



Minutes Online TWIF Exco Meeting 15 July 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.

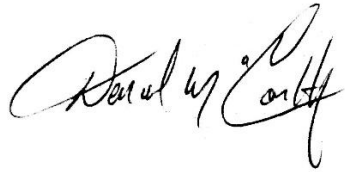
Agenda:

1. **World Games Chengdu:** PD visited Chengdu last week to have a final check at the accommodation. The Chinese board of the Tug of War Federation was there as well and took PD out for dinner on the first night. PD had an useful visit to the venue and the ground is looking quite soft, due to raining season. In August it is still raining season and it can rain heavily. The organizers have ordered a cover for the venue to protect the grass when the rain is too heavy, although PD said it was not necessary. PD thinks the organizers wanted him to confirm the ground was good enough for Tug of War. Also the facilities have been spoken about and the organizers are working on the control, team tents etc. PD made a spreadsheet for the accommodation and we have to fill in the names per team/country. PD had a meeting with the accommodation team as well. 100 twin rooms and 24 single rooms are planned. TWIF will get an invoice for extra officials and then AB has to send invoices to the countries. PD is still negotiating about the rooms to get them all in one or two buildings and is waiting for the spreadsheet list to be filled in by the countries. We will not fill in the spreadsheet list while we don't know who stays with who. Transport in Chengdu: PD has discussed the transport plan with the Chengdu team with regards to our wishes. There will be 224 people in the Athlete's Village so we need quite some buses to transport the teams/officials to the field. PD has arranged this and will make a schedule while not everyone can go in the first buses. Not everyone travels at the same time but competing teams and appointed officials need to take the first bus. We have to inform the teams about this at our briefing in Chengdu. The weigh-in room seems to be ok for what we need. Opening ceremony is now near to the athlete's village, well about 40 minutes away. It is not mandatory but if people want to go, they can go and attend. PD had a meeting with the media people as well about making pictures, but only a limited number of people. PD got an email from ISBTV about the lay-out of the field for livestreaming but they do not understand how our competition is running so PD has made a new lay-out for the livestreaming but has not received an answer yet. There will be a media

tent on the field for interviews etc. after the competition. Also we will have a media office and Christine Yang is our social media manager for that while Katie Kruse, our other social media official, is pulling as well.

2. **WADA:** AC commission (2 women we asked are not available) so we try to ask more women and otherwise it is a pity but the true for now. There is also a code compliant commission job, which PD is not considering. WADA seminar in Korea beginning of December: DM and MH both got an invitation to attend, but it is more a symposium then necessary for TWIF. PD is doubting if he is going because what is the benefit in relation to costs. There will be formal presentations, but more of the same then what PD already knows. DM states that PD can have a value to this symposium with his knowledge about anti-doping for TWIF and IWGA and should go, unless the costs.
3. **ISB broadcasting in Chengdu:** PD and MH will have an online meeting on 18 July 2025 with ISB and will inform the other Exco members afterwards.
4. **Icarus:** Meeting in Chengdu as Icarus suggested to MH? AB had meetings before with Icarus, but everything comes with a price on services. The more you pay, the more broadcasting they provide with marketing. AB will check the figures again and see if it is worth to have a meeting with them. AB will be in contact with Icarus in the meantime before Chengdu and we can discuss the benefit if there is a benefit.
5. **ARISF:** MH received an email about 2 memberships applications from ARISF ([International Mixed Martial Arts Federation \(IMMAF\)](#) and the [International Padel Federation \(IPF\)](#)) and as TWIF we have to write a letter if we agree on the membership. The other Exco members will have a look and then respond to MH so she can send out a letter. PD has asked ARISF that he is available for the ITA course in 2026 but not in 2025.
6. **International IWG Global Summit 2026 in Birmingham (England):** This event will be from 9-11 July 2026 and it will be good if MH can attend this event. We can always think about a second woman to attend.
7. **Rules Manual:** The Rules Manual (RM) is ready for printing and sending out to the members. MH will take care of the printing (300) and we hope we can send the RM with an English team that comes to GENSB tournament to Nottingham.
8. **Italy visit:** wait till Nicola confirms the dates for Congress 2026 and send out then to the members. DM made the report on the visit and PD will send MH some pictures to add. In Chengdu the representative of FiGeST has to sign the 2 contracts. We need his name so we can contact him in Chengdu.

9. **Other subjects:** DM and AB will have a final look at the Organizers Manual and then this can be printed as well for the new organizers. PD has a handbook Tug of War, produced by the organizers of Chengdu and JW will have a look at that. JW ordered dehydration tests to use.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Carby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Carby" being the most legible parts. There is a middle initial "W." that is less distinct.