

REPORT
Technical Committee Meeting
Hotel Ramada – Kazan, Russia
17th June, 2014

The purpose of the Paper is to inform the Board Members of the outcome of the 2nd Meeting of the Technical Committee.

Joint Meeting of Committees

Welcome

The Joint Meeting of Committees was chaired by me following the introduction by our President, Dr. Aján. The meeting discussed a number of important items of interest impacting on the work of the three Committees, namely:

- **Structure of future World Championships – Minimum Standards.** A report on this matter will be submitted separately.
- **Review of Bodyweight Categories – Gender Equalisation.** Is a work in progress considering also that the IOC through their Agenda 2020 will review the IOC Charter, the Olympic Program and Sports Composition so it would most difficult to convince the IOC to increase the Weightlifting events.
- **Age limit – Rule.** A robust discussion on this matter covering the International and National aspects took place. Both the Technical and Coaching and Research Committees we asked to discuss this matter and make separate recommendations.
- **Club Coach Manual – Level 2.** The draft Level 2 is now ready and a report will be made by the Coaching and Research Committee.
- **Bodyweight advantage in classification.** I introduced a paper making a case for consideration to abolish the bodyweight advantage which I asked all members to read, consider and make comments.

(Items 3 and 5 were listed on the Technical Committee Agenda).

The President welcomed and encouraged all to continue good work in the interest of the IWF and the sport in general and he closed the meeting.

Technical Committee Meeting

Attendance

S. Coffa (Chairman), R. Chinen (Secretary), M. Shoukry, A. Kurlovich, A. Al Jarmal, S. Cannon, D. Martinez, S. Makhmudov, A. Radicello and A. Mohyuddin.

In attendance also, Dr, Tamás Aján, IWF President, and Attila Ádámfi, IWF Director General and Competition Director and Mr. Pedro Sanchez (Permanent Observer).

Absent

Mr. Kasiran and in regard this member I have the sad responsibility to inform the Executive Board that he has now missed two consecutive meetings without an acceptable apology and in addition he was nominated for appointment in the 2013 World Championships in Wroclaw and cancelled at the last minute. Likewise for these championships, he was appointed and asked for confirmation on three occasions without response and finally cancelling again at

the last minute.

The IWF has a specific rule for such infraction and the Technical Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Executive Board to implement such rule.

Agenda Items

The Chairman welcomed everybody especially Dr. Tamas Aján and Mr. Pedro Sanchez for attending the meeting.

1 Minutes of the previous meeting - 16th October, 2013 in Wroclaw (POL)

The Minutes were approved as printed and previously circulated. Dr. Al Jarmal stated that he was not happy that his suggestion that the Executive Board must give consideration to awarding a *per diem* to the Technical Officials appointed for IWF World Events and requested that a further request be made on the issue.

2) Business arising from the Minutes not included as Agenda Items:

2.1 Four Year Working Plan – The Chairman stated that the Plan is a work is in progress and asked if any members had any additional items to add to the plan. The matter of the Athlete Bib is still an outstanding item

3) Barbell Loading Management

3.1 Directive – The Committee viewed and discussed the matter of the barbell loading. Pictures showed how dangerously close to the edge of the barbell sleeve the smaller discs loaded on the outside really are. The Committee is strongly of the opinion that if the introduction of the 30Kg discs is not being pursued in the immediate time we must mandate that President of Juries and Technical Controllers order that beyond a certain weight all discs be loaded inside the collars. In the meantime further research will be made and the item is deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

3.2 Height of Discs (Submission by Kakhi Kakhiasvili) - Following discussion on the submission that the height of the discs be increased the Committee determine not to consider changing the current specification.

3.3 Competition Attempts (Submission by Kakhi Kakhiasvili) – The suggestion that athletes should be allowed 4 attempts on both Snatch and C&J was rejected by the Committee.

4 TCRR Index

The matter of further consideration to elaborate a version of the TCRR to include an index was discussed. The Committee is of the opinion that this matter could be overcome by having an electronic version.

5 Oscillation of the Barbell (Uesaka Experiment)

It was reported that Mr. Tadamas Uesaka had carried out a worthwhile experiment on the stress factor of barbells simulating the oscillation movement. The experiment proved the reliability of the Uesaka bars. Mr. Uesaka suggested further experiment involving some scientific elements which would incur costs. The Committee determined to thank Mr. Uesaka for the work done and his interest but declined the suggestion for further work.

6 Electronic Change of Call – Status Report

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee and in the meantime additional work will be carried out.

7 IWF Technical Officials Power Point Update

Reiko Chinen reported having completed a number of the Power Point versions which await the final coordination and thereafter will be posted to the website and used when giving Technical Courses.

8 Roles and Responsibilities – Updated version

The Chairman reported that the updated of the Booklet is complete and he thanked Moira Lassen who once again who spent some time editing the document. The Chairman and Attila Adamfi will make the final review and printing of the new edition will be a priority.

9 IWF Technical Officials Examination Questionnaire – Marking

Questions have been asked regarding the stated percentages required to gain promotion. After discussion the Committee recommends that such percentage should be rounded up or down. For example 94.10% = 94, 94.85% = 95%.

10 Technical Officials Pathway / Promotion

The Chairman stated that achieving a meaningful pathway for Technical Officials is becoming more difficult with each year that goes by. Member Federations still refuse to cooperate in nominating female officials and also not nominating younger officials for Youth and Junior events. The Chairman to discuss this matter with Attila Adamfi and the President

11 Appointment of TOs to IWF Events

This matter was discussed fully by the Committee which recommends that the criteria for appointments should be included in the discussions between the Chairman, Attila Adamfi and the President.

12 Bandages/Tapes – Knee Bandages (30cm)

After deliberation the Committee unanimously recommends that item 4.4.1.3 of the TCRR be deleted as it has become irrelevant.

13 Age Limit – International and National Ruling

The Committee is of the view and strongly recommends to the Executive Board that a very strongly worded circular over the signature of the President should be sent to all Continental and Regional Federations advising that the IWF will not tolerate having athletes under the attained age of 13 competing at International Events. As well Member Federation who wish to organize Under 13 competition will have to acknowledge that such competitions are not held in accordance with IWF Rules and Regulations and as such the IWF cannot be held responsible should any athlete sustain injuries in the present or future time.

14 Continental, Regional and National Federations – Adherence to IWF TCRR

The Technical Committee is also strong of the view that all Continental, Regional and Member Federation must be reminded that a condition of membership of the IWF is acceptance and adherence to the Constitution and By-laws as well as the Technical Competition Rules and Regulations.

15 Continental Federations Technical and Refresher Courses

As part of the development program funding Continental Federations must be made to organise and conduct Technical Courses and/or Refresher Courses utilizing the expertise of the members of the IWF Technical Committee or other experienced Technical Officials not necessarily from the same continent/Region.

16 Technical Officials Uniforms

The Chairman stated his concern at the cost involved in purchasing uniform items from the official supplier and suggested that other sources must be investigated. A. Mohyuddin offered to investigate this matter and report back.

17 Disabled Athletes – Visually Impaired/Dropped Foot etc

The Committee agreed that the TCRR rule must be relaxed in the case of visually impaired athletes and allow an accompanying person to go on the platform.

The request from a person with a ‘dropped foot’ to be allowed to compete is to be referred to the Chairman of the Medical Committee for advice and recommendation.

18 Appointment of TCRR Review Commission

At the recommendation of the Chairman Moira Lassen, Reiko Chinen and Pedro Sanchez were appointed as members of the Commission with submission to be referred to Moira Lassen in the first place.

19 Equipment Audit

Reiko Chinen, Aldo Radicello and Diego Martinez were appointed to carry out a spot audit of Equipment being used for the Championship in Kazan.

20 Other Items

Members proposed a number of items for discussion to be included in the Agenda for the next meeting of the Committee will be held on the occasion of the World Senior Championships.

19. Closure

There being no other items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 5.30 PM and thanked all members for their participation and input.

Sam Coffa
Chairman