

IMMAF Board Meeting.

Location: Online Microsoft Teams

Date: Wednesday 11th September 2024.

Time: 12pm London GMT

Minutes.

- 1) **Roll Call:** Bertrand Amoussou (BA), Stewart Brain (SB), Kerrith Brown (KB), Han Jiuli (HJ), Tatiana Klimenko (TK), Raymond Phillips, Mohammed Qamber (MQ), Irman Smajic (IS).

In Attendance: CEO Densign White (DW)

- 2) **Apologies:** Tom Madsen, Wissam Abinader, Valentina David

Absentees: Vadim Finkelstein (VF), Viktor Frolov (VF), Svetlana Odintsova (SO),
Amanda Ribas (AR).

- 3) **Conflicts of Interest-** None declared.

- 4) **President's Opening remarks (KB).**

- a. Events update- KB reported back on the success of the recent events that including the Youth World Championships in Abu Dhabi in August, The Asia event in Lahore Pakistan and the Pan Ams in Mexico. All had their challenges, but we managed to pull them off as a team. The president thanked MQ and his team for their support in making all of these events a success. KB commented on the very good job being done by the new head of regulatory matters Guilherme Bravo. KB informed the board that the registration for the Junior and Senior World championships is now open as of Monday, and teams are already registering.
- b. 2025 Calendar- KB informed the board that the calendar for 2025 is still a work in progress. A new three-year deal was signed with the UAE Federation for the Youth World Championships starting from 2025 to 2027. A multi-year deal is on the table from the Serbian Federation for the European championships commencing February 2025. KB is in dialogue with other interested parties for the organisation of the Africa, Asia and Pan Am champs and is optimistic that we will have a confirmed calendar by the time of the General Assembly in November.
- c. KB updated the board on the SportAccord recognition process. The application portal is still not open after many false starts. However, we expect that it will open this side of Christmas. In the meantime, we are preparing all governance requirements and continue to network with influencers in this recognition space.

- 5) **Approval of the previous meeting minutes 25th June 2024-** The minutes of the 25th June 2024 were approved by the board proposed by RP and seconded by BA.

6) CEO report (DW)

- a. WADA update- DW reported to the board that the corrective compliance actions for the WADA compliance audit had been addressed by the ITA. September was the deadline to make those corrections. DW also reported that there had been new positive tests, and most concerning were that they were from the recent Youth championships. The ITA education seminar was delivered in person at the Youth World Championships and was well attended. However, the monthly online seminars still need better attendance from our members. We will be having another in-person ITA seminar during the Senior World Championships in Uzbekistan.
- b. Finance report- DW informed the board that the year-end accounts for 2023 had been finalised and are being uploaded now onto the PwC portal for the audit. We expect that the audited accounts will be ready in time for the General Assembly in November. The accounts for 2023 are showing a year-end profit for the first time in many years and show that we are now on the right track in bringing the financial position into stability.
- c. General Assembly- DW informed the board that the General Assembly will take place on Saturday 9th November in Tashkent Uzbekistan. The calling notice was sent to members in August. The bundle of documents needed by members for the meeting must be sent 30 days before. The activity report is being put together now and the deadline for the individual staff and board reports is the 20th September.
- d. Membership update- Regional elections are planned for Asia and Africa ahead of the General Assembly and the Pan Ams have already taken place and all post holders have been elected. Europe will most likely not happen this side of Christmas but early in the new year. A new newsletter has been produced that is going to the membership today. DW informed the board that a new safeguarding lead officer was appointed his name is Danyil Shamkhalov.
- e. KB gave the board an update on sponsorships with RDX and the UFC.
- f. DW raised the eligibility criteria document that was circulated to board members some days before. MQ gave a summary of the new eligibility criteria and the reasons why it was needed, which was to simplify the current criteria and to bring it in line with other international federation's policies. DW has been tasked with sharing the document again because some board members had not received it and so no decision would be made in this meeting but by email polling.

- 7) **Date and Location of the next meeting-** The next meeting of the board will take place on the occasion of the Junior and Senior World Championships on 5/10th November Tashkent Uzbekistan. The exact date is TBC. The meeting closed at 12.50pm.



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