

IWF Executive Board Meeting 13-14 June 2017 – Tokyo, JPN

REPORT

Venue: Grand Hotel Nikko Daiba, Tokyo

Present: Dr. Tamás Aján, President
Mr. Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary
Mr. Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1st Vice President
Ms. Ursula Papandrea Garza, Mr. Nicu Vlad, Mr. Jose Quinones, Mr. Zhanat Tussupbekov, Mr. Petr Krol, Vice Presidents
Ms. Karoliina Lundahl, Mr. Pyrros Dimas, Mr. Birendra Prasad Baishya, Mr. Maxim Agapitov, Mr. Shakhrillo Makhmudov, Mr. Luis Zambrano Andrade, Dr. Michael Irani, Executive Board Members
Mr. Khaled Mhalhel, WFA President
Mr. Marcus Stephen, OWF President
Mr. Yoshiyuki Miyake, Ex-officio Executive Board Member
Dr. Patrick Schamasch, IWF ADC Chairman
Mr. Attila Ádámfi, IWF Director General and IWF Secretariat staff

Excused: Mr. Mahmoud Mahgoub, EB Member, Mr. Mohamed Y. Al Mana, Mr. Antonio Urso, Mr. Willian Ozuna, Continental Presidents

1. Welcome and Opening by the President

The President welcomed the Executive Board, with special mention to the new members and introduced the Secretariat. He pointed out that another meeting will be necessary later in the year to attend to various constitutional duties not executable now due to short time since elections.

He proposed to invite **Mr. Yoshiyuki Miyake** as Coordinator to Tokyo2020 Olympic Games, as ex-officio Executive Member with participation right in all EB meetings but no voting right, which was unanimously agreed.

2. Welcome address by the hosts

Mr. Miyake welcomed the EB to the Junior World Championships in Tokyo. He thanked for his appointment.

Roll Call

The President established that **Mr. Al-Mana**, **Mr. Ozuna**, **Mr. Urso** and **Mr. Mahgoub** had sent apologies for absence; while **Mr. Zambrano** would join the meeting with a few hours' delay.

Next meeting: will take place in Bucharest, upon invitation by Vice President Mr. Tussupbekhov's company. Proposed dates: 30 September – 1 October 2017 – to be confirmed.

Dr. Aján greeted each EB member individually. It was confirmed that **Mr. Jalood** would terminate his function as AWF General Secretary by the end of the year.

3. Summary report on the IWF Electoral Congress

The EB Members shared their personal impressions. It was general opinion that the outcome of the elections was the result of hard work and that unity must be maintained to be successful in the common goals.

A summary was presented by **Ms. Németh-Móra** and **Mr. Ádámfi**.

Dr. Schamasch thought it important to point out that everything was transparent and according to the rules.

4. Briefing of the EB on operational & administrative issues

The **IWF President & staff** briefed the EB on:

- Operational-technical issues, logistics of meetings
- Working schedule
- Communication within EB and with the IWF

5. Update report on 2017 IWF World Championships

USAW President **Ms. Papandrea** thanked for the support to her and other US candidates' election. She reported on advanced preparations, with special focus on visa arrangements. Printed invitations would be distributed at the Congress. A professional task force was already in operation. A training camp of 2 weeks was offered in Las Vegas.

A presentation showed the facilities, accommodation, competition venue, etc.

Dr. Schamasch confirmed that the anti-doping controls would be carefully coordinated with the OC and with USADA.

6. Briefing by the Tokyo2020 Olympic Organising Committee

This item was covered on 13 June 2017 by a tour of the EB to the Olympic venues, including the Tokyo International Forum, under the conduct of **Ms. Reiko Chinen**, Tokyo2020 Sport Manager for Weightlifting. The EB was deeply impressed by the weightlifting venue and the advanced Olympic preparations.

7. Anti-Doping Commission's update on ongoing issues

Dr. Schamasch reassured the Board that the ADC was ready to continue its work of which it will regularly report to the EB.

Dr. Schamasch also gave further information to the Board about the ongoing preparations for the logistics of the sample collection to be carried out during the Senior World Championships in Anaheim, USA.

8. Final decision regarding the 2018 IWF Junior World Championships

The Executive Board decided that the 2018 IWF JWC would be kept in PRK subject to fulfilment of very strict conditions signed off at the level of Prime Minister.

9. Allocation of future World Championships

9.1 2019 IWF Junior WC

Bids received from Tirana, Albania and Suva, Fiji.

The EB unanimously allocated the 2019 JWC to Suva, FIJ.

9.2 2019 IWF Youth WC

1 candidate: USA, Anaheim, Southern California. Bid presented by USA delegation incl. **Mr. Phil Andrews, Mr. Roy Edmondson, Mr. Anthony Brenneman, Mr. Pedro Meloni**. Guarantees regarding US visa were provided under support from USOC and the White House.

The EB unanimously allocated the 2019 YWC to Anaheim, CA, USA.

10. Appointment of Chairmen for the Committees

The President's proposal for Committee Chairmen was unanimously approved:

Technical Committee Chairman: Nicu Vlad;

Medical Committee Chairman: Dr. Michael Irani;

Coaching & Research Committee Chairman: Mahmoud Mahgoub.

11. Election of 3 Members to each Committee

The President's proposal to elect Committee Members was unanimously approved, as follows:

11.1 Technical Committee

Mustafa Mahdi, IRQ

Sirilak Thatman, THA

Pedro Torres, VEN

11.2 Medical Committee

Dominik Dörr, LUX

Parameth Ladpli, THA

Fathi Masmoudi, TUN

11.3 Coaching and Research Committee

Keith Morgan, GBR

Jerry Wallwork, SAM

Nippon Limboonsuebsai, THA

It was noted that the **Commissions** would be established at the next meeting.

Further appointment:

By proposal of **the President: Mr. Gustavo Malgor (ARG) to ex-officio EB Member, as 2018 YOG Liaison – unanimously approved.**

Tbilisi Working Group: the President proposed the Working Group to continue its work with the same composition as established on 2nd April 2017: Dr. Christian Buamgartner as Chairman and with Mr. Quinones and Dr. Irani as Members. – unanimously confirmed.

12. Any other business

12.1 IWF Congress in Tokyo

A Verification Commission was appointed: Mr. Makhmudov, Mr. Agapitov, Mr. Zambrano.

12.2 EB meetings' financial conditions

EB was reminded of the following financial conditions, which were confirmed:

IWF covers: Economy Class travel costs to meetings, 4 nights stay, 1,000 USD contribution by meeting.

Director **Ms. Németh-Móra** reminded the EB members of various administrative issues to allow for efficient communication.

12.3 Next meeting

Vice Presidents **Mr. Tussupbekov and Mr. Vlad** would welcome the EB at the end of September in Bucharest, Romania.

13. IOC letter regarding the 2020 Olympic Program

The letter dated 9 June 2017 by the IOC regarding the IOC EB's decision on the 2020 Olympic program and quota was shared with the EB. Weightlifting was affected by a reduction of quota (by 64) and was taken away one event (1 male bodyweight category). Additionally, the IWF was given the task to elaborate measures in an anti-doping project to satisfy the IOC as a condition of further Olympic Games program considerations. It was generally established that the high number of positives found in weightlifting in the 2008 and 2012 reanalyses could not be left out of consideration in the whole complexity of the issue.

A proposal was made to set up two Working Groups:

A) Sports-related: to elaborate the weightlifting sports program, i.e. the set of male bodyweight categories, for 2020. Further, to consider mixed events in Terms of Reference.

B) Anti-Doping related: to elaborate the proposal for the IOC.

Thanks were voiced to the President and to the Secretariat, and the President declared the meeting closed.

*Report by Ms. Anikó Németh-Móra
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