

## Board Conference Call Minutes

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018

1) Asia Open Singapore 13/16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (KB/SB/WA).

The championships were a success given the tough financial constraints.

- 16 countries participated more than 50% outside of Asia
- 62 athletes participated in total.
- 38 medals were won shared by 12 countries
- 49 bouts in total over the tournament period.
- China and South Korea are expressing interest in hosting the event in 2018.

2) SportAccord membership workshop 15/16 June 2017(KB/DW).

- The president and CEO attended the SportAccord membership workshop in Lausanne.
- 29/30 other sports were also in attendance as well as the WMMAA.
- Day 1- was explaining the membership process and criteria and Question and Answer sessions.
- Rivalry with existing members seems to be the main obstacle for many sports including ourselves.
- Mr. Patrick Baumont President of SportAccord/GAISF communicated to the meeting that it was unlikely that any of us would be considered ready to be considered for full membership until the 2019 congress. He also made clear that the recently voted in Observation status is not membership.
- Day 2 - one on one meeting with the membership commissioner for our sports, which was Mr. Stefan Fox and Mr. Philippe Gueisbuhler. The message was clear from them that we must work with WMMAA to move our application forward.

3) World Championship preparations update (DW).

- Preparations for the world championships are going well. We are in regular communication with the Bahrain team. If finance allows our team will do a recce in September.
- Our Sport Organisation Regulation (SOR) manual is ready.
- Intent to compete is already past 250 individuals and some of the big countries that normally would compete have not answered yet.

- We want to propose to raise the entry fee slightly from \$835 to \$850.
- Contract with the Golden Tulip hotel has already been signed for 200 twin rooms. We may need other hotels if the interest in this event grows beyond a certain point.

4) IMMAF coaching Commission update (DW/BA).

- The progression scheme is near enough completed and is already being piloted and has been supported wholeheartedly by the IMMAF coaching commission.
- The coaching qualification course level1 and 2 has been done and this will be piloted in Dublin 15/16 July 2017. There are already 25 participants enrolled and members of the IMMAF Coaching com will be in attendance to deliver the course and progression scheme.

5) Financial Update (DW).

- Cashflow is tight. We have paid the majority of our debtors but not all. We are holding money back to pay staff salaries to September/October by which time we should start receiving income from the World championship participation fees.
- The audit of the last financial year 2016 is imminent and will be sent out to all federations with all other relevant documentation required for the General Assembly in November. Middle of August is the deadline for this to reach our federations.
- Preliminary figures for the year end 2016 show income \$1,374,966; Operating expenses \$1,487,487. Loss for the year -\$112,521(USD).
- Asia open; Cost -\$28, 794: Income \$ 30, 612.50. We have some refunds to make to 4 athletes and we have shipping cost to come in for equipment being shipped from Singapore to the UK. We also have an invoice for one athlete that needed hospitalization. These additional costs will put the event into a small deficit but much better shape than previous events. We owe a big debt of gratitude to the UFC team that helped out with venue charges and medical as well. Without that support we could not and would not have done this event.

6) AOB

- African Open is taking place 2<sup>nd</sup> edition in Johannesburg August 28<sup>th</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017. The My Next Match portal is open for entries and the fee I believe has been agreed at \$390USD.
- The My Next Match portal for the world championship entry will commence 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017.
- In 2018 Stewart Brain informs us that there will be an Oceania open event in Australia in partnership with the Arnie Classic. Further details to follow.



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