

REPORT

Executive Board Meeting

15-16 September 2019 – Pattaya, THA

Venue:

Ambassador City Jomtien Hotel, Pattaya, Thailand

1. Opening by the President

Dr. Aján greeted the EB and the representatives of the hosts: Ms. Boossaba Yodbangtoey, TAWA President, and Deputy Mayor of Pattaya Mr. Ronachit Ekasim.

2. Welcome address by the hosts

Ms. Yodbangtoey thanked for the confidence of the IWF to organise the WWC in Thailand and assured they would do their best to fulfil expectations in spite of the fact the Thai team is not participating. The Deputy Mayor offered words of welcome to Pattaya.

3. Roll call, Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr. Gustavo Malgor was thanked for his activities as EB Member, congratulated on the success of the 2018 YOG in Buenos Aires and it was confirmed that his mandate had thus expired.

Mr. Miyake's mandate was confirmed to last until the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

The Minutes of the meeting of Suva were unanimously approved.

4. Report on the meetings of the Committees

4.1 Joint Committees' meeting – with subjects:

- Transgender update
- Duration of the World Championships
- International Weightlifting Day

4.2 Technical Committee meeting

Mr. Vlad, Chairman reported to the EB.

Mr. Ádámfi came on with a presentation on the application of VPT, a significant addition to the service for the membership and the world's weightlifting society. A demonstration followed on how to access the videos archived and uploaded on the IWF website with the help of VPT.

Finally, certain resulting changes in the TCRR were proposed needing approval by the EB, valid from 1 January 2020:

- 9.3 – If the Athlete/Team wants to challenge the Referees’ or Jury’s decision a Challenge request shall be submitted to the nearest Technical Controller by using the Challenge Card before the clock has started for the next lift, or within 30 seconds after completion of the Snatch or Clean & Jerk session if challenging to the last lift. Therefore, the Timekeeper needs to restart the clock after the completion of the last attempt of the Snatch or Clean & Jerk at 1 minute and the Referees and Jury Members need to stay until the first 30 seconds have been expired.
- 4.1.1 (Athletes must wear a weightlifting costume and sport footwear) hasn’t been modified, yet to be “Athletes must wear a weightlifting costume and ~~sport~~ weightlifting footwear”
- The format of the Athlete’s Card was modified.
- The Technical Officials Exam Form and Questions have been updated accordingly.
- Modified size for 2kg ELEIKO disc – change the maximum diameter from 190mm to 193mm.
- 6.1.1 – amended: The IWF Executive Board may grant special entry and participation permission for eligible Refugee and/or displaced athletes, as defined by the relevant IWF policy.

The TC report – including the TCRR changes – was approved.

4.3 Medical Committee meeting

Dr. Irani, Chairman gave a report.

More detailed information was provided regarding the transgender athletes’ issue. It was concluded that the IWF must make its own Transgender Policy after having gathered enough information and proof.

An explanation was added on the needle policy, as well as the EB was reminded that the TUE is now being handled by ITA, no longer by the IWF.

The MC report was unanimously approved.

4.4 Coaching and Research Committee meeting

Mr. Mahgoub, Chairman and **Ms. Lundahl**, Co-Chair reported. The conditions of the **IWF Coaching Courses** were discussed and set. Regarding the courses, the **CRC proposed to produce 6 IWF Coaching Course banners**, so the Coach Developers can take with them to each course, in case the organizer does not provide one. – **Approved.**

The Committee discussed the scientific report of Japan about the Junior World Championships in Fiji. It was also decided to set the conditions of an IWF Weightlifting Academy.

The CRC report was approved.

5 IWF Commissions’ Reports

5.1 IWF Membership Commission

Mr. Krol, Chairman reported:

1) Membership fees unpaid – 19 MFs did not pay for 2018, 60+ for 2019. Extended deadlines for both years 2018 and 2019 **of 15 October 2019 was approved.**

2) Activity of MFs: No activity in 2018 and in 2019 by 26 MFs.

- 3) Combined Federations – 12 MFs in 2019.
- 4) Provisional Members: proposal to EB to **approve full membership to Burundi**
- 5) and give **further deadline to Equatorial Guinea to comply with the obligations by 29 February 2020. – Both accepted with new deadline**
- 6) Temporary Suspensions– Commission proposed to EB **to lift the temporary suspension of Lesotho – approved.**
- 7) **Dutch Weightlifting Association** – finally separated – its Constitution currently complies with the IWF Constitution – **EB accepted its Constitution and confirmed the independent status of the Association.**
- 8) **Basque Weightlifting Federation** – EB refused a request **to become an Associate Member.**
- 9) Full members under temporary suspension – **Curacao – another postponement of deadline to 29 February 2020 – accepted; Belize – new documents requested by the deadline of 29 February 2020.; US Virgin Islands (ISV) – same extended deadline for documents submission – Cayman Islands (CAY) – same but the membership fee payment deadline is 15 October 2019.**
- 10) Possible new members; affiliation procedure underway: **British Virgin Islands (BVI), Bermuda (BER) and St. Lucia (LCA).**

The Membership Commission was praised for its job and the report was accepted.

5.2 Development and Education Commission Report

Mr. Quinones, DEC Chairman and **Ms. Tímea Horváth**, D&E Manager submitted the report.

Ms. Lundahl followed with input from the CRC, and the IWF Coach Education E-learnig Platform, so called IWF Fairplay Certificate – including subjects such as Background to the Olympic Sport of Weightlifting, Strength Training for beginners, Overall Growth of a Weightlifter. A promotional video was presented.

Mr. Quinones introduced the project of 2 University Master Courses.

EB decisions:

1 - Change the amounts for Seminar to 6,000 USD and 8,000 USD for equipment

2 - Other projects, like the E-learning Platform and the University Master courses – were approved.

3 - IWF Foundation Project – the concept of creating this tool was approved and the detailed conditions, legal documents, etc. to be elaborated and submitted later.

The Development and Education Commission's report was accepted.

13 Preparation of IWF Congress

13.1 Appointment of Verification Commission:

Mr. Krol, **Mr. Dimas**, and **Mr. Makhmudov** were asked by the President and the appointment was accepted.

7 Anti-Doping Reports

7.1 IWF & ITA Partnership Update Report - by **Mr. Benjamin Cohen**, ITA Director General

Mr. Cohen reported on a very strong partnership between both organisations, also confirmed in the positive evaluation by WADA. ITA starting in-competition testing at this World Championships. He called attention to ITA's website tab on Testing and Sample Collection assuring transparency of its operations, which will be ready as a mobile application as well in the future.

Dedicated e-mail address: iwf@ita.sport

Issues of common interest were discussed.

Mr. Cohen's contributions and report were highly appreciated and his participation was thanked for.

7.2 Anti-Doping Commission Report

Presented by **Dr. Patrick Schamasch**, ADC Chairman – he reported that a very comprehensive WADA Audit was carried out on the IWF – with excellent results: IWF is WADA Code compliant.

7.3 Independent Member Federation Sanctions Panel (IMFSP) Report – on behalf of Chair **Dr. Richard Young**, a Report was submitted and discussed.

8 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games

8.1 Report on Test Event and update report

Mr. Reiko Chinen, Tokyo 2020 Weightlifting Sports manager gave a report on the Test Event *Ready Steady Tokyo* held in the Olympic venue. Both Technical Delegates, **Mr. Vlad** and **Mr. Ádámfi** added comments on the experiences obtained.

8.2 Qualification status update

Mr. Ádámfi gave a status report on the current status of Olympic qualification: 1,315 athletes from 120 MFs registered in the online system; the number of Qualification Events exploding (already 62!), countless opportunities to qualify and the qualification process enlivened the IWF Calendar.

8.3 Approval of Technical Officials for 2020 Tokyo OG

82 countries nominated 104 TOs. The selection was coordinated with the Chairs of the Technical/Medical Committees, Technical Delegates, the General Secretary and the President. The distributed *list was unanimously approved*.

10 Good Governance in CFs and MFs

Mr. Ádámfi explained that the IWF wanted to help the CFs to achieve a better result in GG and shall create Guidelines for MFs how to reach at least a minimum standard - together trying to increase the level of GG in the whole sport.

IWF Strategic Plan

Mr. **Ádámfi** submitted the project: **LIFT OFF 2020-2024** elaborated based on the EB decision in Las Vegas. *The concept was approved.*

12 Communication and Media updates

Ms. **Adrienn Szász**, CM Manager as well as Mr. **Adam Schneider**, Lagardere Sports reported.

11 Allocation of 2022 IWF World Championships

CHN – **Chongqing** – a delegation of CWA including President **Mr. Zhao Jingqiang** and **Ms. Meng Bo**, International Relations made a presentation of the bid which was *unanimously supported by the Board.*

6 Finances

2019 IWF Budget Status Report – and the 2020 IWF Budget were presented by Mr. **Siegrist**, Financial Advisor.

The 2019 Financial Status Report and 2020 Budget were unanimously approved.

14 Any other matter

The request of the Australian Federation for a **nationality change by Eileen Cikamatana (from FIJ to AUS)** - Considering the interest of the athlete, *the EB decided that under specified conditions the nationality change can be accepted.*

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