



Minutes
Online TWIF ExCo Meeting
27 June 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. Start meeting 20.00/19.00 pm.
2. **Online minutes:** minutes are approved, will be sending out with this meeting minutes. PD has not yet had time for asking a quota. For next minutes we will make an action list below the minutes. PD has asked Simon and Laurens of the Livestream for a quota but not received yet.
3. **WC outdoor 2023 Sursee** – costs and other items. There is not a lot we can do about the prices. We have sent two letters and got two letters back. We have to make additions to the Organizers Manual and we have to make a chapter in the contract with more regulations/rules. There are less beds available on the Campus than told during tender and congress. That brings us to a better bid procedure as well. Now it is 6 years ahead to tender for a Championships, and we can leave that open, but 4 years would be better to overview. We have to send a letter to all members for putting in a tender to get more countries involved in the bidding procedure and more countries giving a chance to organize. Prizes should be available 18 months ahead of the event at the congress the year ahead. Final prices must be presented at congress approximately 18 months before the event at congress. MH will deal with the Livestream again with the organizers. About the briefing rooms, we need 2 rooms and do the briefings at the same time for team coaches and officials. MH has a checklist of Beat Steinmann which has been checked by Anton Botha, competition manager. MH will have a closer look at the list as well and deal with items that are not correct.
4. **WC outdoor 2024 Mannheim** – chief judge and ground check procedure: Kurt Rosa is not available anymore for TWIF events and will retire as TWIF official. MH will ask Melanie Smith to become chief judge for Mannheim. If Melanie is not available, then we ask Gavin Corden for the duty. About the ground inspection, we dropped the ball and did not do any ground check as TWIF ExCo with an official from Germany or around. It is too late now to make any changes in that, but we can force the organizers to work on deeper rooted grass on the field to avoid 'Malmö' situations. We will send an email to the organizers and ask for a ground plan to discuss in Sursee. DM will make an email to send out.

5. **World Games 2025:** DM, PD and MH had an online meeting with Sebastian Garvens on 26 June 2023. The IWGA want 2 continents per weight class and 3 continents overall during the World Games. DM has had contact with Liu from China but she has not heard back from the Chinese Government for funding for the teams to send out abroad. We have agreed that it will be outdoor. We discuss about the weight class for the Women and our conclusion is that we choose the Women 500 kg. DM will draft a letter with our conclusion and explanation and MH will send out. We have to think about the qualification process to get at least 2 continents per weight class for all 3 disciplines. The IWGA likes to have the host country in one of the weight classes. For us it would be necessary that China is competing in the outdoor in Mannheim to impress us. If they can't stand the high standard, then we will get this back from IWGA as well. It will be M640, W500 and Mx580.
There will be organized a WG series events, the first one in the end of October 2023. Tug of War is not on the program for the first event. Around 250 athletes are welcome at every event. If all goes well there will be another 4 events to follow and we hope Tug of War will be on one of them. The first Competition Manager meeting is in the end of October 2023 and PD will attend. Then the venue plan will be shown and discussed.
6. **Finances Congress and Finances WC indoor 2023:** MH received 15 answers which makes 50+. MH will inform the members that the finances are in order and will add the Financial documents of congress. About the WC indoor 2023 DM has a 6 page overview but not a clear overview. The spreadsheet we have now is just a sum of the payments. DM will ask again for a better spreadsheet of the finances and find out what TWIF needs to support or needs to get back.
7. **Research Deusto University:** It's a very technical document which we will add to our next meeting agenda again. PD will draft a letter to inform the members that research in Sursee and future events will not be volunteer anymore but can be mandatory by random selection. We will send out the document to the members as well, after JW has consulted Arkaitz.
8. **Treasurer:** JW has asked Chinese Taipei and they have no candidate for treasurer. Also JW has send a letter to Singapore and India but no response yet. MH will ask Matt from Canada as well. We can all ask a capable person and make a choice if there are more than one candidate. DM had a phone call with the bank to explain questions again about the TWIF annual fee that comes from all over the world. DM has often a chat with the NatWestBank while they often have questions.
9. **Organizers manual:** MH is almost finished with the changes and additions and will make some prints for the new organizers. We also discuss the Rules Manual. MH has made the changes so after a last check, this can be send out to members, officials and placed on the website. Also we need printed versions for Sursee.
10. **Safeguarding:** MH will draft the TWIF document and share with the other Exco members.

11. **WADA CCQ:** PD has achieved the deadline for some critical items. WADA is asking for a qualified educator and we don't have one. ITA is doing an online course which can be done in about 3 months. You can do the course online and receive a certificate. PD is thinking about to do this but needs more details before entering. Also he has no idea about costs, but it is a relevant course and we need it. The bigger challenge after that will educate the athletes.
12. **Other items not covered elsewhere:** MH will probably need a new email account. PD will take care of this if necessary and MH will receive a @TWIF email account then.
DM is asking JW about the 2 new member requests, Indonesia and Mexico. JW will take care of it.
DM had a chat with Marga 't Lam about a TWIF item for recorders. Judges receive a cap and a TWIF tossing coin. Recorders could get a TWIF pen and a TWIF cap would also be an option, but are they wearing them? A took and a woolen neck bandage would be better for the recorders. We do not hand out badges anymore.
PD has contacted the teams of England that did not get their Holten deposit back. The juniors and Upper Eden got their money back by the end of May/begin June 2023. So Oxney Vines is the only team without receiving the deposit back and inform the other members.
13. **Closing:** At 22.00/21.00 pm DM can close the meeting and wishes PD good luck and a safe trip to Lausanne to meet with WADA.



