

REPORT
Technical Committee Meeting
Hotel Santo Domingo-Antigua Guatemala-GUA
8th May, 2012

Attendance

S. Coffa (Chairman), R. Chinen (Secretary), C. Alvarez, M. Del Frade, M. Lassen, M. Shoukry.

In attendance all the staff of the IWF.

Apologies

P. Sanchez, B. Johansson, R. Nagy, V. Klokov, A. Kurlovich.

Welcome

The meeting followed the Joint Meeting of Committees, which discussed a number of important items of interest to and impact on the three Committees.

In the absence of the President, Dr. Tamas Ajan, who was to arrive late evening Mr. Sam Coffa chaired the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everybody and in particular, Dr. Antonio Urso, the recently elected as President of the EWF who attended as a guest, Dr. Hasan Hakkus, Chairman of the Medical Committee recently elected General Secretary of the EWF, and Mr. Dragomir Cioroslan, Chairman of the Coaching and Research Committee

The Chairman offered congratulations to Drs. Urso and Akkus upon their electoral success, wished them both a very happy and productive term of office and hoped that their election would have an impact on the production of a more harmonious relationship between the IWF and the EWF.

Items discussed by the Joint Meeting of Committees

1 Future Organisation of World Senior Championships

The Chairman and Mr. Attila Adamfi, IWF Competition Director gave an updated report on the status of the Commission's deliberation. Each of them pointed out the importance of this work relative to the future of the Sport at World Championships. During the discussion it was pointed that whilst work is continuing soon after the next IWF Electoral Congress there must be a step up in the intensity of this work if the IWF is to achieve some positive outcome towards implementing changes in 2014 and 2015.

2 Prosthetic Limbs

Sam Coffa spoke on this item highlighting the fact that the IWF presently does not have a policy and therefore one must be elaborated. An *Interim Policy* has been formulated which will be discussed and formalized at the Technical Committee meeting. The Joint Committee discussed this matter and was in full support.

3 *Changes to Competition Costumes: Known impact*

The members of the Joint Committees expressed their views on the matter and a unanimous consensus was reached that the changes have made a positive impact, have attracted positive media reporting and importantly have opened the door for female athletes from different background and religion to compete in our Sport.

4 *IWF Constitution Review*

The Chairman restated that submissions by National Federations and others are due on July 20 thereafter no others will be accepted. Much work has been done by Moira Lassen, Sam Coffa and others to review the Constitution and Rule which draft will be presented and discussed by the Commission before formal presentation to the executive Board.

5 *Other Items Discussed*

Application of prophylactically tape was referred to the Medical Committee.

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Agenda Items

1 *Minutes of the previous meeting 1st November 2011 Disneyland-Paris (FRA)*

The Minutes were approved as printed and previously circulated.

2 *Business arising from Minutes:*

Included as Agenda Items

2.1 *IWF International Technical Officials Card – Booklet*

The proposed IWF additional International Card was discussed and the suggested categorisation of "Certificate of Duty" was approved. The new Card should be made available as soon as possible and the cost of \$250.00USD including the license (card fee \$200.00 USD + \$50.00 quadrennial fee).

2.2 *Competition Bibs*

Sam Coffa, Attila Adamfi and Moira Lassen reported that improved bibs were produced at the instigation of LOCOG but such proved to be no better than previous. The Committee mandates that pins must be used to append bibs at all IWF Events and multisport events including the Olympic Games. Organisers, Competition Secretaries and Technical Controllers must ensure compliance in this matter.

2.3 *Electronic Change of Weights*

Attila Adamfi on behalf of Robert Nagy made a PowerPoint presentation on the matter and from what was reported the project is well on the way to become a reality. Robert Nagy is furiously working on the software part of which has been already tested at low key. Some of the hardware is available others is still to be procured and it is hoped that some sponsorship support might be obtained by companies like Samsung.

2.4 Oscillation of the Barbell – Uesaka Experiment

Reiko Chinen, on behalf of the Uesaka Company, presented a PowerPoint on the stress test conducted thus far with the machine being set at a simulated grip for the C&J. The results and data will be a point of discussion with the president before conclusions are made public.

2.5 Platforms – Report on the Eleiko Olympic Platform

Attila Adamfi and the Chairman reported that the Olympic Platform as tested at the European Championships was a real success and was declared one of the best made Platforms to date.

2.6 IWF ITO Promotion Procedures

The Chairman reported on the ongoing discussion on this matter with the President. Consideration of this item was deferred to a future meeting in the next quadrennial.

2.7 Pulling from the Hang – Definition of the Incorrect Movement

The Committee after deliberation defined the pulling from the hang as “Stopping the movement of the barbell during the pull”.

2.8 Social Media – Application Procedure

It was reported that the procedure is working very well

3 Prosthetic Limbs – Interim Policy

The Chairman reported having received a request from the USW/L Federation to give a direction regarding athletes with prosthetic limbs competing in open competitions giving special attention to the weigh-in process. The Chairman further reported having made contact with all members of the Committee to seek opinions. In the meantime he had directed the organisers and the Officials of the USW/F that athletes with prosthetic limbs should be allowed to compete in open competitions but the prosthetic must be included in the weight of the athlete at the weigh in.

After discussion the Committee agreed that:

- 1) Our Sport must be inclusive
- 2) Athletes with a prosthetic limb (prosthetic limbs) must be weighed with the prosthetic(s)
- 3) Such prosthetic must not be powered or able to store energy via any means which can then be released during the execution of the lift.

4 World Championships Working Group – Report

Attila Adamfi and the Chairman reported having received some submission regarding this investigation. Work will continue and soon after the IWF Electoral Congress in 2013 it is hoped that work will intensify.

5 General Review of the IWF Technical and Competition Rules

The Committee spent many hours discussing and deliberating the many amendments being recommended, including:

- Commonality of language
- Bandages and Tapes
- Bib numbers for Coaches in the warm-up room
- Procedures and Protocols
- Deletion of antiquated and meaningless Rules, and
- other points.

One of the major changes is the recommendation that the Technical Rules of Competition should be printed separately from the Constitution or Anti-Doping rules etc.

6 *Any other business*

There being no other items of business to transact. The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 18.00 who thanked the members for the exceptional and hard work done during the day.

Sam Coffa
Chairman

Reiko Chinen
Secretary