



**IBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
13<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 12:00hrs - Tashkent, Uzbekistan

**1. Opening remarks by IBA President**

IBA First Vice President, Mr. Prodyvus Volodymyr, opened the meeting.

**2. Roll Call**

Twelve (12) members were present in the conference room.

Members present online: Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira.

Members excused: Mr. Ajay Singh, Mr. Jinqiang Zhou, Mr. Abner Teixeira and Ms. Lovlina Borgohain.

In addition, the meeting was attended by Mr. George A. Yerolimpos, IBA Secretary General & CEO and Mr. Yury Zaytsev, IBA Legal Counsel. The Vice President Mr. Abdulmutalim Abakarov was also present.

**3. Approval of previous meeting minutes**

Mrs. Dlala reminded the Board members that the previous meeting minutes (New Delhi, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023) had been already approved by the Board via a mail vote.

**4. Summary of mail votes decisions**

The composition of the IBA Ad hoc Communication Committee with the IOC was confirmed, which was the following:

1. Mr. Chunhavajira, Pichai – ASBC President and IBA Board Member
2. Mr. Filippatos, Ioannis – EUBC President and IBA Board Member
3. Mr. Laureano, Jose – AMBC President and IBA Board Member
4. Mr. Mendouga, Bertrant – AFBC President and IBA Board Member
5. Mr. Nena, Tauhiti - OCBC President and IBA Board Member
6. Mr. Zhou, Jinqiang – IBA Board Member
7. Mr. Singh, Ajay – IBA Vice President
8. Mr. Yerolimpos, George – IBA Secretary General & CEO

There was a granted approval for a shortened period for change of sport nationality for:

1. Akilov Pylyp, change from Ukraine to Hungary
2. Pylypec Maxsym, change from Ukraine to Hungary





The minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023, New Delhi was approved, and it was agreed to disclose this decision and publish its copy on the IBA website.

## **5. IBA Sport and development matters**

The Board agreed to start the agenda items with Sport and Development matters.

Mr. Marko Petric and Mr. Chris Roberts presented updates on various sport and development projects.

Mr. Umar Kremlev joined the Board and apologised for his delay as he went to go visit an injured boxing champion that was in hospital. He asked to continue with the meeting.

The 2024 World Championships Bidding proposals, change of age eligibility, registration fees, development department update was discussed.

**Decision:** Extending the age eligibility criteria to 45 (forty-five) years old pending the finding of the Medical Committee. Competitions and Athletes' Committees to be also consulted and to send their proposal.

**Approved by the majority.**

**Decision:** Proposed fees to register for events, 100 USD per athlete deducted from hotel fee afterwards. Implement registration fees for IBA Competitions.

**Approved by the majority.**

## **Women's World Boxing Championships Kazakhstan, 2024**

A representative from the Kazakhstan Boxing Federation came to present his vision for the 2024 World Boxing Championships in Astana city, Kazakhstan.

**Decision:** Host the 2024 Women's World Boxing Championships in Astana city, Kazakhstan.

**Unanimously approved, no abstentions.**

## **4. Report of Secretary General & CEO and update on other administrative matters**

### **IBA & IOC Relations**

The Secretary General & CEO, Mr. Yerolimpos stated that the IBA and the IOC have been exchanging multiple letters regarding point of potential non-compliance and the IBA responded to these concerns with the necessary information and attachments in order to respond fully.





On the topic of the IOC relationship with the IBA, Mr. Yerolimpos expressed that after sending multiple letters to the IOC and creating the Ad hoc Communications Committee, the IBA received no responses from them.

### **Membership issues**

On 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023, an association to be known as World Boxing was announced.

On 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023, USA Boxing terminated their membership with IBA.

### **Next steps on NFs not submitted annual report**

The countries who have not submitted their annual reports are the following:

AFBC: Equatorial Guinea, Liberia

EUBC: Ireland, Iceland

**Decision:** Open a formal procedure according to article 13 of the IBA Constitution, implying: (i) sending a notice of charge, (ii) granting the NF a deadline to answer (till 18 May 2023) and, possible (iii) suspend the NF until a further determination is made by the Congress (that could even decide to revoke the membership).

**Unanimously approved, no abstentions.**

### **2023 IBA Congress**

Mr. Yerolimpos informed all Board members that on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023, the bidding guidelines were sent to IBA members, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023, was the deadline to send full bidding proposals and on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023, the IBA Ordinary Congress will be held.

Cape Verde withdrew their offer on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023, Hungary did not send their bidding proposal. Ghana provided a full bidding package and the supporting documents. Their total estimated budget is USD 1,051,165.51. The split costs will be 10% LOC and 90% IBA.

The IBA President, Mr. Umar Kremlev, suggested the Congress should be held in Asia as it is the year of Asia. He suggested Qatar as a potential destination. However, the decision of the location was postponed as it was confirmed there is still time to decide.

**Decision:** The IBA Congress 2023 shall be hosted on the continent of Asia.

**Unanimously approved, no abstentions.**

### **Additional proposals for Committees Members**

New proposals of members for IBA committees were presented including new members for the Diversity, Champions & Veterans, Coaches, and Medical Committee.

The newly proposed committee members were the following:

Mr. Yousuf Al-Kazim (Qatar) as a Board of Directors representative for the Member Federations Committee.





Mr. Abdeljaouad Belhaj (Morocco as a Board of Directors representative for the Member Federations Committee)

Mr. Ajay Singh (India) as a member of the Diversity Committee

Mr. Dian Gomes (Sri Lanka) as a member of the Diversity Committee

Mr. Thomas Stalker (England) as a member of the Champions & Veterans Committee

Ms. Mandy Bujold (Canada) as a member of the Champions & Veterans Committee

Ms. Anusha Kodithuwakku (Sri Lanka) as a member of the Champions & Veterans Committee

Mr. Salim Lezeregue (Algeria) as a member of the Coaches Committee

Mr. Aldunasser Jasim Mohamed Al Bujasim (Iraq) as a member of the Medical Committee

**Decision:** Appoint additional members to IBA Committees as per the proposed list.

**Unanimously approved, no abstentions.**

### **IBA Media & Commercial Partnerships' Value 2023**

The IBA Media & Commercial Partnerships' Value for 2023 was presented, including Media Rights, Sponsorships, and Licensing Partners resulting the total estimated revenue being USD 1,591,566 USD.

### **Cloud Office**

Mr. Yerolimpos presented the cloud office.

## **5. Report on Legal matters**

### **World Boxing**

Mr. Yerolimpos started the topic by informing the Board that World Boxing was announced on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023. On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023, IBA sent a letter to each individual, boxers and officials, and to the national federations allegedly involved to request clarification of their participation in World Boxing. Only the Philippines and Welsh Boxing Federations confirmed that they were not involved/not supporting World Boxing.

IBA communicated to all National Federations that silence/no response to IBA would be considered as participation to World Boxing. Alleged violations & complaint, National Federations & Individuals concerned, and alleged violation by National Federations was discussed.

**Decision:** To provide notice to German Boxing Association (Deutscher Boxsport-Verband), New Zealand Boxing Association, Swedish Boxing Federation, and The Netherlands Boxing Federation (Nederlandse Boksbond) of the opening of a proceeding against them because of alleged violation of article 11.1 (a, c, h) of the IBA Constitution and 5.2 of the IBAMembership Policy, grant these National Federations the right to be acquainted with the charges against it and to exercise its right to be heard (till 18 May 2022, 17:00 CET).

**Unanimously approved, no abstentions.**

### **53<sup>rd</sup> Grand Prix by Czech Boxing Association ("CBA")**





**Decision:** To provide notice to CBA of the opening of a proceeding against it because of alleged violation of article 11.1 (a, c) of the IBA Constitution and rules 1.6.1, 4.1.1 of the Technical & Competition Rules, grant CBA the right to be acquainted with the charges against it and to exercise its right to be heard (till 18 May 2023, 17:00 CET)

**Unanimously approved, no abstentions.**

#### **Update on Boxing Independent Integrity Unit (“BIIU”)**

Open cases were discussed such as Tribunal Case no. 2023/01, Tribunal no. 2023/02, and Tribunal no. 2023/03. Mr. Zaytsev also mentioned that on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the BIIU Managing Board held its second meeting discussing the following: Information about IBA/BIIU, Election of BIIU Bodies, Review of amendments to the Regulations, BIIU Budget, and next steps and actions. The composition of members of the BIIU Tribunal, BIIU Dispute Resolution Chamber, Nominations Units and Education & Development Unit was presented.

#### **CAS Imane Khelif**

The case of Imane Khelif enrolled in the Court of Arbitration for Sport with no. CAS 2023/A/9575 was briefly discussed.

#### **Amendments to the Technical & Competition Rules**

Eligibility on gender was discussed as well as Change of sport nationality. The following amendments were sent to the Board to review prior to the Board of Directors meeting:

##### Rule 4.2. Eligibility on Gender:

4.2.1. Boxers will compete against boxers of the same gender, meaning Women vs Women and Men vs Men as per the definitions of these Rules.

4.2.2. To determine the gender, the Boxers can be submitted to a random and/or targeted gender test which will be conducted by IBA in cooperation with the selected laboratory personnel.

4.2.3. In case of adverse result, the Boxer will be immediately notified by IBA.

4.2.4. In case of adverse result, the Boxer will be disqualified from such competition with immediate effect and will be prevented to compete in further IBA owned and sanctioned competitions of that gender. For this purpose, IBA will share such information with the relevant internal bodies respecting its confidentiality.

##### Rule 4.3.

5. The Boxer, together with its new National Federation, may request the IBA Board of Directors, who will take into account the circumstances of each case, to shorten the period.

7. To start the procedure to change the Sport Nationality of a Boxer, IBA Head Office needs to receive the documents mentioned in Appendix 1 and the Appendix 2 properly filled of these Rules.

**Decision:** Does the Board agree to approve the above amendments to the Technical & Competition Rules?

**Unanimously approved, no abstentions.**

#### **Update on Swiss Registry of Commerce**





On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023, IBA sent all documents to the Notary and the Notary will submit all documents to the Swiss Registry of Commerce soon.

### **Update on Abu Dhabi Office**

The IBA Brand in Abu Dhabi is officially registered in Masdar Free Zone. IBA is working on opening a bank account, the documents have been submitted. When IBA will be registered in the Swiss Registry of Commerce, the Branch shall be registered in Switzerland.

### **Elections to fill vacant position in Board of Directors**

Since Ms. Elise Seignolle left the Board of Directors, her position will stay vacant until the IBA Congress 2023.

After the resignation of Ms. Seignolle, among Independent Directors, there are only four (4) women and no representatives of AMBC. Therefore, the nomination unit shall organize the elections with the purpose to elect a woman Director representing AMBC.

### **Foundation for a Better Boxing (“FBB”)**

The composition of members of FBB council was presented.

#### **Decision:-**

To call the FBB's members meeting with the purpose to take the following decisions:

Remove Mr. Rob Garea, Mr. Franco Falcinelli, Mr. Andrew Ryan and Mr. Mohamed Moustahsane from the FBB Council.

Appoint Mr George Yerolimpos as a member and Secretary General and FBB Council with the right of joint signature of 2 (two).

Appoint Mr. Abdulmutalim Abakarov and Ms. Pearl Dlamini as members of FBB Council.

#### **Unanimously approved, no abstentions.**

## **6. Report by Prof. Richard McLaren**

Professor McLaren had seven (7) topics that he wished to present to the Board, which are the following:

### **1. Outstanding cases for BIU review**

- Four (4) disciplinary cases outstanding
- Two (2) serious cases – alleged attempted bribery of Technical Delegate at MWCH Belgrade Oct. 2021 and alleged overstepping of authority of EUBC Board of Directors at 2022 EUBC Elite Men’s Championships in Yerevan. Further allegations some board members supported corrupt activities of senior EUBC personnel

### **2. Actions of EUBC undermining integrity efforts of IBA**

- For eighteen (18) months, the MIIT has been conducting integrity assessments of competition





officials

- The request to EUBC that six (6) high risk officials (both R&Js and ITOs) not be appointed was blatantly ignored and all six (6) were appointed.
- Certain individuals are following an agenda based on personal benefit in whatever form that may take rather than acting in the best interests of boxing

### **3. Bout review process**

- The MIIT attends various IBA tournaments in an integrity oversight capacity and has commented on the process
- The current bout review process still being developed is better than no review process or one made in private following advanced cash payments. Possible breach of IBA regulations to work in the best interests of the organisation (Borovcanin)

### **4. Boycotts of IBA events by breakaway federations**

- Federations who boycott Tashkent for regulatory breaches to be carefully considered
- Applications to join “World Boxing” to be received and confirmed in November. At this time disciplinary actions to be considered for federation members who publicly align themselves with World Boxing

### **5. Provisional measures against USA Boxing / Czech federation and partitioning officials**

- The request for provisional measures against USA boxing and Czech Boxing Federation to be reviewed. Proportionality and reconciliation to be explored (Czech Federation). Follow up actions to focus on individuals involved in decision making rather than the federation as a single entity

### **6. Generally the work of the MIIT**

- Voice Analytics (AI) enhances the opportunity to detect, investigate and eliminate unethical officials while protecting honest and dependable officials from unwanted pressure to act unscrupulously
- Corruption of the R&J Draw process and competition officials is harder to allege when independent oversight is present and acting as a deterrent

### **7. Tashkent UZB**

- MIIT deployed two investigators throughout the competition. Should become a best practice.
- Integrity testing procedures identified issues that were swiftly rectified (VIP access and security of official’s lounges)
- Commissioning a communications strategy be considered as it is clear that perception of IBA is still poor and does not take account of significant strides IBA has made.

RHM remarks delivered on 13 May 2023





**7. Additional Business**

Ms. Elise Seignolle connected to the meeting via Zoom to explain her motives for resignation. She was listened and President and all Board members wished her the best in her future endeavors.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023, in Phuket Thailand.

**8. Decision regarding the information disclosure after the meeting**

**Decision: Unanimously approved, no abstentions.**

**9. Closing remarks by IBA President**

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

