

# MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting Held on 10<sup>th</sup> September at 15:00 CET By Video Conference via Zoom

## **PARTICIPATING**

Mohammed Jaloud, President and Chairperson of the Meeting

Antonio Urso, General Secretary

Ursula Papandrea, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Doris Marrero, Petr Krol, Attila Adamfi, Pyrros Dimas 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, Dora Tchakounte AC Vice Chair

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

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

*Meeting started at 15:00 p.m. CET.*

## **ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
1.	Welcome by the IWF President	<b>Mohammed Jaloud</b>
2.	Television Agreement	<b>Mohammed Jaloud, Antonio Urso</b>
3.	Athletes' Commission Election Documents	<b>Mrs Ursula Papandrea</b>
4.	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 related to advertising and media rights for. The President made a summary on the previous contracts of the media rights. He informed the EB how the 2022 IWF Senior WWC were allocated first to China; and following their withdrawal to Colombia. He also mentioned it was important to earn, to get some benefit for the IWF from selling the media rights.

### **2. Television Agreement**

The General Secretary given the floor and agreeing with the President said that the EB should work in favour of and for the interest of the IWF. He made a presentation ANNEX 01 summarising the rules and regulations about the advertising and media rights as well as on the quotations received regarding the media and the production rights for the current Olympic Cycle.

Following the summary of the General Secretary there were disagreement among the EB members whether the TV rights had been allocated to Colombia with their bid. The former board decided to introduce new regulations [Hosting Guidelines], however the 2022 WWC had been allocated to China before these regulations were introduced and according to that agreement the fee offered by China included the receipt of

media rights. It was also mentioned that the questionnaire provided by Colombia included the description of broadcast and selling of TV rights, i.e. the bid the fee they offered was in return for the TV rights. However, it was ascertained by the EB Members that Questionnaire was not a binding document.

The General Secretary confirmed that no evidence, document (Minutes, voice record of the IWF EB Meeting when the decision was made on the allocation of the event to Colombia, any written and / or signed agreement.) could be found proving that the fee offered by them was not only the event fee, but it also included the media rights.

There was a huge surprise from a lot of EB Members asking why they were sitting here again and discussing this matter as there was a tender procedure, bids were received, a voting circular was sent out to decide on the matter.

It was mentioned that Colombia had not been duly informed about the tender procedure on TV rights. It was proved and shown to the EB that an email was sent, according to the decision of the IWF EB on 01 September 2022, to Colombia to provide their bid to the IWF within 48 hours as an extra opportunity.

It was also brought up that the matter needed to be examined carefully – matching rights etc. as it was a senior event as well as an Olympic Qualification event before deciding on anything. There was a tender, and the parties interested had to submit a bid, the EB should decide on the bids received – this was the procedure to follow otherwise the IWF could be sued.

Ducrey confirmed there had been no agreement signed with Colombia yet for organising the IWF 2022 WWC event.

The following had been ascertained:

- Owner of TV rights: IWF
- Hosting Guidelines of the IWF approved in 2021 – clearly stating the hosting / event fees did not include allocation of the TV and Media rights to the Host Country
- Neither the voice records nor the Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of 22 April 2022 on granting to Colombia to host the 2022 IWF WWC – did not mention allocation of the TV and media rights when giving the event to Colombia.
- No bids for TV and Media rights from Colombia had been received even after the extended deadline.
- No agreement existed between IWF and Colombian Host
- Tender was issued, bids were received.

After discussing the matter in detail, it was also underlined the current EB had the right to revise the decisions of the previous EB. 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).

A motion was made to re-affirm and / or to approve one of the two companies: Altair Group or SportFive to become the IWF media right distribution partner for the upcoming Olympic cycle.

**VOTE 1 to approve SPORTFIVE as the media right distribution partner of the IWF for the upcoming Olympic cycle with 19 yes votes, 1 abstention and 5 not online – PASSED.**

The General Secretary said he would officially and duly inform the Organising Committee in Colombia about the decision of the IWF EB regarding the media rights, with the assistance of Ducrey.

### **3. Athletes Commission Update**

The Documentation for the Election of members to the Athletes Commission was prepared by the previous Board, it had already been pre-approved by the Electoral Commission. Before publishing it and to start asking for nominations, the documentation should be re-approved by the current Board.

A motion was made to approve the documents for the election of Members to the Athletes Commission.

**VOTE 2 to approve the election documents with 17 yes votes, no abstention and 8 not online – PASSED.**

Papandrea asking the floor said on the previous meeting she had been approved as the Chair of the Weightlifting Sport Innovation Committee and admitted she would like to have Antonio Conflitti to be a Co-Chair in the Committee as he already had done a significant amount of work in this area. The IWF Executive Board accepted the request of the First Vice President.

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

**Meetings ended 18:00 p.m. CET on 10/09/2022**



**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 Transcript of the Voice Record of the EB Meeting

Notice: ANNEX 2 the "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.