

REPORT of the IWF Executive Board Meeting Held on 2021 January 20 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, Maxim Agapitov, Shakhrillo Makhmudov, Mahmoud Mahgoub, Luis Zambrano, Sam Coffa Members
Mohamad Y. Al Mana, Marcus Stephen, Khaled Mehalhel, Continental President, **18 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: Maxat Dastan FA, Adam Schneider SPORTFIVE., Hasan Akkus EWF General Secretary

Excuses: Sarah Davies AC Chair

Meeting started at 12:00 m CET

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

	Opening	Dr Mike Irani
1	Communication	José Quinones
2	Finance Update	Mohammed Jalood, Maxat Dastan, Maria Cseresnyes
	Break	
3	SportFive	Adam Schneider
4	Electoral Congress	Electoral Process Commission, all Hasan Akkus
5	Any other business	All
	Closing	

Opening Remarks and Roll Call

After Roll Call, Dr. Irani, Interim President, greeted participants. Jalood, General Secretary also offered greetings.

The EB was informed that the EB meeting was planned to be a 2-day meeting, the 2nd was planned to be dedicated exclusively to the discussion of the Constitution draft received before the present meeting, however, it was a legal document on 200 pages that was not possible to discuss on the following day. Thus, the EB decided to cancel the meeting planned for the next day for discussing the newly prepared Constitution draft.

The EB Members discussed and came to a decision that simply there was no time to discuss the Constitution draft, prepared by the RGC Commission and received by the EB only right before the present meeting, within the EB then circulate it among the MFs and fit into the set deadline. So, the independent RGC should be given the time, asked for a one-month extension, they would need to finalise it and postpone the Constitutional Congress at a later date. The Electoral Congress planned for March 2021 would be held according to the current, existing Constitution.

The EB Members raised the question whether to write a totally new Constitution or to amend the existing one and it was decided to put to a vote.

VOTE 1 on approving the independent RGC Commission to prepare a new Constitution for the IWF with 16 YES votes and 2 not online PASSED.

The EB set the deadlines to be approved as followed:

- Deadline for submitting the final draft of the Constitution by the RGC: 15 February 2021
- Deadline to send the EB approved draft to MFs: 20 February 2021

VOTE 2 on approving the extension of the deadline for submitting the Constitution draft by the independent RGC Commission with 16 YES votes and 2 not online PASSED.

1. Communication

An update on Communication was presented to the EB, regarding the new web site, contracts as well as sponsorship possibilities for the IWF.

2. Finance Update

A status-update was given to the EB regarding the accounting, and audit of both Y2019 and Y2020. The EB was informed that the withholding tax issue related to the honoraria of the EB Members and Commission members as well as the Per Diems were being examined by the Tax Advisors.

The EB was also asked to re-approve / ratify the budget with the increased Continental Federation contribution amounts payable per annum.

VOTE 3 on re-approving the budget for 2021 with 16 YES votes and 2 not online PASSED.

3. SportFive

Adam Schneider from SportFive previous Lagardere gave presentation to the EB summarising the cooperation with the IWF about past events, what had been done, strengths and weaknesses, also explained the new offer of SPORTFIVE to then IWF for the new contractual relationship as the existing one would expire on 28/02/2021.

All EB members agreed to have internal discussion before taking any decision regarding the TV and marketing rights.

4. Electoral Congress

Hasan Akkus, General Secretary of the EWF, gave a presentation on the tasks performed by them in relation to the IWF elections to be held in March 2021 in Istanbul (TUR).

The EB discussed several issues related to elections including but not limited to accommodation, COVID measurements to be taken, quarantine issues.

The EB was informed that the Electoral Congress Commission was looking at holding a hybrid Congress in person and virtual at the same time due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation.

5. Any Other Business

An update on the membership situation was provided to the EB. Due to pandemic, the EB was asked to approve to postpone the deadline for paying the membership fees for 2019 and 2020 until 24 January 2021. The deadline of the payment of the membership fees for 2021 was extended to 15 March 2021. It was underlined that the membership fees could be paid exclusively via bank transfer. Those Federation in default of paying the membership fees would not be allowed to participate in the Electoral Congress.

Based on close cooperation of the Membership Commission and the Development and Education Commission, countries who could not execute wire transfers were given the possibility to execute their membership fee payment via asking for support from the 2021 IWF Development Programme.

A presentation was shown to the EB on the funding scheme of the Regional Federations within the Development Programme. The EB was kindly requested to take a vote on approving the funding of the Regional Federations depending on the number of members in the RF.

VOTE 4 on approving the 3 level grants to the RFs under the Development Programme with 15 YES votes and 3 not on the call PASSED.

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

Meeting ended 18:35 pm CET on Thursday, 20 January 2021.