



INTERNATIONAL QUIDDITCH ASSOCIATION

**IQA Congress Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, 11 June 2017**

**Start time 19:00 UTC - 23:00 UTC**

**Minutes: Marco Ziegau**

## Attendance

### Voting Members

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Official Acronym</b>	<b>Country/Nation</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Present</b>
Asociación Argentina de Quidditch	AAQ	Argentina	Lucas Szykula	Yes
Quidditch Australia	QA	Australia	Matt Ingram	Yes
Quidditch Australia	QA	Australia	Merryn Christian	?
Belgian Quidditch Federation	BQF	Belgium	Laurens Grinwis Plaat Stultjes	No
IQA - President	IQA	IQA (Canada)	Brian Gallaway	Yes
Quidditch Canada	QC	Canada	Liam Flewwelling	Yes
Quidditch Canada	QC	Canada	Jill Staniec	Yes
Associació de Quidditch de Catalunya	AQC	Catalonia	David Martinez	No
Fédération du Quidditch Français	FQF	France	David Mohamed	No
Deutscher Quidditchbund	DQB	Germany	Nina Heise	Yes
Deutscher Quidditchbund	DQB	Germany	Niklas Müller	Yes
Associazione Italiana Quidditch	AIQ	Italy	Andrea Miglietta	Joined 20:45
Quidditch México	QMX	Mexico	Alberto Santillán	No
Quidditch Nederland	QNL	Netherlands	Chula Bruggeling	Yes
Norges Rumpeldunkforbund	NRF	Norway	Jørgen	Yes
Asociación Quidditch España	AQE	Spain	Héctor Cabrera	Yes
Asociación Quidditch España	AQE	Spain	Andrea de Alfonso	No
Quidditch Association in Turkey	QD	Turkey	Alper Erişen	Yes
Quidditch Association in Turkey	QD	Turkey	Can Kaytaz	No
QuidditchUK	QUK	United Kingdom	James Burnett	Yes

QuidditchUK	QUK	United Kingdom	Mel Piper	No
US Quidditch	USQ	United States	Eric Schnier	No
US Quidditch	USQ	United States	Sarah Woolsey	Yes
US Quidditch	USQ	United States	Mary Kimball	Yes
Polska Liga Quidditcha	PLQ	Poland	Kinga Robotka	Yes

## Developing NGBs

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Official Acronym</b>	<b>Country/Nation</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Present</b>
Quidditch Austria	QAT	Austria	Lena Mandahus	Joined 19:50
Associação Brasileira de Quadribol	ABRQ	Brazil	Vinícius Costa	No
Svenska Quidditchförbundet	SvQF	Sweden	David Jonsson	Yes
ČESKÁ ASOCIACE FAMFRPÁLU	ČAF	Czech Republic	Michael Škácha	Yes
Slovak Quidditch Association	SQA	Slovakia	Martin Hofbauer	No
Quidditch Uganda		Uganda	John Ssentamu	No
Federación Peruana de Quidditch	FDPQ	Peru	Fredy Ramírez Cornejo	No
Quidditch Ireland	QIRE	Republic of Ireland & Northern Ireland	Stefan Scheurer	Joined 19:50

## Observers

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Official Acronym</b>	<b>Country/Nation</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Present</b>
Secretary	IQA	IQA (Germany)	Marco Ziegau	Yes
Quidditch Nederland	QNL	Netherlands	Robin Mier	
Quidditch Association in Turkey	QD	Turkey	Bedriye Ecem Satıcı	
FQF Translator	FQF	France	Marine Alexandre	
Norges	NRF	Norway	Elisabeth	

Rumpledunkforbund			Ingeberg Jørstad	
Associazione Italiana Quidditch	AIQ	Italy	Veronica Rosazza	
Federación Peruana de Quidditch	FDPQ	Peru	America Sedano	
			Nicholas Oughtibridge	
			Nicole Hammer	yes
			Luke Nickholds	
			Andy Marmer	yes
			Alex Benepe	yes
			Rebecca Alley	yes

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## System for speaking

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- Write "i" if you want to say something about the current topic
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## Roll Call

- 20 votes are present out of 25
  - 21 are present as of 20:45 (including Italy)
  - 22:25 AAQ and QD leave → 18 votes
- Quorum is therefore reached (at least two thirds)

## Approval of the agenda

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## Decision on IQA Rulebook going forward

- QNL: Which instance would be developing the rulebook? Would it be a Congress committee?
  - IQA President: It would probably rather be under the administrative umbrella, in the Gameplay department of the IQA.
  - USQ: This has worked well for USQ. Being a more independent team made it more efficient.
- Rulebook Proposal:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kBYqpgU6CKwGr0gW\\_k2tVHqgWMKimT4VpDxI1Cjg2YQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kBYqpgU6CKwGr0gW_k2tVHqgWMKimT4VpDxI1Cjg2YQ/edit)
- More detailed document that was used to discuss the content of the above proposal:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/14ZUvhAOyS8ppJOVqsDy7UEp4kPYnOP1KU5accbB\\_0Y/edit?ts=58fbeb8e](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14ZUvhAOyS8ppJOVqsDy7UEp4kPYnOP1KU5accbB_0Y/edit?ts=58fbeb8e)
- USQ: The proposal addresses USQ's main concerns which is sovereignty and timeline. It would be very important for USQ that the new IQA Rulebook is released before World Cup to give USQ enough time with the certification process.
  - QNL: I'd like to see more collaboration between the USQ Certification Team and the IQA RDT.
- QC: Does the April timeline work for everyone?
  - It seems so.
- QUK: How does it help if NGBs can make unlimited alterations to the common rulebook.
  - IQA President: It's a bit of a compromise, but at least the changes will be based off the same base rulebook, which makes it easier for referees to compare the rulebooks.
- IQA President: Would USQ be willing to move their rulebook volunteers towards an IQA based rulebook team?
  - USQ: We can't force them, but we can encourage them to do so and based on previous staff meetings, we could make a strong case for it.
  - QNL: Would the USQ Rulebook team share their work with the IQA Rulebook team (if they don't join the IQA Rulebook team).
  - USQ: Yes, we can commit to share information, but we just cannot promise that our volunteers will join an IQA Rulebook team. We do want them to, though.
- QC: To my understanding, the national Rulebook teams would not necessarily exist until the international rulebook is completed and the NGBs start to work on their own alterations.

- USQ: It would still have some benefit to run both the international Rulebook team and a national Rulebook team at the same time, as things might come up during the season that are country specific, e.g. due to a difference in the competitiveness and play style.
- QNL: We don't need to make all changes happen at the same time, as long as we move forward.
- QNL:
  - Motion 1: Accept the proposal summary as listed here, [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kBYqpgU6CKwGr0gW\\_k2tVHggWMKimT4VpDxI1Cjq2YQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kBYqpgU6CKwGr0gW_k2tVHggWMKimT4VpDxI1Cjq2YQ/edit), and having the future rulebook department take a look at [https://docs.google.com/document/d/14ZUvhAOyS8ppJOVqsDy7UEp4kPYnOP1K\\_U5accbB\\_0Y/edit?ts=58fbeb8e](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14ZUvhAOyS8ppJOVqsDy7UEp4kPYnOP1K_U5accbB_0Y/edit?ts=58fbeb8e) as the basis for further development of their department and related issues, while working closely together with the IQA RDT.
  - Motion 2: If a USQ Rulebook Department Member is willing to join the IQA Rulebook Department, they would have priority on becoming the Chairperson/Department Head, on the basis of them having the most experience with Rulebook Departments.
- IQA ED: Re Motion 2: Congress shouldn't dictate the IQA Operations Department's choices and someone with lot's of experience does not necessarily make a good leader. Previous experience should only be one of several factors deciding which people to choose for such a job.
  - QUK: While this is understandable, I think we should set as many incentives for USQ volunteers to join as possible.
- QC seconds QNL's 1. motion.
- QNL: Change of the motion:
  - Motion 1a: Accept the proposal summary as discussed here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kBYqpgU6CKwGr0gW\\_k2tVHggWMKimT4VpDxI1Cjq2YQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kBYqpgU6CKwGr0gW_k2tVHggWMKimT4VpDxI1Cjq2YQ/edit)
  - Motion 1b: Have the future rulebook department take a look at [https://docs.google.com/document/d/14ZUvhAOyS8ppJOVqsDy7UEp4kPYnOP1K\\_U5accbB\\_0Y/edit?ts=58fbeb8e](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14ZUvhAOyS8ppJOVqsDy7UEp4kPYnOP1K_U5accbB_0Y/edit?ts=58fbeb8e) as the basis for further development of their department and related issues, while working closely together with the IQA RDT.
- QC seconds motion 1a
- Vote:
  - Yes: IQA President, QNL, PLQ, USQ (3), QUK (2), DQB (2), AQE (2), AAQ, NRF, QA (2), QC (2)
  - No
  - Abstain: QD (2)
  - DNV:
  - Motion passed: 18 Yes votes, 2 abstentions
- QNL: New Motion 1b: Recommend the future rulebook group take a look at [https://docs.google.com/document/d/14ZUvhAOyS8ppJOVqsDy7UEp4kPYnOP1K\\_U5accbB\\_0Y/edit?ts=58fbeb8e](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14ZUvhAOyS8ppJOVqsDy7UEp4kPYnOP1K_U5accbB_0Y/edit?ts=58fbeb8e) as the basis for further development of their department and related issues, while working closely together with the IQA RDT.
- DQB seconds motion 1b
- Vote:
  - Yes: PLQ, QNL, QA (2), IQA President, NRF, QC (2), AQE (2), USQ (3), QUK (2), DQB (2)

- No
- Abstain: QD (2), AAQ
- DNV
- Motion passed with 17 Yes votes and 3 abstentions
- NRF: The Rulebook committee of Congress was disbanded in the last Congress meeting. Is the new Rulebook group now a volunteer team?
  - IQA President: Yes, the idea was to pass it on to Rebecca and the Executive team.
  - IQA ED: Rulebook will be separate - right now we don't have a Head of Gameplay so it's been given to the group of people who are the closest to that right now. In the future it will be separated as soon as we have the human resources to do so.
- QC: This worked pretty well right now, having a motion and then discuss based on that rather than discuss everything at once.
  - IQA President: If it's possible, we surely can do that, but it probably depends on the specific topic.

## From the IQA Board's Branding Committee

- "The Board proposes that the IQA Congress resolve to create a committee composed of board and congress members to explore the name of our sport."
- QNL: Explore is pretty open ended. This doesn't necessarily mean that the name will be changed, right?
  - Andy Marmer: The committee should rather be to explore if and if yes, to what name to change to.
  - QC: We feel that this would be a waste of volunteer resources at this time, as there is no consensus that the name should be changed.
- AAQ: Why should we even change the name?
  - Alex Benepe: Alex summarizes the reasoning behind this, which was already shared with Congress delegates via email. The AAQ representative did not receive these emails.
- QC: Motion that Congress thank the IQA Branding Committee for their work to date and pass their information on to the Constitutional Committee for their consideration as they look to incorporate the IQA.
- PLQ seconds the motion.
- QNL: Why pass it to the Constitutional Committee?
  - QC: We don't want the work they have put in already go wasted, but we are happy to change the motion.
  - QNL: I just don't see why it would be the Constitutional Committee's job.
- QUK: Passing it on to another committee would mean to cross over a question that is not answered yet.
- Alex Benepe: If we create this committee, the committee would be responsible to set a timeline and to work on exploring options, narrowing them down and then put them to a vote in Congress.
- QC: We feel that it is simply not necessary dealing with this issue right now, as it does not currently pose a problem and there are so many unresolved issues that do pose problems right now which we should focus on.



- QNL: Motion: Create a committee composed of board and congress members to explore the name of our sport, and more extensive benefits and drawbacks for a potential change.
- Vote:
  - Yes: QC (2),
  - No: QNL, NRF, DQB (2), QUK (2), AQE (2), USQ (3), QD (2), QA (2),
  - Abstain: PLQ, IQA President, AAQ
  - DNV:
  - Motion failed with 2 Yes votes, 15 No votes and 3 abstentions
- QNL:
  - Motion 1: Create a committee composed of board and congress members to privately explore the name of our sport, and more extensive benefits and drawbacks for a potential change.
  - Motion 2: Their main objective would be to present an extensive report during the next AGM, including potential cost analysis of changing the name (for NGBs and teams).
- DQB seconds QNL's 1. motion
- QNL combines the motions into one: Motion: Create a Congress committee composed of board and congress members to privately explore the name of our sport, and more extensive benefits and drawbacks for a potential change. Their main objective would be to present an extensive report during the next AGM, including publicity impact analysis and potential cost analysis of changing the name (for NGBs and teams), continuing the work of the previous Board committee.
- DQB seconds the new combined motion.
- QC: Can I clarify a point about people's comments about forming a committee because we have people who are passionate about the topic already? Do people want the committee to be formed almost/entirely of people who are all blatantly in favour of changing our name? Shouldn't there be a balance? Why not have the trustee committee continue in this role?
  - QNL: However wants to join can join.
  - QC: Shouldn't the committee's objectives be clearly defined then? Is the committee about proposing to change the name?
  - QNL: No, it's about providing a facts report based on their evaluations.
- Vote:
  - Yes: QNL, QUK (2), DQB (2), AAQ, USQ (3), AQE (2), NRF, QA (2), PLQ, QD (2), AIQ
  - No: QC (2)
  - Abstain: IQA President,
  - DNV:
  - Motion passed with 18 Yes votes, 2 No votes, 1 abstention
- QNL: As this is a Congress committee, the chair needs to be a Congress delegate, right?
  - IQA President: Yes
- USQ (Mary Kimball): I'd be interested, but I'm already on a committee , so if anyone else wants it, please speak out!

- PLQ (Kinga Robotka): I can do that, but may not be president anymore in two months or so
  - QD: Kinga can start and if she is not elected then we select someone else as the chair?
- Kinga will chair the committee

## Third Party Investigation - In Camera Agenda Item

*As this was an in camera item, there are no records about which NGBs made motions and seconded these as well as which NGB voted in which way.*

- Motion: Dismiss the investigation report because it was created without proper authorisation from the Congress or the Constitution. However, do consider the sections "d", such as "The Board should ..." or "The organisation should...". The Ethics Committee can investigate the issue if they feel the need to, as long as there are proper and clear procedures regarding the investigation.

Motion passed with 13 Yes, 5 No, 3 abstentions

Motion to [TODO: What was the motion text?]

Yes: QNL, IQA, DQB (2), PLQ, QA (2), QUK (2), AIQ, NRF, AQE (2), USQ (3), QD (2), QC (2)

Motion passed with 20 Yes votes and no dissent

IQA President: Motion to defer the rest of the agenda to next sunday, 19:00 UTC

Seconded by QC

Vote:

- Yes: QNL, PLQ, QUK (2), QC (2), DQB (2), IQA, USQ (3), AIQ, AQE (2)
- Abstain: NRF, QA (2)

Motion passed with 15 Yes votes and 3 abstentions

## Organizational Concerns

### Dominance of one nation at the Board level

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/159AiUGRqTMwXlyU65wnrmyK-qo7yciisha8XNlUmDAk/edit?usp=sharing>

### Election of our acting ED to the Board

- Suggest referring to Constitutional Requirements Committee

### Creation of IQA Ethics Committee

- Suggest composition of 3 Delegates, who would need to develop a Terms of Reference

## Other Business