



Minutes Online TWIF Exco Meeting 30 September 2025

Attending: Dan McCarthy (DM) President, Pete Dyer (PD) Senior Vice President, Anton Botha (AB) Treasurer, Jost Waser (JW) Vice President and Maaïke Hornstra (MH) Secretary General.

Agenda:

1. **Semi-final Women 540 Sweden vs England:** Complaint by the England Women 540 team on the judging and behaviour of the centre judge: On the video we have from the Livestreamteam, we do not see any strange activities and we can't see if the rope was over the line or not. We give the English women till the end of the week to deliver their version of the video. We can put this on a letter. About the complaint of the centre judge, we have to send a letter and ask for the input from his side. We are not going to ask for input from independent people that may have seen or heard this. We need to write a letter to the judge and ask for his input. Deadline for the video of the English Women is 3 October 2025. About the judging in Nottingham, some were very good and some were lower rated. The ranking also says something about the standard of competition in the home country. The mentoring part of the judges in the different corners is very important.
2. **Development Commission (DC):** DM clarifies what has happened on the WhatsApp group of the Development Commission. DM and AB have had an conversation with Anders Andersson of the ETWF (European Tug of War Federation) in Nottingham during the WC outdoor about the development of the sport in general, about tournaments and country membership of the ETWF. It was mentioned in the WhatsApp group that Anders Andersson would become a part of the DC. AB did this for the good of the sport but never thought about the impact on one of the members of the DC. Formal correspondence should not go by WhatsApp but only by email. AB will write an email/letter to the whole commission to clarify and speak to the person that feels overruled by the WhatsApp.
3. **TWIF judges & recorders panel:** at this stage we have 44 TWIF judges on the panel from 17 countries, but next year after Mossel Bay 5 or 6 judges will retire. We need more new TWIF judges but we also need more recorders. In Nottingham we were short in recorders and have to ask volunteers to help recording.

The countries have to forward their first degree judges when we send out the invitation letter for the course in Mossel Bay 2026. After the course and exam, we might need more mentoring on the field to get judges at a high level. We will do a judge & recorder course in Mossel Bay.

4. **World Indoor Championships Taipei 2026:** Chinese Taipei has already 3 mats for the Championships 2026, but we do not know which brand they are. DM has asked Chinese Taipei about ordering new Dunlop mats. AB will follow up with Chinese Taipei about the ordering of mats and that we only except Dunlop mats.
5. **Attendance at various conferences/AGM's:**
MH will attend the IF Forum and AGM of ARISF in Lausanne from 26-29 October 2025;
MH will attend the season ending evening of the Swiss Federation on 25 October 2025 before she travels to Lausanne;
PD will attend the international tournament in Chinese Taipei from 21-25 November 2025;
PD will attend the WADA seminar/Forum from 1-5 December 2025 where most likely the WADA code for 2027 will be released and PD has to get this together for Congress 2026;
WC indoor Taipei, arrival TWIF Exco Sunday 8 March 2026;
WADA symposium Baku Azerbaijan on 18 & 19 March 2026; PD has to leave Taipei on 16th March to arrive on time in Baku;
IWGA dinner & AGM in Lausanne on 24 & 25 April 2026: DM, MH and PD will attend the AGM. After that DM and PD will check the venue in St. Gallen.
IWG Women and Sport Birmingham England from 9-11 July 2026: MH will attend.
WC outdoor Mossel Bay from 14 till 19 September 2026. TWIF Exco arrives on Saturday 12 September 2026. TWIF Exco meeting on Sunday 13 September 2026.
6. **Dates of Congress 2026 8th & 9th May 2026 in Caorle:** confirmed by Italy. Arrival day of TWIF Exco on Wednesday 6 May 2026.
7. **World Games review and future:** We have to identify our plan for 2029 to get indoor back on the World Games program. We have to convince the IWGA that we can use a hall that is or will be used for other indoor sports. Then we still have to consider that we have the highest amount of numbers in athletes/officials at the World Games. We had a lot of spectators in Chengdu which is good for our support/promotion to stay in the World Games and maybe again with two disciplines. We have to make an application for this towards the IWGA with a proper proposal and motivation. PD will find out with Sebastian Garvens of IWGA when this letter needs to be in and if a letter/request is enough or if it has to be a formal proposal.

AB has send out all the invoices for the extra officials in Chengdu so they can pay TWIF back.

Athlete of the Year for IWGA election: we need to put forward an athlete before the deadline of 1 November 2025. We think about a woman of Chinese Taipei that has been active on at least 3 World Games. There has already been a story about that woman on social media, so MH will ask Christine Yang if that woman is available.

8. **ISB:** PD and AB will attend the (online) meeting with ISB to give feedback and look forward to the World Games 2029.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more legible than the last name "Carter".