

REPORT
Technical Committee Meeting
Hotel Haston – Wroclaw, Poland
16th October, 2013

The purpose of the Paper is to inform the Board Members of the outcome of the 1st Meeting of the Technical Committee.

Attendance

S. Coffa (Chairman), R. Chinen (Secretary), M. Shoukry, A. Kurlovich, A. Al Jarmal, S. Cannon, D. Martinez, S. Makhmoudov

In attendance also, Dr, Tamas Ajan, IWF President, and Attila Adamfi, IWF Competition Director.

Apologies

M. Ahmad, A. Radicelli, B. Johansson (European Technical Chairman)

Absent

S. Kasiran

Welcome

The meeting followed the Joint Meeting of Committees, Chaired by Dr. Ajan and the three Committees Chairmen, which discussed a number of important items of interest to and impact on the three Committees, namely:

- Structure of future World Championships – Minimum Standards
- Review of Bodyweight Categories – Gender Equalisation
- Club Coach Manual – Level 2

(Items 1 and 2 are listed on the Technical Committee Agenda).

The President welcomed and congratulate all the members of the Committees upon their election and wished them all well during the term of office. He also spoke about the post election process, the appointment of Committees and Commission Chairpersons, the IOC session where Weightlifting was declared a core sport with an upgrade from the TV revenue. He pointed out that the doping problem is still the main point of danger with promotion, publicity and TV exposure being imperatives.

The President stated also that the Executive Board has made generous distributions of funds to Continental, Regional and National Federations but he commented that on the issue of finance there is a limit.

The 3 Chairmen made additional remarks and the meeting was closed at 11.00 AM.

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Agenda Items

The Chairman welcomed everybody especially Dr. Tamas Ajan for attending the meeting.

1 Appointment of Committee Secretary

The Committee unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the Chairman to appoint Reiko Chinen as Committee Secretary.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting - 8th May, 2012 in Antigua Guatemala (GUA)

The Minutes were approved as printed and previously circulated.

3 Business arising from the Minutes not included as Agenda Items:

- 2.1 Competition Bibs – It was reported that no appreciable solution has been found regarding the supply and/or provision of a successful product. The Chairman requested all members to investigate this matter within their own countries.
- 2.2 Oscillation of the Barbell – Uesaka Experiment - It was reported that the final data from the Uesaka Co on the matter had not been received.
The Chairman to make contact with Mr. Tadamas Uesaka.

4 2013-2016 Working Plan

The Committee after discussion determined to include in the 2013-2016 Working Plan the following Items:

1. *Restructure of World Championships (Minimum Standards or other measures)*
2. *Review of Bodyweight Categories (Gender Parity and weight categories)*
3. *Electronic Change of Call*
4. *Review and update of IWF Technical PowerPoint*
5. *Review and Clarification of Technical Rules:*
 - 4.1 - *30kg discs introduction, loading management (including the 2.5kg discs)*
 - 4.2 - *Outfit*
 - 4.3 - *Jury Regulations*
6. *Index of TCRR*
7. *Technical Corner*
8. *Update of IWF Technical Officials Examination Questionnaire*
9. *Update of Technical Officials Roles and Responsibilities*
10. *Technical Officials Pathway/Promotion*
11. *Sport Presentation*
12. *Technical Officials Uniform – Policy/Costs*
13. *Review Technical Officials Appointments*
14. *Development of Women Technical Officials (Process)*
15. *Worldwide Technical Officials Courses/Upgrading/Examinations*
16. *World Champions Awards (Badges/Rings)*
17. *IWF Branding (TCRR Policy)*
18. *Medical Table (TCRR Location)*
19. *Review and Update Technical Requirements*
20. *Review Referees Light System (Stage Apparatus and Software)*
21. *Competition/Training Bars (Firm Policy)*
22. *..... other points as recommended from time to time*

5 30kg Discs - Introduction

The Committee discussed the introduction of the new equipment and following a presentation by Attila Adamfi on the matter it was determined to defer the item pending discussions with the 5 manufacturing companies.

6 Outfit – Clarification

Reiko Chinen made a presentation by Power Point posing a number of questions and answers. The Committee agreed it was a useful resource which should be vetted with regards to the English expression before being used as an education program.

7 Jury Regulations – Misloading of the Barbell

Reiko Chinen requested modification to some of the regulations regarding the Jury responsibilities and made a Power Point presentation. The Committee after discussion decided to not alter the current regulations, however, any suggestions for future amendments should be referred to a small commission of 3 Committee members, yet to be named, for consideration and possible adoption.

8 Electronic Change of Call – Status Report

Robert Nagy and Attila Adamfi reported on the status of the project. Zoltan Veres and Sandor Antal were introduced as the future officers in charge of the project.

Robert Nagy detailed his experiences since IT was first introduced at World Championships in 1986 and he highlighted the problems encountered during the period including the human input. He presented a report on the items of equipment required for the introduction of the new system including an additional Computer with Radio transmitting input/output and 18 hand held equipment items like a smart phone.

He further made a Power Point presentation simulating also the Manual, Semi Automatic and Automatic version of the system stating that the software is now completed safe for additional items identified by the Committee members to include or exclude data from the log and other items as required.

Robert Nagy, because of age and ill health has decided to retire from his position however he gave an undertaking that he would assist until the new system was in full operational mode.

Attila Adamfi stated that the system will be posted on the Technical Committee website and requested all members to check this and make appropriate contribution as requested.

The Chairman and all the members congratulated and thanked Robert Nagy for his long and distinguished services to the IWF in his professional field and his obvious love of the Sport and wished him good health and good life.

The item was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

9 World Championships Restructure

Following discussion it was agreed to defer this item pending the appointment of a composite Commission with 3 persons from each of the 3 Committees with assistance from the IWF staff and the President who would chose the Chairman and determine the timeline for meetings and places.

10 Index of TCRR

The Committee agreed that such index should be produced in booklet form. The Chairman to contact Pedro Sanchez, the original author, to assist with the review and update of the document.

Questioned by Dr. Al Jarmal regarding the importance of having the TCRR translated in 5 languages Attila Adamfi reported that such program is underway presently.

11 Roles and Responsibilities – Updated version

The Chairman undertook the responsibility to review and update the Booklet ready for reprint as current supply is at an end.

12 Bodyweight Categories – Review

The Committee after deliberation and with counseling from Dr. Ajan agreed that the review and possible introduction of an extra bodyweight category for female and the review of all bodyweight categories should aim for inclusion in the 2020 Olympic Program as it is impossible to achieve this result by 2016. The new version of bodyweight categories should start implementation as from 2017 after receiving an assurance from the IOC that such will be accepted.

This item was deferred to the next meeting but in the meantime a composite Commission should be appointed with 3 persons from each of the 3 Committees with assistance from the IWF staff and the President who would choose the Chairman and determine the timeline for meetings and places.

13 IWF Technical Officials Examination Questionnaire – Update

Members were requested to visit the website to review the document and make appropriate suggestions so that the Questionnaire can be ready within the next 4 weeks.

Dr Al Jarmal and M. Shoukry requested an electronic copy be sent to them.

14 Technical Officials Pathway / Promotion

The Chairman stated clearly being disappointed at the lack of progress in the establishment of a meaningful TOs Pathway and Promotion due to a number of issues. He proposed to meet and discuss the matter with the President and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

15 Technical Committee Membership – Continental Representation

The Chairman highlighted the fact that the Oceania Continent was not represented in the Committee and whilst respecting the will of the National Federations at the Electoral Congress he nevertheless requested the Committee members to consider the situation. He also reported having discussed this matter with the President who is reluctant to invite any anyone else other than the elected members to join in the meeting deliberations.

However, the Rules permit the Chairman to invite experts as observers in a consultative capacity and if it was deemed necessary such invitation could be extended to Pedro Sanchez of Australia to be seconded so he can assist in his capacity as a computer expert, particularly when discussing the Electronic Change of Call System, as well as giving personal assistance to the Chairman and a voice to the Oceania Region.

The Committee was unanimous in this proposal and recommended to the Executive Board to allow the Chairman to issue such invitation to Pedro Sanchez for an indefinite period through the IWF without voting rights or receipt of any financial assistance.

16 Appointment of TOs to IWF Events – TC Members first right of refusal

The matter of the Technical Committee members having first priority to be appointed as Technical Officials to World Championships was agreed in principle by the Committee. The Chairman was requested to consult the Executive Board in this matter.

17 Appointed TOs at IWF Events – Per Diem

A request by Dr. Al Jarmal to have the matter of granting a *per diem* to appointed Technical Officials and Doctors on Duty during the World Championship was rejected by the President on financial reasons.

18 Next Meeting

It was suggested that the next meeting of the Committee was to be held on June 17, 2014 on the occasion of the Junior World Championships.

19. Closure

There being no other items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40 PM and thanked all members for their participation and input.

Sam Coffa
Chairman