

AWF MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors / State Members
CC: Australian Sports Commission
From: Matthew Curtain
Re: Summary of Decisions, AWF Board Meeting – 26 October 2008

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Mercure Hotel, Sydney Airport (20 Levey Street, Wollie Creek NSW 2205),
26 October 2008 at 0930hrs

Attendance

Robert Kabbas (President), Lyn Jones, Boris Kayser, Danielle Waller, Mary Macken & Matthew Curtain (CEO)

By Invitation

Michael Keelan, AWF High Performance Manager

Apologies

Nil

Summary of Decisions

Coach Development Advisory Group – Contract of Services

The CEO briefed the Board that discussions are planned with the CDAG regarding the intellectual property of the course manuals and that in accordance with best practice; the Federation should consider procuring their IP from 2009 onwards.

The Board noted that when the original terms of the CDAG delivery model were approved, Mr. Jones and Mr. Keelan were not officers of the Federation and therefore, the conflict of interest had only arisen subsequent to their appointment to the National Board of Directors.

The Board did not consider, in any way, the CDAG had intentionally attempted to improperly gain financially.

Weightlifting Australia – Name Change

The CEO advised the Board that AWF was unable to contact 'Weightlifting Australia Pty Limited' regarding the procurement of their business name as Federation's correspondence was returned 'not known at this address'.

Consequently, the Board instructed the CEO to re-contract Consumer Affairs, Victoria for counsel considering it seemed apparent 'Weightlifting Australia' was in breach of its statutory requirements.

Board Vacancies

The CEO reported that the following nominations had been received in relation to the AWF Election to be held on 15 November 2008.

Three Vacancies

Danielle Waller
Phil Maunder
Craig Wegert
Robert Mitchell
Alastair Trotter

AWF Membership Policy

The Board resolved to refer the matter to the President, Chief Executive Officer and High Performance Manager for further consideration before the matter is tabled at the strategic planning workshop to be held on 15 November 2008.

AWF Patron

The President reported that no response had been received by Bob Hawke. As such, the Board requested the CEO to investigate (via Minister Ellis' office) whether Mr. Hawke's current mailing address was still current.

Indian Weightlifting Federation – request to train in Victoria

Prior to giving its permission, the Board requested that the Victorian Weightlifting Association be contacted to ascertain whether their Association could facilitate such an exercise, considering the Indian delegation was planning a month long training camp in Melbourne, comprising of 50 athletes plus support personnel.

International Weightlifting Federation – Technical Experts for Courses

The CEO reported that the Federation has been approached by the IWF regarding the availability of suitably qualified officers to deliver courses on behalf of the IWF in 2009 and beyond. As such, the AWF submitted the names, Michael Keelan & Lyn Jones.

Australian Commonwealth Games Association Annual General Meeting 2008

The CEO reported that the ACGA AGM would be held in Melbourne on 29 November 2008 and that Boris Kayser (ACGA Delegate) and Robert Kabbas would represent the Federation.

Boris Kayser recommended that Robert Kabbas be appointed as Weightlifting delegate to the ACGA as he felt it appropriate that the AWF should be represented at the highest level, given the ACGA's importance to our sport.

The Board unanimously expressed its sincere appreciation and thanks to Mr. Kayser for his diligent service in this role since 1988.

On a motion by Boris Kayser / Lyn Jones, the Board resolved to appoint Robert Kabbas as Weightlifting's delegate to the ACGA.

Minister Ellis Meeting

The CEO reported that the meeting with Minister Ellis, originally scheduled to be held on 29 October 2008 had been deferred due to a change of schedule in the Minister's calendar.

World Masters Games 2009

The President reported that a meeting of the Organising Committee was held in Sydney on 25 October 2008. Minutes of the meeting would be available shortly thereafter.

Finance Report

The CEO, on behalf of the Finance Committee, presented the following monthly reports for consideration, analysis and scrutiny:

- July 2008
- August 2008
- September 2008

Having recorded an operating surplus from ordinary activities of \$273,000 from the period ending 30 June 2008, the Board was satisfied with its recent performances however noted the following for discussion:

Income (July to September 2008)

- The Committee noted the outstanding funding from the ACGA of \$42,000. The CEO reported that the Federation was expecting payment from the ACGA within the coming weeks, as the ACGA Junior squad had recently been named.
- As ASC FSLA funding had returned to quarterly payments, the Board instructed the CEO to modify the budget analysis statement accordingly.
- Coaching Income Services (\$10,000)
The CEO informed the Board that the program to fully commercialise the Coach Development Program is not expected to commence until January 2009.

Expenditure (July to September 2008)

- As a result of the CEO's attendance at the 2008 Olympic & Paralympic Games, minor activity was recorded for the period July – September 2008.

Variances to Budgeted Expenditure

Telecommunication (Difference \$716.06)

- Telecommunication increased 13.6% during the period as a result of the CEO's mobile account while in Beijing as well as the High Performance Manager's travel throughout Australia during September 2008.

Executive Board Director Expense (Difference \$1870.07)

This item related to the travel and accommodation costs associated with the Board Meeting held on 26 October 2008.

Salaries & Wages (Difference \$6,122.92)

This item related to the reporting of the CEO's salary within the quarterly period.

High Performance Program

- With the majority of the Shadow team agreements now signed, the CEO informed the Board that Direct Athlete Support would be paid within the next two weeks.

Australian Sports Commission

The CEO reported that the AWF participated at the ASC Sport Excellence Forum held in Melbourne on 09 & 10 October 2008 to discuss, together with other NSO's, the future of High Performance Sport in Australia.

Anti Doping Report

The CEO reported that the draft AWF anti doping policy (effective from 01 January 2009), had been submitted to ASADA for its approval.

Of particular note, the AWF submitted that consideration is given that the initial tribunal is an AWF appointed tribunal, comprising of the following:

Chairman (Barrister from the Victorian Bar Association)
2 x Officers (not being a Director of the AWF)

The President thanked Boris Kayser for his continued work in this area.

World Junior Championships

As circulated, the Board received the reports prepared by Miles Wydall and George Chamoun.

2008 Olympic Games

The President provided a brief overview of the Olympic Games, noting a full debrief would be given at the next meeting of the HPAC (to be held on 02 November 2008).

World Masters Championships 2008

The President reported that Bob Hemery had been elected unopposed as Chairman of the IWF Masters Committee while the Australian Women's team placed second in the team classification.

Singapore Coaching Course

The High Performance Manager provided a verbal report outlining the success of the program whereby 21 participated during the weekend long course.

In addition, the HPM informed the Board that preliminary discussions had also occurred in Singapore regarding the possibility of holding a training camp there, prior to the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Personal Coaches Policy

Item deferred. To be discuss at Board Meeting to be held on 15 November 2008.

Appointment of Boris Kayser to Board of Directors

On a motion by Robert Kabbas / Lyn Jones, Boris Kayser was re-appointed to the Board of Directors for a period of twelve months (pursuant to article 9.3 of the constitution).

National Capitations

As presented by the CEO, the Board confirmed the AWF's national capitation listing, as at 30 September 2008.

State Member	Over 17	Under 16	Others	SubTotal
Tasmania	17	12	7	36
Queensland	98	27	52	177
Victoria	79	37	55	171
New South Wales	73	19	45	137
South Australia	31	10	9	50
Western Australia	35	10	23	68
Northern Territory	10	2	7	19
ACT	5	0	0	5
2008 Total			Total	663

Annual General Meeting 2008

The CEO confirmed that the Annual General Meeting would be held in Sydney on 15 November 2008.

Australian Masters Championships 2009

The Board approved that the Australian Masters Championships be held in Geelong, in conjunction with the Australian Masters Games.

Team Officials Nomination Panel

The Board approved the appointment of the following team officials:

Commonwealth Senior Championships, Cyprus
Miles Wydall – Head Coach

Commonwealth Junior Championships, Cyprus
George Chamoun – Head Coach

Australia vs New Zealand Junior International (and Camp), New Zealand
Greg Hobl – Head Coach
Angela Wydall – Assistant Coach
Brendan Kennedy – Assistant Coach

World Cup, New Caledonia
Yourik Sarkisian – Head Coach

International Weightlifting Federation Electoral Congress 2009

The Board approved the nomination of the following candidacies:

IWF Vice President & Executive Board Member
Sam Coffa

IWF Technical Committee
Pedro Sanchez

IWF Scientific & Research Committee
Lyn Jones