

**REPORT
of the
IWF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
26-27 August 2013**

Venue: Raffles Hotel Beijing, China

Present: Dr. Tamás Aján, President

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

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

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

H.E. Marcus Stephen, Mr. Mohamed Y. Al Mana, Continental Presidents

1. Opening

President Dr. Aján welcomed **Mr. Yang Shuan**, Vice Minister of Sport of China, and introduced the Executive Board.

Roll Call:

Dr. Aján offered congratulations and welcomed each member. Mr. José Quinones, Dr. Antonio Urso, Mr. Khaled Mhalhel were excused.

2. Welcome address by the hosts

Mr. Yang Shuan, Vice Minister of Sport offered a warm welcome. He thanked the IWF for supporting weightlifting, which is getting more and more popular in China and for supporting Mr. Ma in the elections.

In his reply, **Dr. Aján** spoke highly about Chinese sport and thanked for the welcome. Presents were exchanged and gratitude was expressed to **Mr. Liu Peng**, Minister of Sport & President of COC.

3. After the Moscow Congress

The President read his résumé. Following his initiative, for further actions a '*Confidentiality Statement*' was signed by each Member.

With a minute of silence the EB paid tribute to the memory of **Dr. Shimon Barak**, former Executive Board Member, recently deceased.

Regarding an assessment of the situation:

Resolution:

The Executive Board - having discussed and clarified all points of concern as raised in the confidential and informal letter dated August 16th 2013 from IWF Executive Board Member, Dr. Christian Baumgartner - confirmed that the issues raised had previously been duly discussed, resolved and confirmed satisfactorily by the Executive Board and IWF Congresses. Therefore the EB determined that as a matter of procedure it will not put such concerns on the Agenda for future meetings.- Accepted by all members, except 1 (one).

11. Any other business

11.1 Promotion of weightlifting - a film project

Ms. Rozgonyi, in charge of Communication, presented a film concept aimed at the worldwide promotion of weightlifting. *The project was unanimously accepted.*

Ms. Rozgonyi also gave information about two other promotional projects already running - in *Sportcal* and *SportPro* (international sports publications).

4-5. IWF Committees and Commissions – Appointment of the Chairpersons and membership

Guidelines:

- To appoint only the Chairpersons of the Committees and the Commissions. The membership in the Commissions to be discussed at next meeting in Wroclaw with a consideration of the opinion of the Chairpersons appointed in Beijing.
- Limited number of Members. Commissions should meet at least once a year and the members should cover their own costs of travel and participation.
- Commission meetings (1-2 per year) should be planned in conjunction with the Senior / Junior World Championships.
- A member of the IWF Secretariat shall be appointed to be the Liaison for each Committee and Commission.
- Intensive and frequent contact and communication
- The Chairpersons' activities and the composition of the Commissions to be reviewed after the experience of 1 year. Members unable to ensure the required level of communication or cannot fulfil their function for any other reason may be replaced.

Guidelines unanimously accepted.

Chairmen to Committees:

Technical Committee: Mr. Sam Coffa
Medical Committee: Dr. Michael Irani; Dr. Masmoudi as Co-Chairman
Coaching & Research Committee: Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey
All Chairmen accepted by acclamation.

Chairpersons to Commissions:

Anti-Doping Commission: Dr. Patrick Schamasch
Development and Education Comm.: Mr. José Quinones
Women's Commission: Ms. Moira Lassen
Marketing Commission: Mr. Ma Wenguang
Disciplinary Commission: Mr. Alexander Gerasimenko
Membership Commission: Mr. Mohamed Jaloud
Ethics Commission: Mr. Birendra Prasad Baishya
Intercontinental Commission: Dr. Tamás Aján
Financial Commission: Dato Ong Poh Eng
Athletes' Commission: Mr. Pyrros Dimas
All Chairpersons accepted by acclamation.

8. Information about anti-doping related issues

Dr. Patrick Schamasch, the newly appointed ADC Chairman, thanked for the confidence and presented his concept.

- ADC: 1) Structure – new Terms of Reference to be approved at Wroclaw meeting
- 2) Mission
- 3) Tasks – Education/Prevention
- Steroid Passport – its introduction proposed

Dr. Schamasch praised the IWF's decisions regarding sanction times and confirmed that the IOC would uphold the system of keeping and storing the Olympic samples for 8 years.

7. Update information on the 2013 IWF World Championships– Wroclaw, Poland

Mr. Ádámfi reported on inspection visit(s) made together with **Dr. Ungár** and presented technical details also available on the IWF and the WWC websites. www.wwc2013.pl

6. Reports on recent events

6.7 Asian Youth Games, Nanjing, CHN – **Mr. Ádámfi**, TD reported also in conjunction with the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and Qualification – *Reports approved*

6.5 2013 Universiade – Kazan, RUS – **Ms. Németh-Móra**, FISU TD reported

Future events:

6.8 2014 Junior World Championships

Mr. Gerasimenko, on behalf of the Russian Weightlifting Federation presented the new host city to the 2014 JWC: *His report and Kazan as the JWC venue were approved.*

- Information on visit to the National Training Centre in Beijing – 9 members had visited.
- A delegation of the **Zhen-Ao** Company (Food supplements, sponsor of the IWF) headed by **Mme Pan Xiao Fei**, President of Zhen-Ao Group Co. Ltd. gave an introduction of the Group and its products and research.
Dr. Aján confirmed that all tests had proved the **Zhen-Ao** products being free of banned substances.

10. Financial matters related to the IWF operations

10.1 2013 Budget – Financial Plan

IWF Financial Advisor, **Mr. Alain Siegrist** reported. The IWF's financial performance and the lookouts for 2014 were assessed.

Key success factors:

- Weightlifting's position as OG core sport => share in OG revenue
- Sustainable financial planning and management
- Diversification of revenue
- Operational costs: only 18% - much less than any other IF
- Maintain the tax exemption in Switzerland or consider another solution.
- Upgrade marketing

Proposed contribution to Continental Federations:

The President proposed that the IWF shall give to each CF 175,000 \$ per year. CFs must prepare their annual budgets and send it to IWF and to MFs pertaining to the CF concerned. After discussion, item in 2013 Budget "Support to CFs" was unanimously modified to 175.000 \$ for 2013 and 2014. In 2013, the money already paid to the CFs must be deducted from the total annual amount. In 2014 the amount is to be paid in 2 parts - the 2nd part payment subject to reporting on the spending of the 1st part. Fiscal year to be considered: 1 January to 31 December.

10.2 The proposal for financial contributions to Executive Board and Committees

A proposal regarding the financial conditions and contributions of the Executive Board and the Committees/Commissions was presented and approved.

10.3 Co-signatories to the President in IWF accounts and financial transactions

In addition to the IWF General Secretary, Mr. Nicu Vlad, Mr. Sam Coffa and Mr. Ong Poh Eng were unanimously approved as co-signatories (of the IWF President) to the IWF accounts.

10.4 Motion regarding the IWF's seat in Switzerland - including the issue of tax exemption and the Lausanne office of the IWF

Presented by **Mr. Siegrist** and **Ms. Rozgonyi**: In addition to activities already running in Lausanne, the Swiss State Authorities would like to see the IWF's presence further strengthened and extended in the Olympic Capital.

Proceedings required

1. Upgrade the IWF's presence in Lausanne
2. Present a short- mid and long term strategy for the Lausanne Office
3. Hold meetings of the IWF bodies (Executive Board, Technical Committee, Medical Committee, Coaching and Research Committee) in the Olympic Capital

In particular:

1. Expand and enhance the Lausanne Office
2. Restructuring and recruit permanent workforce to the Lausanne Office
 - Anti-Doping - Medical Direction
 - Coordination Officer
 - Communication
 - Administrative Assistant
 - Trainee
3. Develop the administrative infrastructure (bigger office)

The IWF Executive Board unanimously approved the Motion and agreed to the attribution of a relevant Budget. The above approval is subject to the confirmation of the Tax Exemption by the ACI.

Dr. Aján called attention to the upcoming Asian Interclub Championships, the first such "open" international event - in any sport - to be held in DPR Korea with participation of a South Korean team and delegation, and explained its significance.

9. IWF Development Program 2013

The Draft of the documentation package of the **IWF Development Program**, as circulated prior to the meeting and in hard copy at the meeting was presented by **Ms. Éva Moska**, including the modification just accepted regarding the bulk support to the CFs. *Unanimously approved.*

11.2 Errata of TCRR

Document previously circulated and distributed in hard copy at meeting. **Mr. Sam Coffa** added a few comments and explanations. *Unanimously approved.*

11.3 Hearing Panel

The IWF Hearing Panel shall continue to be chaired by Mr. Boris Kayser (AUS). Members proposed: Justice Lino Farrugia Sacco (MLT), Mr. Olivier Niggli (SUI), Richard Herrick (USA), Kyle Pierce (USA), Taisto Kuoppala (FIN), Celsa Alvarez (ESP), Prof. Gudar Beqiraj (ALB) Dr. Dominik Dörr (GER), Milan Mihajlovic (SRB).

It was pointed out that the party requesting a hearing shall share the costs involved.

11.4 Starting up International Weightlifting College at Majiang Weightlifting Base

Mr. Ma explained this 3-year plan under the great support of the Government of Fujian Province and a 1,700,000,000 RMB budget.

Dr. Aján welcomed the plan and added that further Academies were in the plan.

Next meeting in Wroclaw, 17-18 October 2013.

*Report by A. Németh-Móra
September 2013*