



Minutes

IWF Executive Board Meeting

1st May 2022 10:00 CET Crete, Greece and 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, Zhanat Tussupbekov 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

Forrester Osei, AC Chair, Hiromi Miyake, AC Vice Chair

18 Voting Board Members in total on the call. 13 participating in person, and 5 members online. The quorum was formed.

Secretariat: Timea Horvath EDM, Simon Toulson, Advisor; Maria Cseresnyes BAM, Olivier Ducrey IWF Lawyer.

Ex officio FFHM President Guy Koller (FRA) present

Excuses, Marcus Stephen, Shakhrillo Makhmudov

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

	Topic	Speaker
	Opening, Roll Call	Dr. Michael Irani
1.	Presentations of candidate cities hosting the 2024 IWF World Cup	Delegates of candidate cities
2.	IWF Committee reports	Chairs of Committee
3.	IWF Electoral Congress update	Olivier Ducrey
4.	Closing	

Opening Remarks and Roll Call

After the Roll Call, **Dr. Irani**, Interim President, greeted all the participants of the IWF Executive Board meeting in person in Crete and online. He noted there had been a successful day of IWF Committee meetings the day before. He thanked the staff for organising the meetings.

Roll Call

The Roll Call was completed.

Secretary General Report

Jalood, welcomed everyone and looked forward to a great Junior World Championships in Crete. He thanked Pyrros Dimas and the organising committee for the event. It had been a long time without weightlifting in Greece. The recent Street weightlifting event in Lausanne had been a successful test. New rules and operational format needed to be drafted for future events to build on this success.

1. Presentations of candidate cities for hosting the 2024 IWF World Cup

THA made a presentation. Location would be Phuket. They had governmental support for the event. They held the 2015 Asian Championships at the location. It was 35km to the airport from the hotels. The venue was 15 minutes from the Hotels. The venue was the Phuket Rahabhjat University Hall. Visa was easy to arrange and they had ministry support. They were requested to reconsider the costs for hotels for the event.

KOR made a presentation. Location would be Gojan city which hosted the IWF World Championships in 2009. Visas would be arranged at embassies or on arrival. Kintest Hall would be the venue. No costs were mentioned for the hotels. IWF requested this information in order to compare the different bids.

IND made a presentation. Location would be New Delhi. The venue would be Jawaharial nehru stadium centre which hosted the Commonwealth Games 2010. Visas would be arranged by the government departments of India. Prices for accommodation were given and the offer of broadcast was included in the bid.

VOTE 1: To decide the host of the 2024 IWF World Cup – Voting was completed by secret vote online. Decision would be announced thereafter.

2. IWF Committee reports

Development and Education Commission Report

Quinones reported that 103 MFs had been helped in 2021. Ongoing education support and material (seminars, videos, documentary, etc) was being prepared for the IWF Commissions and hoped to be completed by July 2022. For 2022 the Development and Education Commission had received 103 requests for support and work had already started on these applications. Additional support would be given to those who suffered from conflict, wars etc. 75 applications had been received for Scholarships by Olympic Solidarity which was a healthy number. 35,000 US\$ would be allocated to help Ukraine athletes. For the Junior World Championships, the Greek Sports Ministry supported financially 10 Ukrainian athletes and additionally the IWF would support 8 athletes and 1 Ukrainian coach.

VOTE 2: To approve the 2021 IWF development report and the 2022 development presentation. 18 votes in favour – Motion approved.

Lausanne Street weightlifting programme

The ambassador and highlights video from the event were shown. The weak point for the event was the weather which impacted the audience. The mixed team format worked well. Debrief and improvements were to be completed by June 2022. Eleiko sponsorship of the event was much appreciated. Seminars organised after the event saw 40 people trained with the participants as part of the ambassador give back to community objective. The IWF Board thanked the staff for organising the Lausanne event.

IWF Finance Report

Maxat highlighted that the Auditor confirmed 2020 and 2021 audit would be finished in May. The delay of publishing accounts was mainly accounted for by the difficulty to have an accountant and auditor. The situation was now better. Statements for IWF expenses and payments were done correctly and appropriately to conform with financial regulations.

Al Mana explained that the 2020-2021 non-publication needed to be explained publicly. It was proposed that a letter to NFs on why there was a delay in publishing the financial accounts should be sent.

IWF Technical Committee report

Coffa said they had held a fruitful but long meeting. The IWF must amend the rule where touching the platform with any part of the body should be specific to the execution of the lift. In addition, the question of world championships in the year of Olympics needs to be considered as bodyweight categories had changed. The problem of challenges and the misuse of challenge was discussed. Continental associations cannot issue their own referees' cards this was seen as important to maintain as a rule.

An analysis of the world championship programme was discussed in order to reduce number of days and reduced bodyweights for the future.

Jalood stated that special rules for beach and street competitions needed to be drafted.

Conflitti said that they were working to prepare a continental agreement similar to the street competition. The rules needed to differ to the Olympic format. In addition, it was proposed for 2023 that an intercontinental championship following IWF rules would be created consisting of 5 teams from each continent.

VOTE 3: To organise street competitions by continent in 2023 and also approve the Intercontinental Cup competition. 18 votes in favour – Motion approved.

Coaching and Research Committee report

Mahgoub talked about transgender issues and proposed an international weightlifting day of 10th June.

Lundahl mentioned the online lectures being made into coaching courses which would save time and costs. It would be rolled out in Europe and then pan America and Africa starting with 9 hours of courses online. Level 2 would be face to face. The fee would be considered for the two levels combined for participants.

Medical Committee report

Irani highlighted transgender, spinal injuries, doping issues all discussed in the meeting. Doping education must be completed by all when confirmed entry lists made for competition. Transgender issue was complicated as the IOC said to IFs "its your responsibility". For example, muscle strength with puberty is a difficult problem for transgender athletes. IWF to research what is workable and sensible.

Medical intervention during competition was also discussed.

VOTE 4: To approve the IWF Committee reports. 18 votes in favour – Motion approved.

3. IWF Electoral Congress update

Ducrey outlined the vetting procedure that the EDP was leading. It was made clear that the IWF Executive Board endorsed that the vetting process must take place independent of any involvement or association with the IWF or its members. The IWF Congress approved the deadline of 30 April for eligible candidates. The IWF discussed with EDP as they needed additional time to complete the mission. The EDP wanted a third party to carry out investigation on candidates' eligibility. The EDP had decided to appoint a British company with a letter sent to the IWF making a summary of pros and cons for the companies they looked at for the work.

All members of the EDC and the EDP should attend the meetings of the EDP and ensure that all decisions are signed by all the members.

The IWF requested a breakdown of costs which should be sent to the secretariat by EDP. The IWF confirmed the independence of the EDP and empowered Ducrey and Toulson to negotiate the price and ensure the scope remained within the constitution.

VOTE 5: To approve that Ducrey and Toulson discuss with EDP the scope and financial breakdown of the vetting procedure for candidates of elections. 18 votes in favour – Motion approved.

4. Any other Business

Krol mentioned the Membership commission for the Congress which should determine the Federations in good standing or not. First step, was to have the secretariat identify all debtors of IWF for the last two years. IWF set deadline for paying as end of May 2022. The IWF was to list provisional suspensions and those allowed to or not allowed to vote.

**VOTE 6: Krol to oversee the membership eligibility for the Electoral Congress.
18 voted Motion – Approved.**

Agapitov wanted clarification on the issue of national vs international doping cases. Cases at a national level should not be counted vs those under IWF jurisdiction. A minimum of 6 positive cases in previous Olympic cycle of 4 years is the benchmark and IWF must publish the list in advance. Sanctions with official statements of decisions must be provided to the EDP so they get the correct information. The IWF would check with the EDP the 4 year period and it clearly would be the EDP to decide the eligibility of countries and candidates for the Election.

There being no other matters the meeting was closed. Next meeting would be 14th June 2022 in Mexico.

Meetings ended 14:00 p.m. CET on 1/5/2022



Dr. Michael Irani
IWF Interim President



Mohammed Jalood
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

- ANNEX 1 THA Potential Host City Presentation
- ANNEX 2 KOR Potential Host City Presentation
- ANNEX 3 IND Potential Host City Presentation
- ANNEX 4 Videos of 1st Street weightlifting competition
- ANNEX 5 Transcript of the Voice Record of the EB Meeting

Notice: ANNEX 5 the "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB meeting was generated by Zoom

