

Report
Technical Committee Meeting
Hualing Hotel – Tbilisi - Georgia
22 June 2016

Joint Meeting of Committees

Welcome

The President of the IWF, Dr. Tamás Aján, chaired the meeting and he welcomed all making some introductory remarks. He also spoke at length about the doping issue particularly with regards to the re-analysis of the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Olympic Games which has placed our Sport in a bad position and presenting us all with enormous problems.

The matter was fully explained and debated at length by the members of the Joint Committees.

Other items discussed were:

1. **IWF TCRR modifications concerning all Committees** – Sam Coffa, Chairman of the Technical Committee, reported that the first round of modifications of the TCRR took place during the meetings in Houston. The review will continue in Georgia and it is the intention of the Technical Committee to finalise such in readiness for the Constitutional Congress to be held in October.
He hoped that the CRC and the MC have and are doing the same so as to achieve some degree of coordination.
2. **Good Governance** – The IWF Director General presented and spoke to the issue of good governance which is so vital to the IWF and indeed to all IFs.
3. **Position statement re-8 bodyweight categories for women** – The President and the Chairman of the TC spoke on the issues and where it stands currently. Ms Moira Lassen, Chair of the Women’s Commission, spoke of the Case Study conducted on the subject pointing out the overwhelming positive response.
The three Committees declared their full support for this change which will also be presented to and debated by the Executive Board and the Congress.
4. **Doctor on Duty’s right to stop athletes from competition** – The Chairman of the MC, Dr. Michael Irani, supported by the other doctors present, spoke on the issue of injury prevention and the need to consider authorizing the Doctors on Duty in some way to stop athletes from competition in case of bad injuries. As this was a very complicated and complex matter the Doctors were requested to make a clear submission on the subject to the Executive Board.
5. **IWF Guidelines** - The IWF Director General, Attila Adamfi presented the updated information regarding the IWF Guidelines.
6. **Review of CFs Committees and Electoral Congresses** – Mr. Coffa stated his views on the question of the timing of CFs Electoral Congresses suggesting it ought to be harmonised with that of the IWF and to review the CFs Committees structures and purposes to insure adherence to the IWF Constitution, By-laws and TCRR.
The President supported such approach.

The President closed the meeting and thanked all for their attendance and the cooperative approach to the many issues confronting the IWF.

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Attendance

S. Coffa (Chairman), R. Chinen (Secretary), A. Al Jarmal, S. Makhmudov and A. Radicello
In attendance also, Dr. Tamás Aján, IWF President, Mr. Pedro Sanchez (Permanent Observer), Ms Moira Lassen, Chair IWF Women's Commission, Attila Ádámfi, IWF Director General, Matyas Lencser.

Apologies

Apologies were received from A. Kurlovich and A. Mohyuddin.

Absent without apologies S. Cannon, S. Kasiran and D. Martinez.

The Committee resolved to accept the apologies as listed.

The Chairman stated his disappointment and concern that members of the Committee continue to breach the rules by absenting themselves without apologies. This is not acceptable as it places the Committee in a situation which does not allow good governance and certainly affecting the decision making process.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everybody especially Dr, Tamás Aján, Pedro Sanchez, Attila Ádámfi and Matyas Lencser. Ms Moira Lassen, IWF Women's Commission Chair and Mr. Tadamas Uesaka were also welcomed to the meeting.

Agenda Items

1 Minutes of the previous meeting – 16th November 2015 – Houston – USA.

The Minutes, previously circulated, were approved as printed.

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

2.1 Karl Rimbock submission re - Definition of Scales – It was reported the matter will be cleared in the next edition of the TCRR.

2.2 Video Playback Technology – Deferred to a later item.

3) Review of TCRR

The Chairman directed the Committee to engage as much of the time available as possible to allow the completion of the review of the TCRR in time to formulate the draft amendments in time for the Constitution Congress due in October 2016.

3.1 The Committee deliberated at length all the modification contained in the 'bucket list' safe for some English expressions and phrasing which will be completed during the stay in Georgia.

3.2 The dropping of the barbell from shoulder height (2.5.1.7) was debated with some members wanting to abolish the rule in favour of athletes being allowed to drop the barbell from above the head.

The Committee was not able to reach a conclusion on the matter due mainly to the lack of members present.

The Chairman suggested to take this matter directly to the Executive Board to decide.

3.3 The abolition of the bodyweight advantage in competition was reconfirmed by the Committee.

4 Position Statement on 8 bodyweight Categories for Women

The Committee reaffirmed its support for the introduction of one extra bodyweight category for women. The Chairman indicated that the case study conducted by the Women's Commission and his own polling favoured 85kg. He urged the IWF Executive Board to introduce this item to the Congress for endorsement, thereafter further study will ensue.

5 Video Playback Technology

Mr. Tadamasu Uesaka presented his version of the potential technology. The Committee determined to open this project to all interested suppliers which submissions will be evaluated by the Committee in due course.

6 Closure

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

Sam Coffa
Chairman