

## TWIF ExCo Meeting

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Getxo, Basque Country

Attending: Mr. Anton Rabe (AR), President; Mr. Glen Johnson (GJ), Secretary General; Mr. Pete Dyer (PD), Senior Vice President; Mr. Dan McCarthy (DM), Treasurer; and Ms. Maaike Hornstra (MH), Vice President.

1. Opening & Welcome: by President Rabe
2. Minutes from the last meeting. The minutes from the January exco meeting were unanimously accepted
3. Matter Arising:
  - 3.1 Computer program/Additional functionality – PD reported that he and Bruce Schuman (BS) will be working to establish needed changes in accreditation (mainly wording relating to privacy policy/GDPR compliance); PD and BS will look into the no pull point system wrt the competition software towards the scoreboard and draw sheets.
  - 3.2 GDPR/Privacy Policy & compliance with WADA requirements – PD has been working with WADA for compliance and to make sure that TWIF is also in compliance for the GDPR. PD will give a presentation to the congress. WADA wants TWIF to store data for 4 years cycles from World Games to World Games. AR will also present the draft TWIF Privacy Policy at the seminar in order to ensure formal adoption of the policy during congress.
  - 3.3 Register and protection of TWIF Logo – AR will consult with the IWGA to see what cost-effective options are available in this regard.
  - 3.4 Web-site updates/ Specifications – PD & BS will be working with ABC to make the website more usable with a better presentation. In future TWIF will have to ensure a clear separation as to TWIF events vs other international events organized by member countries.
  - 3.5 Update Training Material – AR will be using existing videos as a reference and started with update with animations. A chapter of diet and weight loss will be developed with the assistance of a dietician.
  - 3.6 ExCo Task distribution (discussion following the election of new ExCo members).
  - 3.7 Archives – Move to new Sec-Gen/Proposal from Co Koren – ExCo members will work with Mister Koren to ensure securing the documents relating to the history of TWIF and try to get the whole archive digital from 1960 till now.
4. Finance/ Budget/ DM
  - 4.1 Balance Sheets & 3<sup>rd</sup> Party review: It was agreed to have a third party audit of the TWIF finances at a reasonable rate. At least once every 4 Years as an extra control. This will be in 2020. DM will give a full report to the congress.
  - 4.2 Dollar Account in USA: It was agreed that for the time being to leave the dollar account in the current bank in the US. After World Games 2021 decide what to do with the USA account. GJ may need it for the World Games 2021, whilst clothing will also continue to be procured from the USA.

- 4.3 Structuring of Treasury Reserve investment/interest bearing accounts – DM indicated that he has made various secure investments at a slightly better interest rate. These amount will mature at different times to ensure adequate flexibility with regard to cashflow
- 4.4 Insurance policy/Indemnity – DM still busy with some homework in this regard.
- 4.5 Championship agreements to be signed: Holten, Netherlands 2021.
- 4.6 Secure payment procedure – AR will follow up with IWGA
- 4.7 IOC Grant 2019 application has been submitted.

## 5. Commissions

### 5.1 Technical/Athletes /MH

- 5.1.1 Evaluation Sheet/Review of quality of judging: A new evaluation form with different weighting for various aspects has been developed for use in Castlebar.
- 5.1.2 Judges/Recorder courses: MH and Marga 't Lam (ML) to make sure the course will be in a proper meeting room with beamer facilities.
- 5.1.3 Feedback on grading systems from members – Only a few members have replied to date. ML will be requested to follow up.
- 5.1.4 Weight loss/Random checks: Random checks will be done in Castlebar.
- 5.1.5 Infographic to illustrate interpretation of infringements – A draft document was presented by ML. After in-depth discussion it was agreed that some changes will be made with the view to have a final draft in place for use in Ireland.
- 5.1.6 Standard Powerpoint presentation for briefings & Inclusion of key infringements: TAC is working on this and will be ready for use in Castlebar, September 2019.
- 5.1.7 Amendment to competition program wrt no-pulls – Discussed under 3.1.
- 5.1.8 Anchor Vests/Belts – A letter from Jim Connolly (Canada) was received on some ideas to ensure consistent application of the rules relating to vests/belts. This will be referred to the TAC for consideration.
- 5.1.9 Chiro report – WOC 2018. Noted and agreed that AR will transform into an article for use in the next Magazine.

### 5.2 Anti-Doping/ PD

- 5.2.1 Roles & Responsibilities/Additional capacity (ITU's services): PD indicate that TWIF need to ensure compliance with a number of WADA requirements, including more in and out competition tests. With World Championships Outdoor 2020 more in competition test would be required given that this events is the qualifier for the World Games 2021. During EC/WC 2019 Castlebar, WC indoor 2020 Letterkenny and EC Holten 2021 8 In competition controls (ICC), from 2020 on 10 ICC per tournament.
- 5.2.2 Compliance review process – PD provided detailed feedback on the WADA review. He will provide further feedback at congress, but is confident that TWIF will be able to ensure full compliance by the deadlines as set by WADA.
- 5.2.3 WADA Symposium – PD and Birute Zachariene will attend obo TWIF
- 5.2.4 Doping awareness & education – Ongoing.

### 5.3 Public Relations – MH

- 5.3.1 Sport Domain: AR will discuss this at Sport Accord and provide feedback in due course.
- 5.3.2 Athletes forum/Feedback from Jost Waser – Noted.
- 5.3.3 Olympic Channel: So far only agreement on paper. If we want to use more facilities, there will be a cost attached to this.

#### 5.4 Appeals - None.

- 6. World Games 2021: Report/Update – GJ: The IWGA passport for 2021 has been submitted and approved. Three categories men 640, mixed 580, women 540 will be on the programme on 3 consecutive days – outdoor only.  
The starting time for each event will be 2pm at the request of the OC. There will be place for 200 athletes and officials, but the final number will depend on the number of countries qualifying for all 3 weight classes.
- 7. Sport Accord/GAISF/ARISF/IWGA/WADA – AR Will make a full report following the meetings in Australia.
- 8. Policy Plan: 2016 - 2019/2020 – 2024: A new policy plan will be developed for the next 4 year cycle.
- 9. Championships:
  - 9.1 Evaluations Cape Town – GJ has circulated the evaluation reports to the members and stats that the championships went very well with an increase of participation by the athletes.
  - 9.2 Championships Open for Tenders:
    - 9.2.1 2022 Indoor World – Tenders from Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Sweden
    - 9.2.2 2023 European Tender – England has withdrawn its tender.
    - 9.2.3 2024 Indoor World Championships (no tender)
    - 9.2.4 2024 World Outdoor –Tender from Germany, China, Sweden. England has withdrawn its tender.
    - 9.2.5 All tenders will go forward to be voted on by congress after presentations during the seminar.
  - 9.3 Awarded championships
    - 9.3.1 2019 European Outdoor - Castlebar, Ireland: Report during seminar. Agreed that only one Briefing will done on Wednesday evening in Castlebar given the opening ceremony on Friday. On the program we only mention the starting time in the morning and afternoon session and weight classes during those session. The exact starting time of the different weight classes will be decided once the number of teams in each category is known. Start will be with the group with the most entries. Start will be 9.30 am every morning. Sequence of weight classes will be the same as WC Outdoor in Cape Town.
    - 9.3.2 2020 World Indoor - Letterkenny, Ireland: report during seminar.
    - 9.3.3 2020 World Outdoor - Getxo, Basque Country: report and tour following the seminar.
    - 9.3.4 2021 European Outdoor - Holten, Netherlands: report 2020 Congress.
    - 9.2.5 2022 World Outdoor - Sursee, Switzerland: report in the future

- 9.4 Asian Championships (Last week August)
  - 9.5 African Championships (July 2019 Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe) – Agreed that AR will attend on invitation obo TWIF.
- 10 Multi sports events
    - 10.1 Common Wealth Games – Nothing the report
    - 10.2 Youth Olympics; probably more chance than Olympic Games and further opportunities will be explored during Sport Accord.
    - 10.3 Olympics – Nothing new to report.
    - 10.4 Masters games 2021 Japan; Tug of War will be on the Program for the first time. More information will be shared with membership during congress.
  - 11 Membership
    - 11.1 Future Development Seminars (Russia/Gambia/France/Sri Lanka/Bangladesh/Malaysia/Taiwan/Mongolia) – To be finalized once formal requests have been received.
    - 11.2 Email – FNSMR/Spain and Basque participation: Confirmed that TWIF closed events can only be with citizens of different countries as per passport.
    - 11.3 MH is in contact with the following countries, who have interest in the Membership of TWIF: Greece, Egypt, Uganda, Trinidad & Tobago and Algeria.
  - 12 Congress & related matters
    - 12.1 Program of events: Distributed earlier.
    - 12.2 Seminar – subjects & agenda: Distributed earlier.
    - 12.3 Congress agenda, proposals & questions: Distributed earlier
  - 13 Other business for the good of tug of War
    - 13.1 TWIF 60 Anniversary: All ideas are welcome. This will also be announced at TWIF congress with a request to Ireland and Basque country to consider some activity or memorabilia. Will be discussed further and agreed in September.
    - 13.2 MH will order a piece of rubber from BOS for testing by two Dutch indoor teams.
    - 13.3 Request Creative Sport Award – letter to all the member countries were sent.
  - 14 Future meetings/Dates & venues
    - 14.1 Exco – 3 September, Castle Bar, Ireland
    - 14.2 Exco – 18 February 2020, Letterkenny, Ireland
    - 14.3 Congress – 17 & 18 April 2020, Holten, Netherlands/Exco – 16 April 2020
  - 15 Closing