



IBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 15th 2022, 11:00 in Algiers, Algeria

1. Opening remarks by IBA President

IBA President greeted Board members and thanked them for their active involvement in the work of the organization. Mr Kremlev commented on the recent IOC decision with regards to the Olympic qualification system and boxing tournament at Paris 2024 and emphasized that IBA will still continue working on delivering Continental and World Championships and other events within the calendar and on completing the reform process. He also mentioned that the next key event will be the upcoming AFBC Congress at which a new AFBC President will be elected, which will allow to complete the renewal of the IBA Board of Directors.

2. Roll call

The quorum was reached. Members present online: Ms Elise Seignolle, Ms Marta Forcen Celaya, Mr Jinqiang Zhou, Ms Kristy Harris (left meeting at the point 7 of the agenda) and Mr Abner Teixeira (left the meeting at the point 10 of the agenda)

Members excused: Mr Pichai Chunchavajira, Ms Lovlina Borgohain, Mr Abdeljaoud Belhaj.

In addition, the meeting was attended by Mr Yury Zaytsev, IBA Legal Counsel.

Istvan Kovacs, IBA Secretary General was excused.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Following feedback from some Board members, the drafted minutes were slightly amended.

The amended version of the previous meeting minutes (Lausanne, June 24th, 2022) was approved by the Board.

4. Summary of mail votes decisions

Mrs Anastasiya Dlala presented the approved mail votes since the last Board meeting on the 24th June, 2022.

June 29 and July 11, 2022: Request for an exception to allow boxers from countries that are not affiliated with IBA to take part in the Commonwealth Games 2022 (Isle of Man, Guernsey, Jersey and Tuvalu).

5. Discussion and approval of amendments to the IBA Technical and Competition Rules



Mr Chris Roberts delivered a full overview of the changes to the IBA Technical and Competition Rules; he explained in detail the recommended changes presented by the joint IBA Committees to ensure that the rules and regulations which govern IBA are in line with both good and best practice standards; the detail of those changes had been annotated within a covering summary document, breaking down each respective rule that required a complete change, or minor comments added. He also updated the Board on the ongoing work in the development and integrity space relating to technical officials; he explained that IBA have invested considerable time and investment, ensuring that we have the very best people to manage events at the highest level. We continue with the development programme though 2022/23.

Amendments to the IBA Technical and Competition Rules were unanimously approved.

IBA Vice President suggested to amend the prize money policy to make sure National Federations and boxers' coaches are also rewarded. The idea was supported by IBA President who emphasized the importance of the prize money in rewarding not only the hard work of the athletes, but also efforts devoted by federations and coaches. The Board was proposed to vote on the amendment.

The amendment to the prize money policy was unanimously approved. IBA Head Office shall propose a structure for such payments to be further approved by the Board.

6. Bidding presentation for IBA competitions

Mr Felipe Martínez, President of Spanish Boxing Federation, presented an update on the preparations for the IBA Youth World Championships and requested assistance with marketing plan and promotion of the event. IBA President confirmed that IBA Marketing Department is working on attracting sponsors and promoting the event and that Spanish Boxing Federation will receive full support with staging the Championships.

Mr Martínez also requested the Board to waive the host fee due to financial implications coming with the organization of the event, and Mr Kremlev claimed that the decision will be made by the Board before August 15, 2022.

Mr Marko Petric presented an update on IBA Women's World Championships to take place in India, dates are to be confirmed, and World Boxing Tour events scheduled for 2022 – 2024.

He also commented that IBA expects that AFBC will stage their Continental Championships by the end of 2022 with bidding process still open for African countries.

Finally, Mr Petric stated that IBA hopes to receive more details from the IOC on the qualification system for Paris 2024 while for the time being there were no consultations on this matter either with IBA Head Office or IBA Committees.

7. Approval of the revised IBA Financial Regulations



Before proceeding with his presentation and following some requests, Mr Yury Zaytsev clarified that the voting right of an IBA Director is not transferable to another Director, which is why there are online and offline options available for participation in such meetings.

Mr Zaytsev presented the proposed amendments to the IBA Financial regulations to reflect changes in terminology, clarification on absence of per diem for online participation at meetings and policy related to business class tickets for Board members.

Some Board members requested to update the regulations in such a way that the restrictions on business class tickets related to the duration of the trip are eliminated. Ms Elise Seignolle suggested that IBA Head Office provides a tentative schedule of future Board meetings to make sure the trips and budget are planned in advance.

The Board approved the suggestion to amend the IBA Financial Regulations to allow Board members to fly in business regardless of the duration of their flights or overall journey.

The Board approved the revised IBA Financial Regulations

8. Appointment of IBA Strategy Committee

Mr Yury Zaytsev described the composition and role of IBA Strategy Committee and explained that the Board already elected several independent members on March 4, 2022, but it was decided to open additional call for candidates to receive more applications from different continents. Following the close of this call and eligibility checks conducted by BIU Interim Nomination Unit, 17 candidates were declared eligible. The Board was proposed to elect members of the Committee based on the received applications.

IBA Vice-President proposed to vote only on the election of the Committee Chair and move the vote on the appointment of other members to another meeting considering short deadline for reviewing the applications and no applications submitted from OCBC.

The Board was proposed to vote on:

- opening additional call for candidates from OCBC,
- selecting members of the Committee based on the skills map, and
- confirming appointment of Mr Kremlev as Chair of the Committee as per the decision made by the Board on March 4, 2022.

The proposal was unanimously approved by the Board.

9. Approval of new Organisational Regulations and launch of the recruitment process for new committees' members

Mr Yury Zaytsev suggested that the updated IBA Organisational Regulations are sent for Board's review and approval by email. Following Regulations approval, IBA will open a call for candidates.





10. Next IBA Congress, host country and exact dates

Mrs Anastasiya Dlala announced that seven countries expressed their interest to host the IBA Extraordinary Congress, five of them provided complete bids accompanied by the presentation. The Board received all submitted bidding proposals prior to the meeting. The Board was proposed to review the presented bids and select the host country.

Several Board members expressed their support for Armenia due to the fact that the Armenian Boxing Federation has all the organizational capabilities to stage the event of such a magnitude and confirmed it will facilitate the visa support process.

Ms Elise Seignolle enquired whether the budget was calculated for Congress organization in order to ensure that the Board makes an informed decision. Mrs Dlala clarified that the exact budget will depend on the host country and the cost of required services but indicated that the Armenian Boxing Federation confirmed in written that they will cover all the costs related to the Congress.

The Board was proposed to vote on holding the Congress in Armenia. **The proposal was approved by the Board by majority vote.**

Finally, Mrs Dlala informed the Board that IBA Head office will contact the future host to define the exact date of the Congress meeting (*between 24 September and 1 October 2022 as previously voted by the Board*) which will be further proposed to the Board for approval and afterwards communicated to all National Federations.

11. Additional business

Mrs Anastasiya Dlala presented a reviewed IBA's Head office organizational chart with composition of each department for the Board's review. It was requested to provide a copy to all members by email after the meeting.

IBA Vice-President reported on the work of the current Secretary General following the publication of the final report of Prof. McLaren where certain administrative and management failures in the work of the office were indicated. Based on this report, Mr Prodyvus proposed to appoint new Secretary General to ensure efficient work of the office.

The Board requested IBA President to give a more detailed explanation on the reasons for appointing new Secretary General since the President works hand in hand with Secretary General in managing the organization. Mr Kremlev clarified that while President is responsible for communication with National Federations and stability of the organization, Secretary General is responsible for facilitating efficient functioning of the office. Based on the IOC decision made on June 24, 2022 and the report published by Prof. McLaren, it became obvious that the office is not managed in the most effective way possible in the fields of administrative work and sports related matters. Mr Kremlev expressed his deep respect and gratitude for the work done by Mr István Kovács, but stated that there are objective indications in the report of independent experts which show that the results of work of the IBA Head Office headed by the Secretary General were not satisfactory.



The Board was proposed to vote on dismissing Mr István Kovács from the position of Secretary General and open the call of candidates. **The proposal was approved by the Board by majority vote.**

12. Decision regarding the information disclosure after the meeting

Decision regarding the information disclosure after the meeting was approved by majority vote. In addition, the Board agreed that the minutes of BoD meetings shall be generic, outlining the decisions and the overall outcome of discussions.

13. Closing remarks by IBA President

Mr Kremlev closed the meeting by thanking the Board for their work and valuable inputs and called for united work for the good of boxing.

Drafted by IBA Head Office and approved by the IBA Board of Directors on 23 September 2022.

George Yerolimpos
IBA Secretary General

