

TWIF minutes from the online meeting 24 June 2024

Attending: Dan McCarthy (President), Pete Dyer (Senior Vice President), Jost Waser (Vice President) and Maaïke Hornstra (Secretary General).

1. Email correspondence with Ralf Bräuninger (Germany). In his last mail we noticed a personal attack against Pete. This was noted in the answer of Ralf to the Japanese Representative. We agreed to simply respond and state that we have a different opinion but we think a continue discussion will not give a solution. The email has been send out.
2. We still have the issue about the anti-doping during the WC Outdoor in Mannheim. We have not received any response from Ralf on Pete's letter. Germany wanted the German NADO to select the athletes in Mannheim. We have a focus on the World Games weight classes. The NADO is for the technical part and Pete is for the data and selecting athletes. Also he has a sharper focus on countries that don't have any anti-doping controls in their country.
3. Deusto research: transport/arrival/departure on the official's list with the other officials. Maaïke will inform Derick about the work Deusto is doing during the weigh-in so Derick is updated what will happen. Derick Smit is the weighmaster in Mannheim.
4. Update World Games Chengdu 2025 by Pete: Pete has informed China about two dates for a competition he could attend, but no response from China. There is a lot of miscummunication with the LOC of Chengdu. Pete has contact with Liu and the LOC has contact with the Secretary General of the Chinese Tug of War Federation.
 - There is a lot of frustration at Sebastian about arrangements. China wants it their way instead of the IWGA way;
 - Length of competition in Birmingham was too long and for Chengdu the total competition per day is scheduled for 3,5 hours. The soil is pretty hard so should be reasonable.
 - Maybe there is place for extra officials from the countries that participate and Sebastian will keep us informed. For TWIF no extra officials are allowed. 37 places on TWIF side were not used in 2022 although Sebastian.
 - How many volunteers do we need per country? One or two per team and at least English speaking.
 - Sebastian is reviewing the teams from WG 2022; in 2022 we made an agreement per country depending on how many teams, so 9, 10 or 11 athletes/coach per team.
 - There is an extra location for accommodation, but Tug of War is in the main accommodation.
 - Pete stated that we may need more athletes to fill up the 3 continents, we can review this after WC Mannheim and Pete can plan another meeting with Sebastian after Mannheim. Sebastian was not negative but also no confirmation from his side.
 - Weigh-in room to be confirmed where it will be.
 - Competition Manager meeting will be organized in the same weekend as the IF Forum in Lausanne.
5. Competition Program TWIF: Bruce and Pete have had a video meeting. We are in a difficult situation. ABC does not want to write a new competition program, same for Boerdam. The quote from Laurens Martini is very expensive, same would be for Swiss Timing, who are interested as well. Pete will ask the son of Aukje van Raaij for a quote as well. We are not sure if Jan Lenaerts is the right person to ask to write the TWIF competition program.

Actions to do after the online meeting:

- Maaike send out reminder about the accreditation approval;
- Annual TWIF fee membership for Iran – Jost will ask Anton to take care of this;
- Greece has asked for the recognition letter of IOC – Maaike has send out;
- Response to Japan after email on the accreditation approval – Maaike has send out;
- Update Rules Manual 2024 – Maaike has updated the new Rules Manual, sofar no response from the other Exco members on the corrections;
- Anton needs to update us on WC outdoor in Mannheim;
- Lithuania has asked why their judges have not been invited for Mannheim: this is because Lithuania is not a member in good standing. Maaike has informed Lithuania about the annual year report 2023 and the TWIF annual fee;
- Bangladesh – action taken by Jost(?);'
- Pete will ask a quote for the competition program from Aukje's son;
- IF Forum 21-23 October 2024: Maaike will attend;
- International Tournament Chinese Taipei November 2024: Dan, Pete and Jost will attend.

Maaike