

EWF CONGRESS MINUTES

May 26th, 2022

Grand Blue Fafa Resort

Durres (ALB)

EWF Congress started at 09:30 CET

Mr. Colin Buckley, EWF Covid Officer, provided basic information on Covid rules that will be used throughout the Congress and European senior championships at the start of the EWF Congress.

1 Delegate Power Control

Mr. Patrick Fassott, Chairman of the EWF Auditors Committee, was in responsibility of counting all the votes, with help from Ms. Tamara Jovic, Assistant to the EWF General Secretary.

Please see Annex #1 for the Congress Delegate List.

The Chairman of the EWF Auditors Committee reported that 31 delegates / National Federations attended the Congress: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Czech, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, and Ukraine.

2 Welcome

The EWF's President, Kt. Antonio Conflitti, welcomed all guests to the EWF Congress. It is a unique case championship since it is the 100th edition of the European Championships, and the EWF is grateful to the host country. Since all reports were previously sent via email, EWF has implemented a transparent work environment.

He welcomed high-level IWF guests, including IWF Interim President Dr. Mike Irani and IWF General Secretary Mr. Mohamad Jalood, as well as IWF Vice President, Hose Quinones, African, Manar Eshelli, and Pan American Weightlifting Federation General Secretarie, William Pena, and Albanian Weightlifting Federation President, Mr. Elez Gjoza.

Mr. Elez Gjoza, President of the Albania Weightlifting Federation, expressed gratitude to the EWF President and General Secretary, as well as the IWF, for their faith in hosting the European Championships and the IWF Electoral Congress.

Maxim Agapitov, EWF 1st Vice President, presents the AWF President with a remembrance medal from the last European Championships.

Dr. Mike Irani, Interim President of the IWF, greets the delegates and expresses appreciation for everyone's efforts to collaborate on behalf of weightlifting.

EWF General Secretary Mohamad Jalood praised the AWF, Ministry of Sport, NOC, and especially AWF President Mr. Gjoza. Tirana is the weightlifting capital this year, thanks to two European championships and the IWF Congress.

He noted new Constitution benefits like as athletes and women being included on the forthcoming IWF EB board, no doping incidents in the Tokyo Games, and strong collaboration with ITA. IWF supported and encourages Ukraine's team to participate in World and European championships.

3 Approval of the Minutes of Congress in Rovaniemi

Milan Mihajlovic, General Secretary of the EWF, stated that the minutes of the 2021 Congress in Rovaniemi were emailed to the MFs. He inquired whether there were any remarks on the minutes.

After no comments from Congress delegate, all Congress delegate approved the minutes of the 2021 Congress in Rovaniemi.

4 Approval of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Congress

Milan Mihajlovic, General Secretary of the EWF, stated that the minutes of the 2021 Extraordinary Congress were emailed to the MFs. He inquired whether there were any remarks on the minutes.

After no comments from Congress delegate, all Congress delegate approved the minutes of the 2021 Extraordinary Congress.

5 Information about the Championships

Elez Gjoza, President of the AWF, provided technical details on the Congress and European Senior Championships. The accreditation would take place at the Fafa hotel, lunch boxes would be available but would need to be announced in advance, and transportation would be provided by minibuses, with 100 people transferred every hour. The Olympic Centre is a modern structure that provides all of the necessary facilities for European championships. There are enough volunteers and doctors, and we have the backing of the Lord Mayor and the Country President.

William Pena, General Secretary of the Pan American Weightlifting Federation, addressed the congress delegate, thanking everyone for the invitation and reminding them that Europeans bring weightlifting to Pan America, particularly to Columbia, which is hosting the World Senior Championships this year.

Manar Eshelli, General Secretary of the African Weightlifting Federation, expresses thanks, pride, and joy at being a part of this event.

6 Confirmation of the Selected Technical Officials EWF TC Chairwoman

EWF TC Chairwoman, Tina Beiter informed about ITOs who will served during 100th edition of the European senior championships.

7 Approval of the Annual Report on the activities of:

- President Report

EWF President, Antonio Conflitti presented his report to the Congress delegates. There were no questions regarding the EWF President Report.

EWF President Report was approved by all Congress delegates.

- General Secretary Report

EWF General Secretary, Milan Mihajlovic presented his report to Congress delegates. There were no questions regarding the EWF General Secretary Report.

EWF General Secretary Report was approved by all Congress delegates.

- Treasurer Report

EWF Treasurer, Dr. Astrit Hasani presented his report to Congress delegates. There were no questions regarding the EWF Treasurer Report.

EWF Treasurer Report was approved by all Congress delegates.

- TC Chairwoman Report

Tina Beiter, EWF TC Chairwoman, presented the TC report. There were no questions regarding the EWF TC Report.

EWF TC Report was approved by all Congress delegates.

- CR&SC Chairman Report

The CR&SC Report was given by Colin Buckley, Chairman of the EWF CRSC.

The president of the Dutch Weightlifting Federation emphasized the importance of adhering to national education rules. The IWF General Secretary discussed intentions to provide coach licenses and change technical rules, particularly regarding street competitions. The President of the Georgian Weightlifting Federation stated that he recommended organizing separate events for snatch and clean and jerk a few years ago.

EWF CRSC Report was approved by all Congress delegates.

- MC Chairman Report

Tryggve Duun, Chairman of the EWF MC, gave the MC report. There were no questions regarding the EWF MC Report.

EWF MC Report was approved by all Congress delegates.

- AC Chairman Report and approval of the Financial Report

Patrick Fassott, EWF AC Chairman, presented the AC and financial reports, as well as EWF expenses and income.

There were no questions for AC Chairman and EWF Treasurer.

EWF AC Report and Financial Report was approved by all Congress delegate.

- Anti-Doping Chairwoman Report

Ms. Denise Offermann, Chairwoman of the EWF Anti-Doping Commission, discussed previous commission activities. Three lectures would be given at the current European championships.

She also stated that the European Weightlifting Masters organization will incorporate Paralympic competitors into their competitive system.

EWF Anti-Doping Commission Report was approved by all Congress delegates.

- Fair Play Commissions Chairman Report

The Chairman of the EWF Fair Play Commission, Mr. Alex Padure, presented the commission's operations.

Mr. Padure has been appointed as EWF Press Communication Manager, EWF President informed the Congress delegates.

EWF Fair Play Commission Report was approved by all Congress delegates.

8 Information on the preparation of the forthcoming EWF Championships

- 2022 European Youth & U15 Championships

Competition Regulations was sent to NFs.

- 2022 European Junior & U23 Championships

European Junior & U23 Championships will be held in October 2022 in Albania.

- 2023 European Senior Championships

2023 European Senior Championships will be held in Yerevan, Armenia in April 2023.

9 Award well-deserving personalities

Well deserving personalities were awarded:

- "EWF Gold collar for sport merits"

Mr. Pyrros DIMAS (GRE) – Olympic Champion

Mr. Halil MUTLU (TUR) – Olympic Champion

H.E. Mr. Ilir Meta, President of the Republic of Albania

(The European Weightlifting Federation President, Mr. Antonio Conflitti and General Secretary, Mr. Milan Mihajlovic have presented the highest EWF Distinction to H.E. Mr. Ilir Meta, President of the Republic of Albania during an official visit at the Albanian Presidential Office in Tirana, on Sunday 28 May, 2022)

- "EWF Gold star"

Dr. Antonio URSO (ITA) – EWF Honorary President

- "EWF Silver star"

Mr. Giorgi ASANIDZE (GEO) – Head Coach of the Georgian Team

Mr. Kim TKACHENKO (UKR) - ITO

- "EWF Bronze star"

Mr. Guy KOLLER (FRA) – President of the Weightlifting Federation of France

Mr. Florian SPERL (GER) – President of the Weightlifting Federation of Germany

Ukrainian Weightlifting Federation Congress delegates, Vadim Rudiak and Viktor Slobodianiuk, presented symbolic awards to the EWF President, Mr. Antonio Conflitti, EWF General Secretary, Dr. Milan Mihajlovic, IWF Interim President, Dr. Mike Irani, IWF General Secretary, Mohammed Jalood, and Mr. Alex Padure, EWF Executive Board Member and Romanian Weightlifting Federation General Secretary, for the assistance provided to Ukrainian weightlifting team to participate in the World Junior Championships in Greece, and at the European Senior Championships in Albania, and for the support given in the preparation of the men's national team in Romania.

10 Presentations by sponsors - Eleiko

Antonio CONFLITTI
President



Dr. Milan MIHAJLOVIC
General Secretary

Eleiko's new equipment was presented to Congress delegates.

11 Information about EWF Constitution

EWF President and EWF Legal Affairs Chairperson, Oren Shai provided details on activities related to the new EWF Constitution.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Congress representative Nedim Masic inquired about the team that worked on the Constitution and offered his assistance.

Oren Shai stated that he had chosen his team, and that in the second stage, following the draft version, all NFs will be included in the upgrade of a new Constitution.

12 Other proposals by National Federations and the Delegates

David Kipshidze, Chairperson of the Marketing Commission, praised SportFive for their media relationships with the EWF and invited Mr. Tigran to give a brief address. Mr. Tigran appreciates all congress delegates who have shown support for EWF to go to the next commercial level.

Alex Padure, the Chairman of the EWF Fair Play Commission, reminds delegates that the Youth Olympic Games have been postponed until 2026, and invites everybody to do their best to incorporate weightlifting at the Europe Games and EYOF.

There were no other matters to discuss.

All Congress participants were invited to take a commemorative photo of this occasion.

The EWF President thanked Congress delegates, wished to all championships participants success and closed the Congress.

EWF Congress finished at 14:30 CET.



Dr Milan V. Mihajlovic
EWF General Secretary