

**REPORT
of the
IWF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
18-19 June 2014 - KAZAN**

Venue: Ramada Hotel, Kazan, Russia

Present: Dr. Tamás Aján, President

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

Mr. Sam Coffa, Mr. Alexander Gerasimenko, Dato Ong Poh Eng, Mr. José Quinones
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

Mr. Khaled Mhalhel, WFA President

Absent: Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey, Vice President, Mr. Mohamed Y. Al Mana,
Mr. Willian Ozuna, H.E. Marcus Stephen, Dr. Antonio Urso, Continental Presidents

1. Opening

President Dr. Aján greeted the Board and opened the meeting.

2. Welcome address by the hosts

Mr. Sergey Syrtsov, President RFWF introduced Kazan as Sporting Capital of Russia and offered a warm welcome to all.

Two new Swiss colleagues employed at the Lausanne Secretariat of the IWF were introduced:
Ms. Angélique Mottet and **Ms. Melodie Exhenry**.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Wroclaw meeting

Unanimously approved.

3. Summary by the President

The President read his résumé.

5. Reports of Committee Chairs on the meetings

5.1 Technical Committee - Mr. Coffa

Chairman Mr. Coffa reported on the 2nd meeting of TC, which was preceded by joint meeting with CRC.

Subjects discussed: Structure of WWC, review of bodyweight categories, Olympic Agenda 2020, age limit, Club Coach Manuals, bodyweight advantage to be abolished; Athlete bibs, other ongoing items in 4-year plan. TC proposes to load all small discs inside the collars for safety reasons. UESAKA helping TC with research. TCRR Index to be produced electronically, TO Guidebook – 2nd edition in preparation. TO Examination renewed; female and young TOs encouraged, their training upgraded; etc.

TC Report was unanimously accepted, including:

- *TC proposed to delete size rule on knee bandages.*
- *TC advised EB to remind CFs, RFs and MFs of the minimum age limit of 13 years for international participation.*

- *TC emphasized that for Technical Courses within the IWF Development Program IWF must appoint lecturers.*
- *TC urged action regarding TO uniforms.*
- *TC proposed to relax rules to accommodate e.g. blind lifter to be accompanied by guardian to platform.*
- *TC suggested to appoint Working Group to review TCRR.*

EB decided that a letter be sent to CFs, RFs, MFs about age limit, with special regard to 13 years as minimum age for international participation, emphasizing the dangers and responsibilities implied.

5.3 Medical Committee – Dr. Irani

Chairman Dr. Irani gave a report of the MC meeting held in Lausanne, 27th March. Guests: Dr. Patrick Schamasch, ADC Chair, Mr. Richard Budgett, IOC Medical and Scientific Director.

Among items covered:

- No international competition for under 13 supported;
- IWF MC to ask CFs' MCs about their membership, medical experience, competence;
- Study and survey whether doctors need certificate to practice in other countries;
- Coordination of IWF MFC program – 3 years plan
- Injury Registration Procedure and Injury Reports. IWF can help IOC to develop a harmonized system and integrate ours.
- General use of cortisone injections;
- DODs insurance issues;
- TUE Panel; More education needed on TUEs.
- IWF Medical Manual to be elaborated;
- new IWF Medical Kit available;
- Female Hyperandrogenism Policy – fair treatment & collaboration of IWF MC and IOC;
- Cooperation between IOC Medical and Scientific Department and IWF MC to be enhanced;
- MC suggested to make a template for MCs what to do, how to compose and how they should operate;
- Anti-Doping Commission presentation and future cooperation

TUE Panel had elaborated *TUE Guidelines* to be presented at the Seminars, publish on website, and for any questions IWF should be contacted.

MC report was unanimously accepted.

5.2 Coaching & Research Committee – Mr. Lyn Jones & Mr. Kyle Pierce

- Coaches' categorization: 3 international categories: 1, 2, 3 IWF Coach - 1 – international, 2 – national – 3 club level coach. To print Certificates for 'Qualified IWF Coach', maybe badges;
- Club Coaching Manual available in 6 languages. 500 copies of the Manual needed in print. Also available a DVD, PPT presentation for lecturers anywhere (by **Mr. Pierce**);
- **Mr. Limboonsuebsai** to market the DVDs in App Stores.
- CRC proposes lecturers' examination;
- Category 2 Coaches' Manual – (national level) in progress;
- CRC discussed age limit. Conclusion: 13 years minimum for international competition.

CRC Report unanimously accepted.

8. Information regarding YOG Nanjing 2014

Event Delegate Mr. Attila Ádámfi reporting:

8.1 General Info

8.2 Status of Qualification

IOC's arrangements regarding *anti-doping controls: not in venue (only in Village)*; medallists need to check if controlled or not; half of tests will be target tests.

With regard to the IOC rules on identification on clothing/uniforms, *TOs shall wear only the sport uniform provided by Nanjing 2014*, not the IWF TO uniform.

Regarding the reallocation policy, **Dr. Aján** explained that the IWF cannot influence the IOC's Universality Places (invitation) or reallocation policy and procedures. IOC would strictly follow the Qualification Regulation and go by its guidelines.

17. Proposal regarding Masters Weightlifting

Dr. Aján explained that representatives of the IWF Masters Commission were invited to Kazan for a meeting aiming at a solution to several controversies now disturbing Masters Events and to find compromises to be able to maintain the IWF's recognition.

Dr. Aján proposed to elaborate a proposal following the meeting on Masters for the November meeting of the EB.- accepted.

19. Any other matter

19.1 Situation about CrossFit

Presentations by **Mr. Ádámfi/Ms. Rozgonyi** on studies made into *CrossFit* and its relation to weightlifting.

EB voted unanimously:

- *continue to study CrossFit*
- *Working Group to be appointed by the President and report for November meeting*

12. Summary and Recommendations by the World Championships Working Group

For the World Championships Working Group (WCWG) appointed in Wroclaw, **Mr. Ádámfi** gave introduction:

- The original idea was to consider limitation of the length of the WWC and the number of participants. WG soon concluded it takes a more complex and comprehensive approach including several other areas (marketing, administration, sports presentation, media, technical issues, etc.)
- Studies and lots of statistical work completed: facts and data in many cases did not justify the original idea
- Statistics of results of the winners in last 3 World Championships

WCWG specific proposals:

- *Introduction of Minimum (Standards) Entry Totals: 65% of the Reference Number for Women and 75% of the Reference Number for Men to be the minimum Entry Total in each category. Reference Number = Average Result of the winners in each category at the last 3 World Championships (only for Senior WWC!)*
- *Participating MFs must make advance transfer of min. 30% of total costs together with Final Entry (to provide guarantees against no shows).*

- *Room rates to correspond with the actual type of room provided.*

Media Services

Proposals:

- 1 - *To open cooperation with the Infostrada Sports company.*
- 2 - *Establish an IWF Press Commission*

All proposals by the WCWG passed unanimously.

7. Update on Development Program

DEC Chairman Mr. Quinones and Ms. Eva Moska, Director of Development and Education presented the Principles and Approval of Projects for 2014 and proposals for 2015.

The projects of the DP 2013 and 2014 according to the Report of the Chairman, as well as the modification of the conditions regarding the CF Contribution for 2015 and the Proposal regarding the Training Camps for 2015 were unanimously approved.

13. Confirmation/Allocation of future World Championships

13.1 2015 IWF Youth World Championships

The 2015 IWF Youth World Championships was unanimously confirmed to be held in Lima, PER, April 18-26.

13.2 2015 IWF Junior World Championships

Wroclaw confirmed as city of 2015 IWF JWC.

13.3 2016 IWF Youth World Championships

The Executive Board unanimously approved 2016 Youth World Championships to be held in Penang, MAS.

13.4 2016 IWF Junior World Championships

EB unanimously allocated 2016 IWF Junior World Championships to Tunis, Tunisia.

6. Reports by Commission Chairs

6.1 Membership Commission

Chairman Mr. Jaloud and Dr. Trombitás, Legal Counsel presented the conclusions and proposals of the Commission having held its meeting the previous day.

EB voted on following membership issues and unanimously approved:

- *Botswana (BOT): to lift its temporary suspension*
- *Wallis and Futuna (WAF) to become Associate Member*
- *Equatorial Guinea to become Provisional Member as soon as payment of application fee is confirmed*
- *New member of the Membership Commission to replace Mr. Al Ali by Vice President of KSA Federation: Mr. Eng Waleed Al Qatari.*

6.2 Women's Commission

Chair Ms. Lassen reported on the *IWG on Women and Sport World Conference* held in Helsinki on the weekend of 12-15 June, where she had represented IWF.

6.3 Disciplinary Commission

Chairman Mr. Gerasimenko read out the *Decision and recommendation of the Disciplinary Commission* on the case of officials of the *Weightlifting Federation of Moldova*.

After a discussion *it was decided to give back the case to the DC for further investigation and to table it again at the Almaty meeting.*

6.4 Athletes' Commission

Chairman Mr. Dimas explained that a meeting of the AC had been planned for Kazan but Members could not come due to lack of funds.

10. IWF Marketing

Mr. Ma, Chairman of the Marketing Commission gave an introduction and **Mr. Ádámfi** and **Ms. Rozgonyi** reported.

IWF Marketing Strategy:

EB approved following measures, based on a study by Price Waterhouse Coopers:

- Centralise the marketing responsibilities – leaving the domestic revenues to the OC.
- *Externalize the marketing activities by a combination of inhouse solutions and external service provider (for international marketing), engaging a professional agent in long term cooperation.*

Corporate Identity:

EB unanimously decided to change the logo of the IWF. Version #1 was voted unanimously to be accepted. Congress on following day to be informed, Constitution change to be processed for next Congress in Almaty.

The Marketing Commission's Report was unanimously accepted.

9. Reports, issues regarding Anti-Doping

9.1 Report of the ADC - Dr. Patrick Schamasch

ADC Chairman **Dr. Schamasch** presented the IWF Anti-Doping Strategy

- Test Distribution Plan (TDP)
- IRTP – extended into Youth age lifters for this year
- Intelligence - Communication with AD Community
- WADA Compliance Report – need to follow tendencies, obligatory to apply the new guidelines
 - Steroid profiling (steroid profiling, ABP, contract to be signed regarding APMU)
 - Sports specific analysis – Technical Document: ongoing discussion between IWF ADC and WADA in view of increased burdens on IFs from new WADA Code
 - All data into ADAMS
 - New TUE rules and regulations in line with the new Code

9.2 Update on 2014 doping controls and IWF Anti-Doping Policy modification timeline

Dr. Trombitás reported on the 2014 Anti-Doping controls by the IWF up to Kazan.

A timeline for the modification of the IWF ADP was presented. *The proposal will be presented in Almaty, Kazakhstan during the World Championships with the modified ADP to be effective on 1 January 2015.*

9.3 Information on positive cases

Information was provided to the EB by Dr. Trombitás.

9.4 Outstanding fines

The Table of Outstanding Fines was presented with the reminder that the MF concerned was not eligible to participate until it has paid the fine in full.

9.5 ADP modification proposal

Proposal to 8.1 of the IWF Anti-Doping Policy - Hearings following IWF's result management:
It was approved to set up a pool of 4 Hearing Panel Chairs and 8 members to chose from for each Hearing (1+2).

15. Update on 2016 Rio**15.1 Reminder of QS**

Technical Delegate Mr. Ádámfi reported on the special features of the Rio 2016 Qualification System.

15.2 Progress report

Prepared by Mr. Pedro Meloni, Weightlifting Sport Manager. No problems experienced or expected in the Barra Zone where weightlifting would be held. Test Event to be confirmed later.

15.3 Sports Equipment - *EB unanimously approved to authorize the President to select the sports equipment with regard to the IOC, the OC and the IWF regulations and positions, in consultation with the General Secretary and the TDs.*

14. Financial Reports**14.1 Mr. Alain Siegrist, IWF Financial Advisor reporting**

2013 Financial Statements - accounts audited by KPMG; - 2013 Balance Sheet. Conclusions: 2013 financial result again very positive, although IWF invests much more money into development than other IFs of similar size. OG revenues still significant = 60% of total revenues. Costs way below the budget. Surplus of expenditures will be lower than expected.

14.2 Auditors' Report - KPMG

Mr. Pierre-Henri Pingeon and Mr. Cedric Rigoli of KPMG added comments to the Auditor Report to be submitted to the Congress.

14.3 2014 Budget update

Mr. Siegrist reporting. *The financial report, statements of 2013, Budget of 2013 and 2014 were unanimously approved.*

19.2 A presentation on communication

Ms. Rozgonyi presented a report by *Meltwater* Market and Media monitoring service on the IWF's exposure in the media that gave an opportunity for interesting conclusions.

19.3 Preparation of IWF Congress

A Verification Commission was approved.

*Report by A.Németh-Móra
 June 2014*