

MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting Held on 2022 March 02 14:00 PM 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, Birendra Baishya, Maxim Agapitov, Shakhriilo Makhmudov, 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: Dr. Lilla Sági, OD, Mária Cseresnyés BAM, Olivier Ducrey,
 Guest: Jean-Pierre Morand, Legal Counsel Gabriel Niggon EDC Chair, Norbert Rubicsek, Director at CSCF - Foundation for Sport Integrity

Meeting started at 14 p.m. CET

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

| | Topic | |
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| | Opening, roll call | Dr. Michael Irani |
| 1 | Approval of Candidature Documents for the 2022 IWF Electoral Congress | Mr. Gabriel Nigon – EDC Chair Mr. Jean-Pierre Morand – IWF External Legal Counsel Ms. Lilla Sagi – IWF Secretariat |
| 2 | Approval of Ethics and Disciplinary Commission (EDC) Terms of Reference | Mr. Gabriel Nigon – EDC Chair Mr. Jean-Pierre Morand – IWF External Legal Counsel Ms. Lilla Sagi – IWF Secretariat |
| 3 | Proposal of Sports Integrity Group | Mr. Norbert Rudicsek – Sports Integrity Group |
| 4 | Presentation on the 2022 Budget | Mr. Maxat Dastan – IWF Financial Advisor Ms. Maria Cseresnyes – IWF Secretariat |
| 5 | Discussion on the Olympic Qualification System for 2024 Paris Olympic Games | Mr. Sam Coffa – TC Chair Mr. Matyas Lencsér – IWF Secretariat |
| 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; **Jalood**, General Secretary also offered greetings.

Dr. Irani also summarised the outcomes of the IOC meeting having been held the day before informing about the IOC's recommendation of to take measures in relation to Russian and Belarusian Federation's for all sports.

1. Approval of Candidature Documents for 2022 IWF Electoral Congress

Dr. Irani gave the floor to Mr. Gabriel Niggon, the EDC Chair who introduced himself saying one of their tasks currently to prepare the Electoral Congress.

Jalood given the floor added the aim of the present meeting to approve the candidature forms for the elections, he also mentioned that it would be the third time for the candidates to provide supporting documentation on financial good standing, on clean police record, mental capacity certificate, supporting letters from the Member Federations etc. with the related certified translations to English thereof.

Most of the EB Members asked whether those documents, already submitted twice could be used for the elections to be held in June 2022 as to procure those documents – official ones – sometimes took 3-4 weeks to obtain and the required certified translation thereof and with the coming elections they were really pressed for time, not to mention the related costs.

Given the floor, Jean-Pierre Morand, said in Switzerland, e.g., the certificate of domicile as well as the certificate of non-being subject to enforcement proceedings were valid for a maximum of three months. He said in order to maintain the credibility of the process they could act on the basis of documents which had a relevance and an actuality. However, consulting with Gabriel Niggon, EDC Chair, he added considering that it would be the 3rd round of elections, and the candidates had a very limited time to provide all the required documents in the required format in due time that the candidates could use, re-submit documents the date of the original documents of which were not older than 21st of June 2021. [*Date of submitting documents in the 2nd round of elections in 2021 was the 21st of September 2021*]. Also, they could submit the documents in the original language translated by them, and if certified translation were to be needed, they would submit it additionally.

Based on the aforesaid the IWF, a motion was made to vote on the following:

“The IWF EB approves the candidature documents proposed by the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission with the following modifications: the documents must be provided in their original language accompanied by English translation. The commissioner reserves the right to request certified translation in circumstances in which the commission determines necessary. The date of the original documents to be re-submitted cannot be all older than the 21st of June 2021, and such documents shall be printed out signed, dated, scanned and resent to the designated email address.”

VOTE 1 on approving the Candidature documents with modification as proposed above was approved with 15 yes votes, no abstention and 5 not online votes – PASSED.

2. Approval of EDC Terms of Reference (TOR)

The EB Members mentioned they could not vote on the TOR at the given moment as they needed time to review the document before voting on it, and they said, in a couple of days to have a circular vote about it after reviewing the document.

Coffa made a motion to agree on the EDC TOR in principle subject to the IWF Executive Board approval if there is no disapproval within 48 hours.

VOTE 2 to approve the Terms of Reference of the Ethics and Disciplinary in principle was approved with 16 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online votes – PASSED.

3. Sports Integrity Presentation

Norbert Rubicsek, Director at CSCF - Foundation for Sport Integrity made a presentation (Annex 01) on the eligibility check and the vetting procedure, related to the electoral process.

Gabriel Niggon explained, according to the Constitution, the EDC had the power to ask a third party [in relation to checking the candidates] to only investigate and bring facts if and when required but the so-called main administrative work regarding the electoral process would be done by the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission and the Independent Investigatory Chamber.

4. Presentation of the Draft Budget for 2022

Dastan presented the draft Budget for 2022.

The IWF Board requested to re-draft the Budget and send it to the EB Member in advance before approval.

5. Discussion on the Olympic Qualification System (OQS) for 2024 Paris Olympic Games

Coffa said that the OQS still needed some fine-tuning on the technical side. Some points to mention: There was a proposal to have a mandatory training camp two weeks before Paris. If any Member Federation recorded anti-doping rule violation, which gave rise to a period of ineligibility for four years, that country would not go the Olympic Games. So, therefore, there were plenty of things to look at that related to anti-doping.

Jalood also mentioned that the Board should select and approve the sole supplier for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The suppliers would be requested to prepare a presentation with their offers for Paris 2024 for the IWF Executive Board to show during an EB meeting, to be held in the near future, and then the EB would decide on the sole supplier.

6. Any Other Business

Davies brought up the issue of a nationality change of an athlete where the country releasing the athlete was requesting money in cash from the receiving country. She asked if it were acceptable and correct and how it was regulated.

Coffa said rules to follow existed about eligibility, what and how should be done [related to nationality change] that could not be changed. If a Member Federation wanted to ask for money, there was nothing that stopped them from doing so. Except that the lifter would stay away from competition for one year, then he automatically would be given by the IWF is even to the other side.

Jalood informed the IWF Executive Board on the resignation of the Dr. Lilla Sági, he thanked her for her extensive and hard work what she did for weightlifting. He asked her to hand-over all the documents related to legal work to Olivier Ducrey while her administrative tasks to Maria Cseresnyes.

Dr. Lilla Sági took the floor and thanked the whole EB for their trust and continuous support throughout the last 5 years.

Lundahl mentioned that the IWF EB should make statements based on the request of the IOC in relation to the critical situation between Russia and Ukraine.

There were some levels of recommendations from the IOC:

- Nobody could be in an IF's leadership who had government ties or being part of the Russian government
- Not to host official events in Russia,
- Whether athletes from Russia and Belarus could compete as being part of the official team or an individual or compete at all

The EB agreed to set up a smaller team from EB Members to review it thoroughly and make recommendations in the matter to the Board to publish an official statement ASAP.

Jalood also informed the IWF Executive Board with the resignation of Dr. Lilla Sági the signatories in the Hungarian Bank should be changed. It was proposed to have the same signatories as in the Swiss Bank, UBP. Mr Jalood and Maria Cseresnyes having joint signatures until termination to conduct the necessary due diligence procedures.

A motion was made to prepare all the necessary documents related to the annual due diligence procedure of the Bank, to register Mr. Jalood and Maria Cseresnyes as signatories in the OTP Bank with the power of having joint signatures.

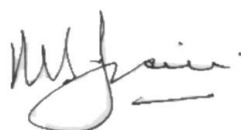
VOTE 3 to approve the signatories in the Bank and conduct the due diligence procedure was approved with 17 yes votes, no abstention and 3 not online votes – PASSED.

The IWF EB returned to discussing the statement to be published in relation to the Russian – Ukrainian Conflict and agreed that they could not wait any longer. In order not to waste time, Jalood said the following people should sit down: Lundahl, Conflitti, Quinones and himself on the following day at 15:00 p.m. CET. and to prepare a statement. Jalood also made a proposal to give donation, equipment to Ukraine.

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

Meetings ended 17:16 p.m. CET on 02/03/2022

Minutes Taken by Mária Cseresnyés



Dr. Michael Irani
IWF Interim President



Mohammed Jalood
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

ANNEX 1 Sports Integrity Presentation

ANNEX 2 Transcript of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting of 02/03/2022

Notice: ANNEX 3 the "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting of 02/03/2022 was generated by the ZOOM programme.