

# MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting

Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 at 09:30 Bogota COL Time

In person from Bogota, COL and 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, Wen 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 in person, and Khaled Mehalhel online - Continental Presidents,  
 Forrester Osei, AC Chair, and Dora Tchakounte AC Vice Chair in person  
 Michel Raynaud (FRA President), Ex Officio in-person

**22 Voting Board Members participated in person and 1 voting member joined the meeting online that is 23 in total. Quorum was formed.**

*Secretariat: Mária Cseresnyés BAM; Tímea Horváth EDPM, Mátyás Lencsér Competition Manager, Réka Földesi, ADM, Olivier Ducrey, Legal Counsel, Maxat Dastanov, CFA, Evelin Gondos, Valentina Kalmutskaaya,*

*Guests: Benjamin Cohen, Gianluca Siracusano – ITA, Nicolas Zbinden - ADC Representative*

*Meeting started at 09:30 a.m. Bogota COL Time*

## **ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

	Topic	Speaker
1.	Welcome Words of IWF President	M. Jaloud
2.	Anti-Doping	B.Cohen, G. Siracusano ITA N. Zbinden ADC
3.	Report of President	M. Jaloud
4.	Report of General Secretary	A. Urso
5.	Constitution	M. Jaloud. A. Urso
6.	Financial report 2022, provisional 2023	M. Dastanov
7.	Report of the Technical Committee	S. Coffa
8.	Report of the Medical Committee	Dr F. Masmoudi
9.	Report of the Coaching and Research Committee	P. Krol
10.	Report of Commissions	
11.	Olympic Games Paris 2024 update	M. Curtain
12.	World Cup 2024, THA	
13.	Awards	
14.	Proposal of EB Members	
15.	Any Other Business	

### **1. Welcome of the President**

The President welcomed the EB Members participating both in-person in Bogota and online, the General Secretary and the First Vice President also offered greetings. After that the floor was given to Cseresnyes who informed the IWF EB on the letter (attached hereto as Annex 01) having received from **Zacarias Bonnat** the fortnight about his own provisional suspension from the IWF EB as a result of AAF.

The floor was given to **Mr. William Pena**, the President of the Colombian Weightlifting Federation, organising the 2022 IWF World Championships, who also welcomed the IWF Board members to Bogota and expressed his honour and gratitude to be selected to host the event which served to improve the reputation of his country as well. He informed the Board that weightlifting was very popular in his country, with unfair situations, and crucial to hope for a better future, opportunity to transform lives to change the society. He also said he was happy to be part of the weightlifting family to promote the beloved sport.

## 2. Anti-Doping

**Benjamin Cohen (ITA)** thanked for the invitation to the meeting and apologized for not attending the meeting in person in Colombia as ITA had important meetings during the weekend to prepare for the IOC Executive Board meeting to be held in the coming days, regarding which they had already been asked to report about the IWF's anti-doping efforts. On Day-1 ITA would report on the reanalysis program, having been concluded, of the London 2012 Summer Olympic Games. 70 samples initially having been analysed as negative, were reported positive, most of which (80%) were coming from weightlifting and athletics.. Related to that ITA could show that the efforts that IWF and ITA did, would for sure avoid those unfortunate circumstances in the future. He also mentioned that Reanalysis of the Rio Olympic Games samples would start in the future as well. On Day-2 the ITA would make a specific report on IWF and would do their best to show to the IOC, the huge efforts that the IWF made to fight against doping. Evidence of the excellent cooperation between the IWF and the ITA in fighting against doping was the latest news on the 4 doping cases discovered in the last days.

**Gianluca Siracusano (ITA)** informed the EB about the ways to further reinforce the IWF anti-doping program, while considering the necessary resources and finances. He covered the topics below in his presentation (Annex 02):

- Member federation's testing eligibility system
- Expansion of investigative powers
- Mandatory education requirements
- ADC report
- Proposed timeline.

Expansion of investigative power – to strengthen IWF. In the past the aim was testing / sanctioning which should shift to prevention and education, and it should not be an option but obligation.

Mandatory education requirements should be involved in the contract of the IWF e. g. Athletes registered testing pool should participate in the ADEL – WADA education seminar – if not participated they would not have the right to compete, e. g. the "Article" 12 – should be applied in relation to the education activities of the athletes, exclusions. He also informed the Board that increased investment in AD was still a huge need.

**Nicolas Zbinden** ADC Member, notified the Board about the following:

- The ADC met twice in 2022 and was presented with the suggested changes to the IWF ADR by the ITA. There was a clear consensus in favour of the changes.
- With respect to education, the new rules would increase the awareness of young athletes and were therefore extremely important to the IWF's fight against doping.
- With respect to investigation, these rules were based on the model developed by World Athletics, Zbinden confirmed, by experience, that they proved to be very helpful to build an anti-doping case.
- With respect to the eligibility system, the ADC was presented with two different models by the ITA, and ultimately there was a consensus in favour of the model with a minimum number of tests per athlete to be eligible for IWF Events. This regime was also similar to the one developed by World Athletics for its events. This model was reviewed and validated by the CAS following an appeal by an athlete in advance of the Tokyo Games. For World Athletics it meant that a large number of athletes were not eligible for the Tokyo Games, but these figures seemed now to be decreasing. This was a very helpful tool to ensure that all athletes participating in the IWF Events would have been sufficiently tested and would be clean.
- The ADC thanked the ITA for its excellent job.

Both IWF President and the General Secretary supported the request / proposal of ITA and ADC to increase education but also with the request to simplify the language for athletes / coaches to be more comprehensive for them.

**A motion 1 as made to approve - as a package:**

- the Testing requirements for Member Federations in principle subject to discussion and implementation before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.
- the new Investigation powers for IWF/ITA
- the new Education requirements for athletes and Athletes' Support Person (ASP)
- a Mandate to IWF Administration to discuss the resources needed to support the implementation of the changes to the Anti-Doping Rules ADR

**VOTE 1 to approve the first motion proposed by ITA as stated above with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention and 3 not present – PASSED.**

**3. Report of the President**

The President thanked the work and presentation of the ITA and ADC, and with reference to the latest cases, he underlined that the investments made in the fight against doping and continuous cooperation with ITA was paying off. The IWF, and the weightlifting family should continue, in the same spirit to make all the efforts to clean weightlifting and to remove the cheaters from the sport. The utmost goal of the IWF was to keep the weightlifting in the Olympic Programme.

In his Report the President informed the Board about the countries, events and participated in meetings he visited since July, he said he was conveying the message that the EB had been working hard to clean the Sport, to improve the operation of the federation to attain the utmost goal of the IWF was to keep weightlifting in the Olympic Programme.

He also informed the EB that the signatories in the Banks had been changed according to the decision of the IWF Executive Board. He also said that before WWC together with the General Secretary he participated in the IF Forum in Lausanne where he met some IOC representatives who expressed their appreciation for the IWF decision to close the office in Budapest and to shift and strengthen the activities in the Lausanne office.

A motion was made to approve the Report of the President.

**VOTE 2 to approve the Report of the President with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention and 3 not present – PASSED.**

**4. Report of the General Secretary**

The General Secretary started his report referring to the positive cases announced the day before saying that the IWF AD programme in cooperation with the ITA did work well, being demonstrated by the 4 cases caught and announced the day before. He also confirmed to the EB that the meeting with the IOC representative was very successful and that IWF moving forward in the right way.

In regard to the work of PTS mandated to check the first six months' financials of the IWF in 2022 report he confirmed that they would finalise their report when all the documents would be uploaded to the accounting software BEXIO that had been approved by the EB in July after which the testing and adaptation was carried out.

The President and the General Secretary also had a meeting with Canton Vaud to get the necessary information and steps to make to move the people to Lausanne to be finalised in a month. However, the structure of the federation should be set up and approved. Also new people would need to be hired to the office in Lausanne.

The General Secretary confirmed that the EB Minutes would be circulated to the EB for review before final approval by the President and the General Secretary and only then would be published on the web site.

Regarding membership issues the General Secretary requested Adamfi to inform the EB as follows:

Weightlifting Federation of North Macedonia (MKD)

- necessary documents submitted,
- EB should consider granting Provisional Member,
- Then to pay 2023 MFEE

Central African Republic Weightlifting Federation (CAF)

- submitted documents incomplete,
- Executive Board should not consider granting provisional membership until missing documents submitted.

Application for Associate Membership by Faeroe Weightlifting Association (territory of Denmark) Danish Weightlifting Federation and the Danish Olympic Committee were contacted. Danish Weightlifting Federation already sent their endorsement for the procedure, consent of the NOC was still to be received. If all the missing documents were submitted, Faroe Island could be granted with provisional (associate) membership.

Lifting provisional suspension of Portugal

- request and all documents submitted,
- 2023 membership fee paid,
- authority of the IWF EB to do so,
- the new federation already recognized by the highest Sports Authority,
- Executive Board should consider revoking the provisional suspension.

Somalia Weightlifting Federation

- request to lift provisional suspension,
- National Olympic Committee from Somalia warned the IWF that most probably those were not authorized people.
- IWF EB should not consider revoking the provisional suspension until further clarification.

In terms of administrative issues and it was clarified: to provide provisional membership was the power and authority of the Executive Board, and then after six months had passed, the Congress had the power to ratify the full membership of the given member.

A motion was made to approve to grant provisional membership to the Weightlifting Federation of North Macedonia, subject to payment of the membership fee; and to revoke the provisional suspension of the Portuguese Weightlifting Federation.

**VOTE 3 to approve the proposal on the membership issues as stated above 22 yes votes, 0 abstention and 3 not online – PASSED.**

A motion was made to approve the report of the General Secretary.

**VOTE 4 to approve the report of the General Secretary 23 yes votes, 0 abstention and 2 not online – PASSED.**

Sperl informed the EB about his meeting at the IOC headquarter with Gonzalo Barrio, Project Manager of the IOC Olympic Refugee Team who recommended to establish such program at the IWF. It would help to also improve the image of the IWF. In case the EB approved they would elaborate the policy in the coming 6 months together with the technical committee.

The President made a motion to approve the refugee team project headed by Florian Sperl working closely with Sam Coffa TC Chair.

**VOTE 5 to approve the IWF refugee team project headed by Florian Sperl 23 yes votes, 0 abstention and 2 not online – PASSED.**

## 5. Constitution

Ursula Papandrea was given the floor, chair of governance commission reported that the IWF were on a good track to improve but still there were some issues to be addressed that were also included in the McLaren Report – one was anti-doping where enormous measures and efforts as well as investments were made the other that was uncovered by the Report was anti-corruption and integrity.

Regarding the Constitution it was said for an international federation reform, the recommendations from ASOIF should be sought, to have proper consultation and consultants to help us to reform the Constitution to put a timeline, to produce a draft because it was a very long difficult to use its legislative power. Also, to prepare the ByLaws that could be modified by the Board when it is needed to be operational in the most effective way.

## **6. Financial Report**

Dastanov showed a presentation on IWF Financial performance until 31 October 2022 as well as the introduction of the accounting software to be used in the IWF. His presentation attached hereto as Annex 03

The fiscal year ended on 31 December 2022, accounting of 2022 to be finalised end of February, Budget for 2023 to be prepared by mid-January 2023.

## **7. Report of the Technical Committee (TC) Chair**

Coffa informed the EB about the proposed changes made to the Technical and Competitions Rules & Regulations (TCRR). Annex 04

**VOTE 6 To approve the TCRR to come into force on 05 December 2022 with 20 yes votes, 0 abstention and 5 not online – PASSED.**

The Topics discussed during the TC meeting:

- duration of the world championships, it had also been discussed that the rules should be changed in order for accommodate two-platform events in the future
- professionalization of ITO process to elaborate a selection, evaluation process for ITOs to serve at WWC or other major events:
- press-out rules

The EB accepted that the IWF could hold a WWC in the year of the Olympic Games – 2024 and should issue a call for a tender to the Member Federations for hosting the event.

**VOTE 7 To approve the report of the TC Chair with 21 yes votes, 0 abstention and 4 not online – PASSED.**

## **8. Report of the Medical Committee (MC) Chair**

The Chair informed the EB that they were going to have a meeting in the upcoming days and would duly inform the Board about the topics discussed.

## **9. Report of the Coaching and Research Committee (CRC) Chair**

Krol gave a presentation and report on the CRC meeting held the day before, attached as Annex 05.

- OS Youth Athlete Development Programme, a project with Olympic Solidarity
- Coaching Seminar, in Bogota, COL - 10 December 2022, Topics:
  - Coaching Licence, Technical Rules for coaches, recovery, adaptation, nutrition, explanation on qualification system, anti-doping for coaches
- Coaching Licence
  - Requirement for International Coach Licence
    1. Process
    2. Anti-Doping Declaration
    3. Education Program
    4. Database

A motion was made to approve the report of the CRC Chair.

**VOTE 8 To approve the report of the CRC Chair with 21 yes votes, 0 abstention and 4 not online – PASSED.**

A motion was made to approve the direction and structure of the coaching licensee program.

**VOTE 9 To approve the licensing direction of coaches proposed by the CRC with 21 yes votes, 0 abstention and 4 not online – PASSED.**

The EB reviewed the approval status of the appointed members to different committees and commissions.

Lencsér informed the EB about the possible timetable of the major IWF 2023 events as stated below:

According to the proposals & information we have

- IWF Youth WC / 25 March - 05 April / Durres, ALB
- IWF Grand Prix 1 / 2 - 12 June, Havana, CUB
- IWF Senior WC / 2 - 17 September, Riyadh, KSA
- IWF Junior WC / November???, Guadalajara, MEX
- IWF Grand Prix 2 / December (TBC), Doha, QAT

NOTE

- European Games / 21 June - 02 July
- All African Games / 04 - 19 August
- Asian Games / 23 September - 08 October
- Pan-American Games / 20 October - 05 November
- Pacific Games / 19 November - 02 December

A motion was made to approve the 2023 event calendar.

**VOTE 10 To approve the event calendar for 2023 as presented with 21 yes votes, 0 abstention and 4 not online – PASSED.**

#### **10. Report on Paris 2024 Olympic Games**

The General Secretary informed the EB about the Paris 2024 technical meeting in November 2022. He gave the floor to Curtain, Technical Delegate to Paris 2024 Olympic Games to give a briefing on the technical visit, his presentation attached hereto as Annex 06.

#### **11. Commissions Reports**

Osei the outgoing Athletes Commission Chair thanked the opportunity to be part of the IWF Executive Board to have an athlete voice. He was a candidate to the Athletes Commission elections to be held during the IWF WWC in Bogota at the competition venue from 5-16 December 2022.

The AC worked on the project to find support, donation to bad financial background athletes, their proposal attached hereto as Annex 07.

A motion was made to approve in principle the proposal of the AC Chair.

**VOTE 11 to approve AC Chair proposal in principle to support athletes from countries with low GDP project until the Paris 2024 with 21 yes votes, 0 abstention and 4 not online – PASSED.**

#### **12. Future events 2023,2024**

- TAWA represented by Dr. Anut Visetrojana 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President gave an update on the advancement of the preparations for the 2024 World Cup to be held in THA. His presentation attached hereto as Annex 08.
- IWF JWC 2023, MEX – Guadalajara, on behalf of Dr. Rosalio A. Alvarado Del Angel, President Quinones made a presentation Annex 09.

#### **13. Awards**

The President and the General Secretary informed the EB members about the people to be awarded during the IWF Congress on the following day.

Adamfi proposed to create a Hall of Fame section on the website.

#### **14. Proposal of EB Members**

Conflitti given the floor requested to make a decision on the beach weightlifting event rules ASAP to promote weightlifting.

To control limit the time of presentations to shorten the length of the EB meetings.

Masters' competitions to contact Denis Offerman to have discussions and after to decide on the matter.

Adamfi requested to make advance planning for the next meetings, in conjunction with the 2023 major events. Also he highlighted that great projects, like Athlete Ambassador Programme, UNIL project, IWF – WPPO MOU and the IWF Film presented in Tirana that seems to be forgotten, he proposed those to be utilized for promotion and positive news.

Papandrea requested a transparent and clear hiring process for the staff to be hired.

Liaw proposed to make a digital platform for the Technical Officials, he was informed and kindly requested to forward his proposal to the Technical Committee for review.

Three members form the IWF Executive Board were selected to support the IWF Secretariat for the registration process to the Congress starting 8:00 in the morning on the following day: Doris Marrero, Gardencia Du Ploy and Meco Chang.

The General Secretary also informed the IWF Executive Board about the problem lacking the internet at the competition without which no broadcasting would be available.

A motion was made to approve to pay 8,000 USD for the internet at the venue for the TV companies.

**VOTE 12 to approve to pay the bill of the internet with 19 yes votes, 0 abstention, and 1 no vote and 4 not online – PASSED.**

The General Secretary also requested the Executive Board Members to send their biographies to be uploaded to the web site.

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

**Meetings ended 19:00 p.m. CET on 03/12/2022**



**Mohammed Jalood  
IWF President**



**Antonio Urso  
IWF General Secretary**

### **Annexes to the Minutes**

Annex 01	Letter of Zacarias Bonnat
Annex 02	ITA presentation on the Enforcement of AD activities
Annex 03	IWF Financials for the period until 31 October 2022
Annex 04	Amendments to IWF TCRR
Annex 05	Report of CRC Chair
Annex 06	Paris TD Report
Annex 07	AC Chair Report
Annex 08	TAWA 2024 World Cup presentation
Annex 09	Mexico 2023 IWF JWC presentation
Annex 10	Transcript of the Minutes

Notice: Annex 10 the "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.