



## **IBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, 11:00 – Sochi, Russia

### **1. Opening remarks by the IBA President, Mr. Umar Kremlev**

Mr. Umar Kremlev warmly welcomed the Board to Sochi and expressed gratitude for their dedicated work and contributions to the International Boxing Association (IBA). He emphasized the significance of the Champions' Night event scheduled for the evening, highlighting it as a celebration of excellence within the sport. Furthermore, Mr. Kremlev reaffirmed IBA's commitment to maintaining its position as the premier international sports federation and reiterated its unwavering support for the global boxing community.

### **2. Roll Call**

Mrs. Anastasiya Dlala, Director of Administration and HR conducted the roll call. 6 (six) members were present in the conference room: President Umar Kremlev, Mr. Dian Gomes, Ms. Lourdes Avendaño, Ms. Pearl Dlamini, Mr. Yousuf Al-Kazim, and Ms. Kristy Harris. 5 (five) members were present online: Mr. Bernahu Eyassu Wossen, Mr. Ioannis Filippatos, Mrs. Marta Forcen Celaya, Mr. Tauhiti Nena, and Mr. Jose Laureano. The quorum was reached.

Members excused: Mr. Abdulmutalim Abakarov, Mr. Jinquian Zhou, Mr. Volodymyr Prodyvus, Mr. Abdeljaouad Belhaj.

Members absent: Ms. Lovlina Borgohain, Mr. Ajay Singh, Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira.

In addition, the meeting was attended by Mr. Chris Roberts OBE, IBA Secretary General & CEO, Mr. Yury Zaytsev, IBA Legal Counsel, Mr. Alberto Roigé Godia, IBA Head of Legal, Mrs. Anastasiya Dlala, Director of Administration and HR.

### **3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

**The previous meeting minutes dated 8 December 2023, in Dubai, UAE, were approved by the majority including slight grammar corrections from Ms. Pearl Dlamini and Ms. Kristy Harris.**

### **4. Summary of Decisions made through mail votes**

Mrs. Dlala continued by presenting a summary of decisions that were made through mail votes by the Board, covering the following topics:

Decision to request provisional membership for the German National Boxing Association (GNBA) on January 16, 2024. The following decisions were made regarding this vote:





- (i) Approval to grant an exception to the German National Boxing Association (GNBA) regarding the document mentioned in article 10.2 (a) of the IBA Membership policy.
- (ii) Approval to grant provisional membership to the German National Boxing Association (GNBA) until the next IBA Ordinary Congress.
- (iii) Approval to disclose the above decision and publish its copy on the IBA website.

The second mail vote decision was to grant provisional membership to the Czech Boxing Federation, dated February 23, 2024. The following decisions were made:

- (i) Approval to grant provisional membership to the Czech Boxing Federation until the next IBA Ordinary Congress.
- (ii) Approval to disclose the above decision and publish its copy on the IBA website.

## 5. Update of legal matters

### CAS 9757 IBA vs IOC

Mr. Yury Zaytsev started off by giving an update on CAS IBA vs IOC. He mentioned that on the 16 November 2023, the CAS hearing took place and following the hearing, the Panel requested the parties to provide English translation of the jurisprudence on which they relied on during the hearing. He continued by stating that on 13 February 2024, the CAS increased the costs of the case and requested both parties to pay additional costs of CHF 36'000 (50% for each party) in addition to CHF 42'000 previously paid by the parties in equal shares. The deadline to notify a decision to the parties is on 29 March 2024. However, this deadline can be further extended by the President of the CAS Appeals Arbitration Division.

### IBA Technical and Competitions Rules

Mr. Roige Godia presented the amendments to the IBA Technical & Competition Rules:

Article 1.4: Include Olympic competitions as IBA Competitions and IOC as governing body for:

- Olympic Games
- Youth Olympic Games
- Olympic Qualifying Events (men and women) – previously mentioned as IBA-owned.
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IBA Champions' Night would not be included in the T&C Rules until the IBA Champions' Night; IBA Champions' Night Rules will be a separate document to be presented to the Board once the IBA Professional Boxing Committee is constituted and reviewed together with IBA Legal Department.

Article 1.6.1: Modify communication process and replace 'info@iba.sport' for 'sport@iba.sport' to inform about International Tournaments that NFs and Confederations want to host.





Article 1.6.5: Remove the Diamond Belt Series and IBA World Boxing Tour Golden Belt from the list of events during which NFs and CONs cannot organise their competitions.

Article 4.3.3. Remove the following: Boxer elects nationality only when he / she becomes an Elite boxer. Now, Boxers elect nationality when competing in an IBA-owned or sanctioned event irrespective of age.

Article 4.3.3.5 a: If a Boxer with double nationality has participated with a NF not affiliated to IBA anymore, Rule 4 does not apply.

Article 4.3.3.5 c: Adapted to previous point.

Article 4.3.4.2: Boxers can have dual affiliation to a different international NF (thus we protect boxers who previously competed for non-affiliated NFs and now wish to compete for affiliated NFs).

Article 14.2.2.3: Remove the use for Seconds of non-petroleum skin protective jelly (Vaseline).

Eligibility of competition officials.

Article 25.5: Once certified by IBA, Competition Officials are directly affiliated with IBA, ensuring their eligibility in IBA Competitions even if the nomination NF withdraws or loses IBA membership.

Article 25.6.8: Competition Officials certified by IBA must seek prior approval from the IBA Board of Directors before engaging with another international boxing entity. Failure to obtain approval may lead to a review by the R&J and Competitions Committees / BIU, potentially resulting in withdrawal or downgrade of the officials' certification.

Article 41 – Paramedics:

- Fully equipped ambulance with a doctor, driver, and paramedic by FOP per boxing ring.
- Paramedics certified in CPR, first aid, and trauma management, providing immediate assistance during bouts.
- Access to essential medical equipment and clear communication with officials for prompt response.

Article 46: Headguards are removed from Women Elite competitions.

Appendix 2 (change of sports nationality form): Obligation for legal guardian to also sign documents together with a minor boxer.

Appendix 4: Remove the obligation for participants to sign the Code of Conduct as they are already obliged to respect all IBA Regulations.

**A vote was carried out and the amendments of the IBA Technical & Competition Rules were approved by the majority, 1 abstention from Ms. Harris regarding article 46, 'Headguards are removed from Women competitions.'**





## Membership Issues

A list of disaffiliated National Federations was presented to the Board as well as IBA affiliated National Federations which joined World Boxing.

**A vote was conducted regarding if the Board agrees to open proceedings against Mongolia Boxing Association for its involvement in World Boxing and submit its position to the BIU. It was unanimously approved.**

**A second vote was conducted regarding if the Board agrees to submit all the cases of the National Federations that replied and did not reply to the BIU regarding their involvement in World Boxing. It was unanimously approved.**

## Provisional Membership

**A vote was carried out regarding if the Board agrees to admit Brazil Professional Boxing Confederation as a provisional member subject to change of its official name (remove 'Professional').**

**It was unanimously approved.**

## Observers

The candidates proposed by Confederations for the role of Observers according to the IBA Observer Guidelines to ensure that the elections conducted by a National Federation comply with the IBA Membership Policy and the IBA Constitution were the following:

### Oceania:

1. Mapu Jamias (American Samoa) - proposed by OCBC
2. Faafouina Milford (Samoa) – proposed by OCBC
3. Terupehe Nena (French Polynesia) – proposed by OCBC

### America:

1. Oscar Conteras Gonzalez (Mexico) – proposed by AMBC
2. David Eliu Batz Pirir (Guatemala) – proposed by AMBC
3. Carlos Andres Sarmiento Trujillo (Colombia) – proposed by AMBC
4. Rafael Vega Rodriguez (Costa Rica) – proposed by IBA Head Office

### Europe:

1. Yury Zaytsev (Russia) – proposed by IBA Head Office
2. Ivan Bykovskiy (Spain) – proposed by IBA Head Office





3. Alberto Roige Godia (Spain) – proposed by IBA Head Office

Africa:

1. Awil Gele Ahmed (Somalia) – proposed by AFBC
2. Siyabulela Cecil Mkwalo (South Africa) – proposed by AFBC
3. Tereza Athian Lual (South Sudan) – proposed by AFBC
4. Irene Sebothale Ntelamo (Botswana) – proposed by AFBC
5. Mohamed Abdou Mbechezi (Comoros) – proposed by AFBC
6. Pearl Dlamini (Eswatini) – proposed by IBA Head Office

Asia:

1. Yousuf Al-Kazim (Qatar) – proposed by IBA Head Office
2. Haidar A. Farman (Kuwait) – proposed by IBA Head Office

**A vote was carried out if the Board agrees to appoint the proposed candidates as observers for the duration of 4 (four) years.**

**It was unanimously approved.**

**The Board also agreed that the observer guidelines shall be amended so that all Board of Directors can be appointed as Observers.**

#### **Confederations' Affiliation Fees**

IBA Director of International Relations, Ms. Alisa Shcherbachenya presented that on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024, in order to be in line with the IBA values model, the Board of Directors of the Oceania Boxing Confederation (OCBC) had unanimously voted to waive the annual membership fees for its affiliated NFs until further notice. As this decision took immediate effect, OCBC will not be expecting and / or collecting any annual membership fees for 2024, until further notice.

The current situation remains as below:

AFBC: NFs pay continental fees.

EUBC: NFs pay continental fees.

AMBC: NFs pay continental fees.

ASBC: NFs didn't pay continental fees in 2023.

#### **FSP updates**

An update on FSP was presented as well as a FSP requests summary.





## Yearly Reporting Forms

It was shared that the deadline to submit the yearly reporting forms for 2023 is the 28 February 2024. As of now, 163 reports have been submitted and 33 reports are still missing.

### 6. Administrative matters and updates

Mrs. Dlala presented the candidates for appointment to the IBA Finance Committee.

**A vote was conducted to appoint Mr. Daniel Humbel as a Member of the IBA Finance Committee subject to successfully passing the integrity check.**

**It was unanimously approved.**

The Confederations' candidates for the appointment of Athletes Committee representatives were presented.

**A vote was conducted to appoint Ms. Feofaaki Epenisa as the Female Athlete representative of the OCBC to the Athletes Committee subject to a successful integrity check.**

**It was unanimously approved.**

**A second vote was conducted to appoint Ms. Ingrid Valencia as the Female Athlete representative of the AMBC to the Athletes Committee subject to a successful integrity check.**

**It was unanimously approved.**

### 7. Progress report on sport and development

#### Sport Department

Mr. Marko Petrič took the floor and began presenting the IBA calendar of key events in 2024. He also briefed the Board that the Sport Department together with legal are currently working on developing Champions' Night Rules and potentially creating the Professional Boxing Committee.

Then, Mr. Borovcanin, the President of Serbian Boxing Federation, presented his bid to host the 2025 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships in Belgrade, Serbia.

**The Board unanimously approved to award hosting of the 2025 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships to the Serbian Boxing Federation.**





## Development Department

An update on the IBA and National Federation Development Programme was presented by Mr. Roberts. Furthermore, information on the IBA ITO / R&J Evaluator / R&J Instructor Course in Assisi, Italy was shared, as well as the IBA / ISDE Sports management course.

### 8. Financial status update

Ms. Katerina Collet gave an update of the financial status of the IBA including figures for 2023-2024. Mr. Roberts announced that the sponsorship with Gazprom has been finalized, and the funds have been received in the IBA account.

### 9. Additional business

The President and Mr. Aytym Zhakupov presented the 'Jana Men' project, tackling obesity through healthy habits and exercise in Serpukhov. They showcased positive results from the first season and expanded to over 20 participants in the second season with support from the IBA.

Ms Pearl Dlamini as the Chairperson of the Diversity Committee requested that the Board of Directors supports her wish to conduct a Diversity Forum for Africa during the upcoming Nelson Mandela Cup as a lot of Africans will attend it. This would be a great opportunity to understand the diversity challenges from an African Perspective. The Board supported this request and told Ms Pearl Dlamini to submit a proposal to the Office for further consideration.

### 10. Decision regarding the disclosure of information after the meeting

The Board approved the decision regarding the information disclosure after the meeting.

### 11. Closing remarks by the IBA President

IBA President closed the meeting and thanked the Board for their work. The next BoD's meeting will take place in Madrid on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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*These meeting minutes were drafted by the IBA Head Office and approved by the Board of Directors on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Madrid.*

