



IWF

INTERNATIONAL
WEIGHTLIFTING
FEDERATION

REPORT
OF EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETING
5-6 April 2015
LIMA



Venue: Hotel Condado, Lima, Peru

Present: Dr.Tamás Aján, President

Mr. Ma Wenguang, General Secretary, Mr.Nicu Vlad, 1st Vice President

Mr. Sam Coffa, Mr. Alexander Gerasimenko, Mr. José Quinones, Dato Ong Poh Eng, Vice Presidents

Ms. Moira Lassen, Mr. Pyrros Dimas, Mr. Birendra P. Baishya, Mr. Mohamed Jaloud, Dr. Michael Irani, Mr. David Montero, Dr. Christian Baumgartner, Dr. Fathi Masmoudi, Executive Board Members

Mr. Khaled Mhalhel, Mr. Willian Ozuna, Mr. Marcus Stephen, Dr. Antonio Urso, Continental Presidents

Absent: Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey, Mr. Mohamed Y. Al Mana

1. Opening

President Dr. Aján greeted the Board, appreciating Peru's contributions, those of Mr. José Quinones in particular, and opened the meeting.

2. Welcome address by the hosts

Mr. José Quinones, President FPLP & COP welcomed the Board and extended an open invitation to upcoming events to be hosted by Peru in coming years.

3. Welcome by President and Roll Call

The President introduced and proposed **Mr. Zhanat Tussupbekov** as Marketing Commission Chairman, asking approval from the Board to extend permanent invitation to him to the EB meeting in an observer's capacity. - **Approved.**

He then proposed that **General Secretary Mr. Ma Wenguang** should take charge of the Sport for All in weightlifting - **approved.**

Mr. Tussupbekov thanked for his appointment and gave a summary of the Almaty2014 WWC. He continued introducing his company and **Ms. Mihaela Ungar**, Marketing Director.

Tribute was paid to **Mr. Mahmoud Shoukry** (former EB Member, TC Member) who with his wife had tragically deceased earlier in the year.

Mr. Mátyás Lencsér was introduced as a new IWF staff member in the capacity of Competition Manager.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Almaty meeting

The Minutes of the Almaty meeting were **unanimously approved.**

5. Reports of Committee Chairs on the meetings

5.1 Technical Committee – Mr. Sam Coffa (Annex 1)

Chairman Mr. Coffa reported on the Joint Committees' meeting and the TC meeting.

The *TO Uniform Information* and *TO Appointment Guidelines* (Policy) were new documents which the TC was glad to acknowledge. CFs were encouraged to adopt the Policy.

Some Technical Rules had been revisited. The TC's composition was recommended for review from point of view of Continental representation.

The 2nd edition of the *TO Guidebook* (Roles and Responsibilities) was presented and favourably received. Besides publication on the website printed copies were requested.

The subject of the Electronic change of call, now developed for introduction, received a very spirited discussion.

TC report was unanimously accepted.

5.2 Medical Committee – Dr. Michael Irani

Chairman Dr. Irani gave a summary of the MC meeting. The *IWF Medical Manual* was prepared for publication. Among other subjects, Members agreed to further elaborate TCRR modification proposals for the Technical Committee.

MC report was unanimously accepted.

5.3 Coaching & Research Committee – Mr. Lyn Jones

By appointment of the **Chairman Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey, Mr. Lyn Jones**, appointed by the President to chair the meeting, gave the report.

For the CRC's recent achievement, the *"Train the Trainers" Workshop* held in Slovakia, thanks and sincere appreciation were expressed for the support by IWF and Slovakian WF.

It was established that an extraordinary CRC meeting should be convened prior to Houston to finalize the *International Coaching Manual*.

Comments were received as to the Coaching Education Program regarding classification and female coaches.

CRC Report was unanimously accepted.

President Aján indicated that the pathway for Constitution & TCRR modification would open after the YWC: a circular will be sent to officers and MFs inviting proposals for the modification. First discussion at Houston. The Electoral Congress was expected to take place at the end of May 2017.

9. Marketing and Communication

9.1 Update report from IWF Communication and Marketing Director

Ms. Rozgonyi reported on actions and developments since Almaty. 3 out of 5 marketing companies contacted have shown interest in cooperation with IWF.

9.2 New marketing joint project presentation

IWF Marketing C. Chairman, **Mr. Tussupbekov** gave an introduction and his colleague **Ms. Mihaela Ungar** presented the draft proposal for a Long Term Strategic Partnership of *KazMunajGaz* with the IWF.

Mr. Tussupbekov completed the information: projected value: USD 1,200,000 for 3 years, until end of 2017. The proposal was warmly received by the Executive Board. Further coordination required before signature of contract.

6. Continental Federations' reports

6.1 AWF

Dr. Aján reported on the recent AWF elections and congratulated **Mr. Mohamed Jaloud** on his election to General Secretary. At the same time, **Mr. Jaloud** should keep his Membership Commission Chairman position until Houston.

Mr. Jaloud also gave a report and thanked for the support..

6.2 WFA

Mr. Mhalhel, WFA President reported on some problems related to the upcoming African events in Botswana and in Congo, due to lack of weightlifting activities in the countries concerned and problems associated with the Organising Committees.

Dr. Aján confirmed that the IWF would support the African Games with barbells which will then remain on the continent. The organisation of Afro-Asian Championships was also encouraged.

6.3 EWF

Dr. Urso, EWF President pointed out that all European events were still ahead. He presented the 1st copy of EWF Scientific Magazine and invited further contributions. Regarding the EWF budget he confirmed that all money was being spent on seminars/symposiums/equipment/publication – only 11,000 Euro left for EWF.

6.4 OWF

Mr. Stephen, OWF President was happy to inform the Board that in 2015 the Pacific Games in PNG would include for the first time AUS and NZL in 4 sports, among those in weightlifting. The OTIP continues to be a highly successful outreach program with 19 countries involved. OWF was maintaining good relationship with the NOCs. The Oceania Institute was one of the 2 IOC-recognised in the region. Youth Commonwealth Games would be hosted in Samoa. Finally, he mentioned that **Paul Coffa** was deserving appreciation for his efforts.

6.5 PAWF

PAWF President Mr. Ozuna preferred reporting in November, after the end of the financial year. Federation concentrates on upcoming Pan American Games in Toronto, which will also host the Pan-American Congress. He thanked for the IWF's help.

9.3 Communication

- 9.3.1 Ms. Rozgonyi** reported on the feedback, viewing figures and comments on the IWF Film “**Lift The World**” launched on 1st April 2015.
- 9.3.2 Road To Rio** – promotion of weightlifting for Rio2016 – a project was presented and approved.
- 9.3.3** The report by the company **Meltwater (Annex 6)** on exposure of weightlifting in world media supplied interesting and useful conclusions. It was noted that Spanish and Russian speaking markets should also be monitored. The CFs’ involvement was herewith encouraged.

7. Reports, issues regarding Anti-Doping

7.1 IWF report on Anti-Doping matters – general information by the ADC

Chairman Dr. Schamasch apologized for his absence and entrusted **Dr. Trombitás** to report on recent events, developments. Busy 3 months included:

- Contract signed with Cologne Laboratory, as a result of which the Steroid Passport was now up and working!
- IWF/Dr. Trombitás had received invitation to a WADA Working Group among only 6 IFs, for important coordination and consultation with NADOs and other stakeholders.
- Entourage registration had started (not resulting in automatic sanction!)
- Application of the Public Disclosure Guidelines approved by the EB was in progress.

7.2 Statistics of controls

Upon the presentation of the recent statistics it was confirmed that a positive case was to be interpreted as a positive message, i.e. the proof of the efficiency of the IWF Anti-Doping program. It was pointed out that far more intelligence was being used in the controls, resulting in increased efficiency.

7.3 Comments and recommendations were heard on the **hearing procedures**.

7.4 Doping fines payment status - presented

7.5 Dr. Trombitás indicated that the first^t coach had been sanctioned as per the new ADP.

MC Members were requested to collect the FAQ regarding painkillers and TUEs to be published on the IWF website.

15. Any other business

15.1 (ISIS) – Sports Information System

Mr. Ádámfi mentioned that the IWF was part of this project initiated by IOC and ASOIF.

15.2 IBIS (IOC Integrity Betting Intelligence System)

Mr. Ádámfi reporting: a project across all sports initiated by the IOC, the IWF was just about to sign the MOU with IOC.

15.3 Update on preparation for Wrocław 2015 IWF JWC

Ms. Rozgonyi provided timetable and general information.

15.4 Olympic Agenda 2020

Mr. Ádámfi summarized the 40 recommendations, in particular those directly affecting the IWF.

Mr. Quinones, future host of the IOC Session of 2017 added a few progressive ideas on the immediate tasks of weightlifting in order to survive as a core sport.

The President, Ms. Lassen, Mr. Ozuna, Dr. Irani, Mr. Baishya and **Mr. Ádámfi** added useful comments.

13. Allocation of future World Championships

The Director General introduced the procedures, whereby candidates had to submit a WWC Candidature Questionnaire and fulfil constitutional requirements.

13.1 2017 IWF Youth World Championships

Candidates who fulfilled requirements: PER & THA

On behalf of Peru, Mr. Quinones – in view of various future events he would host – withdrew the candidature and expressed total support to the Asian candidates for both the YWC and JWC.

Thailand: Dr. Ladpli and **Mr. Nippon Limboonsuebsai** presented the candidature for Bangkok.

Tentative schedule: 1-3 April, 2017 – meetings, 4-11 April 2016 competitions - shared streaming, TV broadcast; TAWA offering TV and Marketing rights fees of USD 25,000.

2017 IWF Youth World Championships were unanimously allocated to Bangkok, Thailand.

13.2 2017 IWF Junior World Championships

Candidates having fulfilled requirements: PER & JPN

Peru: confirmed withdrawal.

JPN candidature presented by **Ms. Chinen** and **Mr. Okamoto**. Professional bid including JWA President **Ms. Koike's** message; a Roadmap to 2020 to include 2017 JWC; venue: Ota Ward, near Haneda Airport; hotels: Shinagawa Prince Hotel, New Takanawa Hotel. Room rates: 140USD / 155USD. Dates to be agreed with IWF.

Both **Dr. Aján** and **Mr. Ádámfi** added comments in support of the bid. **Mr. Ádámfi** gave additional info on the 2020 Olympic Weightlifting venue.

Further it was mentioned that DPR Korea wants to bid but could not meet the criteria, so the EB should not consider it for the allocation at this stage. **Mr. Jaloud** said that at his request Nepal deferred the bid for 2018.

The 2017 IWF Junior World Championships were unanimously allocated to Tokyo, Japan.

12. Finances

Financial Director **Mr. Siegrist** reported.

12.1 Financial Report – Statement of 2014 Budget

Balance Sheets with some conclusions were presented.

Mr. Coffa, Mr. Baumgartner, Dr. Urso commented favourably on the financial management and the significant savings.

Mr. Siegrist stated that IWF had a strong financial position (doping fines are never budgeted) whereby a diversification of the revenues is necessary.

Mr. Baumgartner urged to increase spending on the staff.

The report on the 2014 Financial Statements was unanimously approved for submission for approval by the Congress in Wroclaw.

12.2 Financial Report – Budget 2015 – status report

Presented for information.

12.3 KPMG Assessment of IWF development contributions to CF

Mr. Siegrist presenting on behalf of KPMG.

Dr. Aján proposed a CFs Presidents' meeting in Wroclaw including Mr. Ma, Mr. Siegrist, Dato Ong, KPMG.

It was noted that CF GSs may also participate by appointment of the CF Presidents, but at own cost of the CF concerned.

14. Update on Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Mr. Pedro Meloni giving update report, including a Test Event, TO training and education seminars.

Dr. Aján warned that the TO selection for the OG was upcoming soon. He was also considering to organise an extraordinary EB meeting in Rio, around February 2016, with full cost reimbursement. To be confirmed.

8. Update on the Development Program

DEC Chairman Mr. Quinones and **Development and Education Director Ms. Moska** reporting.

8.1 IDSDP – Today, 6 April – International Day for Sport Development and Peace: IWF was happy to join this campaign – the photo taken was posted on website.

8.2 General Remarks – conclusions of CF contributions practice were shared and the DEC asked to support the new concept.

8.3 CF annual contributions proposal for Requirements for CFs to receive the support.

Set of requirements presented. CFs must submit in advance to get the money. Deadlines inserted.

8.4 Development Programs 2014 and 2015 – only 51 applications (less than 30% of MFs) received – not enough!

Mr. Stephen meant that the continental funding was very clear. He asked **to change 50%-50% to 75% in advance and 25% after for projects.**

Issues of quality control of seminars were raised and solutions recommended.

The President complained about a very low level of MFs' activity: out of 190 very simple MF Questionnaires only 42 were returned. Some figures were quoted.

The CF proposal was unanimously accepted with the amendment proposed by Mr. Stephen. DP Report also unanimously accepted.

10. A review of the IWF activities / Proposal regarding IWF Commissions

Dr. Aján called to be stronger on the principle that certain activity and sacrifice should be a condition to receive support to operation. The discussion of this item was deferred for next time.

11. Report/proposals by the Sport Program Review Commission

Mr. Ádámfi called for strategic thinking with focus on positioning weightlifting / defining its identity. Weightlifting now has a strong position; has been upgraded, core sport, but we must think beyond 2020. Besides the traditional Games programs new areas for exposure must be sought. Executive Board members must work with their respective countries' IOC Members (29 in all) for the future of weightlifting. More focus should be directed to the youth – ideas were welcome.

Mr. Coffa and **Dr. Aján** emphasised the importance of sports presentation, engaging the spectators.

15. Any other business

15.1 Membership fee payments to be strictly checked as a condition for participation in YWC.

15.2 The tragic death of **Mr. Shoukry** having created a vacancy in the ***Technical Committee: Dr. Aján proposed that no election should be held for his position, just leave it vacant as per Article 8.4.4 when the Congress decides. It was accepted to make this proposal to the Congress in Wroclaw.***

15.3 Mr. Baishya briefed the EB on the situation regarding the several positive doping cases in national tests in India.

15.4 Comments in the media: it was stated that coordinated responses should go out through the IWF Secretariat.

15.5 Summary from the Women's Commission's Chair Ms. Lassen

15.6 Update report on Houston2015 IWF WWC by Ms. Németh-Móra

Mr. Ma summarized his views on the meeting. He reported on China's recent investments into the development of sports. He confirmed that he was ready to give up Chairmanship in the MC to be able to concentrate on other tasks like Sport for All and different other platforms.

Asked by the President, **Mr. Coffa** summarized the meetings: many items covered, thanks to:

- good preparation of the meeting; congratulated and thanked the staff
- willingness and openness of all of us to make a contribution
- unity prevalent in the meeting
- working environment created by José Quinones - thanks
- good chairman

Dr. Aján thanked the GS, 1st VP and each Member, one by one, for productive, constructive meeting. Special gratitude was offered to Mr. Quinones for the hospitality.

*Report by A.Németh-Móra
May 2015*

