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**REPORT
OF EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETING
28 May 2017
Bangkok, Thailand**



Venue: Hotel Grand Fourwings, Bangkok, THA

Present: Dr.Tamás Aján, President

Mr. Ma Wenguang, General Secretary, Mr.Nicu Vlad, 1st Vice President

Mr. Sam Coffa, Mr. José Quinones, Mr. Ong Poh Eng, Mr. Alexander Gerasimenko, Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey, Vice Presidents

Ms. Moira Lassen, Mr. Pyrros Dimas, Mr. Mohamed Jaloud, Dr. Michael Irani, Mr. Birendra P. Baishya, Mr. David Montero, Dr. Fathi Masmoudi, Dr. Christian Baumgartner, Executive Board Members

Mr. Willian Ozuna, Mr. Khaled Mhalhel, Mr. Marcus Stephen, Dr. Antonio Urso and Mr. Mohamed Y. Al Mana, Continental Presidents

Mr. Zhanat Tussupbekov, Marketing C. Chairman, Dr. Patrick Schamasch, ADC Chairman, Dr. Francois Carrard, Legal Advisor to IWF, Mr. Alain Siegrist, Financial Advisor, Mr. Attila Ádámfi, Director General

1. Introduction by the President

Dr. Tamás Aján expressed his gratitude to **TAWA** and to **Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey** for the wonderful hospitality. He called attention to the IWF's new publications: 2016 Rio Photo book, Handbook of Candidates to the 2017 IWF elections and WORLD WEIGHTLIFTING's latest issue.

2. Welcome address by the hosts

Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey took the floor and offered a welcome to the Board. He said Thailand was honoured to host the Electoral Congress and called everyone to convene in harmony and in the spirit of unity.

Dr. Aján joined the Vice President in conveying the message of harmony and friendship, and a united effort to defend the good face of weightlifting. He also pointed out that the IWF had been making all possible effort in its power to get the Olympic medals reallocated and hoped that the legal procedures would soon allow to complete this process.

3. Discussion on the 2018 IWF Junior World Championships

Dr. Aján reminded the Board that since the allocation of the Championships the international environment and the behaviour of PRK as a country had changed. That's why the EB decided to withdraw the right from PRK. On the other hand, PRK insists nothing has changed and everybody can travel to the country without any problems. He thus suggested to listen to PRK's representative and consult the matter after the hearing.

Vice Minister of Sport Mr. Son Kwang Ho and his colleague presented their plan to the EB on behalf of the PRK NOC és Weightlifting Federation. They confirmed their full ability to organise the JWC at the highest technical and organisational level and welcome all participants to Pyongyang.

Dr. Aján mentioned that the EB was dealing with this JWC for the 3rd time and while PRK's ability to organise the event technically was not questioned, the level of participation must be considered as a critical issue. Finally, he concluded that ***any final decision and commitment on the subject should be deferred to the new Executive Board following the elections. This was accepted.***

5. Financial reports

Dr. Aján referred to the **Quadrennial Financial Report** and the **Auditors' Report** were contained in the submitted Reports document package and pointed out that the relevant Reports would be submitted to the Congress on the following day.

6. IWF Electoral Congress – current matters

Dr. Aján outlined the agenda and schedule of the Congress. He pointed out that representatives of the IOC, ASOIF and other International Federations would be in attendance as Guests of Honour.

Maj.Gen. Intarat confirmed that maximum security would be provided. The Minister of Sport and Tourism will attend.

The order of the 5-minute speeches by the candidates to President and to General Secretary was defined by lot drawn.

President: Mr. Urso, Mr. Puentevella, Mr. Al Mana, Dr. Aján, Mr. Moradi, Mr. Ma, Mr. Vlad

General Secretary: Mr. Vlad, Mr. Adamfi, Mr. Quinones, Mr. Ma, Mr. Moradi, Mr. Jaloud

- **Approval of Minutes of the previous, April 2nd meeting** – *The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously, with 1 abstention (Mr. Urso).*
- **The ASOIF Questionnaire on Good Governance in IFs** was distributed by the **Director General** for information.

Dr. Aján informed the Board of the presence of **Dr. Francois Carrard** and **Dr. Patrick Schamasch** at the Congress. Further technical information was provided about voice recording, scrutineers, seating arrangements. It was pointed out that no special observers need to be appointed as the vote counting will be in the open, a process everybody can follow. The EB Members agreed.

A **Verification Commission** was appointed: **Mr. Quinones, Mr. Baishya, Dr. Masmoudi, Mr. Gerasimenko.**

4. Report of the appointed Panel regarding the Tbilisi decision

Dr. Baumgartner thanked his colleagues, **Dr. Irani** and **Mr. Quinones** for the cooperation. Their presentation was followed with interest. Recommendation to be presented to the Congress.

Dr. Aján thanked the Panel and **Dr. Nyirfa** for the work done.

Concluding the meeting, **the President** thanked each EB member, one by one, for their activity in the past term, as well as to the IWF Secretariat for the work done. He made special mention of **General Secretary Mr. Ma** and his Assistant **Ms. Wang Yan** who provided very valuable cooperation in the past 8 years. – Finally, he declared the meeting closed.

*Report by A.Németh-Móra
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