fair play.

The president of the Dutch Korfball Association, KNKV, Irene van Rijsewijk, addressed the General Meeting and announced that the board of KNKV has decided to appoint Jan FRANSOO, as an honorary member of the KNKV.

The president of the Belgian Korfball Association, KBKB, Patrick Risch, also addressed the General Meeting and announced that the board of KBKB has decided to appoint Jan FRANSOO, as an honorary member of the KBKB.

Jan FRANSOO closed the General Meeting thanking to all the volunteers and to the world korfball community for all the support and for following his vision throughout the years.