

MINUTES OF 1996 BOARD MEETING
HELD AT KYOTO RESEARCH PARK, KYOTO, JAPAN
ON JULY 24, 1996

ATTENDEES

KAGEYAMA Jiro (President)..... JAPAN
MATSUMOTO Ryojun (Vice President)..... JAPAN
ASA Roy (Vice President)..... CANADA
CHOI Sang-Ok (Vice President)..... KOREA
MUNAKATA Yoshitoshi (Director)..... JAPAN
ONUMA Hiroshi (Director)..... JAPAN
MATSUNAGA Masami (Director)..... JAPAN
MIYASAKA Masayuki (Director)..... JAPAN
RHEE Jong-Rim (Director)..... KOREA
HUANG Ting-Shung (Director)..... R. O. C.
AKAGI Noboru (Director)..... HAWAII
DEMSKI Wolfgang (Director)..... GERMANY
HOWELL John (Director)..... GREAT BRITAIN
TAKEYASU Yoshimitsu (Acting Secretary General)..... JAPAN
ODINOT Hein (Auditor)..... NETHERLANDS

OBSERVERS

SEO Byung-Yoon..... KOREA
YUGE Tim..... U. S. A.
SHIRAIISHI Moriyoshi..... JAPAN
SATO Isamu..... JAPAN
SATO Kumi..... JAPAN

ABSENTEES

DUCARME Alain (Vice President)..... BELGIUM
TAMAKI Tadachi (Director)..... BRAZIL
BREMAUNTZ Alberto (Director)..... MEXICO
GUENTLEUR Michel (Director)..... FRANCE
FUTAOKA Ko (Auditor)..... ARGENTINE

A quorum for BODM was sufficed by fifteen members in presence out of twenty directors and auditors in total.

Mr. Takeyasu, acting Secretary General (hereinafter referred to as GS) checked on the board members in presence and announced that BODM was valid.

Mr. Kageyama, as Chairman (hereinafter referred to as CM), made an opening speech and requested GS to serve as a conference expeditor.

I. Reporting Subjects:

1. Results of the 1995 BODM by Letter

GS informed that the affiliation of USA (All United States Kendo Federation) and Venezuela had been approved, that the P&R for 10WKC had been approved, and that these approvals were reported by the letters of December 7, 1995 and January 30, 1996, respectively.

2. Financial Report (1993/1994/1995) (Refer to the attachment I-2)

GS informed the board of the financial reports of 1993/1994/1995, and he also reported that the cumulative deficit of approximately 6.97 million yen shown in the 1993's report was cleared by the subsidy from AJKF.

Auditor Odinot stated that the reports were in order and thanked AJKF for the large amount of subsidy to IKF.

3. Outline of 10WKC

Director Onuma explained the outline of 10WKC, focussing on the points which have been changed from the previous WKC's. Included in his explanation were a two-day Referee Seminar, Women's Tournament and a new plan of Shinai inspection, etc.

4. 10WKC Preparation Progress

Director Onuma explained the organization and responsibility of 10WKC Preparatory Committee in Tokyo and Kyoto. He stated that a maximum effort would be taken to improve some inconvenience related to the facility.

As Mr. Shiraishi, Secretary General of AJKF, was requested to report on the accommodations, he informed the board that all the competitors would stay at New Kyoto Hotel and the referees and the officials at Kyoto Kokusai Hotel.

II. Voting Subjects:

1. Partial Amendment to the IKF Constitution (Refer to the attachment II-1)

GS proposed to add "in principle" to the IKF Constitution, Article 2 so that we would possibly set the exception to "one organization per country rule". An organization which has a good reason, historical or political or which is located at a remote location from its mainland may be able to join IKF.

It was also agreed that this amendment should not be misused. Although we had discussed the same issue before, the constitution itself was amended for the first time.

Director Huang suggested that an addition of "or a region" in parenthesis after "each nation" be made in consideration of the future relationship between Taiwan and China. Vice President Choi agreed that the suggested change is a very important issue for Taiwan. Director Miyasaka pointed it out that the revision did include that concern, and the proposal was accepted.

The Board approved the original proposal, and it will be brought up to the General Assembly in 1997.

2. Revision of IKF Match Rules

Regarding the proposed new match rules of IKF which were based on the current AJKF rules, revised in April, 1995, Director Matsunaga explained the reason and the main points of the revision of the latter.

The Board confirmed in regard to Article 15 (Drug Abuse) that the drugs were not yet specified and that a urine inspection for all of the competitors will not be conducted at the time of 10WKC.

Director Howell commented that if we specify a drug(s), IKF would need to have a technical ability for analyses, which will be very costly.

GS commented that the proposed English version for the use by IKF reflected improvement in translation over the current English version of the AJKF rules and recommended that the new English version be accepted as the new rules of IKF, though minor points may be further revised. The proposal was approved.

3. Transfer of Teams between the Two Divisions at WKC

Regarding the two division system which we already had the board approval for 10WKC, Director Onuma asked the board to state their opinions for the championships in the future, whether we should continue the system or not; if we should continue, how should we compose each division.

In response, a request was made by Director Howell and Auditor Odinot that a different method be considered for the 11WKC, because there are many opinions in Europe against the two division system.

Director Akagi revealed an idea that a match be conducted between the winners of the two divisions at the end of the Team Championships, to see their technical difference, only if the time allows.

Director Onuma discussed two new plans on how to compose two separate divisions. The both plans were intended to adjust possible skill variations due to the three-year waiting period that may be a conceivable drawback of the two division system.

The issue will be reviewed after the 10WKC when we see the outcome of the two division system.

4. Partial Amendment to the WKC P&R
(Refer to the attachment II-4)

Director Onuma explained some modifications made on the 10WKC Programs & Regulations. The major changes and additions are as follows:

- ① The matches will be conducted in accordance with the match rules that were just approved by the board.
- ② "Women's International Kendo Tournaments" will be held instead of Goodwill Match and the host country will subsidize meals and accommodation expenses.
- ③ A two-day Referee Seminar will be held just before the Championships, and the host country will subsidize meals and accommodation expenses.
- ④ The diameter of the tip of Shinai is regulated.
- ⑤ The regulation which covers the case of dismissal of the competitor who does not show up at the court is provided.
- ⑥ The regulation regarding doping control is provided.

Director Howell and Auditor Odinot expressed their appreciation for the change related to the women's matches.

Vice President Choi commented that it would be better to have women's championships at 10WKC. In response to this comment, GS stated that organizing the women's championships will enlarge the scale of WKC and increase financial responsibility of the host country.

GS proposed that the 10WKC have a semiofficial event and that an official one be considered for the 11WKC.

The board approved the proposal.

III. Discussion Subjects:

1. Partial Amendment to the Dan/Kyu Examination Rules
(Refer to the attachment III-1)

In respect of Article 2, the board approved that the period of practice should coincide with that of AJKF.

As regards Article 5, however, regarding the examiner's qualification and number, Directors Howell and Demski expressed their disagreement to the part which requires "five 6th Dan or above examiners for the 1st through 3rd Dan examination."

The matter will be further discussed at IKF Headquarters.

2. Regarding 11WKC

GS stated that AJKF had been subsidizing approximately US\$30,000 for each one of the recent WKC and that it will be very difficult to increase the amount. GS asked the board to discuss the expense bearing by host countries.

Directors Huang and Howell commented that the participating countries should bear the accommodation expenses.

The board agreed that the participating countries, in principle, should pay their own accommodation.

GS requested the board to comment on having a World Iaido Championship in the future. The degree of interest in Iaido looked different from country to country; some are hoping for a Championships and some others to put emphasis on seminars, while some are not interested in Iaido itself.

The board agreed that it should be placed under further consideration.

In respect of the venue, Vice President Asa stated that he will discuss it with representatives of American Zone and that he will report the result to the board later on.

Director Akagi requested the board to ask Vice President Mr. Yuge of AUSKF, Observer at the conference, to report the current situation of the new US organization.

GS then requested Mr. Yuge to give the board a briefing.

Mr. Yuge reported that BKR and KFUSA have united, and that AUSKF is now formed. The unification procedure has been accomplished and the first US Championships will be held in this August.

3. Revision of IKF Annual Due

GS asked the board for their opinions on revision of the due and payment in yen.

In response, Vice President Choi inquired GS that practically how much increase we should consider, and Auditor Odinot reported the European situation that it is very difficult to collect the dues from new affiliates and Eastern European countries.

As a conclusion, GS stated that he would consider these opinions and place the issue under the further discussion. The board gave an agreement.

4. Definition of Zone (Asian/American/European)

GS stated that the subject is presented now only as a future consideration.

In connection with this issue, Auditor Odinot asked the board to consider giving an IKF membership to the Netherlands-owned island of Aruba, which is located in South America.

GS replied that it will be further studied.

Director Akagi proposed to give awards at the 10WKC in

commemoration of "10th" to those who had made a significant contribution to IKF or participated in WKC's for many times.

Director Onuma stated that a recommendation standard for such award may not be consistent among countries.

This award proposal will be further discussed at IKF Headquarters.

Vice President Choi suggested that Technical Committee members be appointed and Director Matsunaga responded that we may wait till when it is necessary.

GS concluded that in reality, it is difficult for the committee members to get together and that we will communicate closely with the directors on board to manage this matter.

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Y. Takeyasu