

# MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting (EB)

held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Riyadh, KSA time

in person from the 2023 IWF WWC in Riyadh, KSA

and ONLINE – by Video Conference via Zoom

## **PARTICIPATING**

Mohammed Jalood, President and Chairperson of the Meeting, in-person

Ursula Papandrea, First Vice President, in-person

Doris Marrero, Attila Adamfi, Pyrros Dimas, Petr Krol Vice Presidents, in-person

Mohamed Alharbi, Florian Sperl, Sam Coffa, Yassiny Esquivel, Matthew Curtain, Dr. Fathi Masmoudi, Gardencia Du Ploy, Tom Liaw, Boukar Tikire in-person and Hiromi Miyake, online - Members

Mohd Yousef Al Mana, Antonio Conflitti, Marcus Stephen, Jose Quinones, Khaled Mehalhel, Continental Presidents in-person

Forrester Osei, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo, Luisa Peters AC representatives, in-person

Mr. Michel Raynaud (FRA) – Ex Officio, in-person

**24 Voting Board Members joined the meeting in-person and online, Quorum was formed.**

IWF Secretariat Members

*Excuses: Antonio Urso, Wen Shin Chang*

*Guests: Jean-Pierre Morand, Alessandro Oliverio, Dr. Michael Irani, Intarat Yodbangtoey, Moira Lassen*

**Meeting started at 10:00 a.m. Riyadh, KSA time.**

## **Agenda of the Meeting**

	Topic	Speaker
1	Hosting Countries' presentation of events in 2023, 2024	
	<i>MEX – 2023 IWF WJC</i>	
	<i>THA – 2024 IWF World Cup</i>	
	<i>PER – 2024 IWF WYC</i>	
	<i>ESP – 2024 WJC</i>	
	<i>BRN – 2024 WWC</i>	
2	Paris 2024 Olympic Games Update	Matthew Curtain
3	Commission for OG Exceptional Circumstances	Matthew Curtain
4	By-Law on Athletes' Eligibility	Attila Adamfi
5	Congress and Constitution	
6	Any Other Business	

After the Roll Call, the President welcomed the EB Members joining the meeting.

### **1. Presentation of Countries for Hosting IWF Events in 2023 and 2024**

- a) MEX – 2023 IWF WJC
- b) QAT – 2023 IWF Grand Prix II.
- c) THA – 2024 IWF World Cup
- d) PER – 2024 IWF WYC
- e) ESP – 2024 WJC
- f) BRN – 2024 WWC

## 2. Paris 2024 Olympic Games Update

Moira Lassen, the TD for Paris OG gave an update on the Test Event for the OG held in August 2023, summary attached hereto as **Annex 01**, appreciating the significant help ensured by the French Weightlifting Federation.

## 3. Commission for OG Exceptional Circumstances

Curtain and Mournianakis gave an update on the TOR of the IWF Commission (OQS, Extenuating Circumstances) and introduced the members' CVs nominated by the ITA thereto. (**Annex 02**)

A motion was made to ratify the updated Terms of Reference for the IWF Commission responsible for the examination of applications of athletes for exemption based on exceptional circumstances (Olympic Qualification System) as well as to ratify the members of the Commission as recommended by International Testing Agency to be chaired by Janko Dvoršak, noting his role as CEO of the Slovenian National Anti-Doping Organisation.

**VOTE 1 to approve the above motion with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention – PASSED.**

## 4. By-laws on Athletes' Eligibility

Adamfi and Mournianakis gave an update about the rules on athletes' eligibility to represent a MF. (**Annex 03**)

A motion was made to approve the updated Rules on athletes' eligibility to represent a Member Federation.

**VOTE 2 to approve the Updated Rules on Athletes' Eligibility with 20 yes votes, 0 abstention – PASSED.**

## 5. Francophone Regional Federation

The President proposed to create a Working Group to establish the Francophone Federation with temporary Board Members consisting of Michel Raynaud President (FRA), Boukar Tikire Vice-President (CMR), Dr. Fathi Masmoudi (TUN), Tom Goegebuer (BEL) as well as Harinelina Jean Alex Randriamanarivo (MAD) to execute the tasks associated with its due establishments thereof.

A motion was made to approve the creation of the Francophone Regional Federation as described above.

**VOTE 3 to approve the creation of the Working Group to establish the Francophone Regional Federation with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention – PASSED.**

**Lunchbreak: 13:30 – 14:30**

**21 Voting Board Members joined the meeting after the lunch. Quorum was formed.**

**Meeting started at 14:30 p.m. Riyadh, KSA time.**

*Excuses from: Mohd Y. Al Mana*

After the lunchbreak the legal advisor of the IWF informed the Board about the request of Mr. Sami BOUSSARSAR to resign from the Legal Commission for representing the interests of the coach Khaled KORANY (EGY) against the IWF.

A motion was made to approve the resignation of Mr. Sami BOUSSARSAR from the Legal Commission.

**VOTE 4 to approve the resignation of Mr. Sami BOUSSARSAR from the Legal Commission with 20 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.**

## 6. Congress and Constitution

The legal advisors summarised the modifications made in relation of the fine-tuning of the IWF Constitution attached hereto as **Annex 04**, to be approved by the IWF Congress on the following day, also related procedures to run the Congress were discussed.

A motion was made to approve the new wording of 34.3 clause of the Constitution by correcting only a clerical mistake therein.

**VOTE 5 to approve the new wording of 34.3 of the Constitution by correcting a clerical mistake with 21 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.**

## 7. Any Other Business

Following the discussion of the Board, a motion was made to approve the new wording regarding the public statements of the EB Members.

Motion: To give permission to IWF Board Members in accordance with Schedule 9. (Schedule 11. in the new Constitution), section G, paragraph 1, to make any public statement, statement in the media or using social media in any manner, with respect to the items listed under section G, paragraph 1, lit. b, c, d, and e, strictly abiding by section G, paragraphs 2 and 3.

**VOTE 6 to approve the above motion with 21 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.**

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

**Meeting ended 16:45 p.m. Riyadh, KSA time on 11/09/2023.**



**Mohammed Jalood**  
IWF President



**Antonio Urso**  
IWF General Secretary

## Annexes to the Minutes

Annex 01	Board Paper on Paris 2024 Olympic Games Updates
Annex 02	Board Papper on IWF Commission (OQS, Extenuating Circumstances)
Annex 03	Rules on Athletes' Eligibility to Represent a MF
Annex 04	Summary of the new IWF Constitution to be approved
Annex 05	"Transcripts" of the voice record

*Notice: Annex 05 the "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.*