



THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> MEETING  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
Orlando, Florida  
Thursday, 27th September at 15:00**

**In Attendance**

Mr Gianarrigo Rona, President in the Chair  
Mr José Damiani, President Emeritus  
Mr John Wignall, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Mr Al Levy, Executive Vice President  
Mr Patrick Choy, Vice President  
Mr Mazhar Jafri, Vice President  
Mr Marc De Pauw, Treasurer  
Ms Georgia Heth, Hon. Secretary  
Mr Marcelo Caracci, Member  
Mrs Chen Zelan, Member  
Mr Paul Janicki, Member  
Mr Jan Kamras, Member  
Mr Eric Laurant, Member  
Mr Eitan Levy, Member  
Mrs Kari-Anne Opsal, Member  
Mr Bernard Pascal, Member  
Mrs Sheena Rayner, Member  
Mrs Janice Seamon-Molson, Member  
Mr Merlin Vilhauer, Member  
Mr Howard Weinstein, Member  
Mr David Harris, General Counsel

**Also in Attendance**

Mr Simon Fellus, WBF Secretary  
Ms Carol von Linstow, Secretary to the Executive Council

**By invitation of the President**

Mr Panos Gerontopoulos, Honour and Advisory Committee Member  
Mr Dan Morse, former Executive Council Member  
Mr George Retek, Honour and Advisory Committee Member  
Mrs Esther Sophonpanich, President of Zone 6  
Mrs Suzi Subeck, ACBL  
Mrs Lilian Sun, interpreter

**Excused**

Mr Giorgio Duboin, Member

The President called the meeting to order at 15:15. He declared that there was a quorum, and the meeting proceeded as follows.

The President commented on the Congress meeting heard earlier in the day which was well attended but the majority of the delegates were proxies for the various NBO Presidents.

## **1. International Events & Relations with International Organisations – agenda item 17**

### *1.1 IMSA – agenda item 17.2*

Mrs Chen reported on the IMSA Master Games to be held in May 2019. IMSA is also going to organize the 2020 World Mind Sports Games

The President noted that the next meeting of SportAccord will be held on the Gold Coast of Australia from 5-10 May 2019.

### *1.2 IMSA Elite Mind Games 2018 – agenda item 17.3*

The Executive Council approved that the teams chosen to participate in the IMSA Elite Mind Games 2018 would be:

#### Men

China, Host

USA, World Champion Lyon 2017

Netherlands World Champion Wroclaw 2016

Norway, European Champion Ostend 2018

1st Substitute France, Silver Medal Lyon 2017

2nd Substitute Israel Silver Medal Ostend 2018

#### Women

China, Host & World Champion Lyon 2017

Sweden, Bronze Medal Lyon 2017, Silver Medal Ostend 2018

USA, World Champion in Wroclaw 2016

Poland, European Champion Ostend 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Substitute England, Silver Medal in Lyon 2017

2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute Norway, Bronze Medal Ostend 2018

### *1.3 Asian Olympic Games – agenda item 17.4*

Mrs Sophonpanich, President of Zone 6, gave a full presentation of the part Bridge played in the 2018 Asian Olympic Games in Jakarta from 18<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September. There were inevitable teething problems but on the whole, it was a great success. It is expected that the AOC will be held in China in four years' time and that Bridge will again be a participant.

Mr Jafri also presented his report on this milestone for bridge.

### *1.4 Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) – agenda item 17.5*

Mr Jafri gave a full and detailed report on this. He had attended meetings of the Olympic Council of Asia and had had a most fruitful one-on-one discussion with the OCA President Sheikh Ahmed Al Fahad Al Sabah.

## **2. TDs Committee – agenda item 33**

Mr Harsanyi presented the Report of the TDs Committee including a list of the WBF accredited Directors with their new rankings.

The Executive Council the updated Official TDs Register as follows:

*WBF Honorary Head Tournament Director: Max Bavin (England), Bill Schoder (USA)*

*WBF Honorary Chief Tournament Director: Claude Dadoun (France), Maurizio Di Sacco (Italy), Ton Kooijman (The Netherlands), Richard Grenside (Australia)*

*Head Tournament Directors: Matt Smith (Canada), Antonio Riccardi (Italy)*

*Co-Head Tournament Director: Dimitri Ballas (Greece), Bertrand Gignoux (France), Laurie Kelso (Australia)*

*Chief Tournament Directors: Marc van Beijsterveld (The Netherlands), Bernardo Biondo (Italy), Antony Ching (China Hong Kong), Pierre Collaros (Switzerland), Rui Marques (Portugal), Jeanne van de Meiracker (USA), Sol Weinstein (USA)*

*Assistant Chief Tournament Directors: Manolo Eminenti (Italy), O. Rahmi Iyilikci (Turkey), Slawek Latala (Poland), Jacek Marciniak (Poland), Waleed El-Menyawi (Egypt), Fearghal O'Boyle (Ireland), Gordon Rainsford (England)*

*Tournament Directors: Mihaela Balint (Romania),, Gustavo Chediak (Uruguay), Xiangyang Chen (China), Denis Dobrin (Russia), Jacob Duschek (Denmark), Peter Eidt (Germany), Ken Horwedel (USA), Henrik Johansson (Sweden), Jakub Kasprzak (Poland), Sean Mullamphy (Australia), Ihsan Qadir's (Pakistan), Fu Qiang (Cina), Marieke Quant (The Netherlands), Mike Roberts (USA), Yunjian Tang (China), Tiffany Tse (Hong Kong)*

*Assistant Tournament Directors: Robin Barker (England), Richard Bley (Germany), Rob Bosman (The Netherlands), Kelvin Chan (Hong Kong), Tan Chen (China), Jerome Cheung Ka Fai (Hong Kong), Abby Chu (Hong Kong), Christer Grahns (Sweden), Zheng Zhi Hao (China), Li Ming Hua (China), Huang Ai Jun (China), Yoshiro Kido (Japan), Jeppe Knappe (Denmark), Matt Koltnow (USA), Koh Luwen (Singapore), McKenzie Myers (USA), Pan Naxing (China), Ma Jun Qing ((China), Ryszard Sliwinski (Sweden), Balasundaram Subramanian (India), Gerald Tan (Singapore), M. Fahir Uzumcu (Turkey)*

The EBL will hold a TDs Refresher Course in Antalya, Turkey from 6-9 February next year. Other Zones will be invited to send Tournament Directors to participate.

### **3. Antidoping & Medical Matters – agenda item 22**

#### **3.1 Medical Commission Activities – agenda item 22.1**

The President welcomed Professors Paolo Walter Gabriele and Giovanni Capelli to the meeting together with Anna Gudge.

Prof. Gabriele and Capelli reported in depth about the antidoping and health matter, the policy of the WBF, the data concerning the bridge players, the results achieved and the activity done by the Medical Commission. Prof. Gabriele remarked to be very proud of the work done by his commission.

The meeting thanked and congratulated Prof. Gabriele and Capelli for their report and the Medical Commission for the excellent job done.

#### **3.2 WADA New Policy & Questionnaire**

Anna Gudge reported that the compliance questionnaire had been a very long and complex document that had been completed within the required time scale. After a year, WADA sent a Corrective Action Plan to be completed in order to maintain compliance with WADA.

This required a lot of documents to be prepared and uploaded to WADA; the Educational Programme to be defined; implementation of the ABP Haematological Module program to utilise the Steroidal Module; Documenting a Policy and procedure for the collection of intelligence; Updating the website to reflect WADA requirements for publication of ADRV decisions; Updating the site to ensure we are compliant with WADA requirements for TUE details; Checking our compliance with DATA processing requirements and ensuring the Privacy policy reflects this.

WADA has also started work on a revised Code, to be implemented in 2020. We have had the opportunity to add a comment suggesting that, in view of risk assessments undertaken we do not need out of competition testing or whereabouts testing. IMSA has given their support to this move and has also added relevant comments. GAISF have suggested that we open a dialogue with WADA to get this officially recognised at this stage this will be started as soon as possible.

Mrs Gudge reported that all the details given on the Corrective Action Plan have been accepted and signed off by WADA and it only requires the addition of the contract with the APMU laboratory and an approved Policy for the Collection of Intelligence.

The WBF Policy and Procedure for the collection of information (intelligence) for anti-doping purposes as follows was unanimously adopted by the Executive Council:

*WBF Policy and Procedure for the collection of information (intelligence) for anti-doping purposes.*

*As a Mind-Sport Bridge has a lower risk of doping than most other sports, and notably wasn't mentioned at all in the McLaren Report.*

*The WBF does recognise, however, that it is important to be pro-active in the field of Anti-Doping, and that it should react to information gained by other sports and mind-sports in particular in order to ensure that its anti-doping programme is kept up to date and relevant.*

*Intelligence and information may be gathered from a variety of sources: The WBF Website links to the WADA Whistleblowing program through the website as can be seen at <http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/intelligence-and-whistleblowers/>*

*The WBF has its own Express Line, where players are able to report confidentially on any breach of ethics that come to their attention: <http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/ethics-discipline/hlpc/>*

*During WBF Championships the play is monitored as are the results allowing the WBF Medical Commission, should it wish to do so and deem it necessary, to target certain teams, pairs or individual players.*

*Information may also be received directly via:*

- Emails sent to the Secretary of the Medical & Prevention Commission*
- Information from the Medical & Prevention Commission*
- Information from the WBF Disciplinary Committee*
- Data from the Championship Committee*
- Information from Technical / Medical personnel on site*
- Data posted on social media or through the press*

*Such information would be sent to the Secretary to the WBF Medical & Prevention Commission, Anna Gudge ([anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:anna.gudge@worldbridgefed.com)).*

### *Processing of Information and Data Protection*

*When the information is received it is to be logged in a password protected file/directory which will record the details of the intelligence, how and when it was received and from whom.*

*Such intelligence shared by any agency or individual will be processed, used and disclosed only for legitimate anti-doping purposes.*

*Anyone with access to the information is bound by confidentiality.*

### *Evaluation of Information received*

*All anti-doping intelligence will be assessed upon receipt for relevance, reliability and accuracy with the nature of the source and the circumstances surrounding the receipt of such intelligence being taken into account.*

*Information and intelligence received will be discussed confidentially by the members of the Medical and Prevention Commission at a subsequent meeting or by such of their number as are on site at a specific Championship, together with the President of the WBF and possibly the Chairman of the WBF Disciplinary Committee and the WBF General Counsel in order to evaluate the data and decide whether further action is required; such action could result in target testing of individuals, teams or pairs, and potentially reports to DFSU, WADA or the NADO concerned.*

*All such intelligence will be collated and analysed to assist the WBF in the development of a more effective anti-doping strategy and, if appropriate to determine whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that an anti-doping rule violation may have been committed warranting further investigation. It will also be used to assist in the Test Distribution Plan.*

*Where appropriate and in accordance with item 11.4.2 of ISTI such intelligence may be shared with other agencies.*

### *3.3 Transgender Policy*

*The President reported about a letter received from EBU concerning the WBF Transgender Policy and that, not having any rule at regard, it's necessary to introduce it.*

A detailed report about the matter and its regulation in the IOC and several IFs was presented by Prof. Capelli.

The Executive Council unanimously approved that the gender should be taken as that shown in the ID/Passport.

The President then presented Mrs Gudge, Mr Gabriele and Mr. Capelli with the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal.

#### **4. Zonal Presidents' Reports**

##### *4.1 Zone 8 report – agenda item 29.8*

Since Mr Pascal would be leaving the next day, he read his report on activities in Zone 8. He was thanked by the President. The President reported about a talk that he had with M.me Chafika Tak-Tak concerning the possibility to organise in Morocco a World Championship and will keep informed the Council of any relevant development.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:20 to be reconvened on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September at 09:30.