



REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 24-25 September 2016 BEIJING

Venue: Beijing – Grand Beijing Hotel

Present: Dr. Tamás Aján, President

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

Mr. Sam Coffa, Mr. José Quinones, Mr. Ong Poh Eng, Mr. Alexander Gerasimenko, Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey, Vice Presidents

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

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

Mr. Zhou Jingqiang, Executive 1st Vice President CWA

Mr. Attila Ádámfi, Director General, Ms. Anikó Németh-Móra, Director, Dr. Éva Nyirfa, Legal Counsel

Excused: Mr. Mohamed Y. Al Mana, Mr. David Montero, Mr. Marcus Stephen

1. Introduction by the President

Dr. Aján expressed the IWF's gratitude for the welcome to the Chinese Hosts represented by Mr. Ma Wenguang, IWF General Secretary and CWA President and Mr. Zhou Jingqiang, Executive 1st Vice President, and for the excellent organisation to Ms. Wang Yan.

2. Welcome by the host

Mr. Zhou, Executive 1st Vice President of the Chinese Weightlifting Association congratulated the EB on playing a leading role in the sporting world, especially in the anti-doping field, and on the success of the Rio Olympic Games. He pointed out that the CWA-IWF cooperation was looking back on a long history and confirmed China's interest in contributing to the development of the sport by events, training camps, sending coaches to teach, etc. He wished everyone a pleasant meeting and stay in Beijing.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Rio meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held during the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro were unanimously approved.

5. Proposals for the modification of the IWF Constitution & By-Laws, Technical Rules & Regulations

A Draft was presented to the Board including all modification proposals received and submitted to the IWF. The discussion followed the document page by page. **A comprehensive draft document of the Constitution and By-Laws was to be prepared and presented to the Congress in Penang for approval.**

Regarding the discussion on the TCRR, **Mr. Coffa highlighted some items:**

- 1. 20kg for all – change wording since it was made same for women – eliminate 15kg – agreed,**
- 2. The bodyweight advantage to be eliminated – agreed,**
- 3. 8th bodyweight category for women – agreed.**

Introduction of the 8th bodyweight category for women – the IWF's detailed analysis and suggestion was distributed and presented by **Mr. Ádámfi** whereupon the **EB unanimously accepted the 7th category for women: 90kg and the 8th category: +90kg. This to enter into force on 1 January 2017.**

Further TCRR Modification proposals were unanimously reconfirmed by the Executive Board.

6. Update on anti-doping related legal issues

Dr. Aján introduced the item highlighting that weightlifting looks to have a solid position on the Olympic Program – as confirmed by the IOC President and many IOC Members visiting the Rio Olympic competitions - however, we must continue to work on our reputation and be consistent.

6.1 Update on the reanalysis status of 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games

Dr. Éva Nyirfa, Legal Counsel gave an update.

Mr. Ádámfi also mentioned that procedural solutions would also be required mutually by the IOC and the Federation. (Medal reallocation policies and practice).

Dr. Nyirfa indicated that no significant developments were to be expected in the next few weeks.

6.2 Update regarding the Tbilisi decisions

The next presentation included update on the consequences and expected consequences of the EB's Tbilisi decision. **Dr. Nyirfa** clarified that until the CAS award was available the Tbilisi decision could not be applied to any of the 9 countries potentially involved.

6.2.1 Follow-up on Tbilisi and Rio EB decisions

Mr. Ádámfi presented the special case of the **2017 Islamic Games to be held in Azerbaijan**. The EB should decide on its position in case the AZE suspension is in force by the time of the Games (to avoid weightlifting being removed from the program of the Games).

The EB voted regarding the 2017 Islamic Games – in case AZE MF is suspended at the time of the Games, the weightlifting competitions can still be organised. The IWF will give full assistance to the Organising Committee to carry out the competitions.

6.3 Follow-up on Rio2016

Dr. Nyirfa gave the update on the status of various anti-doping cases at or associated with the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. The EB was assured that as soon as relevant CAS decisions were at hand due official information would be sent.

She further informed the Board on cases before the CAS Ad Hoc Division in Rio involving the IWF:

- 1) RUS MF appealed – Appeal dismissed.
- 2) RWF athletes concerned appealed the IWF decision based on individual eligibility – appeal withdrawn.

Dr. Baumgartner congratulated the IWF Legal Department on the internationally high standard of work and the image achieved.

Dr. Aján also thanked the IWF office for hard and competent work, in particular both **Legal Counsels: Dr. Magdolna Trombitás** and **Dr. Éva Nyirfa**.

4. Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Dr. Aján gave some general data on the Games.

4.1 Summary/evaluation of the Rio Olympic Games

Olympic TD Mr. Ádámfi played a short video of the Games, followed by the presentation and a *Weightlifting Faces* video from the Olympic Channel.

Olympic TD Mr. Coffa added a few points, new achievements: for the first time 50%-50% female-male TOs; female President of Jury; great visit by IOC President Thomas Bach; great FOP. Among problems: transport was the biggest issue for TOs; no human legacy left for Brazil for the lack of BRA TOs despite various efforts by the IWF.

Dr. Aján said he was happy to provide the opportunity for the first time to all EB members to attend the OG.

4.2 IRI incident at OG Rio

A summary was provided by **Mr. Ádámfi**, who told the EB that the subject was not the validity or correctness of the referees' or the Jury's decision, only the behaviour of the Iranian delegation.

Dr. Nyirfa explained the possible Disciplinary Procedure as per the currently valid IWF Constitution and By-Laws, Article 12, the TCRR and the Code of Ethics, as well as the possible sanctions.

After a deliberation the **EB decided to provide the opportunity to the Iranian officials and athlete to be heard by the EB at its next meeting in Penang, whereby a call should be addressed to them to apologize. Upon this hearing the EB shall decide about the further steps.**

It was further mentioned that **Mr. Coffa and Mr. Ádámfi** represented the IWF before CAS in Rio when the IRI NOC appealed the decision of the Jury in the +105kg on Salimikordasiabi's attempt and CAS dismissed the appeal.

Next meeting: 18 October 2016, Penang, Malaysia.

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October 2016

