

Minutes of 2016 APF General Assembly

June 11, 2016 9:45 am to 11:30am

Ananta Udiapur Hotel, India

1. Roll call of Nations and Delegates

Attending nations:

- Chinese Taipei
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Oman
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka
- Uzbekistan

Attending EC members:

- President: Farshid Soltani
- Vice President: Kim-Won Pok
- Interim Secretary General: Wing-Yuk Ip
- Honorary Treasurer: Ramon Debuque
- Technical committee Chair: Chen-Yeh Chao
- Board member East Asia: Wing-Yuk Ip
- Board member South Asia: PJ Joseph

Invited guests:

- Dr Raze Vafaei (Iran)
- Representative from ER equipment (Sweden)

Presidential address (Farshid Soltani)

In the past 1 year, the president worked hard to bring Powerlifting into Asian Indoor Games in 2017.

Also IPF Send official letter for OCA. (OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF THE ASIA)

He pointed OCA (OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF THE ASIA) most important organization in Asia and nobody did not notice to this organization, all Asian games must to be confirm by OCA.

And pervious managing in Asian powerlifting federation had not any contact to them and just contact to Turkmenistan powerlifting federation.

For this matter he had important meeting and connection with:



1) Iran national Olympic committee general secretary (they can connect to OCA)



2) U.A.E national Olympic committee general secretary (they can connect to OCA)

3) Turkmenistan powerlifting federation (they can connect to N.O.C of the Turkmenistan)

This meeting important because President of the Iran national Olympic is EC board member of OCA

Also U.A.E national Olympic committee very active organization and have good connection to president of the OCA (Olympic council of the Asia) who is Kuwait Nationality.

And the end he very much thanking to IPF President Mr. **Gaston Parage** for support in APF By call and letter for this matter all the time.

IPF has started the first University World cup Championship in Belorussia. The President urged all the countries to work together towards IOC recognition.

The President attended the IPF EC meeting in Czech Republic and highlighted the important issue: IPF will set up a Youth committee. IPF urges all Federations to send enthusiastic young athletes to work in the said committee.

The President pointed out that the Medical committee needed more people to work. He also raised that gears and equipment may be too expensive to many Asian lifters. Countries may consider paying a fee to IPF and get an approved team singlet to lower the price.

The President also raised the issue of real time streaming of the competitions. However there is a financial issue that needs to be further discussed.

Approval of Minutes of the last General Assembly 2015

The Interim Secretary General summarized the Minutes of the last General Assembly. Philippines proposed approval of minutes and India seconded the proposal. The said minutes was endorsed.

Treasurer's report (Ramon Debuque)

The Honorary Treasurer reported the auditor's report of 2015. He proposed the budget of 2016 and it was approved. **(Appendix a-f)**

General Secretary report (Wing-Yuk Ip)

Interim Secretary General's report:

I thank all the APF members for your trust and support to me to be the interim Secretary General for the past 6 months after the resignation of Mr. Sergey Kim. APF is facing many challenges like doping, poor anti-doping measures and education, lack of host for Championships, IOC recognition etc.

With the hard work of the new IT officer, we have changed our website which contains more useful information than the old one and it is updated regularly. Hopefully with more resources chipped in, our website can reach international standard.

Technical Committee report (Chen-Yeh, Chao)

I had also thanked that Mr. Hannie Smith helped me a lot to do the Referees' exam during Asian Powerlifting Championship and Asian Classical Powerlifting Championship last year.. It was a huge work I had never done. I couldn't finish a lot of work without Mr. Hannie Smith last year.

The IPF were considering from Muslim women' wanted to participate any International Powerlifting Championship .The IPF congress made a great decision let the Muslim women to wear their Muslim headscarf on their head and long sleeved clothes with singlet to participate any International Powerlifting Championship. It was great to hear that the all of Muslim women lifters can wear their Muslim headscarf on their head and long sleeved clothes with singlet participate any international Powerlifting Championship in the future.

Third, the IPF Approved supportive list By IPF recommend Approved supportive list has started last year 1st January 2015. On the IPF website Approved bulletin board has announced only from commercial manufacturers officially registered and approved by the Technical Committee shall be permitted for use in Powerlifting Competitions. This applies to all championships and records, from Local to World. But the lifters had a lot of problem with the substandard (unqualified) costumes, support shirts, wraps, singlets etc. Asian powerlifting championship last year. They all have to be IPF permission commercial manufacturers officially registered and approved by the Technical Committee shall be permitted for use in Powerlifting Competitions. This applies to all championships and records, from Local to World.

There were a lot of referees' passing the examination CAT 1and CAT 2 last year.

Key and important, the member federations MUST send more referees to our APF Championships. At some APF championships there are still not enough referees to officiate. Also, this past year, there were several referees' help some APF championship from day and night. So, please, assist us in resolving this situation. Many of the referees work tirelessly at our championships and we're very grateful for their professional work!

Medical Committee report (Wing-Yuk Ip)

Lack of education in doping is an important issue in Asia. Anti-doping seminar was arranged in the Asian Powerlifting Championship in 2015 and 2016. The committee welcome doctors from all the members to join the committee. Dr. Raza Vafaei is welcomed to join as committee members. With more members, the committee can look after health issue of lifters, injury during competition, fitness to competition, etc.

Election of Secretary General for the remaining term

Candidates:

- Alexey Pankrashev (Kazakhstan)
- Rajesh Tiwary (India)
- Josephine Wing-Yuk Ip (Hong Kong)

Their CV were on table for reference. Each candidate gave a speech of 5 minutes. Mr. Alexey Pankrashev was absent and he was introduced by the President.

Voting was done by secret ballot. Mr. Alexey Pankrashev Had 1 vote. Mr. Sri Rajesh Tiwary had 9 votes. Ms. Josephine Wing-Yuk Ip had 5 votes.

Mr. Rajesh was elected the Secretary General.

Proposal for amendment of constitution

In EC meeting dated Dec 13, 2015, it was approved the Technical Committee Chair will be admitted to EC. The amendment of Constitution of APF was endorsed.

New member application

Sri Lanka was accepted to member of APF.

Action on Delinquent Nations

No suspension

Hall of the Fame

Chinese Taipei suggested Mr. Tsung-Ying Hsieh, Ms. Ya-Wen Chang for receiving the Hall of Fame.

Philippines suggested that there should be objective criteria for selection for Hall of Fame.

The President suggested that it would be further discussed in EC meeting.

Bids and confirmation on Future Championships

2016

2016 Bench Press Championship will be hosted by Uzbekistan.

Asian- Oceania Classic Powerlifting Championship will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand in 2016.

2017

.2017 Asian Powerlifting Championship: will be hosted by, Indonesia in MAY
2017 Equipment Bench Press & Classic Bench Press Championship: Philippines in SEP
Asian Classic Powerlifting Championship: Sri Lanka in DEC

2018

2018 Asian Powerlifting Championship: Bid
2018 Equipment Bench Press & Classic Bench Press Championship: Bid
2018 Asian Classic Powerlifting Championship: Bid

Any other business

1. It was also decided to send the calendar of events of the Asian Federation for 2017 to the International Powerlifting Federation.
2. The meeting decided to strictly ensure the dress code and neatness for referees officiating in the Asian Championships.
3. It was decided to hold Referees clinic along with Asian Championships for refreshing and Updating the changes taking place in this field. Hence, all member – nations shall communicate to the Asian Federation the names of Referees (both Category I and Category II) well in advance and ensure their participation in the Refresher clinics for Referees.
4. It was also decided to strictly ban use of unauthorized equipment by competitors taking part in competitions. Member nations shall take note of this and ensure availability of equipment of authorized companies for competitors from their country. It was also decided to request the International Powerlifting Federation to make arrangements to ensure supply of sufficient authorized equipment in all affiliated nations.
5. Asian Federation would also request the IPF to take necessary steps to ensure availability of Elieko instruments for conducting Asian Championships well before the beginning of the Hall of Fame award to them. It was further decided to strictly apply IPF norms and rules for deciding Hall of Fame award from next year onwards.
6. The meeting further decided to make the webpage of the APF more attractive and up to date by uploading photos, videos and other relevant information by obtaining the required password. Mr. P. J. Joseph of India was authorized to take care of this matter within a month.
7. The meeting discussed the matter of timely submission of preliminary entries (ie.before 60days) for competitions by member nations. Those who fail to comply with the time limit and submit within 21 days prior to the Championships shall pay a fine of \$200 per competitor along with the final entry.

8. Tem concerning digital photocopier was discussed and it was decided to write it off given the fact that's it's nonfunctional and has zero value at present based on depreciating asset value..

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

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