

MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting Held on 2022 March 14 at 14:00 CET By Video Conference via Zoom

PARTICIPATING

Dr. Michael Irani, Interim President and Chairperson of the Meeting
 Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary
 Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1st Vice President
 Petr Krol, Jose Quinones Vice Presidents
 Karoliina Lundahl, Pyrros Dimas, Birendra P. Baishya, Maxim Agapitov, Mahmoud Mahgoub, Luis Zambrano, Sam Coffa, Members
 Mohamed Yousef Al Mana, Antonio Conflitti, Khaled Mehalhel Continental Presidents,
 Sarah Davies, AC Chair, Forrester Osei, AC Vice Chair.

17 Voting Board Members in total on the call. Quorum was formed.

Secretariat: Olivier Ducrey, Legal Counsel; Mária Cseresnyés BAM; Matyas Lencsér, CD, Timea Horvath EDM
Meeting started at 14 p.m. CET

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

	Topic	
1	Opening, roll call	Dr. Michael Irani
2	OQS	Sam Coffa, Mátyás Lencsér
3	Budget	Mohammed Jalood, Maxat Dastan, Maria Cseresnyes
4	DP 2022	Jose Quinones, Timea Horvath
5	Barbell Companies presentation for 2024 Paris - DHS, ELEIKO, UESAKA, ZKC	Representatives of the Barbell Companies
6	Any other business	
7	Closing	

Opening Remarks and Roll Call

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

Jalood also greeted Guy Koller, President of the French Federation, joining the EB meeting as ex officio, from the country hosting the following Olympic Games – Paris 2024. He also congratulated Thailand as their suspension had been lifted. Since Dr. Irani, Jalood and Quinones joined the EB meeting from *the “XL Torneo Internacional “Manuel Suarez in Memoriam” 2022, Havana, Cuba*”, he also welcomed Jorge Luis Barcelán, the President of the Weightlifting Federation of Cuba as well as William Pena, the General Secretary of the Pan American Weightlifting Federation. He thanked the Weightlifting Federation of Cuba, facing challenges, for organising such an excellent event as well.

Yodbangtoey asking the floor thanked everybody for supporting Thailand having made so many efforts to get back.

1. Olympic Qualification System – OQS

Coffa presented the Olympic Qualification System for Paris 2024 (Annex 01). He thanked the hard work of all the parties involved in its preparation. Lencsér added he had not received any comments up until the meeting on the OQS.

Lundahl raised a question on clarifying the situation what would happen if the athletes competing would have the same total [weight lifted] in the end, e.g., five athletes. who the winner would be, how the ranking would look like. Coffa answered whoever did it first – like in any other IWF championships.

Davies raised the question whether a point system would be in place, saying at least an average or the best of, or the total of the three... etc. should be in place in order to have the best athletes in the Olympic Games, saying the aggregate should be counted.

Coffa replied to Davies, the opinion of the Technical Committee (TC) would be whomever would make the biggest total would be number one ranking, whoever would make the second biggest total would be the second ranking and so would go on. The TC believed that to have an aggregate would not be in the spirit of what they tried to do, meaning they would need to be very objective and not subjective.

A motion was made to approve the Qualification System as it was written.

VOTE 1 on approving the OQS for Paris 2024 was approved with 14 yes votes, 3 no votes, no abstention and 3 not online votes – PASSED.

2. Budget

Dastan presented the Budget for 2022 circulated to the EB Members prior to the Meeting (Annex 02)

VOTE 2 to approve the IWF Budget for 2022 was approved with 17 yes votes, no abstention and 3 not online votes – PASSED.

3. IWF 2022 Development Programme

Quinones made a presentation on Development Programme 2022 (Annex 03)

VOTE 3 to approve the IWF Development Programme Forms and Guidelines for 2022 was approved with 17 yes votes, no abstention and 3 not online votes – PASSED.

Quinones mentioned under the arrangement of the IOC IFs can provide financial support to Ukraine. A motion was made to provide an extraordinary support to Ukraine under the

VOTE 4 providing an extraordinary support to Ukraine amounting to 35,000 USD under the IOC special arrangement was approved with 17 yes votes, no abstention and 3 not online votes – PASSED.

4. Barbell Companies PPT for Paris 2024

The Barbell companies were invited to make their presentation and offer for Paris 2024 to be selected as the sole supplier for the Olympic Games.

DHS - Mr. Li Zhen made a presentation.

ELEIKO - Mr. Erik Bloomberg made his presentation.

UESAKA - Mr. Tadamasa made his presentation.

ZKC - Ms. Tory made her presentation.

Horvath should prepare a summary for the EB on the presentations of the Barbell companies, based on which the EB should decide on their choice of preference until 20 March 2022.

5. Any Other Business

Quinones mentioned as the Hall of Fame guidelines had been approved last year, and for moving forward with this project, he recommended that the Board of Trustees should be established, and he suggested Mr. Sam Coffa being the Chair of that Board while other members thereto should be delegated by the Continents – one member per each Continent. The name and CVs of the potential candidates should be submitted to the IWF until 16:00 CET 20th March 2022.

VOTE 5 to appoint Sam Coffa as the Chair of the Board of Trustees to the Hall of Fame; and where to each continent would delegate one member by submitting potential candidates CVs until 16:00 CET 20 March 2022 to be finally approved by the EB was approved with 17 yes votes, no abstention and 3 not online votes – PASSED.

Jalood also mentioned that he had a meeting with the Greek Olympic Committee in Athens to establish an Olympic Academy for weightlifting named after Pyrrhos Dimas under the IWF Development Programme to train and certify coaches etc. They should prepare a proposal for the EB to approve.

A motion was made to create the “IWF WEIGHTLIFTING ACADEMY named after PYRROS DIMAS in Olympia Greece and to further negotiate with the Greek Olympic Committee on the details”

VOTE 6 to establish the “IWF WEIGHTLIFTING ACADEMY named after PYRROS DIMAS in Olympia Greece and to further negotiate with the Greek Olympic Committee on the details was approved with 17 yes votes, no abstention and 3 not online votes – PASSED.

Coffa raised the issue on the ongoing nationality cases as the Commonwealth Games were approaching. Ducrey presented and explained them to the Board.

A motion was made to create a group, commission consisting of EB Members: Lundahl, Coffa, Quinones and Ducrey to review the cases according to the approved guidelines and come to the IWF EB with a proposal to decide in a circular vote.

VOTE 7 to create a Commission to review the nationality changes requests and come with a proposal to the IWF EB was approved with 13 yes votes, 2 no votes no abstention and 5 not online votes – PASSED.

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

Meetings ended 17:30 p.m. CET on 14/03/2022

Minutes Taken by Mária Cseresnyés



Dr. Michael Irani
IWF Interim President



Mohammed Jalood
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

- ANNEX 1 Olympic Qualification System for Paris 2024 to be approved
- ANNEX 2 2022 IWF Budget to be approved
- ANNEX 3 Development Programme
- ANNEX 4 Transcript of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting of 14/03/2022
- Notice: ANNEX 4 the “Transcripts” of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting of 14/03/2022 was generated by the ZOOM programme.