

MINUTES OF THE BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL GOLF FEDERATION TUESDAY 20 OCTOBRE 2020, VIRTUALLY

PRESENT

National Federation Members:

Mustafa Mastoor	Afghanistan Golf Federation
Imran Ali	Afghanistan Golf Federation
Antonio Rodriguez Navarro	Andorra Golf Federation
Miguel Leeson	Asociación Argentina de Golf
Andres Schonbaum	Asociación Argentina de Golf
Johan Verbiest	Belgium Golf Federation
Fanny Cnops	Belgium Golf Federation
Gilles Gbaguidi	Benin Golf Federation
Audiane Bill Cataria	Benin Golf Federation
Rodrigo Rangel Rodrigo	Brazilian Golf Confederation
Cairns Regan	Cayman Islands
Felipe Bertin	Chile Golf
Desiree Soulodre	Chile Golf
Zhang Xiaoning Xiaoning	China Golf Association
Ho Ben	Chinese Taipei Golf Association
Fion Chung Fion	Chinese Taipei Golf Association
Manuel Jimenez	Costa Rica Golf Federation
Emilijo Zubrinic	Croatian Golf Association
Sonja Jelaca	Croatian Golf Association
Kodejs Zdenek	Czech Golf Federation
Libecajt Ales	Czech Golf Federation
Lars Christensen Broch	Dansk Golf Union
Morten Backhausen	Dansk Golf Union
Mohammed Attallah	Egypt Golf Federation
Robert Fiala	Emirates Golf Federation
Richard Flint	England Golf
Edwards Nigel	England Golf
Reane Evert Reane	Estonian Golf Association
Robert Guerra	Federacion Dominicana de Golf
Stefano Manca	Federazione Italiana de Golf
Anna Roscio	Federazione Italiana de Golf
Juha Korhonen	Finnish Golf Union
Maitena Alsuguren	French Golf Federation
Christophe Muniesa	French Golf Federation
Cecile Poncet M.	Gabon Golf federation
Leon-Paul Lobo	Gabon Golf federation
Jovana Trifunovic	Golf Association of Serbia
Andrew Newbold	Golf Australia
Laurence Applebaum	Golf Canada
Liz Hoffman	Golf Canada
Neree Dufirstson	Golf Federation of Haiti
Jean Dunel Rochebrun	Golf Federation of Haiti
Richard Sablan	Guam National Golf Federation
Mario Taracena	Guatemala Golf Association
María Cristina Arenas	Guatemala Golf Association

Peter Doukas	Hellenic Golf Federation
Kenneth Lam	Hong Kong Golf Association
Margaret Hamilton	Hong Kong Golf Association
Hamid Azizi	Islamic Republic of Iran Golf Federation
Shahraki Nazanin	Islamic Republic of Iran Golf Federation
Andy Yamanaka	Japan Golf Association
Hane Alabdallat	Jordan Golf Federation
Ben Omuodo	Kenyan Golf Union
Vincent Wang'ombe	Kenyan Golf Union
Kang Hyung-mo	Korea Golf Association
Ko Sang-won	Korea Golf Association
Santa Puce	Latvian Golf Federation
Karim Salaam	Lebanese Golf Federation
Rachid Akl	Lebanese Golf Federation
Salem Musa Salem	Libyan Golf Federation
Hesen Ali Aboargob Hesen	Libyan Golf Federation
Peter Tinner	Liechtenstein Golf Federation
Christine Tinner-Rampone	Liechtenstein Golf Federation
Markevicius Mindaugas	Lithuanian Golf Federation
Nor Mohd Anwar	Malaysian Golf Association
Merina Gan Merina	Malaysian Golf Association
Jorge Coghlan	Mexican Golf Federation
Brenda Lens	Namibia Golf Federation
Valeriano Floro II Bones	National Golf Association of The Philip
Dean Murphy	New Zealand Golf
Emeh Ekong	Nigeria Golf Federation
Davies Oludare	Nigeria Golf Federation
Masoud Al Barwani Masoud	Oman Golf Association
Jamie Wood	Oman Golf Association
Salman Abbasi Salman	Pakistan Golf Federation
Martin Alarco	Peruvian Golf Federation
Magdalena Villar	Peruvian Golf Federation
Sikora Janusz	Polish Golf Union
Chelmecki Bartlomiej	Polish Golf Union
Sidney Wolf	Puerto Rico Golf Association
Marilina Silen	Puerto Rico Golf Association
Michael Shouairy	Qatar Golf Association
Rachid Sefrioui	Royal Moroccan Golf Federation
Jalil Benazzouz	Royal Moroccan Golf Federation
Caroline Huyskes	Royal Netherlands Golf Federation
Gonzaga Escauriaza	Royal Spanish Golf Federation
Jorge Sagardoy	Royal Spanish Golf Federation
Nikolay Remizov	Russian Golf Association
Marina Minina	Russian Golf Association
Karin Sharp	Scottish Golf Ltd
Baidy Elfeki Agne	Senegalese Golf Federation
Tan Ross	Singapore Golf Association
Lyn Yeo	Singapore Golf Association
Balga Kamil	Slovak Golf Association
Martin Saaiman	South African Golf Association
Maria Möller	Swedish Golf Federation
Gunnar Häkansson	Swedish Golf Federation
Barbara Albisetti	Swiss Golf
Ishwar Achanta	The Indian Golf Union
Ian Pattinson	The R&A
Alick Bisset	The R&A
Maher Bouchamaoui	Tunisia Golf Federation
Ines Abdellatif Piergiovanni	Tunisia Golf Federation
Alper Alp Alper	Turkish Golf Federation
Birsel Alp Birsel	Turkish Golf Federation



Volodymyr Pylypenko
Veronika Rastvortseva
Tommy Tangtiphaiboontana
Stephanie Parel
Nodir Norbekov
Gonzalo Fernando
Susana Sahnkrow
Phillips Nevin
Allison Bourne-Vanneck
Braude Sarah
Mufaro Chivonivoni

Ukraine Golf Federation
Ukraine Golf Federation
United States Golf Association
United States Golf Association
Uzbekistan Golf Federation
Venezuelan Golf Federation
Venezuelan Golf Federation
Virgin Islands Golf Federation
Virgin Islands Golf Federation
Womens Golf South Africa / Golf RSA
Zimbabwe Golf Association

Joint Chairman: Mr Ian Pattinson, The R&A

In attendance : Mr Peter Dawson OBE (President - International Golf Federation)
Mr Antony Scanlon (Executive Director – International Golf Federation)
Mr Ed Johnson (Technical Director – International Golf Federation)
Ms Stephanie Parel (Technical Director – International Golf Federation)
Mr Mike Davis (Joint Chairman – USGA)
Mrs Nicki Hirayama (JGA)
Mr Pascal Grizot, French Federation for 2022 WATC presentation
Mr Christophe Muniesa, French Federation for 2022 WATC presentation

Observers : Mr Antti Peltoniemi
Ms Claudia Camargo
Ms Heather Daly Donofrio

Apologies: Mr John Bodenhamer

The President opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and announcing that Mr Ian Pattinson (R&A) would chair the meeting in his capacity as Joint Chairman.

1. ROLL CALL

The Chairman began by thanking the President for his introduction and confirmed the meeting does satisfy the quorum requirements. Therefore, the Chairman was able to proceed with this as a valid meeting.

He confirmed that apology had been received from Mr John Bodenhamer from the USGA.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairman requested the approval of the Minutes from the 2018 Biennial Meeting held on 3 September 2018 in Dublin, Ireland, hosted by Mr Clive Edginton (R&A) who was Joint Chairman at that time.

The Minutes were approved.

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

The Chairman reported that, with one exception, all matters had been addressed from the minutes and would be covered within the Executive Director's report with the exception of the results of the WATC Survey, sent to Membership following the Biennial Meeting held in 2018. Mr Scanlon was asked to report on that Survey.

Mr Scanlon began by welcoming everyone to the meeting and reiterated the remarks made by the President, adding that the IGF had felt it important to bring everyone together to discuss today's matters.

With regard to the Survey sent to the Membership following the Biennial Meeting in Ireland, there were a number of questions. One question was, "Should professional golfers be permitted to be Advice Givers within the regulations of the WATCs?" From the response, 68 per cent of Federations had agreed, with 32 per cent against.

"Should the ability of Teams to use Advice Givers be withdrawn from the rules of the WATCs?" – again, the majority (77 per cent) of the Membership wanted the Advice Givers to be retained within the rules.

"Should Team Managers be part of the entourage for the Ceremonies?" Again, a majority (87 per cent) wanted to include the Team Managers.

The number of athletes within each team, going forward, again was retained at three and also that two scores would count from each team.

Per the vote in 2018, for the reduction of the size and complexity of the WATCs, there was a recognition that many countries wanted to include as many teams as possible, but – as could be seen from the Survey results – that would be attempted for 2023.

The Survey results had been passed on to the Administrative Committee at its meeting the previous day. The results would be considered by the Administrative Committee when updating the rules for future WATCs.

That concluded the matter outstanding from the Minutes. There were no questions.

4 **ITEMS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

1. **Bids relating to the 2023 World Amateur Team Championships.**

Initially, expressions of interest had been received from as many as eight countries. That resulted in two strong bids - one from the Singapore Golf Association and the other from the Emirates Golf Federation. The Administrative Committee discussed those bids and acknowledged the very high quality of both bids and thanked the Bid Panel for their work, Ms Stephanie Parel and Mr Ed Johnson, under the very good Chairmanship of Ms Noboku Nicki Hirayama. The Administrative Committee then passed a motion supporting the Bid Panel's recommendations that the bids from the Emirates Golf Federation and the Singapore Golf Association should be presented to the Biennial meeting for election.

2. **Administrative Committee Appointments to the IGF Board**

The Committee also discussed the question of appointments to the IGF Board and approved the following nominations:

Ms Noboku (Nicki) Hirayama from the JGA and Ms Claudia Garduño (formerly Camargo) from FMG as the IGF's Women's Chair. The Chairman reiterated the acknowledgement paid yesterday to Mr Sidney Wolf from Puerto Rico for his four-year service and significant contribution to the work of the IGF Board. He then thanked and congratulated those Board appointees.

5 WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

a. 2022 French Golf Federation

Mr Pascal Grizot and Mr Christophe Muniesa from the French Golf Federation (FFG) were in attendance and reported on progress and planning. Mr Grizot began by thanking the IGF for the opportunity to present the update.

Mr Muniesa gave a slide presentation showing all information to date, including the location of the courses and airports. The schedule is as below:

Dates for the Espirito Santo Trophy:

- 22 & 23 August – Practice Rounds
- 23 August – Opening Ceremony
- 24-27 August – Championship Days

Dates for the Eisenhower Trophy:

- 29 & 30 August – Practice Rounds
- 30 August – Opening Ceremony
- 31 August – 3 September – Championship Days

A map was shown giving the location of the courses and hotels relative to the two airports in Paris. Orly was the smaller airport and he confirmed that Charles De Gaulle would be the main international airport for teams to use. He gave a brief history of both courses and made particular reference to Le Golf National, which had hosted the 2018 Ryder Cup and would be the venue for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games event. Saint-Nom-La-Breteche had hosted the Lancome Trophy for 32 years.

The FFG had secured an agreement with Accor Hotels as the Official Hotel group for the tournament and recommended that teams should stay in Versailles (exactly half-way between both courses).

The WATC would be broadcast and the footage made available to all Federations.

The Chairman thanked the FFG for their work so far and added that all were looking forward to the 2022 Championships.

b. Host of 2023

As noted above, the two bids going forward were from the Emirates Golf Federation and the Singapore Golf Association. A secret ballot would be held, facilitated by Lumi. In the offices of Lumi a notary was present, Mr Edward Gardiner from Cheesewrights, a leading firm of scrivener notaries. Mr Gardiner was the Senior Partner and would ensure that fair play was observed and that the election procedure was absolutely fair and above board. He would validate the result.

A test vote was held before the main vote to check all was working properly.

The Chairman then declared the election open. On closing the vote, the result was declared and, of the total number of votes (108), abstentions and blank votes comprised 5, and 103 valid votes were cast. For the Singapore Golf Association, 50 votes; for Emirates Golf Federation, 53 votes. There was one formal abstention and it was thereby declared that the venue of the 2023 World Amateur Team Championships would be hosted by the Emirates Golf Federation. He gave his congratulations to the Emirates and commiserations to Singapore. It had been an exceedingly close vote; the two bids were excellent and he added that the IGF was very grateful to Singapore for agreeing to step in to host in the place of Hong Kong in 2020, but they had just been edged out by a strong bid from the Emirates and the IGF would look forward to an event in the Middle East in 2023. He thanked everyone for the way in which the vote had been conducted with special mention of Mr Gardiner for his help.

6 FINANCIAL UPDATE

- a. Mr Scanlon reported that the financial statements of the IGF for 2018 and 2019 had been provided to the IGF membership and to the meeting attendees. Both sets of statements have been approved by the IGF Board and were also available on the IGF website.

As foreshadowed at the 2018 Biennial Meeting, the IGF had anticipated that it would require funding from its Delivery Partners in order for it to operate in 2019 and in 2020. This had been, of course, prior to the postponement of the Olympic Games in Tokyo. Funds that had been received for 2018 and 2019 by the Delivery Partners had been subordinated for 2019 and would be subordinated for 2020 in accordance with Swiss law.

Following postponement of the 2020 Olympic Games, the IGF Board approved a revised Strategic Business Plan and budget which reflected the impact that COVID-19 pandemic would have on the IGF's operations. The other matter which also impacted the IGF was the subsequent cancellation of the World Amateur Team Championships due to be held in 2020. By revising the budget, the IGF had been able to maintain a financially stable position for 2020.

However, with the postponement Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the IGF did not receive a financial contribution from the IOC for its participation. Unfortunately, without that input of funding from the IOC at the end of this year, the IGF was in a position of requiring funds to operate next year.

Rather than increase the loan funds from the Delivery Partners, the IGF was able to secure a an interest free loan from the IOC. In addition to that, it had also secured a credit facility from the Swiss government. It was anticipated that these funds would enable the IGF to operate through to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in 2021.

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr Scanlon began by noting the achievements made by the IGF during the last ten years (when it started operating in Switzerland under its current constitution and structure). One of its key deliverables had been – of course – the Rio 2016 Olympic Games in Rio and, from that, the consolidation of golf in the programme of Olympic sports through to the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. The IGF had also strengthened its relationship with the Olympic Movement through its active participation on Commissions and Working Groups and being seen as a true Partner within the Olympic Movement by assisting other Federations

and other members of the Movement, given its experience and growing profile within the Movement.

In addition to the successful Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the IGF had also held two successful Youth Olympic Games, in Nanjing and Buenos Aires, four World Amateur Team Championships (the last being in Ireland). A 34 per cent growth in National Federation Members was noted (110 Members in 2010 and now the number was 151). The IGF had also received recognition from the International Paralympic Committee as the recognised Federation and had achieved compliance with the World Anti-Doping Agency for its anti-doping code. Additionally, compliance had been achieved with the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) with their principles of governance and the IOC Code of Ethics. Finally, the other key deliverable had been the IGF and, with its professional members' assistance, creating an international golf coaching framework which is assisting in the development of coaching courses around the world.

For 2021-2028 the IGF would develop a Strategic Business Plan. The IGF Board had had a number of strategic planning sessions – one major one in December last year at the Presidents Cup – and updates at subsequent Board Meetings. The inside perspectives received from the Board were now being used to develop the IGF's Strategic Business Plan for 2021-2028 and the final version of this Plan was to be approved by the Board at its meeting on 2 December 2020.

One of the key things to the success of the IGF has been its approach to delivery, which was very much reliant on the resources and expertise of its Delivery Partners (The European Tour, the LPGA, PGA of America, The R&A, PGA TOUR, USGA and The Masters Tournament). The IGF wished to recognise its Delivery Partners for its resources and assistance. Not only did they provide funds to the IGF, they also give tremendous support in terms of human resources. On all the projects underway, in excess of seventy staff members from each of those organisations allowed the IGF to operate. That results in the IGF being able to operate with a very small team based in Lausanne and keeps the overheads down.

a. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

When the IOC postponed the Olympic Games in March 2020 it created a number of replanning challenges for the Olympic Movement and the IGF. The replanning was based upon three key principles: firstly, the priority was the health and safety of the athletes, spectators, stakeholders and all the volunteers and staff participating in July 2021; the other areas being reviewed were the reduction in the cost of the impact of the postponement and also to reignite public interest in the Games after its deferral. Simplifying the cost and complexity of these Games was also important.

Around that framework, the IOC had developed four scenarios for future planning and the IGF was working with the IOC and Tokyo 2020 in terms of its response to delivery of the Games. The key replanning consideration was health and safety. A great deal had been learned from the IGF Delivery Partners, the PGA TOUR, the European Tour and the LPGA after their respective successful returns to golf and the knowledge received from them had been invaluable with regard to testing and screening of the players and support personnel, the protocols that need to be in place should there be a positive test and the overall sanitisation and responsibilities of everyone delivering the Games in Tokyo.

In addition to these health and safety matters, a number of operational considerations were being replanned – such as the overlay (tents and grandstands) that need to be built around the golf course, looking at the number of spectators, venue capacity, volunteers and workforce required to deliver the Games. Key consideration would be given to communications to the stakeholders and guidelines given to the stakeholders – especially the athletes – in order for the Games to happen and it was recognised that this was a massive undertaking. He reported that everything possible was being done to make the Games happen. The IGF was confident that it is doing everything it can to deliver.

With the postponement, the IOC had been able to agree to an extension of the qualification period for the athletes which meant that the usual two-year qualification period had been extended to three years. He further explained that, from the Official World Rankings systems for the men's and women's game, the IGF creates an Olympic Rankings system and, from that, a maximum of four players per country within the top fifteen of these Rankings qualify and, following that, a maximum of two players per country qualify until the field of sixty is reached. Qualification for the men will now conclude on 21 June (following the US Open) and for the women would be 28 June (following the LPGA Championship).

b. Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games

With the Youth Olympic Games (YOG), Dakar had been selected to host these in 2022, but this had become another casualty of the postponement of the Olympic Games and they had been deferred until 2026. It was expected that they would follow the same qualification system as those used for the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games. One difference to the previous two YOG was to be if an NOC does not nominate both a male and a female player, then that country will not be able to participate as a mixed team. (Previously, two National Olympic Committee's (NOCs) could combine to produce a mixed team.)

c. Paris 2024 and the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games

Turning to Paris 2024 and the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. For the Paris 2024 Olympic Games (as was heard earlier), Le Golf National would be used for the golf venue which was one of the courses to be used for the WATC 2022. He reported that Paris now had a staff of 226 with whom the IGF was working on a number of initiatives.

One of these initiatives was the Event Delivery Approach. And whether some International Federation (IF) could deliver not only the competition “inside the ropes” but also the whole event “outside the ropes”. As golf was used to organising the whole event – the competition as well as the operations of the event surrounding it, the IGF was therefore working with Paris 2024 as well as with its Delivery Partners and the FFG to form a consortium in order to be able to deliver the whole event. The IGF Membership would be kept updated on this.

Paris 2024 had a number of initiatives, one crucial one being the engagement of the public outside Paris to be part of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The label “Terre de Jeux” will be passed to all local governments and authorities to enable them to use the brand of the Paris Olympic Games to promote initiatives mainly about fitness and health and to encourage the French public to become involved in participating in sport but also getting involved in the Games itself. They had also signed agreements with five domestic partners which was helping financially.

One of the biggest events recently was the launch of the new logo which has given some momentum to these Games. The Ticketing Programme and strategy on hospitality would be released to IFs by the end of 2020 and more communication would be released to the public on how to obtain tickets.

Given the decreased amount of time between Tokyo 2020 (in 2021) and Paris 2024, much of the IGF's planning would need to be accelerated in the next twelve months to ensure the IGF would not fall behind on its planning for Paris.

For Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games (LA2028), the golf venue had already been confirmed as the Riviera Country Club and it was anticipated that the IGF would be able to use the event as a Delivery Model for the IGF, together with its Delivery Partners, to deliver both operations inside the ropes and outside the ropes.

The LA2028 logo had been released and they had announced a commercial collaboration with NBC Universal to underwrite their commercial revenues. They had also recently announced their first Tier One partnership with Delta Airlines. Of note was the US Federal Government having committed to assist with security, transport, telecoms and environmental support of these Games. Traditionally, a Games in the US was a commercial one with very little government support and this was being seen as a key initiative.

d. **IOC, ASOIF, GAISF Relations**

In terms of IOC relations, Mr Scanlon reported that the IGF had regular meetings with the IOC Director of Sport and the Executive Director of the Olympic Games. Regular meetings were also being held with other members of the IOC administration and the IGF attended numerous IOC meetings such as each of the Sessions every year, International Athlete Forums, Medical Commissions, Women in Sport Forums – the IGF had representatives attend those from the IGF Membership and the 125th anniversary of the opening of Olympic House. The IGF was in good shape with the IOC in terms of relationships, was seen as key.

For the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) which is one of the umbrella groups of which the IGF is a member, the IGF has a very close relationship with this organisation and is in regular contact with its Director and President. It was reported that the IGF attended its General Assembly in 2019. Mr Scanlon was also a member of a number of ASOIF advisory groups which enables the IGF to contribute to the movement. The IGF also sends attendees to a number of forums hosted by ASOIF.

The General Assembly of International Sports Federations (GAISF) is another umbrella organisation that the IGF remains a member of, and the IGF attends its General Assemblies.

e. **Membership**

In terms of its achievements, the IGF has seen growth over the last ten years of its Membership. However, since its last Biennial Meeting, the IGF has remained at 151 International Federation Members and also has 22 Professional Golf organisations as members of the IGF. Three applications for membership were currently being considered.

f. **Anti-Doping**

The IGF is committed to ensuring that all competitions, athletes and members safeguard the integrity of golf and its athletes. Regular meetings were held with WADA's administration and the IGF had attended a number of their Forums.

Working with WADA and the IGF's anti-doping committee had produced a new anti-doping policy for the IGF, in line with the new Code released by WADA in December 2019. It was currently with WADA for review and was likely to be approved shortly. It was expected to implement the new policy in 2021 at all IGF events, such as the Olympic Games and the following year's WATC.

g. International Paralympic Committee

Relations with the IPC and Golfers with Disabilities Committee were ongoing. The Membership will recall from the last Biennial Meeting that the IGF had bid to become part of the programme of golf at the Paralympic Games in Paris in 2024. Unfortunately, the application had not been successful; that having been said, it was noted that none of the other Federations that had bid for inclusion in the Paralympic Programme for 2024 had been successful. The IGF continued to work with the IPC and its Golfers with Disabilities Committee on another bid for LA 2028 and it was hoped this bid would be successful.

The Golfers with Disabilities Committee was working very hard on a strategy to try to develop two pathways for disabled golf around the world: firstly, to develop an under-represented section to gain access to recreational golf and, in parallel with that, working on another strategy to develop elite or high-performance golfers with disabilities to enable the IGF to come up with a standardised programme of international elite events and – eventually – to a world team championship and potential admission to the Olympic Programme in 2028. This strategy would be presented to the Board at its December meeting for approval.

8 2020-2022 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Article 6.1.6, the Administrative Committee had proposed at its meeting yesterday that the following National Federations should appoint members of the Administrative Committee for the next two years. The structure of the committee is that there are two Joint Chairmen, Women's Chairman is Claudia Camargo and, in respect of the other Zones, from Asia-Pacific: Australia, China, India, Japan and Korea; from the Americas: Argentina, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico; and from the Europe/Africa Zone: Finland, the Netherlands, Spain and South Africa. Following the changes to the constitution at the 2018 Biennial Meeting, the Chairman noted that at least two of the Members of the Administrative Committee appointed by the National Federations of each Zone must be a woman.

The Chairman asked this meeting to ratify the IGF AC nomination of National Federation Member countries who have the right to appoint members of the AC from those countries.

There were no questions and the above was duly ratified.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Questions had been received during the meeting and these were now addressed by the Executive Director.

First question from Dr Azizi of the Iran Golf Federation. As a suggestion, and to have a platform of sharing ideas with colleagues in other Federations, Dr Azizi suggested that Tehran would like to be the first host of the Golf Cup between esteemed Presidents of Golf

Federations around the world. The event would be held to cement solidarity between countries, Federations and to share ideas. Mr Scanlon would take that suggestion to the next Administrative Committee meeting and report back to the meeting with its view. This was agreed by the Chairman.

Next question was from the Indian Golf Union who were asking when the bid process would start for 2024. Mr Scanlon explained that the next WATC is in 2023 and it was assumed that 2025 was the intended question. The beginning of 2025 would be the usual time that the bid process would start and notification would go out to all members at that time.

Next question from the Jordan Golf Federation who asked about the funds that had been received by the IGF and how were these funds were being used in 2020. Mr Scanlon replied that the funds the IGF had at the moment (which are loan funds) were being used for the operations of the IGF, for example this meeting, the expenses of holding this meeting, staff salaries and other projects outlined in the Business Plan approved by the IGF Board.

A question from the President of the Senegalese Golf Federation who asked how the IGF could help the Federation with the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar. Mr Scanlon replied that the IGF would work with them (after the Tokyo Olympics) to focus on their delivery now that they had been postponed to 2026.

The final question came from the Tunisia Golf Federation about new World Handicapping System. Mr Scanlon replied that anything to do with that system is not under the IGF's authority and the Tunisia Golf Federation was referred to The R&A for a response.

10 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Biennial Meeting would be held on 29 August 2022 at St Quentin en Eveline in Paris, France.

In his closing remarks, the Chairman made special mention of the IGF President, Mr Peter Dawson, who would be relinquishing that post at the December meeting of the IGF Board. The Chairman stated:

“Peter Dawson is obviously a giant of our sport. He is a man I have known for fifty years and, more closely, we have been involved since the late 1990s when he became a member of the Rules of Golf Committee of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club. In 1999, he was appointed Secretary of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club which was obviously then one of the two joint governing bodies of the sport of golf. In 2004, The R&A was formed and he became, also, Chief Executive of The R&A as well as Secretary of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club. He served in that role with huge distinction until his retirement some sixteen years later.

Peter should take credit for many initiatives during that period of time and, although he would be the first to say that this was a team effort, I would like to make particular reference to his effort in co-leading the bid for golf to become an Olympic sport. He was absolutely pivotal to that initiative and I venture to suggest that, had it not been for his efforts, golf would not now be in the Olympics. All our gratitude is due to him for that terrific contribution to our sport.

Since he became IGF President, he has been very effective in that role and certainly furthered the international profile of golf. He will be relinquishing that post shortly. Who knows what the future has in store for Peter? I suspect that not even Mrs Dawson knows that but I would venture to suggest that it's not over yet. Peter, I wish you every happiness in your



retirement from the IGF and thank you on all our behalf for all you have done for the sport of golf and for the International Golf Federation.”

The Chairman’s final remarks thanked everyone for their participation in and attendance at this meeting. It had been an extraordinary year and this had been an extraordinary time for the IGF, as it had for many organisations in our sport. He thanked the facilitators, Lumi, for the meeting; he sent his thanks to Mr Edward Gardiner of Cheesewrights for helping to facilitate the vote; he sent his commiserations to Singapore, but congratulated the Emirates Golf Federation for its procurement of the successful bid for the 2023 World Amateur Team Championships.

Finally, all those connected with the IGF looked forward to welcoming everyone to the 2022 World Amateur Team Championships in Paris, France which open on 24 August 2022.

On the twentieth day of October in the year two thousand and twenty, I, **EDWARD GARDINER** of the City of London, England **NOTARY PUBLIC** by royal authority duly admitted, sworn and holding a faculty to practise throughout England and Wales, at the request of **THE INTERNATIONAL GOLF FEDERATION** of Lausanne, Switzerland (hereinafter called "**IGF**") did attend the offices of **LUMI HOLDINGS LIMITED** (hereinafter called "**LUMI**") at Armoury House, Midhurst Road, Liphook, Hampshire, GU30 7ZA, United Kingdom for the purpose of validating the voting results to elect the host of the **IGF 2023 World Amateur Team Championships** to be held during the course of the 2020 General Assembly to take place by video conference on such date, the voting at such assembly to be conducted and validated through the operation of the **LUMI** Online Voting Platform ("the Platform");

AND I DO CERTIFY THAT during the course of such voting I observed, **GARRICK PALLANT** and **KYLE SLEEP**, **LUMI** technicians ("the Technicians") open and close the Platform when instructed by me to do so, I having first satisfied myself that the relevant quorum was present in respect of the vote and that only eligible members were able to vote;

AND THAT during the entire voting process the only persons present at the voting operations desk were the Technicians and I AND that whilst the vote was open the Technicians did not take any other action on the Platform;

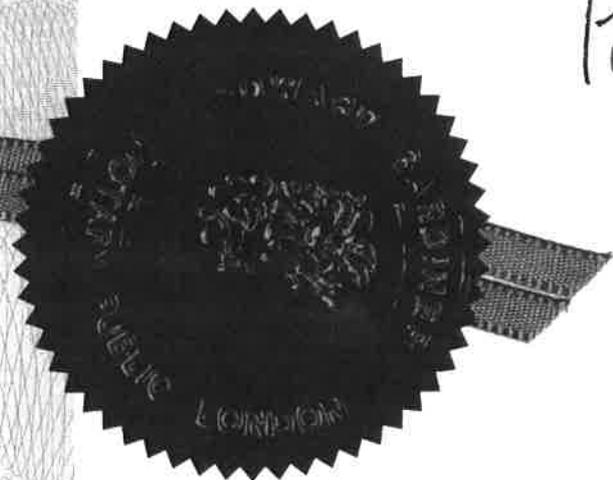
AND THAT hereunto annexed bearing my signature and seal of office is a print record of the anonymised voting result report generated by the Platform for the aforementioned vote held during the course of the said remote assembly;



AND THAT such record was printed by the Technicians in my presence immediately after the result of the votes cast the contents of such report contain a true and accurate transcript of the voting records and statistics as observed by me on the Platform's monitor.

IN FAITH AND TESTIMONY WHEREOF I the said notary have subscribed my name and set and affixed my seal of office in London, England this twentieth day of October in the year two thousand and twenty.

Peter Culhane



20 Oct 2020 11:30:40

IGF meeting

Results

To elect the host of 2023 World Amateur Team Championships

Votes In Room:	108	
Valid Votes:	103	
Abstentions:	1	
Votes Not Received:	4	
Majority:	52	
Emirates Golf Federation	53	51.46% Elected
Singapore Golf Association	50	48.54%

Edward Gardner

