

# REPORT of the IWF Executive Board Meeting Held on 2020 December 15 By Video Conference



## PARTICIPATING:

Dr. Michael Irani, Interim President

Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary

Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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

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

Marcus Stephen, Continental Presidents, **16 Voting Board Members in total on the call.**

Secretariat: Angelique Mottet, Interim CEO, Dr. Lilla Sági, OD, Mária Cseresnyés, BAM, Tímea Horváth, DPM, Mátyás Lencsér, CM, Zoltán Veres, ITM,

Guest: Sarah Davies AC Chair, Gianluca Siracusano, Matteo Vallini Head of Testing, Dominique Leroux head of AD Violations, from ITA, Maxat Dastan FA, RGC, DEC,

*Meeting started at 12:00 am CET*

## **ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

	Opening: 11:00 am	Interim President
1	IOC Report - Update	Interim President, General Secretary, Members
2	ITA – Update	Interim President, General Secretary, ITA Members
3	AD Report	Legal Counsel
4	IWF 2021-2022 WCs - Progress Report	Organising Committees (CHN, GRE, UZB, PER, KSA)
5	Finance	Maxat Dastan, Maria Cseresnyés
6	Development – Update	Interim President, General Secretary, José Quinones Member
	Break: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	
7	Disciplinary and Ethics Commission – Update	Interim President, General Secretary, Members
8	Reform Governance Commission – Update	Interim President, General Secretary, Members
9	2021 Electoral Congress	Interim President, General Secretary, Interim CEO, Members
10	Communication Commission – Update	Jose Quinone, Sam Coffa, Nicu Vlad, General Secretary
11	Athletes’ Commission – Update	Sarah Davies, Chair Athletes Commission
12	Barbell companies	Jose Quinone, Nicu Vlad, Members
13	2021 Competition Program – Review	Matyas Lencsér, Nicu Vlad, Members
14	Budapest and Lausanne Offices – Update	IP, GS, LC, I-CEO
15	Any Other Business	All
	Closing	

## **Opening Remarks and Roll Call**

After Roll Call, Dr. Irani, Interim President, greeted participants and welcomed Sarah Davies, AC Chair Jalood, General Secretary also offered greetings.

## 1. IOC Report and Update

Dr. Irani made a presentation on the IOC Report and updated underlining the sensitive issues raised by the IOC including but not limited to governance, anti-doping (AD), transparency, etc.

Given the floor, Jalood underlined regarding AD that approximately 4m USD were and would be spent for fighting doping: ITA contract(ed), IC and OOC tests, related AD education in order to ensure weightlifting in the Olympic Programme.

## 2. ITA Update

An Activity Report on testing in 2020 was presented to the IWF EB highlighting the impacts of COVID-19 on testing.

The EB was also shown a presentation on Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) processed by the ITA on behalf of the IWF. The EB was informed that the ITA investigation of the allegations contained in the McLaren report (so far as they related to ADRVs) was still ongoing.

An update on the activity report related to Regulatory Compliance was also provided to the EB. It was stated that the 2021 IWF Anti-Doping rules should be approved by the EB.

A motion was made to the EB to approve the IWF Anti-Doping Rules changes for 2021.

**VOTE 1 on approving the IWF Anti-Doping Rules changes for 2021 with 14 YES votes and 4 not on the call PASSED.**

Some concerns were raised in terms of countries where ITA did not do any testing. The EB was informed that the given issue related not only to the IWF but also a lot of other sports, and those matters were being managed with close co-operation with WADA.

## 3. IWF 2021-2022 World Championships – Progress Report

Progress Reports by Country Representatives, holding IWF World Championships were given as followed:

- IWF WWC in 2022 to be held in Chongqing (CHN)
- IWF JWC 2022 to be held in Hersonissos, Crete (GRE)
- IWF YWC 2021 to be held in Tashkent (UZB)
- IWF WWC in 2021 to be held in Lima (PER)
- IWF JWC 2021 to be held in Jeddah (KSA)

A question was addressed by the EB to KSA Representative if their event could be postponed with 2-3 months if the circumstances [COVID] required so. The answer was that it had already been considered by KSA and they were ready to do so which was welcomed by other EB Members.

## 4. Finance

A preliminary estimated budget for 2021 was presented to the EB. There were some concerns among the EB Members related to MFs with unpaid membership fees that should be clarified and MFs not paying the fees to be excluded. A motion was made to approve the IWF Budget for 2021.

**VOTE 2 on approving the estimated budget for 2021 with 12 YES votes and 6 not online PASSED.**

## 5. Development Update

A report on the IWF 2020 Development Programme expenditures was presented to the EB.

It was also proposed to introduce a fairer tier system for granting funds to Regional Federations depending on the number of members therein.

## 6. AD Report

An update on the allocation of AD costs was given. The IWF had an “Allocation of Antidoping Costs Guideline” clearly specifying who should pay for what during an IWF competition. The guideline was valid until the last qualification event in the previous year; therefore, its validity should be extended by the approval of the IWF EB until the end of the Tokyo 2020 quality qualification period, after which the whole guideline in cooperation with ITA could/would be modified.

The EB was kindly requested to extend the validity of the current “Allocation of Antidoping Costs Guideline” until the end of the qualification period.

The IWF EB unanimously agreed to extend the validity of “Allocation of Antidoping Costs Guideline” until the end of the Tokyo 2020 quality qualification period.

## 7. Reform and Governance Commission RGC – Update

An update was given on the works of the RGC engaged for the modification of the IWF Constitution, also noting that the RGC Terms of Reference (TOR) had not yet been approved, thus a motion was made to approve the RGC TOR.

**VOTE 3 on approving the Terms of Reference of the Reform and Governance Commission with 14 yes votes and 4 not online PASSED.**

## 8. Ethics and Disciplinary Commission (EDC)

The EB was also reminded of the fact that that the EDC’s Terms of Reference had not been approved yet, thus a motion was made to approve the EDC TOR.

**VOTE 4 on approving the Terms of Reference of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission with 14 yes votes and 4 not online PASSED.**

*The EB was asked to decide on the request of the Continental Federations (CF) presented under “Development Update” to increase the CF’s annual contribution and to spend by the CF the requested amount of increase to anything the CF considered fit, to get the annual contribution in a lumpsum in the beginning of the year as the competitions were mainly held in the beginning of the year - as a package. A motion was made to get the EB’s approval for the Continental Federations’ Request in one package as explained before.*

**VOTE 5 on approving the Continental Federations’ request in one package with 13 YES votes, 1 No vote and 4 not online PASSED.**

## 9. Electoral Congress 2021

The EB discussed that they should vote and chose the place where the elections should be held from the 3 finalists – Istanbul, Lausanne, Vladivostok. A motion was made to vote for the city to hold the Elections in March 2021.

**VOTE 6 on approving the city for holding IWF elections with 12 votes for Istanbul, 2 votes for Lausanne and 1 vote for Vladivostok PASSED.**

The EB discussed and a motion was made to approve creating and Electoral Congress Commission consisting of the CF Presidents and some Secretariat Members.

**VOTE 7 on approving to create an Electoral Congress Commission with 14 YES and 4 not online PASSED.**

## 10. Competition Programme Review 2021

The EB was informed that 8 qualification events were planned to be held in 2021. The 9<sup>th</sup> event was also mentioned even though being yet uncertain, the special gold event to be held for athletes born in 2000, which was subject to

IOC approval.

Considering the request of the event organisers it was underlined that postponing the KSA JWC to late May, and UZB wished to hold the Youth WC in June, almost same age group would compete in Championships with a couple of days' differences and asked UZB whether the YWC could be postponed after the OG. UZB Representative replied no objections to postpone the UZB event to September, October 2021.

#### **11. Communication Commission**

The EB was informed what had been done in terms of communication including web site updates, developments, new projects, weightlifting platform, video programmes generating income for the IWF if attracting the sponsors / barbell companies / as well offering them more presentation videos, interviews, etc.

#### **12. Barbell Companies**

The EB was informed that agreements with the barbell manufacturers were about to expire, new contract were expected to be signed for the following Olympic Cycle (OC). The EB discussed to increase the annual fee of the sponsors. A motion was made to vote on signing agreements with an increased annual fee payable by the barbell companies to the IWF.

**VOTE 8 on approving to sign an agreement for the following OC with the barbell manufacturers with an increased annual fee payable by the barbell companies with 13 YES votes and 5 not online PASSED.**

#### **13. Athletes' Commission (AC) Update**

The EB received an update on AC matters.

#### **14. Any Other Business**

- Lundahl gave an update on the Women's Commission activities.
- The EB was requested to consider a backup plan if WWC in Peru were to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

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

*Meeting ended 20:30 pm CET on Thursday, 15 December 2020.*