



**Minutes
Online TWIF ExCo Meeting
22 May 2023**

1. **Opening & Welcome:** attending Dan McCarthy (DM), president, Pete Dyer (PD), senior vice president, Jost Waser (JW), vice president and Maaïke Hornstra (MH), secretary general.
2. **World Games (WG):** We are allowed to have 3 disciplines and the ideal suggestion would be the host country, China, as one of the 6 participating countries. IWGA prefers outdoor and one single discipline. IWGA did not give any proposal about the participating countries. We can decide how we finalize the qualification procedure and the discipline. At least 3 continents should attend the WG but is it overall or in each weight class? MH will ask Sebastian Garvens about this. TWIF will go for the outdoor competition as agreed earlier, but we need to motivate why we chose outdoor instead of indoor. This is a request from the IWGA but also outdoor pulling is much more popular worldwide than indoor. The WG will have 5 events before the WG 2025 and Tug of War will be at one of these events. There will be 5 sports at every event. The first event will be in Hong Kong in 2023; dates to be confirmed and then the next one will be in 2024. Costs for athletes will be covered by the host city. More information will be shared with us via IWGA.
3. **Competition manager World Games Chengdu:** DM is no longer the competition manager while he has been elected as president and MH may also not take that position. This is an obligation by IWGA. We agree that Pete will become the competition manager (CM) for Chengdu'25. First CM meeting will be from 24-26 October 2023 in Chengdu. MH will also fill the IGMS system with the new information. Closing date for athletes will be 30 June 2025.
4. **Continental Federation:** the working group is finished and we continue with the document the members voted for during congress. We have to (s)elect the development committee during congress in 2024. One of the Exco should be the chair of the committee; it will be PD as chair as part of the working group. We need a representative from each of the continents to have a world wide spread. In the second part of the year we have to ask for members for the committee. Most likely 2 members from Europe, 2 from Asia, 1 from USA/Canada and 1 from Africa plus the chair.
5. **Weight Classes going forward:** no update at this stage.
6. **Appointing officials for a 4 year period + chiropractors Sursee:** it is quite a challenge to appoint a chief official for 4 years, because it gives pressure to

that person and for other officials it may not give them a challenge anymore. Maybe appoint a chief official for 2 years with an assistant and after 2 year appoint a new chief/assistant. Maybe it is better to have continuity in the chief officials. We have to inform the officials about this. About the chiropractors, JW will ask Pirmin if Switzerland have extra chiropractors available and we can always decide to stick to 2.

7. **Co-opt Treasurer:** DM received an email from NatWest again and will update us on this. To look for a co-opt treasurer, it took a long time to hand over the bank details from Anton to Pete and later to Dan. For this interim period we can have a co-opt treasurer who does the job and DM can still sign off if necessary, while all the bank transfers go online. The person needs financial knowledge and knowledge about Tug of War. In 2 year time we have elections again for a treasurer so the person can be elected official then if he/she wants to continue and is elected. Money wise it can be a problem to have a person from Asia or another region, while NatWest can be a problem. JW will look for an Asian candidate.
8. **Live Stream costs:** PD had a meeting with Simon and Laurens because they want to deliver 3 packages for Live Stream. Update to follow.
9. **Live streaming at the World Games:** PD had a conversation with the responsible woman (Ursula Romero) of the WG in Birmingham and IWGA is working on their own tv channel as well. IWGA was quite frustrated about the broadcasting in Birmingham. IWGA will cover not all of the sports, just bits & pieces. When PD asked if we can use our own system, it was not a yes. IWGA is worried about quality and advertisement and will set up some workshops to get a high standard quality. At this stage we can't use our own Live Stream team in Chengdu because of all the restrictions.
10. **Twif Server:** we need to decide where we want to have our server, because it is now at Anton's company. Then we can also work with emailaccounts for president, secretary etc. Documents can be archived in the cloud as well and the Exco would have access to all documents. We agree that it has to be based in Europe. PD will ask for a quota and then we discuss further.
11. **Wada discussed at IWGA AGM in Madrid:** PD is briefing us in a summary about Wada. IWGA has an antidoping - and a medical committee. PD had a very positive meeting and IWGA asked PD to work with them to challenge Wada for the one size fits all system, but it may take at least a year or 2 years to get some changes at Wada. IWGA also needs agreement from other countries/federations. The positive thing is that IWGA completely understands our position. PD will keep in touch with the 2 men from IWGA.
12. **Financial update at Congress:** DM will make an email that explains the question about TWIF finances. Ralf Bräuninger has stated that there was a mistake in our financial documents, which is not the case. MH will send out to the members and ask for agreement on the financial statement.
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14. **Financial update on the World indoor Championships 2023:** we need a complete overview of the costs that TWIF paid to Northern Ireland to support them for the in-between World Indoor Championships. DM will ask Nelson Hanna from NITOWA to provide us with the complete financial overview.
15. **Cost of Sursee for athletes:** since the tender from Switzerland in 2016 till now inflation has increased but prices can't increase by 71%. We have to challenge the prices of the accommodation for the athletes, while otherwise there is a chance that teams will book outside the package or even decide not to go to the World Outdoor Championships 2023. DM will send an email to Pirmin to get clarification about the accommodation package. The same counts for future Championships. At future tenders we need to have a good price indication, so probably 6 year ahead is not realistic in relation to what can happen in the world. Maybe we have to go back to 3 years for a tender, with a regard to inflation, changes in the world etc. We have to make the tender procedure more formal to have more chances for new countries as well to tender. Now often the countries that have organized before, send in a bid.
16. **Competition Program:** PD has 2 aspects for the competition program. For now we have an option by the Livestream team (Simon/Laurens) or do we want more companies to ask for a quota, live ABC or Boerdam. To keep it fair and open to the members, we will ask for more quota and then continue from that. We have budget 15.000 GBP for the competition program.
17. **Organizers Manual:** MH will do last checks, like substitution tent and costs. That version can be send to Pirmin by email. Finalize during the next online meeting in June.
18. **Accreditation 'acceptance' to include the Deusto research as mandatory for Sursee:** if you do re-accreditation, they can't read the text so we have to send out the text for accepting the the Deusto part as part of it. PD will update the text and PD will ask ABC to add the text, but we also have to inform the representatives.
19. **Other items not covered elsewhere:** FICS award 17 June 2023 in Paris. DM will present TWIF during the award and make arrangements.
20. **Next online meeting** will be on 27 June 2023, 20.00 pm for Jost/Maaïke and 19.00 pm for Dan/Pete



