

MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting Held on 1st September at 14:00 CET By Video Conference via Zoom

PARTICIPATING

Mohammed Jaloud, President and Chairperson of the Meeting

Antonio Urso, General Secretary

Ursula Papandrea, 1st Vice President

Doris Marrero, Petr Krol, Attila Adamfi Vice Presidents

Mohamed Alharbi, Wem Hsin Chang, Sam Coffa, Fathi Masmoudi, Gardencia Du Plooy, Matthew Curtain, Florian Sperl, Hiromi Miyake, Tom Yong Liaw, Yassini Esquivel, Boukar Tikire Members

Antonio Conflitti, Jose Quinones, Khaled Mehalhel, Continental Presidents,

Forrester Osei, AC Chair,

21 Voting Board Members in total joined the online meeting. Quorum was formed.

Secretariat: Mária Cseresnyés BAM; Tímea Horváth EDPM, Mátyás Lencsér Competition Manager, Réka Földesi, Olivier Ducrey, Legal Counsel

Meeting started at 14:00 p.m. CET.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

	Topic	Speaker
1.	Welcome by the IWF President	Mohammed Jaloud
2.	Television Agreement	Mohammed Jaloud, Antonio Urso
3.	TD OG Paris 2024	Antonio Urso
4.	Athletes' Commission Election	Mohammed Jaloud, Ursula Papandrea
5.	Any other business	

1. Welcome of the President

Both the President and the General Secretary thanked attendance of the EB Members to decide on important matters; to put in the report to the IOC, also informing that the meeting should not take long time. The President joined the online meeting from Bahrein where he was to check the site of the upcoming Asian Championships, organising a weightlifting event for the first time.

2. Television Agreement

The General Secretary started with thanking the work of the Secretariat. The General Secretary informed the EB that a tender was issued for the digital production and media rights distribution for the next Olympic Cycle.

Földesi made a presentation to give an overview of the quotation received, her presentation attached as ANNEX 01. The final decision on the production rights would be made during the EB meeting in Rome, however on the allocation of media rights a decision should be taken ASAP.

After her presentation the potential candidates were invited to make their presentation one by one:

- a) **ALTAIR GROUP - Mr. Cristophe Berthaud**
Their proposal attached in ANNEX 02 which referred both to the production and media rights.
- b) **SPORTFIVE - Mr. Tigran Sirunyan, Senior Vice President**
Their proposal / presentation attached as ANNEX 03 and related to the selling rights only.
- c) **ITN Productions UK - Mark Fulton, Executive Producer, Ellie Walter, Business Development Manager, Melanie Jane Clark Senior Production Manager,**
Offer for production, their presentation and proposal attached as ANNEX 04
- d) **Quality Media Producciones - Mr. Pablo Reyes**
Offer for production, their presentation and proposal attached as ANNEX 05.

Parties interested in the selling rights: Altair Group and SportFive

Parties interested in production: Altair Group, ITM Productions and Quality Media.

A lot of EB members underlined that they heard / saw the proposals for the first time, and they would need more time to review, evaluate them before taking a decision thereon.

The EB agreed that they were pressed for time deciding on the selling rights while the decision on the production was not that urging. They also discussed maybe the IWF would need to split the tender by events: i.e., requesting separate offers for the 2022 WWC to be held in Colombia and separate offers for future IWF events in 2023 and 2024.

It was also advised to have a long-term agreement on the selling rights with one of the potential companies with the condition to re-negotiate the agreement after 2022 (being the critical year).

The President asked the IWF legal counsel about situation of the matching rights of Lagardere as he would prefer avoiding voting about anything before the entire situation was clarified. Ducrey was asked to work and check upon the matter. It was also underlined to wait for the report of the General Secretary following the technical visit to Colombia in two weeks' time and only then – possessing the report of the legal counsel on the Lagardere issue – acquired by Sportfive, submitting an offer to the IWF on the selling rights – and of the General Secretary about the technical visit in Colombia.

The General Secretary confirmed he did not know about the matching rights of Lagardere because it was decision of the past EB. The IWF EB agreed that the voting would be cancelled and made via circular mail at a later stage.

3. Technical Delegate (TD) Paris 2024 Olympic Games (OG)

Given the floor Coffa, the Chair of the Technical Committee admitted that he served as the Technical Delegate for the Tokyo Olympic Games and even before, and he was acting as a de facto TD for Paris 2024 prepared and finalised the qualification system for the Paris 2024 OG, approved by the Olympic Committee, even though he was not appointed. Since the work was intensifying and generally it would require a lot of travelling, as well as more and more attention, it was high time that he would pass on the role of the Technical Delegate to the younger generation. His recommendation and kind request were the following:

Technical Delegates for:

- 2024 Paris OG: **Matthew Curtain**
- 2026 Melbourne CWG: **Sam Coffa** - would like to take it himself since the event would be in his own city
- 2023 Pacific Games: **Paul Coffa**

It was mentioned that the 2nd TD for 2024 Paris OG would be appointed in a year's time.

A motion was made to appoint Matthew Curtain as the Technical Delegate for Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

VOTE 1 to approve Matthew Curtain as the Technical Delegate for Paris 2024 Olympic Games with 19 yes votes, 1 abstention and 5 not online – unanimously PASSED.

A motion was made to appoint Sam Coffa as the Technical Delegate for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

VOTE 2 to approve Sam Coffa as the Technical Delegate for the 2026 Commonwealth Games with 19 yes votes, 1 abstention and 5 not online – unanimously PASSED.

A motion was made to appoint Paul Coffa as the Technical Delegate for the 2023 Pacific Games.

VOTE 3 to approve Paul Coffa as the Technical Delegate for the 2023 Pacific Games with 20 yes votes, no abstention and 5 not online – unanimously PASSED.

Curtain given the floor thanked for the trust; admitting that Mr. Coffa set a very high benchmark in the past, and that he was very honoured to continue Coffa's work.

Regarding the Paris 2024 Olympic Games the General Secretary gave an update and kindly requested to vote on the barbell supplier for the Olympic Games.

A motion was made to approve ZKC as the sole supplier for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Eleiko will be involved for Los Angeles 2028 giving them priority for the economical proposal for the event.

VOTE 4 to approve ZKC as the sole supplier for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games with 21 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online – unanimously PASSED.

4. Any Other Business

It was proposed to register Mr. Antonio Urso, General Secretary, also as a signatory in the banks, both in UBP Bank Switzerland and OTP Bank, Hungary to the currently existing signatories Mr Mohammed Jalood and Maria Cseresnyes having joint signatures; and to conduct the necessary due diligence (DD) procedures. The signatories will have joint power to sign in the banks until termination as follows: Maria Cseresnyes jointly either with the President or the General Secretary.

A motion was made to prepare all the documents regarding the due diligence procedure of the Bank, and to modify, register the signatories in both Banks the IWF had account with the power of having joint signatures.

VOTE 5 to approve to conduct the necessary Banking DD and to register the aforesaid signatories in the Banks with 21 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online – unanimously PASSED.

The President taking the floor requested to approve the Members to different **Committees** and the setup of additional **Committees** as follows.

A motion was made to approve the following members to the Membership **Committee**, chaired by Attila Adamfi (HUN): Pius Ochieng (KEN), Denis Offerman (CYP), Tom Goegebuer (BEL), Jerry Wallwork (SAM)

VOTE 6 to approve the aforesaid members to the Membership Committee with 21 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online – unanimously PASSED.

A motion was made to create and approve the following members to the **Public Relation and Communication Committee** chaired by Jose Quinones (PER), Antonio Conflitti (MDA), Mecu Chang (TPE), Florian Sperl (GER), Matthew Curtain (GBR), Yassini Esquivel (CRC).

If there was an urgent matter to be published the **Public Relations and Communications Committee** should quickly meet and send their proposal to Urso, General Secretary also for approval and then put it on the IWF website. The president underlined it was very important to be very active because the media, communication was very important to the IWF to publish positive news about weightlifting.

VOTE 7 to create and approve the aforesaid members to the Public Relation and Communication Committee with 21 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online – unanimously PASSED.

A motion was made to establish and approve the following members to the **Weightlifting Sport Innovation Committee**, chaired by Ursula Papandrea (USA): Sam Coffa (AUS), Petr Krol (CZE), Fathi Masmoudi (TUN), Paul Coffa (AUS), Matthew Curtain (GBR), Attila Adamfi (HUN), Maurizio Lo Buono (ITA), Antonio Conflitti (MDA), and Matyas Lencsér (HUN) from the Secretariat.

VOTE 8 to create and approve the aforesaid members to the Weightlifting Sport Innovation Committee with 20 yes votes, 1 abstention and 4 not online – unanimously PASSED.

Papandrea added that each newly created **Committees** should have their own Terms of References under they would operate and function.

Conflitti given the floor referred to his last email sent to the IWF, as the EWF President, kindly requesting the IWF to share the additional costs of Sport Facilities in Romania, related to the hosting of the UKR Team, amounting to 14,335 EUR on a 50-50% ratio payable by the IWF and EWF to the Sports facilities in Romania.

After discussing the matter, a motion was made to approve the IWF to pay the said amount of 14,335 EUR in full to the Sport Facilities in Romania used by the UKR team.

VOTE 9 to approve the IWF to pay the extraordinary amount of 14,335 EUR to the Sport Facilities in Romania used by the UKR team with 20 yes votes, 1 abstention and 4 not online – unanimously PASSED.

5. Athletes Commission Update

The Documentation was prepared by the previous Board but needed to be re-approved by the current Board. The documents were updated and sent to the Electoral Commission also for approval, until date no reflection on it. Papandrea proposed to continue the work and then to get the re-approval of the EB and the Electoral Commission, the process need to be continued as pressed for time, according to the Constitution the information needed to be sent out on 5 September at the latest considering the Athletes elections were to be held on the upcoming world championships to be held in Colombia. The only modifications made referred only to the updating the dates and place of the elections (2022 December IWF WWC - Colombia). The athletes could be either nominated by the NF or the CF. The number of Athletes' Commission members should be not more than 11 according to the Constitution and should reflect continental as well as equal gender representation.

As soon as the documents pre-approved by the Electoral Commission a voting circular would be sent to the EB for final approval before the 5 September 2022 at the latest.

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

Conflitti also mentioned he made a lot of progress on the organisation and elaboration of regulations related to streetlifting events and would make a presentation in detail during the EB meeting to be held in Rome.

Meetings ended 18:00 p.m. CET on 01/09/2022



**Mohammed Jalood
IWF President**



**Antonio Urso
IWF General Secretary**

Annexes to the Minutes

- ANNEX 1 PPT on the Summary of the IWF TV Rights Tender
- ANNEX 2 Offer of ALTAIR Group
- ANNEX 3 Offer of Sportfive
- ANNEX 4 Offer of ITN Productions
- ANNEX 5 Offer of QMP
- ANNEX 6 Transcript of the Voice Record of the EB Meeting

Notice: ANNEX 6 the "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.