

# REPORT

## Executive Board Meeting

26-27 March 2018

**Venue:** The Mining Exchange, Colorado Springs, CO, USA

**Present:**

Dr. Tamás Aján, President

Mr. Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary

Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Ms. Ursula Garza Papandrea, Mr. Nicu Vlad, Mr. José Quinones, Mr. Petr Krol, Vice Presidents

Ms. Karoliina Lundahl, Mr. Pyrros Dimas, Mr. Birendra Baishya, Mr. Maxim Agapitov, Mr. Shakhrillo Makhmudov, Mr. Kamal Mahmoud Mahgoub, Mr. Luis O. Zambrano, Dr. Michael Irani, Executive Board Members

H.E. Marcus Stephen, Mr. Willian F. Ozuna, Mr. Khaled Mehalhel, Continental Presidents

Mr. Gustavo Malgor, Ex-Officio Member

Mr. Attila Ádámfi, Director General, and IWF Secretariat members

**Excused:**

Mr. Zhanat Tussupbekov, Vice President

Mr. Antonio Urso, Mr. Mohammed Yousef Al Mana, Continental Presidents

Mr. Yoshinobu Miyake, Ex-Officio Member

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### **1 Opening by the President**

Dr. Aján welcomed participants, expressed thanks to the USAW, its President Ms. Papandrea and CEO Mr. Phil Andrews.

Mr. John Suthers, Mayor of Colorado Springs spoke of Colorado Springs as one of the most desirable places to live in US, of it being a tourist destination and Olympic City, and offered a welcome to the Executive Board. He then received the IWF's token of appreciation.

### **2 Welcome address by the hosts**

Ms. Papandrea: welcomed the Board and spoke of the USAW's various projects of increased inclusivity and of an international scale.

Expressions and tokens of gratitude and appreciation were exchanged between USAW and IWF.

### **3 Approval of the Minutes of the Anaheim 2017 meeting**

*The Minutes of the 2017 Anaheim meeting were unanimously approved.*

### **4 Update Report to EB on recent activities, developments**

#### **4.1 Intercontinental Commission meeting, Astana**

A Memo of the IC meeting was presented. Mr. Jalood supplied additional information, namely that each CF submitted its program for the CF contribution. The IWF EB gave great flexibility to CFs, however the CF Executive Boards must approve the usage of the funds thus provided.

#### **4.2 YOG2018 Buenos Aires update**

Mr. Ádámfi reported in cooperation with Mr. Malgor.

The presentation included *the proposal for the ITOs which was unanimously accepted.*

#### **4.3 2018 IWF World Championships, Ashgabat, TKM**

Dr. Ajan gave an update report on the stage of preparations for the 2018 World Championships: technical visit had taken place; Agreement signed.

#### **4.4 Further actualities**

Mr. Makhmudov gave information about the 2018 IWF JWC to be held in Tashkent; including meetings, accommodation, program (EB meeting on 4-5 July, Congress on 6 July.)

Mr. Vlad reported briefly on the 2018 European Championships currently being contested in Bucharest, ROU.

Mr. Mahgoub reported on the 2018 African Championships also running in Cairo, EGY.

Mr. Quinones spoke of the various events held or to be held in South America, including ITO and Anti-Doping Seminars.

Ms. Papandrea reported on her milestone visit to Iran on the occasion of the Fajr Cup.

Dr. Nyirfa reported on the annual WADA ADOs' Symposium just held in Lausanne. One of the main topics was compliance; whereby the IWF was confirmed as fully WADA compliant.

Mr. Ádámfi gave further updates, including subjects of:

- IWF-IOC relations
- ASOIF Good Governance Questionnaire
- New Bodyweight Categories
- New Event Structure
- Ongoing Projects

Ms. Németh-Móra briefed the Board on the upcoming "Jenő Boskovics Lifter of the Year Award 2017" presentation on 7 May, 2018 in Tbilisi, GEO. Winners are: Lasha Talakhadze (GEO) for Men, Lidia Valentin (ESP) for Women.

## **10 Communication & Marketing Updates**

### **10.1 Update on Communication & Social Media**

Ms. Rozgonyi gave a summary of current issues on communication, marketing and social media, and additional clarification on the status and conclusions of the IWF's partnership with *Lagardere Sports*. At the end of a discussion it was concluded that – as opposed to the current, basically crisis, communication – the priorities of the IWF's communication would have to be reconsidered and

perhaps changed after the IOC's expected review of our anti-doping project.

EB Members reported on gradual progress regarding TV accessibility and marketing from the point of view of their own Member Federations or Continental Federations.

Ms. Rozgonyi continued with the IWF's social media partner's *Redtorch* updates.

## **10.2 Update on Television & Broadcasting**

Mr. Adam Schneider presented on behalf of the company *Lagardere Sports* and following the report the EB discussed how to continue the partnership.

***It was unanimously decided:***

***1 – To continue the cooperation.***

***2 – IWF accepts the proposed 1-year extension of the contract's mutual termination.***

***3 – IWF accepts the waiver of the fee payment until 31 August and the EB maintains the suspension of the payment until delivery of the project.***

***4 – Reconsider the terms of cooperation at the next EB meeting.***

## **5 Tokyo2020 Olympic Games**

### **5.1 Tokyo2020 Qualification System**

Mr. Ádámfi pointed out that the *Qualification System* was approved by the IOC, thus it became an IOC document. Since the QS brings an entirely new concept, IWF is seizing every opportunity to help the understanding of the QS by the stakeholders. IWF representatives are holding explanatory sessions at each continental and qualification event, and an Explanatory Document is about to be published. Further clarification on the *ROBI POINTS* and an Explanatory PPT were added.

Various comments and questions were raised by Members who appreciated the Tokyo2020 QS's advantages as opposed to the previous system. Some Members expressed concerns regarding the QS's Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations fearing that they implied a double sanction on the 9 countries involved in the 2008 and 2012 reanalysis affair. In reply, it was explained that such stipulations were included upon the explicit request of the IOC that the quota reduction should be applied resulting in disfavoring NOCs with a bad anti-doping record.

A proposal was accepted that the system points for the qualification should only be updated every six months.

Dr. Aján then welcomed Mr. Alan Ashley, Chief of Sport Performance of USOC who greeted the Board and briefly introduced the USOC programs. Dr. Aján confirmed that the IWF was very satisfied with USA Weightlifting and along with best regards to USOC Chairman Mr. Larry Probst the IWF's gratitude was expressed orally and by a gift to Mr. Ashley.

## **8 Anti-Doping related issues**

Dr. Aján introduced Dr. Richard Young, Chairman of the Clean Sport Commission.

**8.1 Report of the Anti-Doping Commission** (incl. statistical report, Code Compliance, CAS)  
Presented by Dr. Éva Nyirfa on behalf of the ADC on developments and activities since Anaheim. IRTP – WADA Code Compliance Questionnaire - corrective action plan.

Dr. Lilla Sági informed the Board on issues around whereabouts submission.

It was further confirmed that the IWF won the case against the Bulgarian Federation at CAS, according to which BWF must pay the 250,000 USD fine. The deadline for the BWF to settle the fine is 18 June 2018. In case of non-payment BWF shall be automatically prevented from participation in IWF Events.

### **8.2 Report on the implementation of the Tbilisi decision**

A report on the implementation of the Tbilisi decision made in 2017 included the establishment of the Independent Monitoring Group – with Members to be approved.

Further clarifications were offered regarding the monitoring process by Dr. Young, emphasizing the advantages and the good governance practice of the Independent Monitoring Group and the Independent Member Federations Sanctions Panel.

Dr. Aján forecast severe and inclusive measures in the future against notorious MFs that continue to produce ADRVs.

***The Report, including the Members of the Independent Monitoring Group, was unanimously approved.***

### **8.3 Report on the implementation of the Clean Sport Commission's recommendations - appointment of the Independent Member Federations Sanctions Panel**

Dr. Young, CSC Chairman explained that the task ahead (and already ongoing) was to execute the EB's submission so that we can submit a satisfactory action follow-up report to the IOC before its June EB meeting. An Evaluation meeting would take place on 16-17 April in Frankfurt, followed by a progress report, with the Final report to IOC due in June.

In the discussion that followed the conclusion was that the strategy outlined and designed in the Report and recommendations should be followed.

***The report was approved and Dr. Aján thanked for the reports and Dr. Young's highly valuable contributions.***

## **9 IWF Commissions**

***Dr. Aján proposed the following additional members:***

- Mr. Phil Andrews, USA to the IWF Membership Commission – unanimously approved.***
- Mr. Monico Puentevella, PHI to the IWF Marketing Commission – unanimously approved.***

## **6 Development and Education**

### **6.2 CF Contribution status report**

Dr. Aján recalled the recent Intercontinental Commission meeting and the conditions approved for the utilization of the contribution funds of annually 200,000 USD for each CF.

### **6.1 Approval of the IWF Development Program for 2018**

Regarding a review of the applications received, it was emphasized that CFs should consider using the larger part (excluding the 70,000 USD for administration) of the IWF's contribution to help the development of the sport on the continent, therefore a coordination of requests must happen. At the same time, the applications by the MFs must be reviewed for feasibility.

Mr. Quinones, DEC Chairman pointed out that the conditions set out in the 2018 Budget for the Development Program have to be applied accordingly.

## **7 Executive Board eligibility issues**

Dr. Aján shared with the EB a review on EB meeting attendance and reminded Members of their duty to continuously serve on the Board and constructively contribute to the work.

## **11 Any other matter**

**11.1** As the sports environment had changed fundamentally since the founding of the Continental Federations the EB should address the harmonization of the **CF constitutions**. CFs must be stimulated to do a better job in different areas, especially in raising funds for their activities.

Mr. Mehalhel as WFA President reported on diplomatic success in increasing the number of medals at the African Youth Games, as well as securing weightlifting on the African Games program for 2019.

Mr. Ádámfi gave a summary of the developments and actions regarding the bodyweight categories to be contested at the upcoming Asian Games in Indonesia. In conclusion, 8 men's and 7 women's categories would be on the programme.

### **11.2 Anti-Doping Education initiative with USAW**

Mr. Ádámfi introduced a joint project of the IWF DEC and USAW to upgrade Anti-Doping Education. Mr. Phil Andrews, CEO and Ms. Paula Aranda, Member of USAW Board of Directors presented a proposal ensuring a possibility to develop AD education and e-learning. The proposed e-learning system would be announced before the time of the IOC submission; for application prior to the 2018 WWC. A project by USOC-USAW placed at the disposal of the IWF for free.

Members expressed appreciation of the ***project which was thankfully approved.***

In conclusion of the meeting, the President thanked all members for the active participation, to the USA Weightlifting Federation for its hospitality and excellent organization and the Secretariat for the preparation of the meeting; and declared the meeting closed.

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