

AWF MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors / State Members
Cc: Australian Sports Commission
From: Matthew Curtain
Date: 13 November 2006
Re: Summary of Decisions, AWF Board Meeting – 31 October 2006

AWF Board of Directors Meeting held on 31 October 2006 (via Teleconference) at 1300hrs

Attendance: Sam Coffa (President), Ian Moir, Lyn Jones, Ralph Cashman, Bob Pavone, Simon Heffernan (Athletes' Committee) & Matthew Curtain (Chief Executive Officer).

Apologies: Boris Kayser, Michael Keelan & George Hardiman.

Summary of Decisions

Australian Sports Commission

In response to correspondence sent to the ASC seeking clarification on why some M2006 high performance expenses had not been honored, the President tabled their reply, dated 19 October 2006

...As you are aware, at the meeting of the ASC Board on 5 April 2006, the Board 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...

...In relation to the issues raised, the ASC provides the following clarification...

Belinda Van Tienen

The ASC has determined that payments to Ms. Van Tienen will not be considered until the ASADA investigation is concluded.

Aleksan Karapetyn

As Mr. Karapetyn has been reimbursed for expenses incurred prior to the Commonwealth Games by way of advancement by Sam Coffa, the athlete has not been disadvantaged. As such, the ASC has determined not to consider reimbursing this amount until the ASADA investigation is concluded.

VWA & NSWWA

With regard to the outstanding amounts owed to the VWA & NSWWA relating to the salaries of the National Senior & Junior Coach, the ASC has determined not to consider reimbursing this amount until the ASADA investigation is concluded. As the two coaches have been paid through the VWA & NSWWA respectively, the two coaches have not been disadvantaged.

Anti Doping

§ Sam Coffa reported on the outcome of the ASADA workshops recently held nationally.

The workshop briefed National Sporting Organisations (NSO's) on the new 'online' athlete whereabouts forms, due to go live on the internet in March 2007. At such time, the onus of completing forms in an accurate and timely manner would be responsibility of athletes only.

It was reported that athletes would be required to provide information to ASADA on their confirmed availability for one hour per day, in the event of a no notice doping control.

§ At the completion of the workshop, the President spoke with ASADA Chairman Richard Ings who confirmed their investigation was scheduled to be tabled by mid November 2006.

§ Ian Moir reported ASADA had provided their annual figures confirming 337 doping control tests (excluding M2006 Commonwealth Games) had been undertaken on AWF athletes of which 14 members had been tested 10 times or more in the last twelve months.

§ The President reported on the IWF's doping issues tabling 53 adverse findings had been confirmed to date for 2006.

While the President explained the rationale of the IWF's decision to amend its anti doping policy, the Board agreed the communication disseminated by the IWF had not been clear and that it appeared the IWF had taken a 'step backwards' in allowing nations that had violated the policy to compete.

The President stated that subsequent to the World Championships, nations that had violated the policy would not only be required to pay the fine, the IWF would proceed with a detailed investigation into each of the nations in question, including the life expulsion of ex-patriot coaches, medical officers and officials.

Despite the repeated violations from some nations, the IWF is mindful of penalising the participation of innocent athletes and therefore has taken his stance in an effort to reduce this issue.

§ The Board confirmed its intention to amend its anti doping policy (pending ASADA's approval) to mirror that of the IWF's policy. Currently, the AWF policy states the period of ineligibility shall start on the date of the hearing decision (article 13.9) whereas the IWF will provisionally suspend an athlete immediately after receiving notification of an adverse analytical finding in respect of the A sample (article 11.3).

World Senior Championships

§ The President reported on the performances of the National team at the World Championships tabling the results of Damon Kelly (20th), Jacque White (22nd), Seen Lee (20th) and Nadeene Latif (26th).

- § The President also tabled the determination made by the IWF Executive Board to change its technical rules, specifically with regard to the minimum increment between first and second attempts.

High Performance – Athlete / Coach Selection Policy

The Board deferred this item until the HPMC meeting is held on 24 November.

High Performance – XXIX Olympic Games Nomination Criteria

The Board deferred this item until the HPMC meeting is held on 24 November.

AWF Strategic Plan

The Board deferred this item until its next face-to-face meeting.

AWF CEO Employment Position Description

The President requested the CEO to circulate the position descriptions to the Board for its consideration and approval.

Australian Junior Commonwealth Games Squad

- § The CEO reported on the possibility of sending the remaining members of the AJCGS squad (Falcone, Van Tienen, Hampton, Sarkisian & Brooke) to Samoa, upon the occasion of the Pacific Cup International to be held on 08 December. Upon receipt of the preliminary budget, the Board would consider the event.

- § The Board congratulated Sam Coffa upon his re-election as the President of the Australian Commonwealth Games Association.

Calendar of Events 2007

To be confirmed by the AWF Board on 26 November 2006.

Mermet Cup Invitational

The President reported invitations had been sent to all state members. Additionally, the VWA had received confirmed correspondence from Malaysia, Nauru, FSM and Samoa on their intention to participate. Prize money would also be awarded.

Fosters Granting Funding

The President reported the Fosters Grant funding not allocated to Amanda Phillips is still being investigated by the ACGA.

IWF Symposium

The CEO reported the IWF Symposium on coaching, refereeing, medical and administration is to be held in Rome from 01 – 04 March 2007. Nominations for participation close on 08 December. Further details can be located at

<http://www.awf.com.au/resources/docs/IWF%20Symposium.pdf>

WWA Secretariat

The CEO tabled the WWA correspondence announcing Jack Walls as their new Secretary.