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Minutes for the General Meeting of the
International Korfball Federation

held on Saturday 30 October 2021
in Antwerp, Belgium

at 9:00 AM CET



1. Opening and Announcements

a) Opening

The president opened the meeting welcoming everyone to Antwerp

b) President's Address

The President addressed the General Meeting:

Presidents, Secretary Generals, and other representatives of our Continental Confederations and our National Organizations,

Colleagues on the IKF Council,

Members of IKF Committees,

And those of you distinguished by the IKF for your contribution to the development of korfball, of which I would like to especially mention our honorary members, Frank

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Buvens, Frans Walvis and Erik Buizer, and the bearer of the IKF Badge of Honour Peter Allan.

It is the very first time we hold our General Meeting in hybrid format, and I would like to specifically welcome our online attendees from around the world, especially those in the western hemisphere that have come out of bed in the middle of the night.

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome all of you – whether online or present in-person - to the General Meeting of the International Korfball Federation, here in Antwerp, Belgium. In 2003, we held our General Meeting in the Netherlands, on the occasion of the centenary of the Royal Dutch Korfball Federation. This year, we are here in Antwerp on the occasion of the centenary of the Royal Belgian Korfball Federation. Two days ago, we had a wonderful evening celebrating one hundred years of organized korfball in Belgium, and for our records of our General Meeting, I would like to congratulate again the KBKB with their 100th anniversary, and thank them for organizing a fabulous week here in Antwerp with our Congress, our General Meeting, the the European Korfball Championship. Please join me in thanking the KBKB and its President Danielle Ruts!

It actually was here in Antwerp, 88 years ago, that the IKF was founded, and our first President, Nico Broekhuijzen, was elected. Since then, the IKF has always had a tradition of smooth leadership transitions, with the incumbent Council proposing a new President to the General Assembly. Two years ago, in 2019, it was my plan to step down. However, the search committee at the time could not find a suitable candidate and requested me to stand for one final term. I could not have imagined how difficult that term would be, with the pandemic hitting us very hard as a global sport. Only this month, we have been able to gradually restart international competitions. Even worse, in many countries korfball players have been banned for extended periods of time from enjoying their favourite pastime. Many of our national organizations have been hit very hard, and have lost playing members. Particularly our small member organizations have suffered, and we currently estimate that

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maybe 15 or more member organizations may be at the verge of collapse or have collapsed. Over the next two years, one of our main priorities is to help these members to the very extent possible, and I invite all D, and E countries to take advantage of the opportunities that the IKF Covid Recovery Fund offers. Moreover, I would like to encourage our A and B countries to provide support to the extent possible for our C, D, and E countries. Your neighbours need you.

As I mentioned two years ago in Durban, this term will definitely be my last term. It is therefore with great pleasure that I can inform you that the IKF Council has succeeded in finding a fabulous person that is ready and available to lead the IKF to its next phase of development. Mr Gabi Kool is present here. The intention is that from the second quarter of 2022, he will join the IKF Executive Committee, will start working on a number of projects, and gradually take over the effective leadership of the IKF some time during the next year. Formally, I will then step down as President at our next General Meeting, and the Council will then formally propose him as your next President. I am extremely happy that Gabi has been willing to step up and take on the challenge. His wide industry and commercial experience, his global outlook, and his korfbal roots will bring new insights, expertise, and energy into the leadership of the IKF. Given what I have seen over the last few days, I have full confidence in the trust that you as members will have in Gabi Kool as the next IKF President. Gabi, welcome on board!

At the Congress, I presented the work that we have been conducting over the past year, and the tasks that lie ahead of us. In the next few years, we will need to also start a fundamental discussion in terms of how our values as a mixed gender sport can remain leading, innovative, and inclusive in a world where these values have been adopted more and more by other sports.

For the first 100 years of korfbal, we have been the world's unique mixed-gender team sport, and in many countries our sport has played and still plays an important role to strengthen the position of women and to strengthen gender equality. Only very recently, I was happily surprised to hear that korfbal has become an official



part of the school curriculum in Morocco, the first predominantly Muslim country in the world to do so. However, other sports are catching up with us. At youth level, in an increasing number of countries, team sports do not distinguish any more between gender: boys and girls alike play together in a team. At an elite level, a sport like flying disc does not distinguish any more between gender. At the Olympic Games, mixed events have been extremely successful. While these events are mostly still aggregations of individual events, I believe that it will only be a matter of time before a sport like for instance 3on3 basketball could develop a mixed-gender variant. Such developments threaten our very existence, and our unique proposition. With global discussion now taking place on gender identity, and broader forms of inclusion, we need to carefully think about our position. Following a discussion that will need to take place over the next few years, and probably very much tied to our discussion on the small korfbal format, we need to consider how we can again move to be in the lead of equality and inclusion, while innovating more rapidly a number of fundamental principles of our game. I personally believe that in terms of the way we live our values of equality and inclusion we are still way ahead of virtually all other sports, but we need to be much more explicit about how this is displayed on the pitch. I invite all of you to be part of this discussion, and continue this exchange of thoughts over the next few years.

With that, it is my privilege to declare our General Meeting open.

The President continued by awarding a number of distinctions:

I would like to take this opportunity to honour a few people that have provided extensive service over many years to the IKF as a volunteer. All four of them have stepped down in the past two years, or will do so by the end of this year, and the IKF Council considered it a good moment to honour them here.

I would first like to honour Mr Leo Heere. Leo unfortunately could not be here today. Leo has been a member of the IKF Medical Committee since it was instated in 1985. He will step down at the end of this year, implying a service to the IKF of 36 years.

Since its establishment of the IKF Therapeutics Exemption Committee, following the adoption of the World Anti Doping Code in 2004, Leo has also been a member of that committee and taken care of the entire process of granting such exemptions. Over the years, Leo has provided us many times with advise, including the evaluation of event medical plans, and on the medical aspects of changes in competition regulations specifically regarding the length of matches. Over the last decade, much of his work focused on anti-doping. Already for quite some time, Leo had indicated already his desire to step down. It was however hard to find a sufficient number of sports doctors to fill our committee, so fortunately he has continued to make himself available. Now that the medical committee is again at full strength, Leo can finally step down. I have full trust that he will continue to be available in the background, as I understand from the current Medical Committee chair that Leo is still very active, aware, and involved. For his extensive service to the IKF over this period of 36 years, the IKF Council has awarded him with the IKF Badge of Honour. We will present the award to him at a later date. Please join me in honouring Mr Leo Heere.

The next person I would like to honour is Mr Gerrit van der Beek. I would like to request Gerrit to come forward.

Gerrit van der Beek started his international career as a referee. He was on the international list from 1992 until 2000; according to our likely incomplete records, he refereed a total of 25 matches. His first match was in 1993, where he refereed in the qualifying round of the Europa Cup, the match between Armsikopi from Armenia and Godollo from Hungary, with a result 14-11 in favour of Armsikopi. The highlight of his career was undoubtedly his appointment at the 1995 World Korfball Championship in Delhi, India. Following his career as an active referee, Gerrit was a member of the Referees Committee since 2006. Further, he fulfilled roles as Referee course instructor, Referee tournament coordinator, and Referee assessor. Together with Walter, he introduced the use of video as part of referee assessing. At least two members of the current IKF Council have been formally assessed by Gerrit, but I do not have the liberty of sharing these assessments. I should also

mention that Gerrit has been very much involved in running the referee operation on a day-to-day basis, such as the administration of all appointments, and the logistics and laundry of the referee clothing. For his service to the IKF over such a long period of time, the IKF Council has awarded Mr Gerrit van der Beek the IKF Badge of Honour.

Next, I would like to ask Mr Walter Eijsink to come forward.

Walter Eijsink has been an international referee from 1991 until 2002, with a total of what we believe to be 40 matches. His first match was in 1991, two years before Gerrit's first match, also in the playoffs of the Europa Cup, with Armsikopi from Armenia beating Rode Lew from Luxemburg by 32-3. The highlights of Walter's career were undoubtedly his appointments at the World Games in Lahti in 1997 and the IKF World Championship in Adelaide in 1999. His most memorable career match was the match between Belgium and the Czech Republic at the European Championship in 2002, which was the first time ever that Belgium lost a match to a team different from the Netherlands. Following his career as an active referee, Walter was a member of the Referees Committee since 2004. Further, he fulfilled roles as Referee tournament coordinator and Referee assessor. I personally also very well remember Walter from before he joined the international list, as he was a number of times a volunteer referee at the European University Korfball Championship, where we went with a team of referees and officials from the Netherlands in a minibus to events in Poland and Hungary. For his service to the IKF over such a long period of time, the IKF Council has awarded he IKF Badge of Honour to Mr Walter Eijsink.

Finally, I would like to ask Mr Jan Sjardijn to step forward.

Also Jan Sjardijn started his international career as a referee, albeit that with 10 matches his career was much shorter than Walter's and Gerrit's. Jan Sjardijn joined the IKF Playing Rules Committee in 2008, and was hence part of a number of major changes in the Playing Rules, and a major simplification of the Playing Rules. In 2012, he joined the European Competitions Working Group, later to become chair



of the working group, and hence member of the Competitions Committee. He has served numerous times as Jury Member, Jury Chair, and Coordinating Officer. Unfortunately, our records of these are not up to date, so I can't mention specific numbers, but it is safe to say that within Europe there is probably not a national organization that has not had close interaction with Jan whether as host or as participant. He has built up an extensive network of friends across Europe. Specifically, and especially during the past few years, Jan has worked extensively on training new volunteers in their roles as Coordinating Officer, greatly expanding the number of people that we now have available. Finally, Jan has also been an office volunteer, when due to a long-term illness and absence of our office secretary, the office was understaffed. For his your service to the IKF across so many different domains, the IKF Council has awarded Jan Sjardijn the IKF Badge of Honour.

c) Presentation of the World Korfball Awards

The President then proceeded by announcing the winners of the IKF World Korfball Awards:

- ***IKF World Korfball Award for Excellence in Governance – winner: FÉDÉRATION SUISSE DE KORFBALL***

The management of a national organisation is of great importance to the development of korfball. This award recognises a federation that is still very young, but clearly demonstrates such governance. This Federation is the Swiss Korfball Federation.

Swiss Korfball developed a 5-year strategic plan which was called the "Swiss Korfball Agenda 2023". This 5-year plan included clear objectives with yearly milestones, around the themes (1) Governance, (2) Growth and (3) Knowledge sharing. The yearly milestones are annually reviewed, adapted and confirmed during the General Assembly Meeting and used as roadmap for the Swiss Korfball Board.



Swiss Korfball is also very responsive to requests and requirements from the IKF. Switzerland is also an active participant in our Erasmus+ projects. The World Korfball Award for Excellence in Governance will be presented by IKF Senior Vice President Danielle Ruts to Geert Hendriks, Vice President of Swiss Korfball.

- **IKF World Korfball Award for Best Grassroots Development** – winner: ASOCIACIÓN DE KORFBALL ARGENTINA

This award will be presented to the Asociación de Korfball Argentina. Over the past years, the association has grown tremendously in a country that is vast, with korfball being played as far North as the Iguazu Falls and as far South as Tierra del Fuego. As we discussed in our Congress, equipment availability at affordable costs is a challenge. Over the past two years, the Argentinean Federation has started manufacturing its own korfs, with great success. Korfs are now being produced in 6 colors, at one-third of the price, and made available for other countries in Latin America. Also, low-cost poles and bases are provided.

The World Korfball Award for Best Grassroots Development will be presented by Jorge Alves to Jorge Diaz, President of the Asociación de Korfball Argentina.

- **IKF World Korfball Award for Best Elite Development** – was not presented this year because there were no international tournaments held since January 2020 making it impossible to assess the elite development of countries.

- **IKF World Korfball Award for Best Event** – winners: EKCA (BEL) - KONINKLIJKE BELGISCHE KORFBALBOND, and EKCB (POL) - POLSKI ZWIAZEK KORFBALLU

Due to the pandemic, very few events have been held over the past two years. In order to get over the pandemic restrictions, event organisers have

been operating under great uncertainty and the IKF required huge flexibility. With rapidly changing restrictions, event preparations times have been very short. Today, we want to recognize jointly the organisers of this year's two European Championships: the EKCB in Poland and the EKCA in Belgium, and thank them for the persistence in making these events happen at such short notice.

The World Korfball Award for Best Event will be presented by Gert Dijkstra and Anita Derks, jointly to Yves Daelmans, Member of the Board of the KBKB, and Iwona Zak, President of the Polish Korfball Federation.

- **IKF World Korfball Award for Innovation** – winner: HONG KONG CHINA KORFBALL ASSOCIATION

This award will be presented to the Hong Kong China Korfball Association. Over many years, the HKCKA has been very successful in leveraging the unique character of korfball for publicity and connecting this to large brands and famous singers and actors. Hong Kong Korfball Players featured in a mini documentary that was an advertisement for Sony cameras, that was show in full length on social media, and as a short clip across all of Hong Kong. Recently, there have also been TV activities engaging famous singers and actors with korfball. Continuously, the HKCKA are thinking about raising awareness for korfball by associating themselves with strong consumer brands and TV personalities.

The World Korfball Award for Innovation will be presented by Bjorn Elewaut to Warman Cheng, Chairman of the Hong Kong China Korfball Association.

d) Verification of credentials

The IKF Secretary General made the roll call.

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The IKF (full) members absent from the meeting were Russia and South Africa. India was also not present due to its on going suspension.

There were no proxy votes.

In the beginning of the meeting there were 56 votes (95%) present at the General Meeting, having the absolute majority as 28 votes and the special majority as 42 votes.

Indonesia only joined the meeting at item 12 of the Agenda. From this moment on, there were 57 votes present on the meeting with the absolute majority of 29 votes and the special majority of 43 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 a hybrid format following the Statutes' Changes adopted by the Extraordinary General Meeting earlier that date, making this accessible online to those that were unable to travel to Belgium.

The following apologies of absence were received: Ms Valerie CRAFTER (Badge of honour); Peter van VLIET (Pin of Merit); Jean FREDERICKX (Badge of Honour); Paul JEANES (Pin of Merit); Daniel de RUDDER (Pin of Merit)

f) Obituaries

The President made the following address:

Dear friends,

Since the last General Assembly, we have lost two icons that have left a lasting mark on the global position of korfbal and on our Federation: Bob de Die and Ton Marteiijn.

In March 2020, Bob de Die, Honorary Life President of the IKF, passed away at the age of 86 at his residence in the Netherlands, in the company of his wife Margareth.

Bob de Die will be remembered as the sixth President of the IKF, serving in that position from 1988 until 2003. During his Presidency, the IKF obtained recognition by the Global Association of International Sports Federations and later by the International Olympic Committee. During his prior vice-presidency, from 1981 until 1988, korfbal entered into the program of The World Games. From 1993 until 2005 he also served as Senior Vice-President of the International World Games Association. Bob was truly engaged with the development of the sport, having a particular impact on the development of the international competition calendar and the embedding in international multi-sports bodies.

Bob was awarded the Honorary Life Presidency of the International Korfball Federation upon his retirement in 2003. At that time, he was also awarded the Olympic Order for his extensive service of many decades to the Olympic Movement. He was also an Officer in the Knighthood of Orange-Nassau, and a Honorary Life Member of the Royal Netherlands Korfball Association. In 2005, he received the GAISF Award for his service to sports.

Bob de Die brought me into the IKF as a volunteer administrator and later on convinced me to take on the job as Secretary General in 1997. From that period onwards, he has had a major impact on my personal development as a sports administrator. I will remember him for his positive and realistic outlook, and for ensuring me that good governance is what matters across sports.

In March of this year, IKF Honorary Member Ton Marteiijn, passed away at age 93 at his home in the Netherlands. Marteiijn served as Secretary General of the International Korfball Federation from 1984 until 1997.

Prior to that, Ton was a referee at the elite level, following which he started as a referee instructor. He conducted courses all over the globe, with an emphasis on the United States and in Asia, including the very first referee course in India

in 1985 and in Chinese Taipei in 1986. Over many years, together with korfball's coaching education icon Adrie "Swan" Zwaanswijk, he led the international korfball Summer course at Papendal in the Netherlands.

The international korfball community will remember Ton Marteiijn as an extremely committed developer of the sport of korfball across the globe, with a very clear and often uncompromising view on the direction the development of our sport would need to take. Korfball globally would be different if it were not for the many contributions that Ton Marteiijn has made. This evening, the winner of the European Korfball Championship will receive the Trophy, which for many years has been named after him.

Just last month, all of us in the global korfball community, were shocked by the sudden death of Jano Huang at the young age of only 40 years. Jano until recently served as Secretary General of the Chinese Taipei Korfball Association. Just two years ago, at our previous congress and general meeting, Jano Huang was the leader of the Chinese Taipei delegation that made a successful bid to host the 2023 IKF World Korfball Championship in Taipei. In Chinese Taipei, over the past 8 years, he has organized single-handedly at least 30 championship tournaments, including also various international competitions in Hsinchu. Jano was a magician in terms of getting people committed to contribute to the development of korfball in Chinese Taipei. His energy, positivism, extreme work ethic, and never-ending smile will make us remember him. We wish all the best to his wife Jill and his two young sons.

I now request all of you to stand up for a few moments to remember, Bob, Ton, and Jano.

g) Voting scrutineers

According to the IKF Statutes it is necessary to have three voting scrutineers to monitor all the voting process. The Council nominated Mr. Kees RODENBURG

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(NED), Mr. David VAN DEN BOSCH (BEL) and Mr Frank BUVENS (IKF Honorary Member), as scrutineers.

No other nominations were received and the three nominees were hence elected by acclamation. All voting in the meeting took place via online ballot. Those not casting their electronic ballot were counted as “abstentions”.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 9 August 2019 in Durban, South Africa

The General Meeting adopted the Minutes of this Meeting with the following voting results: In favour – 47; Abstention – 9; Against – 0.

Indonesia was not in the meeting at this moment.

3. Annual Report for the year 2019*

There were no comments to the report.

4. Financial Report for the year 2019 and associated report of the Auditing Committee (contained in the Annual Report 2019)

There were no comments to the report.

5. Approval of the accounts for the year 2019

The General Meeting approved the accounts with the following voting results: In favour – 50; Abstention – 6; Against – 0.

Indonesia was not in the meeting at this moment.

6. Discharge of the Council for the year 2019

The General Meeting discharged the Council with the following voting results: In favour – 49; Abstention – 7; Against – 0.

Indonesia was not in the meeting at this moment

7. Annual Report for the year 2020*

There were no comments to the report.

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Indonesia was not in the meeting at this moment

11. Subscriptions and levies for 2022 and 2023

The Treasurer addressed the meeting and explained the proposals for the subscriptions and levies for 2022 and 2023.

The proposed subscriptions and levies were adopted by the General Meeting with the following voting results: In favour – 47; Abstention – 9; Against – 0.

Indonesia was not in the meeting at this moment.

12. Budgets for 2022 and 2023

The Treasurer provided an explanation for the budgets, stressing in particular that the surplus during the Covid-19 period was partially invested to strengthen the Federation’s balance, while most of it will be invested in a post-Covid-19 development recovery fund, available during 2022 and 2023.

The proposed budgets were approved with the following voting results: In favour – 49; Abstention – 7; Against – 0.

Indonesia was not in the meeting at this moment.

The President thanked the Treasurer and Financial Administrator for their work.

13. Membership

a) One membership application is pending verification and may be presented at the General Meeting

IKF have received an application of Asociación Peruana de Korfball to become an IKF Associate Member.

After analysing the documents sent and the korfball situation in Peru, the IKF Council proposed to the General Meeting to approve the membership of Asociación Peruana de Korfball.

The application of Asociación Peruana de Korfball to become an IKF member was approved with the following voting results: In favour – 53; Abstention – 3; Against – 0.

The President welcomed APEKO and congratulated its President Javier Rojas Durand with this decision.

b) The Council does not propose any of the current Associate Members to become (Full) Member

Mr Geert Hendriks (SUI) requested clarification of the requirements to become a (Full) Member of the IKF. The President explained that any Associate Member can apply to the Council to be proposed to the General Meeting as a Member. The Council uses a frame of reference with a set of criteria. This frame of reference is included on the IKF documents page on the website.

c) Withdrawal of the Belarus Korfball Federation (BKF) as IKF Member

The Belarus Korfball Federation has announced its withdrawal as IKF Member due to the difficulties of developing korfball in Belarus. The President informs the General Meeting about this announcement which the Council had to accept. The IKF currently count 69 member countries.

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

The President provided an update to the General Meeting on the status of the suspension of the Korfball Federation of India and requested the General Meeting whether there are any objections to extending the mandate of the Council to lift the suspension as soon as the KFI as met its obligations for change. Mr Peter Busik (SVK) asked whether the Indian Korfball Committee (interim) is still functional. The President responded that the IKC (interim) has

not been able to realise any substantial solution, nor have they been able to keep up korfbal activities and hence the Council considers the IKC (interim) not to be functional at the moment. Members of the IKC are still occasionally consulted on certain matters.

The Council will continue to work on this and will keep members apprised of any progress.

14. Changes in the Statutes

The IKF Council proposed a series of changes in the statutes as follows:

Current text	New text (English)	New text (Dutch)
3.5 For convenience and clarity, the masculine gender is used and shall be interpreted to include the feminine gender as appropriate.	3.5 For convenience and clarity, the masculine gender is used and shall be interpreted to include anyone regardless of gender identity as appropriate.	3.5 Ten bate van eenvoud en duidelijkheid wordt het mannelijke geslacht gebruikt en wordt dit geduid als zijnde inclusief iedereen onafhankelijk van geslachtsidentiteit in voorkomende gevallen.
(new)	10.3(a) Each Council member is guided by the interests of the Federation when fulfilling his duties. The duties of the Council member include all management duties that are assigned solely to him following these Statutes. He is fully liable for improper management, unless no serious blame can be made and he has not been negligent in taking measures to avert	10.3 (a) Elk lid van de <i>Council</i> wordt geleid door de belangen van de <i>Federation</i> bij de uitvoering van zijn taken. De taken van de leden van de <i>Council</i> omvatten alle bestuurstaken die alleen aan hem toebehoren in overeenstemming met deze Statuten. Hij is volledig aansprakelijk voor onbehoorlijk bestuur, tenzij hem geen ernstig verwijt kan

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	<p>the consequences of mismanagement. If it concerns a matter that belongs to two or more Council members, each of them is fully liable in respect of a shortcoming, unless this matter is not due to him and he has not been negligent in taking measures to mitigate the consequences.</p>	<p>worden gemaakt en hij niet nalatig is geweest in het treffen van maatregelen om de gevolgen van onbehoorlijk bestuur af te wenden. Indien het een aangelegenheid betreft die aan twee of meer leden van de <i>Council</i> toebehoort, is elk van hen ten volle aansprakelijk voor een tekortkoming, tenzij deze aangelegenheid hem niet kan worden toegerekend en hij niet nalatig is geweest in het treffen van maatregelen om de gevolgen ervan te beperken.</p>
(new)	<p>10.3 (b) If a Council member has a direct or indirect personal interest that conflicts with the interests of the IKF, the Council member concerned is not authorised to participate in the consultations or decision-making processes regarding this interest.</p>	<p>10.3 (b) Indien een lid van de <i>Council</i> een direct of indirect persoonlijk belang heeft dat strijdig is met de belangen van de IKF, is het betreffende lid van de <i>Council</i> niet bevoegd deel te nemen aan het overleg of de besluitvorming over dit belang.</p>
(renumber current clauses)	<p>Renumber current clause 10.3 (a)-(c) to 10.3 (c)-(e)</p>	
(new)	<p>9.11(i) In addition to the procedures available in a physically convened, remote, or hybrid General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting, the Council may in exceptional circumstances, ask Members to vote on</p>	<p>9.11(i) In aanvulling op de procedures die beschikbaar zijn in een fysiek bijeengeroepen, op afstand gehouden of hybride Algemene Vergadering of Buitengewone Algemene Vergadering, kan de <i>Council</i></p>

	<p>motions in the periods between duly convened General Meetings. Such circumstances may be when the taking of a rapid decision that the Council considers to be beyond its independent authority is vital for the well-being of the IKF, or when the General or Extraordinary General Meeting has given prior instructions for the conduct of a vote on a specific issue. In such circumstances, two options are available: (1) an Extraordinary General Meeting using an online meeting application with video capabilities; and (2) mail votes using regular or electronic mail. For mail votes, the proposals to be voted on shall be circulated in writing and Members shall be allowed a minimum of thirty (30) days to vote; failure to reply shall constitute an abstention. A mail vote is valid provided that the quorum and majorities specified in 9.9, 9.10, and 9.11 are respected and that the Members voted before the end of the period that the Council orders for voting.</p>	<p>in uitzonderlijke omstandigheden leden vragen om te stemmen over voorstellen in de perioden tussen naar behoren bijeengeroepen Algemene Vergaderingen. Dergelijke omstandigheden kunnen zich voordoen wanneer het nemen van een snelle beslissing die de <i>Council</i> buiten zijn onafhankelijke bevoegdheid acht van vitaal belang is voor het welzijn van de IKF, of wanneer de Algemene of Buitengewone Algemene Vergadering vooraf instructies heeft gegeven voor het houden van een stemming over een specifieke kwestie. In dergelijke omstandigheden zijn er twee mogelijkheden: (1) een Buitengewone Algemene Vergadering met behulp van een online vergaderapplicatie met videomogelijkheden; en (2) stemmingen per post met behulp van gewone of elektronische post. Bij stemming per brief worden de voorstellen waarover gestemd moet worden schriftelijk verspreid en krijgen de leden minimaal dertig (30) dagen de tijd om te stemmen; niet antwoorden geldt als onthouding. Een stemming per</p>
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		brief is geldig mits het quorum en de meerderheden als bedoeld in 9.9, 9.10 en 9.11 in acht worden genomen en de leden hun stem hebben uitgebracht vóór het einde van de periode die de <i>Council</i> voor de stemming heeft vastgesteld.
(correct faulty article reference in clause 31.1) These Statutes may be amended, added to or rescinded by a resolution of the General Meeting passed by a Special Majority. No such resolution shall be submitted to the General Meeting unless the prior notice in Article 30.3 has been respected.	Replace “30.3” by “9.5” in Clause 31.1	Vervang “30.3” door “9.5” in Lid 31.1

No enquiries or comments have been submitted by the Members, and no questions were raised during the Meeting. A change of Statutes requires a Special Majority: with 56 votes present, at least 42 votes in favor were required.

The General Meeting approved the changes with the following voting results: In favour – 52; Abstention – 5; Against – 0.

15. Changes in the IKF Code of Ethics

The IKF Council proposed some changes in the IKF Code of Ethics in light of good governance.

The IKF is recognised by the International Olympic Committee, a member of the Association of IOC Recognized International Sports Federations (ARISF), the International World Games Association (IWGA) and the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF).



The changes to the Code of Ethics were approved with the following voting results:
In favour – 53; Abstention – 4; Against – 0.

16. Changes in the IKF Disciplinary Procedures

The IKF Council proposed some changes in the IKF Disciplinary Procedures to allow necessary sanctions related to Covid-19 pandemic measures.

The changes proposed to the IKF Disciplinary Procedures were approved with the following voting results: In favour – 55; Abstention – 2; Against – 0.

17. Composition of the Executive Committee

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

In accordance with the Statutes the following Members of the Executive Committee have completed their elected term of office:

- Mr Björn ELEWAUT (BEL)
- Ms Joana FARIA (POR)

Mr ELEWAUT has indicated he is available for a further term. The IKF Council recommends re-electing Mr. ELEWAUT for a further term.

Ms. FARIA has indicated she is available for a further term. The IKF Council recommends re-electing Ms. FARIA for a further term.

No other nominations for the positions of members of the Council have been received, so Mr Björn ELEWAUT (BEL) and Ms Joana FARIA (POR) were re-elected by acclamation by the GM.

It is the intention of the current Council to re-appoint Ms Joana FARIA (POR) as IKF Secretary General following her re-election.

In April 2020, Mr Kevin ALLEN (ENG) ceased his functions as Exco and Council member leaving a vacancy to be filled.

The IKF launched an open call for candidates and received the application of Mr Jorge ALVES (POR) and has, following the support of the Federação Portuguesa de Corfebol (POR), subsequently co-opted Mr Jorge ALVES as a Member of the Council and a Member of the Executive Committee in line with Clause 10.5(c) of the Statutes, until this General Meeting.

The IKF Council now nominates Mr Jorge ALVES (POR) as a member of the Executive Committee and the Council.

No other nominations for the position of Member of the Executive Committee and the Council have been received.

Mr Jorge ALVES (POR) was elected by acclamation by the GM.

The three members of the Executive Committee now elected signed the Ethics Compliance and the Conflict of Interest Declaration.

18. Election of the Members of the General Meeting Committees

a) Members of the Auditing Committee

Three Members should be elected.

In accordance with the Statutes the following Member of the Auditing Committee have completed their elected term of office

- Ms. Heidi SMETS (BEL)
- Mr. Jan BEUNDER (NED)
- Ms. Samantha WELLS (ENG)

Ms. Heidi SMETS (BEL) has reached the limit of three consecutive terms so she is not eligible for re-election.

Ms. Samantha WELLS (ENG) is not available for a further term.

In accordance with the Statutes, Mr. Jan BEUNDER (NED) is eligible for re-election and is available for a further term.

KBKB (BEL) has proposed Mr. Danny FONTEYNE (BEL) as a Member of the Auditing Committee.

The IKF launched an open call for candidates for the vacancies of this committee and received the application of Mr. Chris WEST (ENG), who has the support of EKA (ENG).

No further nominations have been received, hence Mr. BEUNDER, Mr. FONTEYNE and Mr. WEST were 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 should be elected.

In accordance with the Statutes the following have completed their elected term of office as Member of the Auditing Committee

- Mr. Danny FONTEYNE (BEL)
- Mr. Jeffrey HINNEN (NED)

Mr. Jeffrey HINNEN (NED) is not available for a further term.

JKA (JPN) has nominated Mr. Hajime SHINOHARA for the Auditing Committee..

DTB (GER) has proposed Ms. Ute WICKENHÄUSER as a Deputy Member of the Auditing Committee.

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.

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

In general, IKF Council is happy with the participation of the members in the Congress and having the Congress as a hybrid event allowed for broader participation of the members.

No items were brought forward that needed discussion or an official approval.

20. International Tournament Calendar

The International tournament calendar 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 2021 and 2022 until the General Meeting of 2023

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

Postponement of the Approval of the Annual Reports was approved with the following voting results: In favour – 48; Abstention – 9; Against – 0.

22. Place and Date of the next General Meeting

The General Meeting 2023 will be held in accordance with the IKF World Korfball Championship, hosted by the Chinese Taipei Korfball Association in Taipei (TPE).

Place and date to be defined later and duly communicated to the members.

23. Any other business

No other business has been addressed.

24. Closure of the General Meeting

The president thanked the KBKB for hosting this meeting and thanked everyone, both in-person and online, for attending the meeting.

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