

Minutes TWIF Exco meeting by Zoom 5 October 2021

Attending: Anton Rabe (AR), Pete Dyer (PD), Dan McCarthy (DM), Jost Waser (JW) and Maaïke Hornstra (MH).

1. Opening: AR welcomes all of us and gives his special thanks to PD, DM and MH for the event in Getxo where they attended and controlled the event. AR sent a letter of thanks to the GOC organizers for the event in Getxo. Hopefully it will be the only event with Covid-19 restrictions, we have to deal with.
2. World Indoor Championships 2022: We have chosen the officials for the appointed duties and MH will ask the Representatives from the countries if the people are available. Also we will do a judges course in Doetinchem, so in 2022 we will spread the course between Doetinchem and Holten, to ensure that there are enough new judges on the TWIF panel of judges

AR and DM will do the course in Doetinchem and we will ask Gavin Corden if he wants to become the new judge course instructor for the coming years. Gavin will still be able to judge during Championships. PD will informally ask Gavin if he has any appetite for such a potential role before we do an official request.

DM had made the overview of the financial status and risks for Doetinchem and asks if Exco can agree on sharing the risk on a 50:50 basis with the organisers - see email from DM dated 5 October 2021 with more detail. On Tuesday 7 December 2021 we will have a zoom meeting with the Organizers of Doetinchem for a go or no go of the Championships.

DM also provided a draft program for the 4 days, which need to be agreed with the organisers. MH will confirm with the Organizers after which this will become the final program.

3. Officials for World Games 2022 and World Outdoor CHampionships Holten have been chosen by the Exco. MH will ask the Representatives if the people are available.
4. Beds during World Games: AR, MH and Glen Johnson have a meeting with World Games on 8 October and hope to get more beds for the athletes/coaches in order to ensure fair treatment for those countries that have qualified in 3 weightclasses. Final numbers will be agreed via e-mail but if required, a seperate zoom meeting will be arranged before the countries are informed.
5. Bruce Schuman has indicated that he would like to retire within a few years. It was agreed that MH will send out an email to all countries with the tasks of Bruce and invite applications/CV's of individuals able and willing to work with Bruce for a few years. Could be 1 or 2, so they can assist Bruce in the beginning and take over when Bruce likes to retire.
6. DM indicated that problems with the Nat West Bank continues. The bank blocked the debit card and pincode after DM used it in Getxo. He arranged for payment of some expenses from his own account and will be re-imbursed in due course.

He has asked for a meeting with the head person of the bank to resolve the issues. Will keep us updated and otherwise we will change bank. We are all happy with the final financial result DM arranged with the GOC in Getxo.

7. Azerbaijan: JW asks us what to do with the membership request of Azerbaijan prior to official recognition from their Government. It was agreed that this cannot be allowed. JW will answer them, that they first need to start a national Federation recognised by their Government before they can apply for TWIF membership.
8. Belts during WC Getxo: PD informed us about the expected problems around the new belts rule, but there were no complaints and issues at all.
9. Anti-doping tests in Getxo: all 15 tests are negative. PD informed us about this good news.
10. PD and JW will run the seminar on request of Russia on 4 November. MH will send out the presentation that DM and MH used during seminar with Nepal and Sri Lanka, but also MH used this in France. You can use what you need but first we need to know what Russia exactly needs. MH will confirm expectations.
11. TAC: JW informs us about the fact that the TAC (Bennie Geldenthuis) is working on a new judging video. Also JW asks MH if she can spread out the new TWIF training handbook.
12. Next meeting: by email or by zoom if necessary after meeting with World Games.

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