

Technical Committee Report
Rin Grand Hotel Bucharest - Romania
13th June, 2009

Attendance

I report that Mr. Marcelino Del Frate was the only absentee at the meeting with no reason or explanation given.

In attendance also Dr Tamas Ajan (IWF President), Mr. Ma Wenguang (IWF General Secretary), Mr. Nicu Vlad (President Romanian Weightlifting Federation), Ms Aniko Nemeth-Mora, Mr. Attila Adamfi (IWF) and Ms Eva Moska.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everybody in particular Dr. Tamas Ajan, Mr. Ma Wenguang and Mr. N. Vlad. The President added his welcome and congratulations to all but especially to the three ladies elected. The President added that the three Committees will be meeting jointly in Goyang City to discuss items of concern to all prior to the individual meetings being held.

Mr. Vlad welcomed everyone to Bucharest and wished all a good stay and a successful meeting. Ms. Eva Moska gave a brief resume of the IWF Education Program and stated that the two education sessions on Technical matters being held on the 16 and 18 June in Bucharest will be conducted by Mr. Sam Coffa and Mr. Attila Adamfi and invited all to attend.

Agenda Items

1 Appointment of Committee Secretary

Ms Reiko Chinen was unanimously appointed Secretary of the Committee.

2 2009-2012 Working Plan

The following was included in the 2009-2012 Working Plan

- 1 Revision of the Referees Examination Papers***
- 2 Revision of the Technical Course Power Point***
- 3 Competition Bib***
- 4 Electronic Change of Weights System***
- 5 Online Education/"E-Learning"***
- 6 Review of Bodyweight Categories***
- 7 Oscillation of the Bar***
- 8 Review of Competition Equipment***
- 9 Technical Corner – World Weightlifting Magazine***
- 10 Principles and procedures for selection/appointment of Technical Officials to IWF Events***
- 11 Appointed Technical Officials – Failure to attend and/or fulfill responsibilities***
- 12 Continual Review of Technical Rules***
- 13 Social Networking Applications***

- 14others as requested from time to time***

4 Competition Bibs

The problem of the inability to produce a competition bib which is both visually and practically accepted was discussed. Repeated efforts have failed to come up with an article which stays on

the lifters costumes and which could be exploited for commercial purposes. Discussion took place and all agreeing that such an article could be used to sell sponsorship during IWF Events. Everyone has been requested to research this matter within their own Countries and bring forward examples or ideas.

5 Electronic Change of Weights System

Robert Nagy made a detailed presentation on his study of this subject which in his opinion, although a commendable idea, it does present many challenges and potential problems. He cited a number of challenges:

- the development of elements which among other things must produce the integration with simultaneous worldwide internet program;
- economics;
- acceptance;
- implementation within the existing system;
- the inadequacy of Technical Officials and Team Officials;
- management of the new system;
- timing and implementation phase of the new system.
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The members of the Committee engaged in an exchange of opinions however, it was determined that the difficulties can be overcome and the concept is an exciting one and must be explored fully. I am not discouraged by the challenges and problems faced and I am sure this innovative concept will be developed and introduced if not by the IWF but by others.

The Committee fully agreed with the further progress of this item.

6 Appointed Technical Officials - Failure to attend

This matter was discussed fully by the Committee which formed the view that a much harder line must be taken on Technical Officials whose nomination for IWF Events is received through the National Federations, who are subsequently selected and appointed, but fail to attend. This practice places a lot of strain on the organisation of the Event and in particular when the competition appointments are made.

The Committee discussed the problem and determined that such offending Technical Officials must be identified at the Selected Technical Officials meetings, must be reported to the IWF Executive Board with intention to advise National Federations that further action may be taken including excluding such Technical Officials from future appointments for a certain period. It was further agreed that a warning be inserted on the proforma calling for nominations of Technical Officials for IWF Events in line with the Committee determination.

7 Appointed Technical Officials – Failure to fulfill his/her responsibilities at Events

The Committee agreed that such failures must be dealt with by the Presidents of Juries and Competition Director during IWF Events and those National Federations must be advised accordingly.

8 **Principles and procedures for the Selection/Appointments of Technical Officials for IWF Events**

The Committee discussed and agreed that the procedure must be streamlined to reflect a more critical examination of nominated officials and as well as a fair appraisal of the individuals capabilities having regard to the importance of the IWF Event. Far too often Technical Officials who have not had previous international experience are appointed to officiate at major events. An objective pathway must be developed to ensure fairness and at the same time ensure that adequate and able Officials are considered and selected for the various IWF Events. Mr. Attila Adamfi and I will consider this matter further and bring forward pertinent discussion points with recommendations. Members of the Committee have also been asked to engage their thoughts on this matter and make suggestions.

9 **Questions Raised at the Asian Championships**

Matters raised at the Asian Championships and introduced by Reiko Chinen were adequately dealt by the Committee.

10 **Technical Matters**

Other Technical Matters, including the continual reviewing of the Technical Rules as raised by Alexander Kurlovich were adequately discussed by the Committee.

11 **World Weightlifting – Technical Corner**

The Committee is very keen to see the continuation of a Technical Corner being included in each publication of the IWF World Weightlifting Magazine.

Sam Coffa
Chairman