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## **Notes for ExComm meeting December 20, 2020**

10am PDT / 1pm NY / 7pm CET / 9pm GST

### **Executive Committee members present:**

Robert "Nob" Rauch, Brian Gisel, Kate Bergeron, Thomas Griesbaum

**Also attending (non-voting):** Volker Bernardi, (Executive Director), Karina Woldt (Managing Director Events & Operations), Igor Janković (Administrative Coordinator), Patrick Fourcampré-Maye (Event Coordinator), Jamie Nuwer (WFDF Medical Chair), Matthias Zaccarin (WFDF TUE Committee)

### **Call to order**

19:00 CET

### **Overview by the President**

President Rauch thanked everyone for joining the last Executive Committee Meeting in 2020.

### **Decisions between meetings**

Unanimously approved the appointment of Jeong for another two years as at large Board member.

Unanimously approved New Ultimate rules and appendix to the rules with one abstention. Press Release to be drafted after this meeting with quote by Gisel included.

### **Decisions requiring votes of or specific input from the Executive Committee**

#### **Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Griesbaum to send the minutes document for approval to the Executive Committee members.

#### **Review of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Griesbaum to send an updated version of the minutes document to the WFDF Board of Directors for approval before the year-end.

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## **WUGC 2021 and WU24 status - COVID-19 situation**

Rauch summarized the current status with WUGC and WU24.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for WUGC in Leeuwarden is expecting a final decision by 15th of January 2021. The deadline for the WU24 decision was mid-February and therefore the ensuing discussion was mostly around the WUGC event.

With the input from the medical advisors present, topics ranged from vaccination speed, potential travel bans, and lockdown rules in the coming months to potential litigations and claims. It was discussed if WFDF should make a decision based on its review of the global health protocols or ask for more feedback from the athletes and national federations to decide.

The feasibility of hosting the event depended on the participation. Woldt presented initial feedback which she had received from roughly half of the teams. The results did not give a clear indication if by 15th of January enough teams and athletes would have paid their fees.

It was agreed that there would be a review of the health and safety concerns over the next several weeks, with a review of vaccination distribution plans in key countries across the globe, and a decision made by mid January.

## **Latest developments on other WFDF 2020/21/22 events**

Woldt recommended re-scheduling of the WOC to 2021 due to the possibility that there wouldn't be enough participants outside of the United States able to travel before year end.

The re-scheduling of the WOC would affect WFDF participation at TAFISA Games in 2021. Bernardi will inform TAFISA of the official WFDF decision not to attend the games.

## **WFDF 2020 elections - results**

Bernardi reported the status of the WFDF 2020 elections. Amandine Constant and Steve Taylor decided not to run for re-election because of personal reasons. All of the incumbents standing for re-election received requisite votes. Adam Swanson was elected as a replacement for Steve Taylor as Guts chair and Haude Hermand was elected as the new EFDF president to replace Amandine Constant.

## **EFDF and AAFDF elections 2020**

Haude Hermand was elected as EFDF president. Also, an interim Board was elected to run the EFDF until the next EFDF Congress scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2021.

Alex Matovu was re-elected as AAFDF President and will represent AAFDF within the WFDF Board of Directors.

## **IT Issues: Web site update and other issues**

Rauch presented the status of the new WFDF website. There are a couple of technical issues that are being worked on at the moment. The major update required for the World Record section is planned within the next two months.

Clockify tracking system has to be used more efficiently. The main goal of system usage is tracking the project areas for auditing and tax purposes.

Bernardi and Woldt confirmed that using the specific categories would help to track the work if useful and manageable categories would be used.

## **Finance: Treasurer's report**

Bergeron reported that Membership Dues were better than expected in 2020. On the other side, sponsorships were lower than previously projected.

The budget for 2021 will be reviewed. Rauch acknowledged that if the WFDF and national events couldn't be held in 2021, membership dues might be significantly impacted and there would obviously be a sharp reduction in sanctioning fees as well.

## **Development Programme 2020 update**

Bernardi presented the status of the development programme. There were certain problems and postponements with grants caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, but IOC allowed the flexibility for this year, and the full execution of some grants could be moved into 2021. Bernardi was in constant contact with all applicants to keep everything on track.

The recommendation for 2021 was to move the application process to the beginning of the year, with the deadline by February or March at the latest.

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### **Update on census questionnaire and membership requests regarding dues**

From invoices, 56 out of 58 Membership dues were received. Rauch will make a dues reduction proposal for the January 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

### **Other WFDF business**

Bernardi reported that quorum was secured for the new membership voting. In 2020, WFDF approved six new members, ending the year with 91 member NFs despite the COVID-19 situation.

Rauch and Bernardi agreed that members were tired of constant voting. The proposal is to combine and move the voting process from every three months to every four months because it's always hard for WFDF to get a quorum by the end of each voting period.

He advised that an additional Executive Committee Meeting might be scheduled before the planned date in February 2021 if needed.

### **Next meeting**

Board of the Directors: 23/24 JAN; Executive Committee: 20/21 FEB

Closing at 20:57 CET