

## Board of Directors Meeting - 2019

Date: 2019 July 4th. From 9:30 to 11:20

Venue: Wiesbaden, Germany.

Were present: Mrs Hashimoto, Mrs Miyagawa, Mrs Kimura, Mrs Tamaki, Mrs Nakano, Mrs Yasui, Mrs Sensui, Mrs Schmucker, Mr Bennett, Mr D'hose .

Was absent Mr Robison (1 letter of attorney from Mr Robison).

- The Meeting starts at 9:30, with an introduction speech by INF President, Mrs Hashimoto.

- Mrs Hashimoto is nominated Chair Person.

- The quorum is verified.

- Mrs Schmucker & Mr D'hose are appointed to confirm the minutes.

### - **Activity report by Secretary General, Mrs Tamaki**

Mrs Tamaki list up the different events that occurred from April 2018 to March 2019 (please see handout).

Mrs Tamaki also explains that the AJNF seminar hosted in Canada is not listed in the handout, since it was not an event sponsored by the INF.

Activity report approved.

### - **Financial report**

Mrs Tamaki gives the Financial Report for the 2018-2019 period (please see handout).

Mr D'hose raises a question about Italy's membership fees. Mrs Tamaki replies that Italy has paid its membership and is up to date.

Belgium and Czech Republic have 2 years of outstanding membership fee.

There is a misprint in the Financial Report. Table 1, row 2, column 3. CZK needs to be changed to ITA.

Mrs Schmucker asks what would happen if a country doesn't pay its dues for several years. Mrs Tamaki says that if a member does not pay for 3 years consecutively, it should be confronted by the Board. Mr Bennett confirms that this rule is written in the INF constitution.

Mrs Tamaki announces that INF's official accountant has signed off the Financial Report. However, INF's auditor Mrs Abe could not signed it off yet, has she has been to busy with her duties as Japan's First Lady. Mrs Abe will review the report in a very near future.

Financial Report approval is pending.

### **Recommendation of INF President**

Mr D'hose and Mrs Schmucker recommend Mrs Hashimoto for a new term of presidency.

There is no other recommendations. The Board thus votes Mrs Hashimoto as President of the INF for a new term.

Mrs Hashimoto thanks everybody for their support. She however warns the Board that because of her age, she might not have the strength to finish that term. She therefore invites everybody to start thinking about INF's future, and to find the next generation of directors.

Mr Bennett ask that everybody consider this, and come with proposals for a new president in the future. Mr Bennett also reminds that this position does not need to be filled in by a Japanese person.

### **Recommendation of Zone Directors**

Mrs Schmucker is renewed as Pan-america Zone Director

Mrs Derrett is approved as Oceania Zone Director

Mrs Imamura and Mr Hisamitsu are approved as Asia Zone Directors

Mr D'hose is renewed as Europe-Africa Zone Director

They will serve from 2019 to 2022.

### **Affiliation of Israel**

During the 2018 Board of Directors meeting in Sao Paulo, Taiwan has been accepted as INF full member. Israel was still a provisional member and needs to be voted in.

Mr D'hose gives a report of Israel federation activities to the Board (see pdf file)  
Naginata in Israel is growing. It now has 6 clubs, they have done five majors events during last year, including a national championship.

Israel also participates in ENF (European Naginata Federation) events, and some of their members have got good results in competitions. Israel also performs public demonstrations in order to make the discipline known to the general public.

Israel has now 25 young members and 10 adult members thus totalling 35 active members.

Mr D'hose says that he will endorse Israel. Mrs Yasui says that some Israelis have a very good naginata technique. Mrs Schmucker agrees, but thinks that only 10 adult members is a bit too thin to grant Israel full membership.

Mrs Tamaki says that Israel is already a full member of ENF, and so is eligible to become an INF full member as well. However, if the Board rejects Israel, they will not be able to enter the 7th World Naginata Championship, and the players' names will be erase from the ladders.

Vote for Israel affiliation:

For - 9

Against 1

Abstention 1

Israel is now officially a full member of the INF:

Israel (ISRNF) : naginata.israel@gmail.com

### **Program for the Next 4 years**

The last B.O.D. had planned the following seminar schedule:

2020 - Italy

2021 - USA or AUS

2022 - Japan

2023 - USA or AUS

Mr D'hose explains the seminar proposal of Italy (see PDF file).

Mrs Schmucker says that USA has a completely new board since last year and fears that the new president might not have enough experience to organize a WNC. This should be taken into consideration before confirming USA as the next WNC host. Mrs Schmucker adds that in her opinion, it would be preferable to rotate between zones and thus proposes that Japan hosts the next championships.

Mr Bennett decides that the Board does not have enough informations and thus should not make a decision on that matter today.

Mrs Schmucker says that US members are actively discussing the matter and will report to the Board later.

Mrs Yasui says asks if it would not be better to have Japan hosting the seminar in 2021, in order to fan out the possibilities of higher grade examinations before the next WNC.

Mr D'hose says that Japan does not need a rehearsal to host the WNC, so if Japan does organize it, it will not be necessary to host a INF seminar in Japan in 2021.

Mr Bennett declares that the 2020 INF seminar will be host in Italy. The agenda for the next three years being pending, the Board will ask the General Assembly to see if any country is interested in hosting those events. Mr Bennett decides that each country will have until October 1st to give their answer. Each country shall report to its Zone Director, who in turn will notify the Board.

### **Miscellaneous**

Mr D'hose says that he has been reelected as ENF president and now works with a new Board:

President : David D'hose - [enfpresident01@gmail.com](mailto:enfpresident01@gmail.com)  
General Secretary : Gur Nedzvetsky – [enfsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:enfsecretary@gmail.com)  
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Treasurer : Eduardo Brito – [enftreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:enftreasurer@gmail.com)

Mr D'hose adds that Russia is now a full member of the ENF:

Russia (IRNA): [naginata.ru@gmail.com](mailto:naginata.ru@gmail.com)

Russia has prepared a short presentation in PDF about their recent activities (see PDF file). There are now 5 naginata clubs in Russia

The next ENF seminar will be held in November 2019 and the European Championships will be hosted in Sweden in 2020.

Mr D'hose says that some European members have requested the creation of a junior category during the European Championships, and ask if that could be requested for the WNC as well.

Mr Bennett replies that we cannot make a decision today, but that it can be considered for inclusion for the next WNC.

Mrs Schmucker reports new naginata activities in Chili. Chili has created bounds with Brasil, and members of the two countries train together occasionally. There are now 11 people practicing naginata in Chili. They have a Facebook page and a website.

Mrs Schmucker asks why there is no seeding for the WNC when creating the ladders.

Mr Bennett says that it has never done before because there are not enough countries fighting in the WNC.

Mrs Schmucker objects that seeding had been used for the 2003 WNC.

Mrs Kimura replies that ladders are always built by lot drawing, so if it had seemed that the 2003 WNC included seeding, it was pure coincidence. As a rule, INF does not use seeding with the WNC.

Mrs Derrett (on behalf of Mr Robison) reports that a new domain name has been registered for the INF and that a new website has been developed. The site can be approved by the B.O.D. before official release. A link will be sent to all the directors so they can review the website.

Mrs Derrett adds that INF Facebook page gets a lot of messages or request, and asks what should be done with them.

Mrs Tamaki says that those messages should be transferred to the Zone Directors.

Mrs Kimura laments that the upcoming 4-year schedule had been proposed at the previous B.O.D, and that it was then decided to consider either USA or AUS for hosting the 2023 WNC. The fact that the Board cannot yet decide about such important matter should be considered a huge setback. The fact that the USA Board has changed recently should not, in normal circumstances, impact the decision to host the WNC in the USA.

Mrs Kimura adds that Mrs Hashimoto has reached a venerable age and that INF should not ask too much from her. It is time for INF to prepare the future. Directors need to keep

working between each B.O.D. in order to run the federation smoothly. All directors should reflect on how then run the federation and avoid to be trapped in a stalemate situation where nobody can decide anything.

Mr D'hose notes that the WNC are becoming bigger and bigger. The German federation is a small organization, and hosting this event is a big burden. The board had considered USA as the next host because they have the second largest federation. The INF should find a way to better support the organizers because most INF federations are still too small to organize such a big event.

Mr Bennett thinks that European countries can help each other, and that their combined forces may make the hosting of the event possible. On the other hand, Australia is an isolated country and would have to organise the WNC on its own.

Mr D'hose ask if hosting the next INF seminar in Italy will be a problem: Japanese people will have to travel to Europe during the Tokyo Olympics, which might prove difficult.

Mr Bennett replies that this needs indeed to be considered.

Mrs Hashimoto closes the meeting at 11:20

I agree that those agendas were discussed at the Directors Meeting on July 4, 2019.

Signatory

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