

IWF CONGRESS

3rd April 2017, Bangkok, Thailand

MINUTES

Venue: Grand Fourwings Convention Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Present: Dr. Tamás Aján, President, Mr. Ma Wenguang, General Secretary;
Mr. Nicu Vlad, 1st Vice President, Mr. Sam Coffa, Mr. Ong Poh Eng, Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey, Mr. José Quinones, Mr .Alexander Gerasimenko, Vice Presidents
Ms. Moira Lassen, Mr. Pyrros Dimas, Mr. Birendra Prasad Baishya, Mr. Mohamed Jaloud, Dr. Christian Baumgartner, Dr. Michael Irani, Mr. David Montero, Dr. Fathi Masmoudi, Mr. Khaled Mhalhel, Mr. Willian Ozuna, Mr. Marcus Stephen, Executive Board Members
Dr. Francois Carrard, Legal Advisor to IWF, Dr. Patrick Schamasch, ADC Chairman

1. Opening

President Dr. Tamás Aján greeted the delegates and guests. He was happy to note a record participation in the subsequent IWF Youth World Championships and thanked the Thai Association in advance for hosting the event, as well as the Electoral Congress two months later.

2. Welcome speech of the host

Mr. Yinyon Seniwong Na Ayudhya, Representative of the Governor of Bangkok addressed the delegates and offered a welcome, followed by the speech of **TAWA President Mrs. Boossaba Yodbangtoey**.

3. Technical and Program information on the 2017 IWF Youth World Championships

Mr. Niwat Limsuknirun, OC General Director supplied technical information.

IRI delegate Mr. Ali Moradi took the floor regarding a remark on the IWF Electoral Congress, whereupon he was requested to specify his request in writing for a proper study and reply.

4. Roll Call

The presence of delegates from 56 MFs was stated. (#1)

5. **Information about the IWF Executive Board meeting**

The President gave a brief summary whereby the different areas would be addressed in the reports of those in charge under the further items of the Agenda.

6. **Information about the 2017 Electoral Congress**

The President and **Mrs. Anikó Németh-Móra, Director** gave information about the upcoming Electoral Congress to be held on 29th and 30th May 2017. (#2)

7. **Financial Reports**

7.1 **Financial Report on 2016 – Financial Director Mr. Alain Siegrist** reporting (#3)

7.2 **Status report on 2017 Budget – Mr. Alain Siegrist**

7.2 **Auditors' Report –Mr. Pierre Henri Pingeon of KPMG** submitted the Report(#4)

The Congress unanimously approved the Financial Reports and the Auditors' Report.

8. **Membership Commission's Report**

Mr. Mohamed Jaloud, Membership Commission Chairman and **Dr. Éva Nyirfa, Legal Counsel** gave a report. (#5)

The affiliation of Rwanda had been approved by the Executive Board and was unanimously ratified by the Congress. That brought the membership to 192.

9. **Report of the IWF Development and Education Commission**

Mr. José Quinones, DEC Chairman, Ms. Timea Horváth presented the **IWF Development Program 2017** previously approved by the Executive Board and now in the process of implementation. (#6)

The Report of the DEC was unanimously approved by the Congress.

Ms. Éva Moska made a presentation of the **IWF Continental Federations contributions.** (#7)

10. **Report of the Marketing Commission**

Chairman Mr. Zhanat Tussupbekov reported on the activity of the Commission, including an Agreement with the company *Lagardère* in process.

The President offered compliments on the work of the Commission and its Chairman and thanked for his valuable contribution.

11. **Anti-Doping related information by the Anti-Doping Commission**

Dr. Patrick Schamasch, ADC Chairman, Dr. Éva Nyirfa and **Dr. Lilla Sagi** submitted a complex presentation, the **2016 Anti-Doping Report.** (#8)

The President stressed the importance of education and called for participation in the IWF Education Seminars.

PHI delegate Mr. Monico Puentevella offered congratulations to the ADC on the work done, also thanked to the IWF on behalf of those who play the game fair.

12. Reports on the preparation of future events

12.1 **2017 IWF Junior World Championships – Tokyo, JPN**

The host Japan Weightlifting Association, its **President Mr. Yoshiyuki Miyake** presented a progress report. (#9)

12.2 **2017 Universiade – Taipei, TPE**

FISU Technical Delegate Ms. Anikó Németh-Móra and 2017 Taipei SU Weightlifting **Competition Manager Ms. Felicia Chang** reported. (#10)

12.3 **2017 IWF World Championships – Anaheim, USA**

USA Weightlifting President Ms. Ursula Papandrea and **CEO Mr. Phil Andrews** informed the Congress on the preparations, including a visa update and an offer of Training camp in Las Vegas. (#11)

Dr. Tamás Aján mentioned that Houston 2015 received the “Sports Event of the Year Award” for its excellent organisation.

12.4 **2018 IWF Junior World Championships**

The President informed delegates that the Executive Board had decided to withdraw the event from PRK as many countries had indicated non-participation due to the political situation.

PRK delegate took the floor and tried to convince the delegates that there was no risk in participating; reminding them of the successful 2013 Asian Inter-Club Championships and providing security guarantees to all teams and visitors.

The President thanked for the information and added that a meeting with the PRK Vice Minister of Sport was still ahead in the next days, whereby the situation would be explained from both sides.

12.5 **2018 IWF World Championships – Lima, PER**

Peruvian Federation President Mr. José Quinones explained that Peru had been waiting for 47 years to host senior world championships, which would serve as a Test event for the Pan-Am Games (2019). He invited everybody offering an outstanding sporting and cultural experience. (#12)

12.6 **2018 YOG Buenos Aires – ARG**

Director General Mr. Attila Ádámfi presented the Qualification System of the 2018 YOG and called attention to the changed dates. He stressed Thailand's role in the history of the YOGs, by hosting in 2007 the 1st YWC / YOG Qualification Event, and now undertaking the same important event. (#13)

12.7 **2019 WWC – Pattaya, THA**

TAWA, in the company of the representative of **Pattaya**, the Host City, presented the update report on the Championships and offered a warm invitation to all.

12.8 **2020 Olympic Games Tokyo – JPN**

Ms. Reiko Chinen, Tokyo 2020 Weightlifting Sport Manager made a comprehensive presentation of the progress of Games preparations. She pointed at the advantages the beautiful and centrally located weightlifting venue will offer. (#14)

13. **Presentations by the barbell manufacturers and sponsors**

13.1 **UESAKA – Mr. Tadamasa Uesaka**, supplier of the YWC, called the attention of delegates to the new features introduced at the competition.

13.2 **ELEIKO** – The company celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2017 and would open an International Training Centre in August. (#15)

14. **Speeches by Congress delegates** - none

15. **Any other business**

15.1 **Dr. Tamás Aján, President** informed delegates of the candidatures received until the deadline (119 for 37 positions). He asked for a calm and fair campaign by all candidates focusing on the unity of the Federation.

The President thanked TAWA, in particular **Mrs. and Maj.Gen. Yodbangtoey** for the hospitality and declared the Congress closed.