

IWF Coaching and Research Committee

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Mr. Petr Krol, CRC Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the members and guests at the meeting.

Mr. Sperl thanked to Mr Krol and the CRC supporting the IWF Refugee Program. He explained the timeline of the project and the difficulties. He thanked Mr. Forrester Osei to provide two physiotherapists to the team. He will propose to the IWF EB to continue this project in 2024 with stricter regulation.

Mr. Barcelán thanked to Mr. Sperl for his report and he advised to revise the terminology of refugee. Mr. Sperl replied that for the future only UNHCR recognized refugees will be accepted to the team. He emphasized that this is IWF Refugee Team, they are not able to participate at the Olympic Games.

Mr. Ferrari said that the French Weightlifting Federation was not directly involved in the Test Event. Beside the Test Event, seminar for ITOs was organized.

Chairman Krol said that no proposal for the Olympic Solidarity program was received from the members, therefore a similar project to last year will be made. The plan is to organize a training camp in Mexico before the IWF Junior World Championships. From each continent 1 country (1 female - 1 male athlete, 1 coach). Expert Dr. Kyle Pierce. The amount from IOC is 50.000 USD and the intention is to get 10-15.000 USD from IWF to increase the funding of this project. Mr. Krol added that for next year, the preparation needs to start already in January. Mr. Quinones said that next year Lima, Peru is organizing the IWF World Youth Championships, before that event a similar project can be done with the collaboration of Peruvian Federation.

Mr. Buckley shared a presentation about the EWF Pilot Program. In 3 editions, totally 300 coaches from 43 Federations registered. Mr. Ferrari asked if ADEL can be used as it is a very complete course. Mr. Bukley replied yes, ADEL will be used. Mr. Krol added that the warm up passes (Lead Coach, Coach, Assistant) topic needs to be discussed with the Technical Committee.

IWF General Secretary, Mr. Antonio Urso paid a visit to the meeting, he said he is happy with the direction IWF goes. Everybody is waiting for the decision of IOC. He feels positive and thanked everyone for the contribution.

Mr. Krol added that first EB's approval is needed for the Coach Licence project and then it needs to be checked how this can work in all continents. Mr. Quinones requested to discuss this at the Intercontinental meeting. Mr. Krol added the by-laws needs to be elaborated.

Chairman Krol said that to work with educational systems is the aim. Mr. Osei added this is a fantastic proposal and the AC fully support this.

Mr. Attila Adamfi, IWF Vice President entered the meeting and told that he read that weightlifting academies were open but as far as he knows there is no structure, regulation for these. He suggested to create a policy including standards, obligations of an academy. This project shall be led by CRC. Mr. Krol thanked to Mr. Adamfi and informed all that he already had some discussion with Mr. Khaled Mehalhel, IWF DEC Chair, they were talking about establishing Training Centres.