

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011

July 9, 2011 – Mestre, Italy

### Agenda

1. Appointment of the notetaker
2. Report of the president (annex 1)
3. Report of the chairman of the Rule Committee for mahjong Competition Rules
4. Admission of membership:
  - a. United Kingdom (annex 2)
  - b. Poland (annex 3)
5. Sittings for future European Championships OEMC 2013, Riichi EC 2012:
  - a. official proposals: Kasu Club proposal for EC Riichi 2012 in Vienna (annex 4)
  - b. discussion of future European championships, regarding size, cost and frequency
6. Items proposed to the General Assembly:
  - a. proposal on tournament requirements (annex 5)
  - b. proposal on referees and quotas (annex 6)
  - c. proposal on obligations of members (annex 7)
  - d. proposal on division of powers (annex 8)
7. Elections for the presidency:
  - a. President of the EMA
  - b. two Vice Presidents
  - c. two further members of the presidency
8. Nomination of one board member for each country
  - a. please send name and email address to [presidium@mahjong-europe.org](mailto:presidium@mahjong-europe.org) before 25 June
9. creation of any new committees:
  - a. proposal: creation of workgroup to formalize standards for MERS tournaments (annex 10)
  - b. proposal: creation of a certification committee who will review MERS applications (annex 11)
10. Any other business

## Minutes

Present:

Robert Rijnders, Janco Onnink (NL),  
Tina Christensen, Morten Andersen (DK),  
Martin Scheichenbauer, Norbert Tschinkel (A),  
Peter van Damme, Rudi Kopmanis (B)  
Simon Fongue, David Aure (F),  
Axel Eschenburg, Norbert Luckhardt (D),  
András Bodas (H),  
Marco Milandri, Andrea Verpelli (I),  
Rui Machado, Paula Pereira Gomes (P)  
Mark Chizhenok (Rus),  
Peyman Zehtab-Fard (Swe)

1. Appointment of a note taker:  
Paula Pereira Gomes volunteers as note taker.
2. Report of the president:  
The report of the president is available as a separate document. It is accepted without amendments.
3. Report of the chairman of the Rule committee For Mahjong Competition Rules:  
The report is accepted and the GA approves the replacement of Martin Hofmann by Norbert Luckhardt.
4. Admission of membership:
  - a. United Kingdom: unanimously admitted
  - b. Poland: unanimously admitted
5. Sittings for future European Championships OEMC 2013, Riichi EC 2012:
  - a. The GA does not agree with the proposal of the Kasu Club, especially not with the bankruptcy rules. We should stick to the rules as they are.  
Martin Scheichenbauer is our contact with the Kasu Club and he assured the GA that there will be another proposal before October 1<sup>st</sup>; the proposal will be for 2012.
  - b. Tournaments are becoming too expensive and it's really very hard to find sponsors.  
From now on we have a 3 year cycle (instead of 2). Next OEMC will be held in 2014. France, Hungary and Austria have applied for the organization. Their proposals have to be at the presidium n.l.t. December 31<sup>st</sup>.
6. Items proposed to the GA:
  - a. Very clear proposal; it excludes frictions in the future. The GA accepted the change in formulation.
  - b. EMA should be able to organize referee seminars, to require organizer to provide benefits for referees and to request referees to EC's.  
MERS 2 tournaments should have at least 1 non-playing referee (other referees will be able to play).  
MERS 1 tournaments should have at least 1 playing referee.  
A committee that will look into this; its members are: Morten Andersen (chairman), Sebastien Berret, Axel Eschenburg and Marl Chizhenok. They will work out the referee quota.  
The deadline will be after the next seminar.  
The names of the certified referees will be made public.  
The committee will also look into the matter of the quotas proposal. We want the best players to be present at the tournaments.

- c. The proposal is clear and speaks for itself. The GA accepts the proposal.
  - d. This proposal will be incorporated in the proposal for 'Rules of Procedure' which will be drafted up by Janco Onnink.
7. Elections for the presidency:
- a. President: Robert Rijnders is resigning; VP Tina Christensen has voiced her candidacy and as there are no other candidates, she is unanimously elected as the next president. The GA thanks Robert for his work during the past years and is wishing Tina a great term.
  - b. Vice Presidents: Sébastien Berret and Axel Eschenburg (newly elected).
  - c. Members of the Presidium: Tina Christensen, Andras Boda, Sebastien Berret, Axel Eschenburg (newly elected) and Mark Chizhenok (newly elected).
8. Nomination of one board member for each country:
- Tina Christensen (DK),  
 Martin Scheichenbauer (A),  
 Peter van Damme (B),  
 Carlos Sanchez Martin (E),  
 Topi Musto (Fin),  
 Sebastien Berret (F)  
 Axel Eschenburg (D)  
 Andrés Boda (H),  
 Marco Milandri (I),  
 Janco Onnink (NL),  
 Domonik Kolenda (Pol),  
 Rui Machado (P),  
 Mark Chizhenok (Rus),  
 Tomas Siron (Svk)  
 Jonas Hagerlid (Swe)  
 Ian Fraser (UK)
9. Creation of any new committees:
- a. The committee formed sub 6b will take this task.
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10. Any other business

There is no ruling for when a player does not show up for more than 1 round. The formal decision of the GA is that a player is disqualified for the round(s) he did not play entirely because of sickness or absence, but he will be allowed to play the other (remaining) rounds. An organization may require a player to be present at the time of opening or a specific time before the tournament play starts. In that case, a player not showing up in time, could be disqualified for the whole tournament.

We need some kind of Tournament Guide Line for these matters. Tina Christensen, Sebastien Barret and Norbert Luckhardt will form a committee for this Guide Line. Mark Chizhenok will send them the document that Russia has developed about these matters.

As there is no date scheduled (yet) for a next OEMC – which typically is the time to have a GA / board meeting – the presidium will let the board know in due time if and when it is necessary or possible to gather again.