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EWF ELECTORAL CONGRESS MINUTES

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The EWF Electoral Congress began at 03,30 p.m.

Item 1 - Roll Call

EWF VP Fassott did a roll call. 43 federations were present (attached). Absent Italy, Monaco and Austria.

Item 2 - Welcome

IWF President Jalood welcomed the delegates. He said Europe was currently divided and needed unity. He recommended the Elections to be postponed if going forward would damage the image of weightlifting. He advised the delegates to make a new procedure after the IWF elections and after a new constitution is adopted.

He was displeased that Padure, who is the president of the best federation that has the best lifter, was not eligible.

Tong (GBR) said she was also not eligible and received no information nor help with submitting her candidacy. If the election is postponed and the constitution amended, it might take more time, but it will be more transparent.

IWF GS Dr Urso stated that he is always in agreement with IWF President, but there would be a problem if they do not hold elections that day. The power of the EB is finished and only ordinary activity can be done.

Beiter (DEN) said a lot of people were prepared for the elections that day and would all like to move forward.

Dr Akkus (TUR) wondered what the meaning of unity was if only an hour ago the delegates were happy to have the elections, and now they speak about postponing them. He added that historic doping cases were a reason for elimination from IWF elections as well. In his opinion there were conditions to proceed with the voting.

Lundahl (FIN) understood the call for a timeout, however, if the congress chose to postpone the elections, they would go against their own constitution. She suggested dividing the

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elections into two parts - have electoral speeches today and then stop in order to open a window for candidates to complement their candidacy if needed.

EWF legal adviser Shai was worried about how the constitution would be amended if the elections were postponed.

IWF President Jalood proposed for the congress to decide if they want to continue with the elections or not.

IWF GS Dr Urso reminded the delegates that from a legal point of view the election was on that day. If the elections were aborted, only ordinary activities can be done.

Curtain (GBR) reminded the delegates that in 2021, IWF elections were postponed until after the Tokyo Olympic Games because the congress could not agree on the procedure. When the next congress was convened, the original records were accepted.

EWF legal adviser Shai proposed a motion to vote for the opportunity to postpone the election - vote to add an item to the agenda.

Dr Hasani (KOS) said Kosovo and Albania respect IWF President very much because he always supports unity. He stated that according to the article 4.2.2 of the EWF Constitution the electoral congress should be held during the European Senior Championships. So elections should not be postponed and should be held today in order not to have additional legal challenges. The elections today are to elect the best people to lead not only EWF, but also to be prepared for the IWF elections next month.

Item 3 - Information about the list of persons nominated to stand in the 2025 Elections

List of persons nominated to stand in the 2025 Elections were published on EWF website.

Items 4 - Appointment of tellers on the proposal of the EWF EB

Shai informed the delegates about the EWF EB's suggestion for tellers.

Congress approved tellers: Erna Hedinsdottir (ISL), Rusudani Muradashvili (GEO), Tamara Jovic (SRB).

Item 5 - Information

- a. EWF President Conflitti passed the duty to the Electoral Manager Oren Shai. EWF Electoral Manager Shai welcomed the electoral congress delegates.
- b. Shai informed the delegates about the EWF EB's suggestion for Election Committee. Congress approved Election Committee: Attila Adamfi (HUN), Denise Offermann (CYP), Damjan Canzek (SLO)

Item 6 - Explanation of Voting procedures, including the criteria for a vote to be valid

Shai explained that for the positions of President and General Secretary 50% + 1 vote were needed (22 votes).

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In the vote for the position of First Vice-President, Vice-Presidents, Executive Board members and Committees, one round of voting will be conducted for one position, and the person with the majority votes will be elected. Minimum of three women need to be elected for the Executive Board. After counting the votes, if not enough women are elected, they will be promoted on the list.

Item 7 - Electoral Commission Approval of ballot papers certified by Election Manager
Electoral Commission approved ballot papers certified by Election Manager.

Item 8 – EWF President elections

Candidates for the President:

Antonio Conflitti - 19 votes

Astrit Hasani - 24 votes

Enrique Iglesias - withdrew

Nedim Masic - withdrew

Dr Hasani was elected EWF President. Dr. Hasani said that is deeply honoured and truly humbled by your confidence to elect me as the President of European Weightlifting Federation. We will work to make Europe more united. He promised to commit his Presidency to organize training camps, seminars and to educate coaches and athletes.

Item 9 – EWF General Secretary elections

Candidates for the General Secretary:

Nedim Masic - 8 votes

Milan Mihajlovic - 35 votes

Dr Mihajlovic was elected EWF General Secretary

Item 10 – EWF Treasurer elections

Shai concluded that there were no eligible candidates for the position of the EWF Treasurer, so we cannot elect an EWF treasurer.

Item 11 – EWF First Vice President elections

Candidates for First Vice President:

Nedim Masic - withdrew

Jesmond Caruana - withdrew

Stian Grimseth - withdrew

Tina Beiter -

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Congress agreed to vote by acclamation (43 votes).
Beiter was elected EWF First Vice President (acclamation, 43).

Item 12 – EWF Vice Presidents elections

Candidates for Vice Presidents:

Jesmond Caruana - 37 votes

Juan Arenales - 10 votes

Nedim Masic - 21 votes

Patrick Fassot - 13 votes

Stian Grimseth - 35 votes

Tina Beiter - she was already elected First Vice President

Kamran Nabizade - 13 votes

Caruana, Grimseth and Masic were elected EWF Vice Presidents.

Item 13 - Members of EWF Executive Board elections

Candidates for members of Executive Board:

Ilva Alushaj - 26 votes

Tina Beiter - she was already elected as First VP

Jesmond Caruana - he was already elected as VP

Tomas Chovanec - 30 votes

Patrick Fassot - 21 votes

Stian Grimseth - he was already elected as VP

Constantino Iglesias - 21 votes

Dusan Kovac - 26 votes

Juan Arenales - withdrew

Nedim Masic - he was already elected VP

Triin Podersoo - 35 votes

Michele Raynaud - 20 votes

Zdzislaw Zolopa - 21 votes

Patrik Helgesson - 32 votes

Alushaj, Chovanec, Kovac, Podersoo and Helgesson were elected EB members.

Second round of votes was conducted to elect one more EB member between Fassot, Iglesias and Zolopa.

Fassot - 15 votes

Iglesias - 12 votes

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Zolopa - 13 votes

Fassot was elected EB member.

Item 14 - Members of EWF TC elections

Candidates for the Technical Committee:

Andrei Birca - 17 votes

Arayik Alaverdyan - 32 votes

Denise Offermann - 34 votes

Enisa Masic - 19 votes

Koba Obolashvili - 37 votes

Lech Labudda - 37 votes

Mike Hoffler - 24 votes

Modestas Simkus - withdrew

Patrik Helgesson - he was already elected EB member

Tina Beiter - she was already elected First VP

Tomas Chovanec - he was already elected EB member

Trygve Duun - 33 votes

Alaverdyan, Offermann, Obolashvili, Labudda, Hoffler and Duun were elected Technical Committee members

Item 15 - Members of EWF CRSC elections

The constitution calls for this committee to have 6 members, but there were only 4 candidates.

Congress agreed to vote by acclamation (41 votes).

Candidates for the Coaching, Research and Scientific Committee:

Tom Goegebuer, Modestas Simkus, Marcos Soriano, Michael Vater were elected members of CR&S Committee (acclamation, 41).

Suggestions to appoint Enisa Masic (BIH) and Damjan Canzek (SLO) to this committee (article 13.3 EWF Constitution), on condition that they are vetted later. The congress agreed by acclamation (41 votes) and supported candidates Masic and Canzek.

Item 16 - Members of EWF MC elections

The constitution calls for this committee to have 6 members, but there were only 1 candidate.

Congress agreed to vote by acclamation (41 votes).

Candidate for the Medical Committee:

Gayle Caruana was elected member of MC (acclamation, 41).

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Suggestions to appoint Georgios Tsikouris (GRE) to this committee (article 13.3 EWF Constitution), on condition that he is vetted later. The congress agreed by acclamation (41 votes) and supported candidate Tsikouris.

Item 17 - Explanation Procedures of Athletes Commission Elections

EWF Electoral Manager Shai concluded that there were three eligible candidates for the Athletes' Commission.

Sean Brown, Kiara Klug, Despoina Polaktsidou. One female and two male members were missing. Elections for the athletes will be held everyday during the EWC where all the athletes will be able to vote for their best representatives. EWF Electoral Manager Shai invited member federations to submit candidacies.

The EWF Electoral Congress was finished at 08:00 p.m.

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