

IWF CONGRESS

7 March 2019 – Westgate Hotel

Las Vegas, USA

MINUTES

Present:

On the podium: Dr. Tamás Aján, President, Mr. Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary, Mr. Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1st Vice President, Ms. Ursula Papandrea, Mr. Nicu Vlad, Mr. José Qinones, Mr. Petr Krol, Vice Presidents

Delegates from 63 MFs – (Annex #1, Roll Call)

Guests, IWF Secretariat members

1. **Opening**

Opening speech by Dr. Tamás Aján, President.

2. **Welcome speech of the hosts & technical and program information on the 2019 IWF Youth World Championships**

Ms. Ursula Papandrea, President USA Weightlifting welcomed Congress participants. Mr. Phil Andrews, CEO of USA Weightlifting Federation gave information on the event.

3. **Appreciations by the IWF**

The USAW President and CEO handed over plaques of appreciation to the IWF President, Dr. Tamás Aján & General Secretary Mr. Mohammed Jalood. The IWF's appreciation and gratitude was also expressed to the USA Weightlifting Federation.

Weightlifting Hall of Fame – A new member was introduced: Ing. Miguel Nino, Nicaragua, a widely recognized, experienced leader, renowned coach and Olympic official was thus honoured by Hall of Fame Members present: Mr. Nicu Vlad, Dr. Tamás Aján, Mr. Tom Goegebuer, Mr. Pyrros Dimas, Mr. Tadamas Uesaka, Mr. Salimi S. Musoke. The plaque and diploma were taken over by Mr. Nino's son due to his inability to attend the ceremony in person.

4. **Report on the meetings of the Committees**

4.1 **Joint Committees'** meeting – incorporated in Committee reports

4.2 **Technical Committee** – Chairman Mr. Nicu Vlad gave a summary of the TC meeting (Annex #2)

4.3 **Medical Committee** - Chairman Dr. Michael Irani made a presentation (Annex #3) with the summary of the MC meeting.

- 4.4 **Coaching and Research Committee** – Chairman Mr. Mahmoud Mahgoub gave a summary of the meeting. – (Annex #4)
IWF Women’s Commission Chair Ms. Ursula Papandrea added comments thanking ELEIKO for hosting the *Train the Trainers* course in which 30 female coaches took part and received IWF qualification.
5. **Information on Executive Board meeting and its decisions**
Due information was given under relevant Agenda points and in Committee/Commission reports.
The President informed delegates that the EB allocated the 2021 IWF YWC to Tashkent, UZB, and the 2021 IWF JWC to Jeddah, KSA.
6. **Finances**
6.1 2018 Annual Financial Report by Mr. Alain Siegrist – (Annex #5)
6.2 2018 IWF Audit by KPMG Pierre Henri Pigeon – (Annex #6)
Both reports were unanimously approved by the Congress.
6.3 2019 IWF Budget Status Update - Mr. Alain Siegrist – (Annex #5 continued).
8. **Report of the IWF Development and Education Commission**
8.1 2019 IWF Development Program by DEC Chairman Mr. José Quinones – (Annex #7)
8.2 IWF Education Program – introduced by Ms. Karoliina Lundahl – (Annex #8)
8.2 Olympic Solidarity update by Ms. Timea Horváth – (Annex #9)
All reports were unanimously approved by the Congress.
9. **IWF Membership Commission report** by Chairman Mr. Petr Krol – (Annex #10)
The EB accepted the extension of the deadline to pay the 2018 annual membership fees latest by 31 July 2019.
The following Provisional Members have been granted Full Membership in case the Federations comply with their obligations set out in the IWF Constitution and By-Laws 2017: Burundi, Equatorial Guinea.
New member: Cape Verde – EB agreed to its affiliation.
10. **Anti-Doping Reports** – by ADC Chairman Dr. Patrick Schamasch, Dr. Lilla Sági, Ms. Réka Földesi - (Annex #11)
Dr. Tamás Aján thanked to the ADC Chairman and colleagues for the hard work for clean weightlifting.
Delegates were reminded of the 2 IWF Education Seminars this time focusing on issues of anti-doping.
11. **Reports on the preparation of future events**
11.1 2019 IWF Junior World Championships - Suva – FIJ / by Mr. Pedro Meloni, Competition Manager
11.2 2019 IWF World Championships - Pattaya – THA, TAWA presenting

11.3 2020 Olympic Games (incl. Qualification implementation) Tokyo – JPN – Ms. Reiko Chinen, Tokyo 2020 Weightlifting Sports Manager gave a report including the 6-7 July 2019, JPN-CHN-KOR International Friendship Tournament, the Test Event.

11.4 2020 IWF Youth World Championships Lima – PER by Dr. Renzo Manyari, President OC and Mr. José Quinones, IWF Vice President

11.5 2020 IWF Junior World Championships Cairo – EGY by Egyptian Weightlifting Federation President Mr. Mahmoud Mahgoub

11.6 2021 IWF Youth World Championships – Tashkent, UZB – event just allocated

11.7 2021 IWF Junior World Championships – Jeddah, KSA – Report – event just allocated

11.8 2021 IWF World Championships Lima – PER – Dr. Renzo Manyari & Mr. José Quinones gave update

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

12.1 ELEIKO – Mr. Andreas Andren on new developments

12.2 UESAKA – supplier of 2019 IWF YWC, Force Plate

12.3 New partner: Rogue Fitness – Mr. Bill Henniger introduced his company

13. **Speeches by Congress delegates**

The UZB Federation, Vice President Mr. Shakhriillo Makhmudov presented a gift of appreciation to the Las Vegas Organising Committee.

7. **Election of IWF Technical Committee Member – 1 vacancy**

Scrutineers: Mr. Gustavo Malgor, Mr. Pyrros Dimas, Mr. Petr Krol

5 eligible candidates: Mr. Taisto Kuoppala (FIN), Mr. Vladimir Saltykov (RUS), Mr. Pedro Sanchez (AUS), Mr. Mladan Talic (CAN), Mr. Joseph Triolo (USA).

59 ballots distributed

37 votes received by Mr. Pedro Sanchez (AUS) – elected

11 by Mr. Triolo

8 by Mr. Kuoppala

2 by Mr. Talic

1 by Mr. Saltykov

The IWF President thanked for the participation and contributions to the Congress and declared it closed.

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