

MINUTES of the IWF Hybrid Executive Board Meeting Held on 2021 October 04 By Video Conference via Zoom and In-person in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

PARTICIPATING

Dr. Michael Irani, Interim President and Chairperson of the Meeting

Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary

Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1st Vice President

José Quinones, Petr Krol, Vice Presidents

Birendra Baishya, Maxim Agapitov, Shakhrillo Makhmudov, Mahmoud Mahgoub, Luis Zambrano, Sam Coffa, Members

Marcus Stephen, Khaled Mehalhel Continental Presidents,

Sarah Davies, AC Chair, Forrester Osei, AC Vice Chair

Excuses: Pyrros Dimas, Mr. Mohammed Yousef Al-Mana

15 Voting Board Members participating in total (in-person and online). Quorum has been formed.

Secretariat: Fabien Verbrugge, CEO, Dr. Lilla Sági, OD, Mária Cseresnyés BAM, Réka Földesi AD & CMM

Meeting started at 10:00 a.m. UTC+3

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

| | Topic | Speaker |
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| | Opening, roll call | Dr. Michael Irani |
| 1. | Report of the President | Dr. Michael Irani |
| 2. | Report of the General Secretary | Mr. Mohammed Jalood |
| 3. | Report of the preparations for the IWF Electoral Congress - Approval of Legal Commission Members; - Approval of Legal Commission TOR; - Approval of Electoral Commission TOR; | Mr. Mohammed Jalood Ms. Lilla Sági |
| 4. | Approval of Athletes Commission Election Rules and Process | Ms. Sarah Davies |
| 5. | TV Broadcast Proposals for the 2021 IWF World Championships | Representatives of: Tencity Media, SportFive, Quality Media, David Goldstrum Mr. Fabien Verbrugge, Ms. Réka Földesi |
| 6. | Any other business | |
| | Closing | |

Opening Remarks and Roll Call

After the Roll Call, Dr. Irani Interim President greeted all the participants of the IWF Executive Board meeting held in-person and online; Jalood, General Secretary also offered greetings.

1. Report of the President

Dr. Irani started by saying the IWF should be very proud as there were no positives cases in Tokyo 2021 OG – either in doping or COVID. He also mentioned that following the successfully approved new IWF Constitution, showing improvement in governance issues as well as increasing athletes' representation, the IOC had accepted the IWF proving by the letter they sent. He also informed the EB members that the first instalment of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 revenue distribution had been received.

2. Report of the General Secretary

Given the floor, **Jalood** informed the EB about the receipt of the first instalment from the IOC as mentioned by Irani, all the IFs received the same amounts, however, the second instalment to be paid in the following year for weightlifting, could be less as the amount depended on spectator views. He also added IWF needed those IOC funds as the IWF had substantial expenses on anti-doping invoices: ITA 2 million CHF had been already paid for 2021 plus some in-competition tests invoices, lab, costs, investigations amounting to 376,000 USD until date. Jalood also added that the IWF had spent a lot of money on fighting doping while the event fees remained the same, however, the organisers should also take part in those costs by increasing the event fees for the countries hosting the events. He added everybody knew how it was handled in the past but for the future the EB should establish event fees that would be transparent and varied across the type of event - J/Y/S or qualification event for the Olympic Games. A proposal should be prepared to the EB, who should decide before the events in the following year. In his closing sentences Jalood sent condolences to Mr. Pyrros Dimas whose mother had passed away a couple of days before the given meeting.

3. Report of the Preparations for the IWF Electoral Congress

Sági given the floor informed the EB 147 candidacies for the IWF Elections were received that would be forwarded to the Sports Resolutions to be checked by the EDP.

Due to COVID, there were still some travelling restrictions for certain countries, she said if the EB agreed, to offer to members, who could not attend the elections in person, the same possibility that was provided in Doha during the Constitutional Reform Congress.

A motion was made to approve to offer the possibility for the members who, due to Covid, cannot travel to Tashkent (UZB) where the Electoral Congress would be held, to provide an electronic link.

VOTE 1 to give the same possibility to participate in EC via providing an electronic link was approved with 14 yes votes, no abstention and 5 not online PASSED.

Sági made a presentation on the next steps in the Electoral Process based on the IWF Constitution and Rules. She mentioned that 3 members of the Legal Commission and 3 members of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission would form the Electoral Commission. Then the IWF should appoint an Electoral Manager in agreement with the Legal Commission, Ethics and Disciplinary Commission and the Appointed Auditor. The Electoral Manager would be ensuring the correct conduct of the Elections. She also added that the list of eligible and ineligible candidates would be published 30 days before the Electoral Congress.

Regarding the IWF Legal Commission she mentioned 6 Curricula Vitae (CVs) were received for the position of Legal Commission Members, and all the continents were represented. The CVs, currently, were being reviewed by the Eligibility Determination Panel. Sági asked the EB to approve the Members of the Legal Commission subject to the final determinations of the Eligibility Determination Panel.

A motion was made to approve the Legal Commission (LC) Members subject to the result of the EDP to accelerate the process on approving the LC members.

VOTE 2 to approve LC members subject to the result of the EDP was approved with 15 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online PASSED.

Sági presented the Terms of References (Annex 1-2) of the Legal Commission and the Electoral Commission, drafted by Mr. Darren Kane, IWF Constitution and Governance Advisor. From the TORs the financial conditions were missing, therefore it was proposed to pay 500 USD per meeting for the Members and 1,000 USD per meeting for the Chair of LC and the EC. A Motion was made to approve LC and EC Terms of References including the proposed remuneration.

VOTE 3 to approve the Terms of References for both Commissions including the remuneration of the LC and EC members as proposed was approved with 15 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online PASSED.

In order to help all Member Federations with the interpretation and implementation of the IWF Constitution and Rules, it was proposed by Sági that the IWF shall arrange the translation of the IWF Constitution and Rules to – Arabic, French, Spanish and Russian. All EB Members agreed to translate the IWF Constitution and Rules to different languages.

4. Approval of Athletes Commission (AC) Election Rules and Process

Davies given the floor explained the AC Election Rules and Process proposed by **Davies**, circulated to the EB members prior to the EB meeting. She mentioned that the rules had been drafted with the assistance of Mr. Darren Kane, IWF Constitution and Governance Advisor.

Quinones and **Birendra** supported the draft proposed by Davies.

Sági explained that the same vetting process and rules would apply for AC Members election, as for the IWF Electoral Congress candidates, the AC candidates would be checked and reviewed by the EDP – Sports Resolutions. She also mentioned that the rules and the candidature documents will have to be approved by the IWF Electoral Commission before sent to the MFs.

A Motion was made to approve AC Election Rules and Process subject to the approval of the Electoral Commission.

VOTE 4 to approve the Athletes' Commission Election rules and process subject to the approval of the Electoral Commission was approved with 15 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online PASSED.

Alharbi – the President of KSA, representing the hosting country organising the YWC in Jeddah, given the floor welcomed the guests to KSA and thanked for the opportunity to host the event.

Makhmudov given the floor expressed the words of appreciation to Alharbi and handed over a nice present from Uzbekistan as KSA and UZB were shifting the events Junior vs. Youth Championships.

5. Any other business

Quinones proposed to create new rules for the Hall of Fame as well as a group of EB members to select and approve nominations for the Hall of Fame, also to publish all the people entering the IWF Hall of Fame until date on the web site as well.

VOTE 5 to approve the Hall of Fame arrangements was approved with 15 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online PASSED.

Quinones continued his speech by emphasizing to approve to prepare the new rules for the allocation of new Championships (event fees, etc.), **Jalood** said the EB needed to change the rules and the Secretariat to circulate the relevant letters to potential candidates.

Birendra – University Championships – not an IWF event – did not belong either to the MF or to the IWF so there should be some kind of restrictions since the IND Federation had to pay some Doping Fines for an athlete, even though the athlete did not belong to the MF competing on the University championships.

Krol added they – at the CZE WF - had faced similar problems in the past that was why they had created rules that any athlete participating in such kind of events (and all other events) had to be part of the given country's national team to be able to be controlled by the MF from doping point of view.

VOTE 6 to authorize the Secretariat to elaborate the rules of allocation of IWF events was approved with 15 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online PASSED.

Quinones made a proposal to create a draft what should be the future of Weightlifting.

VOTE 7 to authorize the Secretariat to draft what should be the future of Weightlifting with 15 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online PASSED.

Jalood made a motion to approve the Minutes sent by **Cseresnyés** prior to the EB Meeting dated: 27 March 2021, 12 April 2021, 21 May 2021, 01 July 2021 and 30 July 2021.

VOTE 8 to approve the IWF EB Minutes of 27 March 2021, 12 April 2021, 21 May 2021, 01 July 2021 and 30 July 2021, sent priorly with 15 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online PASSED.

Break from 12:00 - 12:30

Ms. Karoliina Lundahl joined online the EB meeting by which the total number of voting members was 16. Quorum was formed.

6. TV Broadcast Proposals for the 2021 IWF World Championships (WWC)

Given the floor **David Goldstrum** made an offer on broadcasting the upcoming event of the Senior WWC attached hereto as Annex 3 coming up with a timetable of broadcasting the Senior event, totally contradicting to the already discussed and approved one.

Makhmudov, voluntarily offered to organise the Senior World Championships also getting approvals on Governmental level for hosting the event in the very last minute, with such a tight timeframe [within 3 months after the Olympics] could not understand why changing the schedule of broadcasting was on the table after everything was fixed on all levels (Government, local broadcasters, IWF Secretariat, etc.).

Jalood mentioned the IWF was pressed for time but there was no change, all candidates refrained from organising the WWC, however, Mr. Makhmudov from UZB WF offered to host the event to organise both the event and the Congress within a 3-month period which should be respected! He also mentioned he appreciated the work and cooperation with Mr. Goldstrum, however all the issues should be clarified with the Organising Committee. The General Secretary also confirmed his trust in the cooperation with Mr. Goldstrum.

David Goldstrum, thanking the EB for the opportunity to present, asked for authority to work which should be fixed in an agreement; also pointed out that the production quality should meet the required standards for which he offered to protect the interest of the IWF. He also confirmed if he were to sell the IWF TV rights, he would not only look after the TV rights but also would work with the host broadcaster to ensure the quality of the production meeting the international standards in broadcasting. Extra expenses required were to cover his administrative expenses.

The EB's attention was drawn to the uncertainty of income and responsibility regarding Goldstrum's proposal.

Irani proposed to send the same questions to all the broadcaster candidates for 2021 IWF WWC.

Agapitov added this subject should be carefully checked and considered as they had already had some strange experience in Europe (Romania, Georgia, Russia) regarding the TV rights admitting this kind of business might result in a zero income if not selecting the proper company with setting all the terms in advance.

Makhmudov, agreeing with Agapitov, also underlined that schedule of the competitions had already been fixed, however according to Goldstrum proposal the last session was to be at 21:30 finishing at around 23:30 after which doping control should be fulfilled which would mean for the athlete to finish at 2:00 AM at night – when there would be no transportation, no food so the proposal should be thoroughly reviewed and discussed.

Pablo Reyes, Quality Media (QMP) made a presentation on the production and TV rights for WWC Tashkent attached as Annex 4.

Quinones raised the question what if QMP were not able to sell the rights, resulting in a zero income: Reyes confirmed it would mean no cost for the IWF, everything invested by QMP.

After the presentations for broadcasting, the EB discussed the proposals and came to a decision that the best offer was presented by QMP, however, being advised by the Secretariat that Lagardere/SportFive had a matching right, i.e., to match the best proposal; the EB authorized the Secretariat to inform Lagardere/SportFive about the QMP proposal and to give the opportunity to Lagardere/SportFive to exercise their matching right.

In case, Lagardere/SportFive were unable to match the proposal of QMP; then the Secretariat could continue to execute the Agreement with QMP for the 2021 IWF WWC to be held in Tashkent.


Considering the aforesaid, a motion was made to approve QMP as the production company for the IWF WWC, provided that no better proposal would be received.

VOTE 9 to approve QMP as the production company for IWF WWC if no better proposals would be received with 14 yes votes, no abstention and 5 not online PASSED.

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

Meetings ended 15:00 p.m. UCT + 3 on 04 October 2021.

Minutes taken by Mária Cseresnyés



**Dr. Michael Irani
IWF Interim President**



**Mohammed Jalood
IWF General Secretary**

Annexes to the Minutes

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| ANNEX 1 | TOR of LC |
| ANNEX 2 | TOR of EC |
| ANNEX 3 | Proposal of Goldstrum |
| ANNEX 4 | Proposal of QMP |
| ANNEX 5 | Transcript of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting of 04/10/2021 |
| Notice: | ANNEX 5 the "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting of 04/10//2021 was generated by the ZOOM programme. |