



**Renju International Federation (R.I.F.),  
Swedish Organization number 802434-7513,  
General Assembly, By Teams, August 8,  
2021**

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### 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

Stefan Karlsson was elected secretary of the meeting.

### 4. Election of person to check the protocol

Peter Jonsson was elected to check the protocol.

### 5. Roll call and new members

P.R. China	Zhang Wendong
Macau, China	Sunin
Chinese Taipei	Lin Huang-Yu
Japan	Hiroshi Okabe
Korea	Kim Gyu Hyeon
Poland	Piotr Malowiejski
Russia	Dmitry Epifanov
Sweden	Peter Jonsson
Estonia	Aivo Oll

No new member was added.

### 6. Reports from the President, the Treasurer and the Auditor

The President reported that a minimum of activities has been performed and that none of the R.I.F. members has sent any report by April 1 to the President every year, as stated in the statutes, at least since 2016 and that only one report from one commission has been received before 2021 GA. No more work to reform the R.I.F. organization and the statutes has been performed as it is perceived that there is no support for any work of this kind.

The treasurer 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 2021-06-30 on 2021-07-20, see enclosed files 'Financial Reports\_Memberfees\_210630' and 'RIF Audit Report for Financial Years 201907-202006 and 202007-202106'. Some further comments were made regarding the financial situation as follows.





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Profit and Loss for the latest two Years - Memberfee income has been slightly lower during the pandemic than normally. The Interest Fund has had a negative trend during the period as well. On the cost side the main piece has been the translation of the book written by Dmitry Epifanov. The total result for the 2 year period was SEK -900.

Balance Sheet per the 30th of June 2021 - Equity Capital remains over SEK 70.000. As the translation of Dmitry Epifanov book is not yet paid, this is shown among liabilities. Also the Youth Fund was briefly mentioned, which is handled as a fund on the liability side of the Balance sheet.

When it comes to governance of the legal entity of R.I.F. (Swedish Organization number 802434-7513 and for practical and compliant management of the R.I.F. bank account the GA decided as follows:

- A. In addition to other R.I.F. roles, Anders Henningsson (740217-XXXX) was elected Chairman of the Board of the legal entity 802434-7513
- B. In addition to other R.I.F. roles, Stefan Karlsson (690325-XXXX) was elected as Director of the Board of the legal entity 802434-7513
- C. Both Anders and Stefan should be registered as individual signatories of the legal entity and registered at all Swedish and international bodies that are relevant.

The President noted that he stills sees a great need to reform the R.I.F. organization, in line with the commission suggestion and other suggestions presented in 2017 and 2019.

#### **7. Approval of the work of the Central Committee for the last two years**

The work of the Central Committee for the last two years was approved. The GA approved all Presidential decisions made in accordance with § 7.5 of the R.I.F. statutes during the last 2 years.

#### **8. Election of the Central Committee and decision of the Budget for the next two year period**

All six Central Committee members were re-elected as follows:

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

The Budget for the next two Financial Years 202107-202206 and 202207-202306 was approved according to the proposal in the enclosed document 'Financial Reports\_Memberfees\_210630'. Memberfees are anticipated to go back to a more normal situation as well as main nations will pay their previous unpaid memberfees, which in total will generate a much higher memberfee income than in a normal 2 year period. On the cost side SEK 8000 for Renju and Gomoku activities was decided with the comment that Central Committee can change that number if there are good ideas coming up during the two year period. As Budgeted Result is showing almost SEK 12.000 profit we should be able to spend more if there are good initiatives coming up.

#### **9. The places for future RIF official championships.**

- A) Team World Championship in Renju
- B) European Championship in Renju and Gomoku





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- C) Youth World Championship in Renju and rapid gomoku
  - D) World Championship in Renju and Gomoku

Russia is proposed as a host country for WC 2021 in December in Yaroslavl.

Aivo Oll as the Sports Commissioner mentioned that it is unlikely WC 2021 can be held due to Corona situation. He proposed to postpone decisions on WC and any other physical tournaments.

Dmitry Epifanov asked if there is interest to take part in WC 2021 in Yaroslavl, Russia.

Hiroshi Okabe mentioned two reasons of not going to WC 2021 in Yaroslavl, Russia:

- 1) Difficult with vacation during that time for Japanese players
- 2) Corona situation – Many companies ask personnel to not go abroad

Sunin, Macau, tells similar situation like in Japan.

Zhang Wendong, China, mentioned there is very difficult to travel due to current rules and restrictions around Corona situation.

Anders Henningsson asked if there is a possibility to mix physical- and internet players in a single tournament. Dmitry Epifanov responded that is delicate question and difficult to combine. Some further comments were made on the complexity of using cameras during internet matches and tournaments.

Piotr Malowiejski, Poland, agreed will be difficult to combine physical- and internet players. Also that it is difficult to decide something now due to unclear situation.

Anders Henningsson proposed to delegate to Central Committee to handle the questions around tournaments going forward, as well as have been done until now. The meeting decided accordingly.

## 10. Reports from the Commissioners

### a) Correspondence Commissioner Report (Aivo Oll)

Last year has seen some big changes in Correspondence World Championship. Firstly, we decided to move the playing site from Renjuoffline to Renju Caffe because of poor password protection and the site overall being a bit outdated. This was not an easy decision, and the number of players took a hit. It went from 41 players in 2020 to 26 players in 2021. I would like to thank Andrey Serdyuk for years of good cooperation and helping me in organizing the tournament. The new site is made by Hao Tianyi and he has helped a lot when it comes to different matters of the tournament.

The other change was opting to change from Soosörv-8 to Taraguchi-10 as the new opening rule for all groups. This change was mainly made because it offers more balanced opening phase and more playable variants. Even with the new rule, the number of draw games has become a big issue since the best renju programs are very strong and most of the variants are fully analyzed. So, this is a sign of alarm for the renju future, even for regular play. Also, some strong players have become disinterested in correspondence renju because it is hard to avoid draw games against strong opponents. Probably soon a more extreme opening rule is necessary for Correspondence World Championship.

## **b) Sports Commissioner Report (Aivo Oll)**

Some changes have been proposed for the Tournament Rules that could be decided on later.

## **c) Rules Commissioner (Aivo Oll)**

Focus being on the opening rule that was discussed and decided upon in item 12 b below, in current General Assembly.

### **11. Election of Commissioners**

Anders Henningsson proposed to re-elect all Commissioners as they are today. The meeting decided accordingly.

### **12. Other topics**

#### **a) Russia proposed R.I.F to migrate from Elo to WHR rating**

Dmitry Epifanov explained the reason to migrate to WHR (Whole-History Rating). Using the WHR system, with "recalculating all history" over and over again, will enhance the ratings concerning players who are mainly playing local tournaments. Epifanov showed the new list of 20 highest ranked according to the WHR system.

WHR was approved by the meeting.

#### **b) Taraguchi-10 as New Opening rule**

There is a suggestion for new opening rule made by Estonia, Sweden and Finland. Aivo explained the proposal and the purpose of the change. See also enclosed document 'Rulechangeproposal'.

Sunin, Macau, argued there is changing of opening rules too often. Also argued it is a difficult rule for beginners.

Dmitry Epifanov, Russia, votes against after a vote made in the Russian federation.

Hiroshi Okabe, Japan, thinks we can decide next year and propose change perhaps 2024. However, can not agree as of now.

Lin Huang-Yu, Taipei, has discussed and used the Taraguchi-10 rule in their organization. Conclusion has been that this rule is more suitable for beginners and medium players and not a problem for very strong players. Will promote the change according to proposal.

Kim Gyu Hyeon, Korea, agrees with proposal.

Zhang Wendong, P R China, will not vote on this point.

Piotr Malowiejski, Poland, will not vote on this point.

Voting was done 4-3 in favor of the proposal according to below list.



P.R. China (Qi Yuan)	Zhang Wendong	-
Macau, China	Sunin	No
Chinese Taipei	Lin Huang-Yu	Yes
Japan	Hiroshi Okabe	No
Korea Omok Association	Kim Gyu Hyeon	Yes
Poland	Piotr Malowiejski	-
Russia	Dmitry Epifanov	No
Sweden	Peter Jonsson	Yes
Estonia	Aivo Oll	Yes

Yes = 4  
No = 3  
Japan used  
Veto  
Decision: No

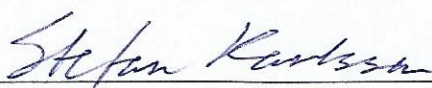
However, Japan put veto which means the meeting decided to not approve the proposal.

### 13. Closing of the General Assembly.


It was clarified that the recording of the meeting should be used only for checking the minutes of the meeting and after that the recording will be erased.

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

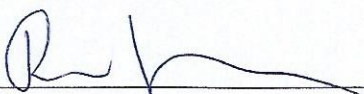
Jönköping, Sweden, the 8th of August 2021,



**Stefan Karlsson**  
Secretary of the Meeting



**Anders Henningsson (韩宁森)**  
President (总裁)  
Renju International Federation (国际连珠联盟)



**Peter Jonsson**  
Checking the Protocol