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**REPORT
OF EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING
18 October 2016
Penang- Malaysia**



Venue: Hotel Equatorial, Penang, Malaysia

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

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

Dr. Patrick Schamasch, ADC Chairman, Mr. Alain Siegrist, Financial Advisor, Maitre Francois Carrard, Legal Advisor to IWF

Mr. Attila Ádámfi, Director General, Dr. Éva Nyirfa, Legal Counsel, Ms. Anikó Németh-Móra, Director, Ms. Lilla Rozgonyi, Director of Communications and Marketing, Ms. Tímea Horváth, Development and Education Manager

Absent: Dr. Christian Baumgartner and Mr. Mohamed Y. Al Mana

1. Introduction by the President

Dr. Aján emphasised that it was the 5th meeting in 2016. He offered special welcome to the Board and thanks to **Mr. Ong**, President of the Malaysian and Commonwealth Weightlifting Federations, host of the 2016 IWF YWC.

In the Roll Call it was stated that only **Dr. Baumgartner** (apologized in advance for his inability to attend) and **Mr. Mohamed Y. Al Mana** were not present.

2. Welcome address by the hosts

Mr. Ong offered a warm welcome to everyone.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Beijing meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting in Beijing were unanimously approved.

10. Membership Commission's report

Mr. Jaloud, Membership Commission Chairman reported, assisted by **Dr. Nyirfa, Legal Counsel**. Statistics of participation in recent years from IWF membership point of view, by continent, by type of membership in IWF, were presented.

The Executive Board accepted the report.

11. IWF website and communication

Ms. Rozgonyi briefed the Board on the 1 – IWF Website; 2 – Communication update and 3 – Marketing.

A meeting with Lagardere Co. was coming up in November, whereby a new strategy and new structure were expected to be introduced.

Ms. Rozgonyi pointed out that a working press commission was publishing short videos at major world events on the IWF's Youtube channel and IWF wanted to team up with MFs to get more.

The Report was accepted.

9. Update on Anti-Doping Issues

Dr. Schamasch, ADC Chairman reported, recalling the McLaren Report, its consequences and further probable consequences. He repeated his appreciation for the EB's decision made in Tbilisi establishing an IWF Policy on the reanalysis cases.

A Report on the anti-doping activities was presented.

Dr. Nyirfa added that communication with the Cologne laboratory was on a daily basis and it was generally acknowledged that the IWF was on the forefront of the fight against doping. Statistics of 2016 anti-doping controls up to Penang were shown, whereby the stress was moving towards the OOC, even if these were more expensive and complicated to carry out.

Dr. Schamasch noted that in a continental perspective more work was needed on Africa and asked for the EB's African members to help.

It was mentioned that as for the substances the IWF was a precursor on detecting growth hormones as compared to very few findings by other sports.

On the pending cases **Dr. Nyirfa** reported, including the CAS appeals.

Dr. Schamasch pointed out that the new WADA prohibited list would come into effect on 1st January 2017 but the changes involved were not of high significance to weightlifting. His conclusion was that it was of utmost importance for the IWF to remain united and free from politics.

Further information currently available was supplied on the Rio Olympic doping cases involving weightlifting and an explanation on the applicable procedures.

Dr. Aján remarked that the anti-doping staff of the IWF would have to be reinforced, with regard to the constantly growing amount of tasks and the maternity leave of **Dr. Trombitás**.

4. IRI Federation representatives' opportunity to be heard by the Executive Board

Preliminaries: The incident in the +105kg A finals at the Rio Olympic Games had been dealt with by the EB at its previous meeting in Beijing. It was then decided that the EB would deal with it giving the opportunity to the individuals involved to be heard by the EB and present their apologies.

Dr. Aján welcomed the delegation of the Iranian Federation led by **Mr. Ali Moradi, President**.

Mr. Moradi thanked for the opportunity and introduced the persons accompanying him. He passed on the regrets and apologies of **Mr. Behdad Salimi**, athlete and **Mr. Sajjad Anoushirawani**, coach, for the fault committed at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. He assured full cooperation in fairness by the Executive Board of the IRIWF in the future and asked for a positive consideration of the case in question.

Dr. Aján and members of the Board expressed opinions that the apologies of the Iranians should be accepted, while also recognising the negative impact of the incident.

When the Iranian delegation left the room, **the President** suggested ***to accept their apology and consider the matter closed. This was accepted*** and told to the delegation having re-entered the room.

Finally, **Mr. Moradi** was called to personally apologize to Jury President **Mr. Karl Rimböck** for his threatening behaviour.

8. Allocation of the 2019 IWF World Championships

Dr. Aján informed the Board that one candidate remained of the original four, as a result of negotiations: Thailand.

The 8-member Thai delegation entered led by **Mrs. Boossaba Yodbangtoey**, President TAWA. They presented the bid for the 2019 IWF WWC to be held in Pattaya.

The Executive Board unanimously voted to allocate the 2019 IWF WWC to Pattaya, Thailand.

- **Preparation of the Congress**

Ahead of the IWF Congress to deal with the modification of the IWF Constitution and By-Laws on the following day, **Maitre Dr. Francois Carrard**, upon invitation by the President, briefed the EB that he had reviewed the draft document and would present it to the Congress with a few clarifications which the Board discussed, one by one. **Dr. Carrard** at the same time confirmed that all changes approved for recommendation by the Board were fully compliant with Swiss Law.

5. Financial issues

Mr. Siegrist, **Financial Advisor** reported.

5.1 Update on IWF financial status 2016

Mr. Siegrist commented on the presented status report noting that the expected surplus would be higher than budgeted, because the IWF was receiving more revenues, while spending less.

5.2 IWF Budget for 2017 – to be approved by EB

Presenting the 2017 Budget but before its approval, **Mr. Siegrist** suggested to rethink the financial planning towards 2020, proposing to **increase the amount of strategic reserves to 20mUSD (+5m)**.

Dr. Aján informed the Board on some recent and future staff changes both in the Budapest and Lausanne offices. ***The Executive Board approved the Budget for 2017.***

6. IWF Development Program

Mr. Quinones, DEC Chairman reported, assisted by Ms. Horváth.

6.1 Status report on 2016 DP

6.2 Approval of the DP for 2017

A raise of the contribution to Seminars to 8,000 USD was approved.

The Executive Board unanimously approved the Development Program for 2017.

7. Information regarding the 2017 IWF World Championships

Dr. Aján, reading a letter received from Mr. Ong, informed the Board that the Malaysian Weightlifting Federation, due to political reasons, was facing difficulties in hosting the 2017 IWF World Championships and would like to resign from this organisation. At the same time, he indicated that the USA Weightlifting Federation was ready to take over.

The resignation of the Malaysian Weightlifting Federation was accepted by the Board.

The delegation of the USAW was invited to the room, consisting of Ms. Ursula Papandrea, Chair of the Board of Directors and Mr. Phil Andrews, CEO.

The Executive Board unanimously allocated the 2017 IWF World Championships to Anaheim, USA.

12. Any other business

12.1 President's proposal regarding the implementation of the Tbilisi decision

Dr. Aján submitted a proposal as to the implementation of the Tbilisi decision on the reanalysis cases from the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games .

12.2 Issues about the 2016 YWC in Penang

Mr. Ádámfi announced to the EB:

- that the Electronic Change of Call (ECoC), a project of recent development, would be tested at this Championships in shadow mode,
- Similarly, 4 companies were provided the opportunity to have their systems tested at the YWC, again in shadow mode, with the purpose of checking how the system runs, and get more practical experience.
- That the modification of the IWF Anti-Doping Policy was in preparation and a timeline would be sent soon.

The President thanked the Members for their participation, **Mr. Ong** for the hospitality and closed the meeting.

A.Németh-Móra
November 2016

