

# **AWF MEMORANDUM**

To: Board of Directors / State Members  
CC: Australian Sports Commission  
From: Matthew Curtain  
Re: Summary of Decisions, AWF Board Meeting – 31 May 2009

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Victorian Weightlifting Stadium (Rear 34 Linda Crescent, Hawthorn VIC 3122)  
Sunday, 31 May 2009 at 0930hrs

### **Attendance**

Robert Kabbas (President), Boris Kayser, Mary Macken, Robert Mitchell, Danielle Waller, Lyn Jones & Matthew Curtain (Chief Executive Officer)

### **By Invitation**

Michael Keelan (High Performance Manager)

### **Apologies**

Phil Maunder

### **Selection Policy amendment (Olympic Qualifying Events)**

Lyn Jones requested clarification on the Board's resolution (approved, 07 March 2009) whereby the AWF resolved, as policy, that the selectors may act outside of the advertised athlete selection criteria when nominating athletes for international events held in Australia as well as for Olympic Qualifying competition/s.

While acknowledging Mr. Jones' submission was within the context of the Olympic year and specifically within the framework of the continental qualifying event, the Board resolved to keep its policy unchanged.

### **CEO Succession Plan**

The President reported that when the CEO's exact date of resignation is known, the AWF would be in a prudent position to work-backwards (by date) to implement the succession plan process.

### **Commonwealth Games 2010 / World Championships 2010 (Team Planning)**

With respect to the close date proximately between the 2010 World Championships & 2010 Commonwealth Games, the Board resolved to refer the matter of team planning to the High Performance Manager and HPAC for due consideration.

### **Weightlifting Australia – name change**

As a final contingency, the Board requested the CEO, as a matter of priority, liaise with Consumer Affairs outlining the non-compliance of 'Weightlifting Australia' and that, the Australian Weightlifting Federation should be the rightful owner of the trading and business name.

### **1984 LA Olympic Games Reunion**

As Dean Lukin was unlikely to confirm his attendance for the 18 July 2009 function by the set deadline of 01 June 2009, the President reported that the 25<sup>th</sup> Olympic Games reunion dinner was unlikely to proceed.

### **IWF Masters Committees**

Bob Hemery, Chairman of the IWF Masters Committee presented a verbal report to the Board outlining the operational aspects of delivering the 2009 IWF World Masters Championships (and World Masters Games)

Accordingly, the Board submitted the following questions to Mr. Hemery for consideration:

- How will the Australian team be selected?
- How will the Technical Officials be selected and what provisions will be offered during the duration of their stay in Sydney?
- What sport equipment will be used?
- What is the IWF Masters Committee procedure for managing TUE's?
- What doping control provisions were planned for the event?

### **Australian Olympic Committee, Annual General Meeting 2009**

The Board received and tabled the AOC President's report from the 2009 Annual General Meeting.

The President also reported that the AWF's nomination to the AOC Executive Board, dual Olympic Champion; Nick Green had been successful.

### **Governor General – Patronage Request**

The President tabled receptive correspondence from the Her Excellency's office requesting additional information is provided before the patronage request would be considered.

### **ASC CEO Lunch**

The President confirmed his attendance with meet with the new ASC CEO, Matt Miller on 13 June 2009 during the ASC CEO luncheon. The Board noted the unavailability of the CEO due to being overseas on 2012 LOCOG duties

### **Lyn Jones – D2010 Section Manager**

Subject to ASADA's approval, the Board endorsement the nomination of Lyn Jones as National Team Manager (including 2010 Weightlifting Section Manager)

### **Finance Report**

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

- February 2009, March 2009 & April 2009

Considering ASC funding, post 30 June 2010 is unknown, the Board resolved to prepare two 2009/2010 budgets for approval at the 19 July 2009 meeting.

### **Australian Sports Commission**

The CEO reported that in line with the 2009 / 2010 funding level service agreement, the 2009 / 2010 Operations Plan would drafted within the next eight weeks.

In addition, the CEO advised the Board that there was a possibility the High Performance Manager would be returning to the Queensland Public Service, within some capacity, after 30 June 2009.

## **Anti Doping**

### **Anti Doping Disciplinary By-law**

On a motion by Boris Kayser / Lyn Jones, the Board approved the amended anti doping disciplinary by-law, which had previously been ratified by ASADA & ASC.

### **AWF Anti Doping Policy**

Subject to the approval of ASADA, the Board resolved to amend the AWF Anti Doping Policy to comply with IWF regulations:

That being specifically, the first violation sanction is increased from two years to four years.

As the Chairman of the IWF Anti Doping Hearing panel and primary author of the IWF anti doping policy, Boris Kayser declared his conflict of interest in this regard.

### **International Weightlifting Federation Electoral Congress 2009**

Having been represented by the voting delegates, Robert Kabbas & Matthew Curtain, the Board tabled its congratulations for the three AWF officials on being elected to the various IWF committees:

- Sam Coffa – Vice President (Executive Board)
- Pedro Sanchez – Technical Committee
- Lyn Jones – Research & Coaching Committee

For the calendar year 2009, the Board approved the funding of \$12,000 (\$4000 per official) to assist with the participation cost to attend meetings.

### **2009 Australian Club Championships**

The Board received a verbal report from the President outlining the success of the event, now in its 3rd edition. Of particular note, Mr. Kabbas congratulated the Cougars Club on winning the overall team classification as well as the 96 participants which had competed.

### **Oceania Championships 2009 (Arafura Games)**

The High Performance Manager provided a verbal report highlighting the 9 Gold and 7 Silver medals won by the Australian team.

In particular, the HPM tabled the performances of Daniel Koum, Simplicie Ribouem and Francois Etoundi all whom had competed for the AWF for the first time.

## **Capitations**

As presented by the CEO, the national capitations, as at 31 March 2009 were confirmed.

<b>State Member</b>	<b>Over 17</b>	<b>Under 16</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Sub Total</b>
Victoria	51	2	28	81

New South Wales	56	6	17	79
South Australia	21	3	15	39
Western Australia	27	10	36	73
Queensland	85	15	38	138
Northern Territory	4	2	2	8
Tasmania	7	9	9	25
ACT	6	0	0	6

<b>Total</b>	<b>449</b>			
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### **Direct Athlete Support**

On the recommendation of the HPM & CEO, the Board resolved to provide the following athletes with a once off investment funding of DAS in preparation for the 2010 Commonwealth Games:

- Francois Etoundi                      \$14,075
- Jacquie White                            \$10,000
- Belinda van Tienen                    \$10,000
- Aleksan Karapetyan                   \$10,000

In addition, the Board agreed to quarantine \$50,000 from the 2008/09 budget in order to provide \$10,000 each to any athlete who meets the 'Senior International' standard at the 2009 Australian Championships.

### **2009 World Championships – Selection Procedure**

As policy, the Directors approved the following addition to the selection procedure for the 2009 World Championships team:

AWF lifters who have achieved a minimum of 100% of the respective qualifying total (Senior Elite) during the publicized qualifying period (28 March – 18 July, 2009) at specified qualifying events will be named to contest the 2009 World Championships at the cessation of the 2009 National Championships being held in Melbourne on 18 July.

In the event where all team places (8+7) are not filled at this time the AWF will allow nonqualified athletes who contested the 2009 National Championships or athletes who were not able to contest the 2009 National Championships due to extenuating circumstances (example, injury, family bereavement), will be given an additional opportunity to compete as a guest at the National Age Championships taking place in Launceston during the period 19-20 September, 2009 in an effort to meet the respective qualifying standard.

Any athlete who has qualified by 18 July, 2009 and named in the team will not be displaced by any other athlete who registers a qualifying performance lifting as a guest at the National Age Championships.

**High Performance Review, 17 May 2009**

The President requested the Directors to review the report in their own time and to thereafter provide commentary to the HPM, no later than 30 June 2009.

**High Performance Advisory Committee**

No meeting was held during the reporting period.

**Strategic Plan**

Item deferred

**CEO Review Committee**

Item deferred

**Venue – 2010 Australian Masters Championships**

Having received quality applications from the Victorian & Queensland Weightlifting Association, the Board resolved to allocate the hosting of the 2010 to the QWA.

**Communication – AWF website**

The CEO reported that the website, courtesy of Miles Wydall has been fully redeveloped and was operational.

**Board Procedures**

Item deferred

**Review of AWF Committees**

Item deferred

**Marketing & Sponsorship opportunities**

Item deferred