

AWF MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors / State Members
CC: Australian Sports Commission
From: Matthew Curtain
Date: 16 June 2006
Re: Summary of Decisions, AWF Board Meeting – 10 June 2006

AWF Board of Directors Meeting held on 10 June 2006 at 1000hrs Mermet Victorian Weightlifting Stadium (34 Linda Crescent, Hawthorn VIC 3122)

Attendance: Sam Coffa (President), Ian Moir, George Hardiman, Gino Lilli, Bob Pavone, Michael Klinkert (Athletes' Commission) & Matthew Curtain (Acting CEO)

By Invitation: Luke Borreggine (National Coach)

Apologies: Ralph Cashman & Boris Kayser.

Summary of Decisions

M2006 Sport Equipment

In accordance with the Host City Agreement, the President confirmed the M2006 sport equipment had been procured by the Victorian Department of Sport & Recreation for allocation and distribution to Victorian Sporting Associations and its affiliated members.

With regard to the missing sport equipment from the M2006 training & competition venue; the matter had been referred to M2006 for action. To date; no further correspondence had been received by the AWF or VWA on this matter.

Australian Sports Commission

The President tabled correspondence received from the ASC that confirmed the suspension of grant funding until a number of matters are resolved to the satisfaction of ASC Management. These matters include:

1. A comprehensive review of AWF's financial position inclusive of the development of an achievable recovery plan, if necessary; and
2. Evidence that the AWF has met its statutory obligations under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Victoria)*.

The ASC Board also resolved to pay athlete and pre-Melbourne Commonwealth Games High Performance expenses direct to individuals / organizations upon production of substantiated and verified invoices to ensure athletes are not disadvantaged by the ASC's decision not to release grant payments to the AWF.

The President confirmed such invoices, documents and other related matter had already been forwarded to the ASC.

The ASC correspondence also stated a number of other issues need to be resolved to the satisfaction of the ASC before funding can be released. These issues include corporate governance and anti doping (Specifically, the ASADA investigation into the allegation of anti doping violations linked to the Australian Weightlifting Federation).

Additionally, it was tabled the ASC had appointed Mr. Rob Kennett as its new sport consultant, responsible for Weightlifting.

Reports – President

The President verbally presented his report; essentially referring to his correspondence dated 25 March 2006.

He highlighted the success of the XVIII Commonwealth Games; including the outstanding achievement of the Australian team, the delivery of the Competition Venue and faultless display by the appointed Technical Officials.

Cameroon Lifters

Cameroon athletes, Daniel Koum, Francois Etoundi & Simplicie Ribuem remain in Melbourne and are seeking permanent residency in Australia. These athletes are currently training at the Mermet Stadium but are not financially supported by the VWA or by the AWF.

Chinthana Videnage (Sri Lanka)

M2006 62kg Gold Medalist, Chinthana Videnage has arrived in Melbourne for the first of his three month training camps at the Mermet Stadium in preparation for the Beijing Olympic Games.

Supported by the Victorian Government, the Victorian Institute of Sport, the Victorian Weightlifting Association and the local Sri Lankan community, Videnage will also compete at the 2006 Victorian & Australian Championships as a Guest lifter.

Anti Doping

Ian Moir, Chairman of the AWF Anti Doping Committee tabled his written report highlighting the following:

Corran Hocking

The athlete waived his right to appeal the finding and as such shall be suspended until 14 December 2007 upon receipt of CAS order.

Hocking's results at the 2005 Commonwealth / Oceania Championships and the 2005 Australian Championships will be nullified.

Sergo Chakhoyan

The case has been referred to ASADA for action.

Belinda Van Tienen

The AWF is awaiting the outcome of the ASADA investigation.

Amendment to anti doping policy

As a result of a minor typing error; the Board resolved to amend the anti doping policy to reflect the following:

Article 11. 2 refers to Article 10.5 (not 10.1)

Suspension of India

Pursuant to the determination made by the IWF Executive Board in China; the AWF President reported that India had been suspended to participate internationally for 12 months and had been fined USD \$50,000 as a result of violations to the IWF anti doping policy.

Coaching Development

The Board approved the following recommendations made by the Coach Development Advisory Group:

- Endorsement of the CDAG Terms of Reference (As tabled at the AWF AGM, 18 December, 2005)
- Endorsement of the Draft Coach Development Operational Plan (tabled at the AWF AGM) for immediate implementation.
- That instruction of the training programs is delivered only by CDAG members and/or other appropriately qualified presenters who are approved and recommended to the AWF by the CDAG to ensure the terms of agreement between the AWF and ASC concerning the delivery of NCAS Training Programs are fully adhered to.
- From 11 June, 2006 coach re-accreditations and upgrades will only be granted to those coaches who can demonstrate they meet the stated competencies of the respective license by completing all assessment tasks of that Training Program or by providing evidence that meets RPL/RCC standards.

World Junior Championships

The CEO tabled the detailed report prepared by Miles Wydall regarding the 2006 World Junior Championships.

Australia was represented by two athletes at this event; namely Erika Yamasaki and Joel Wilson who both finished 12th.

World Senior Championships

The AWF confirmed its intention to select at least two athletes (one male & one female) to the 2006 World Senior Championships in the Dominican Republic.

The funding for this Olympic Qualifying event will be made available via the Australian Olympic Committee.

In the event whereby no athletes qualify within the specified period (15 May to 18 August); the Board resolved to select the Best lifters based on Sinclair, as recorded at the 2006 Australian Championships.

High Performance Management

With the mission of Melbourne 2006 completed; the Board deferred its decision to announce the new High Performance Management Committee until the status of the ASC and its funding is known.

In the interim; Ralph Cashman, Sam Coffa & Luke Borreggine will continue to monitor the High Performance delivery.

AOC Beijing Planning Visit

The Board nominated Luke Borreggine to represent the AWF at the Australian Olympic Committee funded Beijing Planning Visit scheduled for 01 – 04 August 2006.

2006 World Masters Championships

The Board endorsed the following athletes to represent Australia at the 2006 World Masters Championships:

Coral Quinnell, Vicki Brady, Diana Loy, Debra Keelan, Grace Morrison, Mary Macken, Robert Mitchell & Lawrence Townsend.

World Masters, Sydney 2009

Luke Borreggine reported the NSWWA has signed a MOU with the Host Organising Committee however a competition venue had not yet been finalized.

World University Championships

The Board confirmed the selection of Damon Kelly to represent Australia at the forthcoming World University Championships to be held in Izmir, Turkey.

Athletes Commission

Michael Klinkert outlined the activities of the Athletes' Commission reporting that 6 of the 8 states had both a male and female representative to the Athletes' Commission.

Capitations

The Board resolved to increase the National Capitations to the following, effective 01 January 2007:

Competitors 17 years & over	\$16.50 inclusive of GST
Competitors 16 years & under	\$14.30 inclusive of GST
Other members	\$11.00 inclusive of GST
State Affiliation	\$110.00 inclusive of GST

The Capitation fee for competitors includes the individual's annual premium for Sports Injury insurance.

Appointment of Chief Executive

The Board confirmed the appointment of Matthew Curtain as its Chief Executive.

Mermet Cup International

Whilst the tournament is unlikely to attract the participation of the United States this year; the VWA may host the event by way of Invitation per state and by regional involvement.

Board Vacancy

In accordance with article 9.10 (a) of the AWF constitution; the Board appointed AWF Life Member, Lyn Jones to fill the casual vacancy on the Board of Directors.

National Record Keeper

To date; no applications had been received for this honorary position.

Commonwealth Weightlifting Federation

The Board confirmed the nomination of AWF Life Member, Paul Coffa to the position of General Secretary of the Commonwealth Weightlifting Federation; upon its extraordinary Congress to be held in Samoa on 12 July 2006.

National Coach

Luke Borreggine tabled his written report highlighting the activities of the last six months including the success of the XVIII Commonwealth Games.

Commonwealth & Oceania Championship, Samoa

The Board confirmed the selection of the National team to participate Samoa noting it would fund only those junior athletes that had met or exceeded the qualifying totals within the specified period.

NSW participation in the 2006 Commonwealth & Oceania Championships, Samoa

The Board approved the request made by the NSWWA to compete in Samoa as guests on this occasion, in light of the advanced stage of the group's planning. However, similar future proposals may not be favorably considered. The AWF Board's view is that only the National Team should be represented at the Continental Championships in future.

Matthew Curtain

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