

REPORT of the IWF Executive Board Meeting Held on 2020 November 01 By Video Conference

PARTICIPATING:

Dr. Michael Irani, Interim President

Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary

Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1st Vice President

Zhanat Tussupbekov, Nicu Vlad, José Quinones, Petr Krol, Vice Presidents

Karoliina Lundahl, Pyrros Dimas, Birendra Prasad Baishya, Maxim Agapitov, Shakhriillo Makhmudov, Mahmoud Mahgoub, Luis Zambrano, Sam Coffa Members

Mohamad Y. Al Mana, Marcus Stephen, Khaled Mehalhel, Continental Presidents, **18 Voting Board Members in total on the call.**

Secretariat: Angélique Mottet, Interim CEO, Dr. Lilla Sági, OD, Mária Cseresnyés, BAM, Zoltán Veres, ITM,

Guests: Darren Kane, RGC Chair, Sarah Davies, Athletes' Commission Chair

Meeting started at 12:00 am CET

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

	Opening	
1	IOC Report - Update	Interim President, General Secretary, Members
2	WADA/ITA Report - Update	Interim President, General Secretary, Members
3	ITA – Update	Interim President, General Secretary, Members
4	By-law 4.2.14 – Review	Sam Coffa, Members
5	Budapest Office – Update/Decisions	Interim President, General Secretary, Legal Counsel
6	Lausanne Office – Update/Decisions	Interim President, General Secretary, Members
7	Financial	Interim President, General Secretary, Maxat Dastan, Maria Cseresnyés
	BREAK	
8	Reform Governance Commission – Update	Interim President, General Secretary, Members
9	Disciplinary and Disciplinary Commission – Update	Interim President, General Secretary, Members
10	Communication Commission – Update	Jose Quinone, Sam Coffa, Nicu Vlad, General Secretary
11	Athletes Commission – Update	Chair Athletes Commission - Sarah Davies, General Secretary
12	World Youth Cup – Update	Jose Quinones, Nicu Vlad, Members
13	2021 Competition Program – Review	Nicu Vlad, Member, Matyas Lencsér, Zoltan Veres
14	Any Other Business	
	Closing	

Opening Remarks and Roll Call

After Roll Call, Dr. Irani, Interim President, greeted participants Jalood, General Secretary also offered greetings. Afterwards, Dr. Irani welcomed and introduced Mr. Darren Kane, the Chair of Reform and Governance Commission.

It was said that anybody participating in the IWF EB meetings, both EB Members and Secretariat Members as well as invitees, independents, should sign a Confidentiality Agreement as the oath taken in 2017 in Bangkok by the EB Members did not have a confidentiality part, adding that the IWF was highly advised by WADA to sign such agreement by all members at the IWF including but not limited to the Board, all Commissions, Committees, Secretariat, etc.

1. IOC Report

The EB was given an update about a meeting held with IOC representatives the week before.

2. ITA Report

The EB was informed that the new Contract with ITA would be signed for a 4-year term.

Question was raised when the updated, full set of anti-doping rules could be expected from the ITA, especially related to Article 12.

3. By-law 4.2.1.4 – Review

The referred article was extensively discussed by the EB having disagreement on the interpretation of the given clause, being added that it was an issue related to the Constitution, opinions were provided by an IWF EB Member and by the Legal counsel of the IWF, and being expressed two different positions, to send this legal opinion to the RGC for review, being then in charge of reforming the IWF Constitution, the EB could agree whatever the position of the RGC would be the EB would agree.

4. Budapest Office and Lausanne Office – Update / Decisions

The EB was updated that the office in Budapest would be finally closed on 31/12/2020 by moving everything to Lausanne which would become the head office/seat of the IWF; EB was also informed about the final composition of the IWF Secretariat members from Hungary to be employed until the end of elections or until the end of the Olympic Games.

Motion was made to extend the contract of the Hungarian employees after the end of the Olympic Games with the condition to be approved by the new IWF Executive Board elected.

VOTE 1 on approving to extend the employment of the Hungarian team after the Olympic Games with the condition of being also approved by the newly elected IWF EB with 13 YES votes 1 abstention and 4 not online PASSED.

5. Financials

The EB was informed about the outstanding invoices to be paid seeking EB approval for the payment.

The EB was also updated on the financials related still to the closure of 2019, as well as Grant Thornton becoming the auditor of the IWF.

The EB also received some information on the investigation by the Hungarian police.

6. Reform and Governance Commission (RGC) – Update

The conditions of the engagement of RGC members were discussed by the EB.

7. Disciplinary and Ethics Commission (EDC) – Update

The EB was informed that the EDC had already selected their Chair and their Terms of Reference were being prepared. As soon as it was ready it would be sent to the EB for approval.

8. Communication Commission – Update

The EB discussed that in this critical situation the IWF faced, the IWF should put more efforts into communication and media presence, needing more positive articles and news to be published. It was agreed that the IWF communication would need immediate actions to decide on the next steps.

9. Athletes' Commission (AC)

The EB was given an update about ongoing AC matters.

10. Online Youth World Cup – Update

The EB was updated as followed:

- Total of 402 athletes from 62 countries finally registered and selected to compete.
- Testing, seminars would be held in the coming days.
- Technical Directors, Speakers, ITOs for conducting the competition had been selected.
- The event would be broadcasted: 44 sessions within 8 days, with 7-9 hours of competitions each day, with 20 breaks of 20 minutes.

11. 2021 Competition Programme – Review

The EB was informed that the IOC was approached, seeking their advice for the problems associated with COVID-19, cancelled qualification events for TOKYO OG, age groups (59 athletes affected), qualification system. Related to the problem of age group, a possible solution would be to have combined events allowing aged out athletes competing for qualification points only, not for medals. It should be elaborated in detail and to send for IOC approval.

The EB also touched the question of training camp before the Olympic Games.

12. Any Other Business

- Since Certain EB Members insisted on insisted on voting on the acceptance of Ursula Papandrea's resignation, the IWF EB decided to submit a silent vote regarding Papandrea's resignation to be sent electronically to the Interim President.
- The EB was informed about certain issues related to the ITOs selected for the Olympic Games.
- The EB discussed that the YWC and JWC in 2022 and events in 2023 had not been yet allocated, an email should be sent to the MFs asking them to present candidate cities to hold an IWF event.
- The EB also discussed to set up a Barbell Commission to negotiate with barbell companies.
- The EB also discussed to consider holding a hybrid Congress – virtual and in person as well.

There being no other matter to transact, the meeting was closed.

Meeting ended 18:00 pm CET on Sunday, 01 November 2020.