



**Protocol, R.I.F. General Assembly, Chinese
Taipei, August 12, 2017**



1. Opening of the General Assembly

The President of R.I.F., Anders Henningsson, declared the General Assembly (GA) opened.

2. Election of the Chairman of the General Assembly

Anders Henningsson was elected Chairman of the GA.

3. Election of the Secretary for the General Assembly

Peter Jonson was elected secretary of the meeting.

4. Election of three persons who should check the protocol

Ants Soosorv, Dmitri Epifanov and Hiroshi Okabe were elected to check the protocol.

5. Changes of R.I.F. statutes

The changes proposed by the President mainly for the statutes to comply with "RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE BOARD Nagoya, 25th October 1979" as well as a new way to organize Commissioners and various smaller updates was not approved by the GA. The Russian Renju Federation Representative pointed out that they did not have an opportunity to review it as it was not sent out 3 months in advance.

6. New members and roll call

A) As the revised statutes not could be approved, the adoption of Chinese Weiqi association (A part of Qi Yuan), a country member of R.I.F officially representing P.R.C. (China) could not be discussed.

B) Kazakhstan would like to join RIF and the GA decided to welcome them if they meet the requirements as stated in the statutes.

C) Federation Representatives:

The following present representatives has the right to vote at the GA

Japan – Mr. Hiroshi Okabe
Russia - Mr. Dmitry Epifanov
Sweden – Mr. Peter Jonsson
Macao, China – Mr. Sun In
Chinese Taipei – Mr. Lin Huang Yu
Estonia - Mr. Aivo Oll

The following individuals was also present at the GA

R.I.F. President – Mr. Anders Henningsson
R.I.F. General Secretary – Mr. Ants Soosorv
P.R.C. (China) – Mrs. Liu Yan Yan
Mr. Petter Gardström



Mr. Chen Ko-Han
Mr. Wang Chih-Kong
Mr. Brenet Rahumägi

7. Reports from the President, the Treasurer and the Auditor

The President reported that a lot of time has been spent on understanding R.I.F. current situation and especially the potential adoption of Chinese Weiqi association (A part of Qi Yuan), a country member of R.I.F officially representing P.R.C. (China).

On behalf of the treasurer and the auditor the President reported that R.I.F. financial situation is in order and that the auditor has approved the P&L and the Balance Sheet as of 2017-06-30.

8. Approval of the work of the Central Committee for the last two years

The GA approved the work of the Central Committee for the last 2 years.

9. Election of the Central Committee

Proposal:

President:	Anders Henningsson
Vice-Presidents:	Norihiko Kawamura, Dmitry Epifanov
Treasurer	Stefan Karlsson
General Secretary	Ants Soosorv
PR-manager	Ilya Katsev

10. The places for future RIF official championships.

- A) Team World Championship in Renju 2018 – St Petersburg beginning of May, Gomoku in the summer
- B) European Championship in Renju and Gomoku 2018 – Estonia, joint arrangement
- C) Youth World Championship in Renju and rapid Gomoku 2018 - Kazakhstan or Turkey
- D) World Championship in Renju and Gomoku 2019 – Will be discussed in CC

11. Reports from the Commissions

The Asian Commission

The Asian Commission has been completely Inactive / Anders Henningsson

The Correspondence Commission

Hello! Here is the report for the Correspondence Commission for last 2 years:

Firstly, I am sorry for the late report but I did not get informed about it as I have been the Chairman of this Commission for a little bit over a year and in renju.net there is old information. We finally got the competition under way this March again although we missed a year because of various reasons. Still, everything is running smoothly at the moment. Only issue that I would like to bring up is the cost of the medals/cups for the top 3 of the High League. As it stands right now, the money for it should come from my own pocket and it might become a little bit problematic to deliver the medals/cups to Chinese or other Asian players.



Also, as all 3 of us are actively participating in this competition, it would be good if we could find another referee for the competition for the coming years as it might cause us some problems if all of us are playing in High League and we do not have another referee.

Best regards,
Aivo Oll

The Sports Commission

Hello! Here is the report for Sports Commission for the last 2 years:

For most part, the Sports Commission has not been active. There are many reasons for that. I find the main reason to be that currently we have too many members that one way or another, do not have time to contribute to this commission anymore. When I became the Chairman of this commission in 2011, we decided that for any changes in the Sports Commission document to take place, 6 out 8 people need to vote 'yes' for the change to take place.

Obviously, as time went on, it turned out to be too optimistic on my side. We had problems accepting even the most simple things, like if a new opening rule should be accepted as RIF rated one or not. So, in my honest opinion, for this commission to be active again, we would need a complete overhaul of the members of this commission.

My proposition is to reduce it from 8 to 4 and so when deciding things 3 out of 4 people need to vote positively on the new changes. Whether you would still want me to be the chairman, is up to you to decide. I admit that I have not been the most active chairman during these 2 years, mainly because at some point I just gave up and decided not to put my effort here anymore. Main reason being that I knew I would not get much feedback on any new topic that I would raise.

Still, I have many ideas how to make the current document better or more rich in the sense that there would be more rules that would make the game more professional. The latest changes to the document were made in late 2015. Although I must say that these changes were accepted a bit too fast since less than half the people agreed on these inside the commission (most people just did not respond).

Last but not least, I have another matter to add to this report. During the last WC in Suzdal, it turns out that the organizers were too busy to print out the document and did not even bother to check the document by adding one rule that was totally different in the document. The rule was that if a player is late more than 60 minutes to the game, then he/she will automatically lose the game. Anyway, during the tournament this rule was reduced from 60 minutes to 30 minutes. I have nothing against of this reducing the rule from 60 to 30 but my point is that if the official document says 60 then there is no way to ignore that. Also, this is not the first time that the Russian Federation has made changes to the rules that are not supported by the official document. So, I think the Central Committee must ask the organizers of all the RIF title tournaments to print out the rules of this document during the tournament. Otherwise the document become just a regular piece of paper.

As for the other part of the Sports Commission work, the input of tournament information to renju.net, mostly, it is done pretty well but as in many cases, there are of course many shortcoming here as well. The most problematic country is, of course, China as they just do not add their tournaments to renju.net. Recently, in large part thanks to the efforts of Hao Tianyi, the 2017 Chinese team championship and also the 2016 Chinese Championship games were added to renju.net. I will try to collaborate with him in the future on this topic but I cannot make any promises since he is just a regular renju player who has done this from his free time.

Best regards,



Aivo Oll

The Referee Commission

Dear Anders!

Our commission have been inactive.

Friendly, Ants

The Youth Commission

Dear Anders,

We can say that our commission was half-active. We have at least discussed holding title competitions.

Friendly, Ants

The Rules Commission

According to Presidents phone contact with Peter Jonsson, nothing to report.

The Qualification Commission

Hello, Anders!

Currently the rating list is located at

<http://renjuoffline.com/renju-rating>

and updated upon request or every 1-2 months if there were no requests

The rating is based on games entered to renju.net. If game record is not available (only tournament results table exists), then I need manually handle this tournament, otherwise the calculation process is automated.

As for suggestions - it would be good idea to integrate rating calculation system directly into renju.net, so if renju.net is going to be redesigned in near future - that should be kept in mind.

Aside from that I have nothing else to report.

The Translation Commission

The Translation Commission has been completely inactive

The European Commission

Hej Anders!

This commission has been inactive.

Ants 周部 明



Friendly, Ants

The Internet Commission

Hello Anders,

My report would be regarding renju.net development plan.

As already planned some time ago, I will gradually do the major changes to renju.net working model.

1. Renju.net will change from one-person development to multi-developer project. When necessary preparation works are done, I will just be one of the members of the team.
2. Before that, I will move the renju.net into professional hosting service platform so that we can ensure the full service 24/7 with minimum risk of failure. The migration is planned in autumn this year.
3. That hosting service will be accessible for group of dedicated developers, not just me alone. RIF can help define most suitable volunteers to join the team.
4. Renju.net has a good database, but the web user interface is outdated and not fit to modern needs, such as mobile phone friendly layout, etc. The team will be able to improve the web page gradually.
5. For most urgent task, I will help improve the game diagram function, to change from java based applet into html based object, which does not require any special installation or permission. We have already received a source code for that. In first available time, I will implement it.
6. With the professional hosting platform, we can implement direct billing based on the expenses there. The treasurer can handle the payment directly in the future, not necessarily to pass through me anymore. We can discuss the details in the face-to-face meeting.
7. I have purchased the domain renju.org that surprisingly became available after it had been occupied by some domain hunter for years. I do not have any specific plan for that yet, it is currently redirecting to renju.net website.

End of report.

Thank you!
Ando

The Gomoku Commission

Hello Anders,

Given the passivity of every member including myself I don't have much to report.

We have just finished the first ever Online Gomoku Blitz WC on playok.com, with the support of Gomokuworld. This event was a great success and we plan to continue next years.

The reason we did it without RIF is that people willing to organize are not related to RIF and our site (gomokuworld.com and mainly <https://www.facebook.com/GomokuWorld/>) seems to reach real publicity thanks to facebook.

Site of the event: <https://sites.google.com/site/worldblitzcup2017/>

Another important thing is the question of website. Our current page gomokuworld.com is pretty outdated and we are looking to make a new one. There has been some initiatives to set up a team and work together with an



international team of european gomoku players, but we are progressing very slowly...I am doubtful if we can get it done.

It seems that we can work better with people outside RIF, there are quite a few individuals willing to help and organize things. This can't be said of the majority of RIF members. I don't think this is a big deal but worth no notice...We should either update the gomoku commission or keep working under Gomokuworld.

About my position...unless someone else wants to take the spot with real plans to make gomoku progress, I would keep it. Although I am very busy and don't have much time for gomoku I still can provide steady support for online and live events.

All the best,
Attila

Additional Gomoku report covering World Championship 2015 till Gomoku World Championship 2017 (Submitted by Štěpán Tesářík) :

Russia

Activity of russian gomoku committee and main events:

- organization of more than 15 gomoku tournaments (Moscow, St. Petersburg, Tyumen, Pskov), online video-translation some of them in Internet.
- organization of 2 connect-6 tournaments (Moscow, festival "Larix")
- organization of 1 pente tournament (Moscow, festival "Larix")
- organization of short official gomoku match people against AI (Yixin) in St. Petersburg 2016.
- organization of full official gomoku match people against AI (Yixin) in Moscow 2017.
- lecture on gomoku and participation (organization of gomoku area) in the festival "Day of Japanese games" 2015 (Moscow)
- participation (organization of gomoku area) in the festival of Japanese culture "Hinode Power Japan" 2016 (Moscow)
- participation (organization of gomoku and renju area) in the festival of Japanese culture "Hinode Power Japan" 2017 (Moscow)
- participation in the intellectual games festival "Larix" 2016 (Moscow) and organization tournaments with prize money of gomoku, connect-6, pente.
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- some master classes of gomoku in Pskov 2016-2017
- participation in filming for the short plot about intellectual games at the most popular TV-channel in Russia
- consultations(editing and adding professional rules) on gomoku for popular russian online-gamesite of logic games
- consultations on gomoku AI tournament "Gomocup" 2016
- consultations on gomoku AI tournament "Gomocup" 2017
- managing of russian gomoku online forum vk.com/gomoku
- others live and Internet activity

links:

<http://gomokuworld.com/tournaments>

<http://festival-larix.ru/>

<http://festival-larix.ru/larix-2016/gomoku/>

<http://www.aiexp.info/ai-vs-human-3rd-qtrc2016.html>

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<http://www.aiexp.info/ai-vs-human-gomoku.html>
<http://www.saison-group.ru/events/gameday-2015/>
<http://hinode.asia/table/>
<http://hinode.asia/news/gomoku-2017/>
<http://pln-pskov.ru/society/260958.html>
<http://www.1tv.ru/shows/dobroe-utro/mezhdru-tem/tihie-letnye-igry-dobroe-utro-fragment-vypuska-ot-09082016>
<http://gomocup.org/results/gomocup-result-2017/>
<https://logic-games.spb.ru/gomoku/>
<https://vk.com/gomoku>

Czech Republic

*Czech federation of gomoku and renju (ČFPR) organizes every year three regular weekend tournaments:
Fishparty in Hradec Králové (April-May)
Czech Open in Pardubice – open championship of the Czech Republic (July)
Deskohraní in Prague (October)*

In July 2017 World Championship in Gomoku was held in Prague. More than 40 players from 9 countries participated in one of the tournaments

*Czech on-line league CPL is organized every year, <http://www.cz.euroleague.cz/php/news.php>
Last season there were 30 participants*

Regular gomoku club is organized in Prague every Tuesday evening

*In 2017 ČFPR launched new playing server www.piskvorky.net – completely developed and owned by gomoku players. Euroleague competition in season 2016/2017 was played there.
Currently there can be gomoku classic, gomoku swap 2 or renju swap 2 played – official opening rules of renju can be add this or next year if there will be interest of renju players.*

The PR Group

Dear Anders

Only Madli has something to report. She mentioned already briefing you about IMSA and now she's pushing five-in-a-row at the event in London: The 21st Mind Sports Olympiad <http://www.msoworld.com/>

Best

Sander Sulane

12. Election of Commissioners

As the changed statues of R.I.F. dated 2017-07-11 could not be adopted by the GA, the Presidents proposal of commissioners was rejected and the discussion went back to be about commissions.

Decisions at the GA:

- The GA decided to abolish the Asian and European commission



- *The Russian Renju Federation Representative proposed to keep all commissions other than the Asian and the European commissions and the members of each commission exactly as they are today and the GA decided to do so.*

13. Election of honorable President

Mr. Na Wei was elected Honorable President of R.I.F in addition to Mr. Hayakawa and Mr. Maltell that are life time Honorable Presidents since before.

14. renju.net future

There is a wish for a gaming platform to be included and that Gomoku World (<http://gomokuworld.com/>) might be integrated.

Ando Meritee will investigate and give a proposal to CC.

15. Other points

The Youth Fund is helping young players. Donations are highly appreciated.
It would be great if a tournament for old players could be held.

16. Closing of the General Assembly.

The President of R.I.F., Anders Henningsson, declared the General Assembly (GA) closed.

Chinese Taipei, August 12, 2017

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