



Minutes of General Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, 18 February 2020
11:30am

Hall 8.2, Cape Town International Convention Centre 2

Attendees: Chief Delegates, Delegation Secretaries and
Executive Council Members *

1. Secretary General's introductory remarks

On behalf of the Chairman, the Secretary General addressed the General Assembly and welcomed the Chief Delegates and Delegation Secretaries to Cape Town for the 38th Asian Racing Conference (ARC). The Secretary General informed all attendees that the Chairman had been required to remain in Hong Kong to lead the efforts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club in response to significant challenges posed by the novel coronavirus situation. The Secretary General passed on the Chairman's warmest wishes to all Chief Delegates and Delegation Secretaries.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 14 May 2018

The General Assembly **CONFIRMED** the minutes of its meeting held in Seoul on 14 May 2018.

3. Report on work of ARF between 37th ARC and 38th ARC

The Secretary General delivered a detailed report on the work of the ARF between the 37th and 38th ARC.

Mr Greg Nichols moved that the Report be formally approved by the General Assembly. Mr. Benoît Halbwachs seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

4. Review of ARF Executive Council Composition

The General Assembly noted the paper entitled "Review of ARF Executive Council Composition". The Secretary General provided a detailed summary of the paper, and noted that the Executive Council had recommended that the current composition of the Executive Council is appropriate and that there is no need for change.



Mrs Victoria Carter moved that the General Assembly:

- a) **APPROVE** the Executive Council's recommendation that the composition of the Executive Council remains appropriate; and
- b) **APPROVE** the deletion of Part 9.2(b) of Article 3 of the ARF Charter.

Dr Makoto Inoue seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

5. Membership

Chinese Equestrian Association:

The General Assembly noted the paper entitled "Chinese Equestrian Association (CEA): Application to become an ARF Member" and "China Horse Industry Association (CHIA): Application to Upgrade ARF Membership Status".

The Secretary General noted that the Executive Council recommended to the General Assembly that the CEA be granted ARF Associate Membership.

Mr Greg Nichols moved that the CEA be granted the ARF Associate Membership with immediate effect. Mr. Benoît Halbwachs seconded the motion. The General Assembly unanimously approved that the CEA be granted the ARF Associate Membership with immediate effect.

CHIA: The General Assembly noted the paper entitled "China Horse Industry Association (CHIA): Application to Upgrade ARF Membership Status". The Secretary General noted that the ARF Secretariat had made requests for further information to the CHIA. The Secretary General noted that the CHIA was preparing detailed responses to those requests, although the ongoing novel coronavirus issue had impacted upon the CHIA's ability to obtain information regarding certain requests in recent days.

Finally, the Secretary General expressed his gratitude to the delegates of the CEA and CHIA, who kindly agreed not to travel to Cape Town to attend this General Assembly meeting and the 38th ARC due to the concerns in relation to the ongoing novel coronavirus situation, and noted that their absence did not indicate a lack of commitment to the ARF by both organisations.

6. ARF Executive Council Official Holders – 38th to 39th ARC

The Secretary General announced that at its meeting on Tuesday, 18 February 2020, the ARF Executive Council held elections for the offices of Chairman and two Vice-Chairs. These positions take effect from the conclusion of the 38th ARC to the conclusion of the 39th ARC.

Election of Chairman

Mr Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Chief Executive Officer of The Hong Kong Jockey Club, was unanimously re-elected as the ARF Chairman.



Election of Vice-Chair

Mr Greg Nichols, Chairman of the Racing Australia, was unanimously re-elected as one of two ARF Vice-Chairs.

Election of Vice-Chair, Mr Masayuki Goto

Mr Masayuki Goto, President and CEO of the Japan Racing Association, was unanimously elected as one of two Vice-Chairs.

7. Briefing on Opening Ceremony of 38th ARC

The Secretary General informed the Chief Delegates that a rehearsal of the Flag Ceremony at the 38th ARC Opening Ceremony would be conducted at Hall 5 of the CTICC 2 after the General Assembly meeting.

8. Other Business

No other business.

9. Presentation of gifts to the 38th ARC host

Each Chief Delegate presented a gift to Mr Ken Truter, Director of the National Horseracing Authority of Southern Africa (NHA), to commemorate the NHA's hosting of the 38th ARC.

The Secretary General closed the meeting at 12:20 pm.