



INTERNATIONAL QUIDDITCH ASSOCIATION

## **IQA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, 04 March 2017**

**19:00 UTC - 21:01 UTC**

**Minutes: Marco Ziegus**

### **Attendance**

#### **Voting members**

- Nicholas Oughtibridge (Trustee, Chair)
- Luke Nickholds (Trustee, Vice Chair)
- Nicole Hammer (Trustee)
- Andy Marmer (Trustee)
- Alex Benepe (Trustee)
- Brian Gallaway (Trustee, IQA President, chooses to abstain because of the outcome of the latest AGM)

#### **Observers**

- Rebecca Alley (Executive Director)
- Marco Ziegus (Secretary)

#### **Apologies**

# Agenda

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## Confirm Agenda

## Review conflicts of interest

## Minutes of the last meeting

- Minor inaccuracies are reported and corrected, the minutes are then accepted.

## Actions and other matters arising not covered elsewhere

- The board agreed that Brian Gallaway opens a linked credit card account with Royal Bank of Canada
  - no updates
- The board agreed to add Rebecca Alley as a signing authority to all Royal Bank of Canada accounts
  - no updates
- Rebecca Alley agreed to liaise with Felix Linsmeier to ensure European Committee funds are correctly accounted for.
  - Felix is in the process of counting the assets, such as equipment.

## IQA Website

- The problems with the IQA website persist. According to the domain provider, the ownership was correctly transferred to a new owner. That new owner is unknown.
- Action plan:
  - Set up the IQA website under a subdomain of refdevelopment.com, e.g. iqa.refdevelopment.com or refevelopment.com/iqa or to a new domain, e.g. iqaquidditch.info within the next 10 days.
  - Additionally, we try to take down the still running website on iqaquidditch.org, either by regaining control of the domain or shutting down the server running the website.
- The Technology Team is working on a new version of a website with a new structure and design, based on the Joomla CMS.
  - This should be ready for release until mid April.
- Rebecca will write a report within the next days to update the board about the possibility of all of this.

## European Games

- The tournament committee has been selected.
  - Alper Erisen - Tournament Director
  - Bex McLaughlin - Assistant Tournament Director
  - Pauline Raes - Referee and Snitch Coordinator
  - Elisabeth Jørstad (Norwegian) - Hospitality Coordinator
  - Eva Verpe (Norwegian) - Marketing Coordinator
  - Howard (HR Director) will sort out the VSA (Volunteer Service Agreement), then the committee members will be announced publicly.

## Executive Director report

- Karen Kumaki stepped down as Events Director
- The executive team is preparing a relaunch of the IQA mid April (after EQC, USQ Nationals, ...)
  - People should have a lot of positive energy towards quidditch then which will be taken advantage of.
  - Release a series of documents every weekend (new website, results from community survey, annual report with roadmap for improvements, financial standing)
    - The annual report will probably also contain a proposal from the Branding Committee
  - This should regain trust and engagement into the IQA.
  - Then, the offerings for director positions will be published, harvesting on the IQA's relaunch.

## Congress

- The next meeting will probably take place on 22 April.
- Originally, Congress should receive the financial statement. However, the financial state is still not complete and contains inaccuracies.
  - Brian will compile a summary of World Cup finances and add the current balances of bank paypal accounts.

## Committee Updates

### Branding Committee

- The NGBs contacted so far have shown great interest. More NGBs will be contacted in the near future, so far time constraints did not allow to talk to more NGBs.
- The committee will send a report to Congress for the upcoming Congress Meeting in April and ask for a resolution to dive deeper into this topic.
  - Simultaneously, a public statement will be released to inform the public.

### Constitution Requirements Committee

- The members have been selected:
  - Brian Gallaway
  - Nicole Hammer
  - Nicholas Oughtibridge
  - Merryn Christian (Australia)
  - Chula Bruggeling (Netherlands)
  - Mary Kimball (United States)
- The first meeting will take place in the next weeks.
- The scope of this committee is limited to determine what the requirements for a constitution are going to be, rather than to work out a constitution proposal.

### Potential appointments to board

- As of the last AGM votes, the constitution was changed so that the Trustees can appoint new Trustees.
- Nicholas is the only European among the Trustees and he is not really a member of the Quidditch Community
  - An additional Trustee from Europe would therefore be great.
  - Best would be if a candidate has a background in finance.
  - Unfortunately, we do not have a candidate in mind.
- Maybe we can advertise on EQC, e.g. a spectator with experience in finance.
- Appointing an additional American would not be appropriate as Americans already have voting power within the Trustees.

### Any other business

- Next meeting at 11 March 19:00 UTC