



Minutes of the Commonwealth Wrestling Federations Meeting

14th of April 2018 - Gold Coast (AUS)

1. Welcome

Pedro Silva welcomes all the participants on the name of the President, Mr. Lalovic. He also mentions that he is glad to be here after his function as Competition Manager for our sport during the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

He also presents Daniel Robin, our Technical Delegate for these Games. He asks the attendance if everybody agrees that Jean-Daniel Rey will take the minutes of the meeting. All the participants approve it.

Mr. Silva starts the meeting by reading the agenda.

Mr. Rolle (Bahamas) proposes to speak first about the constitution and then start with the election. All the participants approve his proposal.

2. Attendance

Mr. Silva proposes therefore that the representative of each country fill in the attendance form. The complete list of the attendees is attached to these minutes.

3. Summary of the situation with the Commonwealth Wrestling Association

During that time, Mr. Silva takes the opportunity to speak about the next point of the agenda. He explains that this Association is not recognized by United World Wrestling. This information was already given during the Commonwealth Wrestling Championships. It is also very important to build a Committee that will be completely dedicated to the Commonwealth Countries.

Mr. Silva asks the attendance if there is any question regarding this topic. Mr. Wiggett (Wales) takes the floor and says that he completely agrees of the necessity to have a Committee for their Countries.

Mr. Silva also says that it will be even more important from now as Wrestling is a core sport of the Games.

Mr. Lawson (England) also says that it will be very important that United World Wrestling and this Committee will have a good relationship with the Commonwealth Games Federation.

We are waiting the attendance list filled in. During that time, Mr. Saul (Australia) thanks all the participating countries for their availability. He explains that it is very good that we are a core sport of the Games but we can also lose that position quickly. It is therefore very important to work hard to keep this situation. We should show to the CGF that we are strong by registering many athletes in most of the weight categories that we can.



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Mr. Rolle (Bahamas) takes the floor to underline the fact that some countries don't have a big budget and that we need to be careful with the membership fee as the United World Wrestling Fee was already multiplied by 10.

Mr. Silva tells him that it will be the duty and the rights of the Members to define that fee. With this new Committee, they will be free to speak about all the topics and the fee will be also part of their discussions.

Mr. Bosse (South Africa) says that apart the financial question, it is very important to build a strong Committee for the future of the Wrestling in the Commonwealth Countries.

Mr. Silva says that it is exactly why this meeting is important. To be able to get out of the room with a strong Constitution and show to United World Wrestling and the Commonwealth Games Federation that it becomes serious.

The attendance list is filled in. We currently have 21 countries that attend the meeting. The majority is therefore 11. Few minutes later, a representative from Cameroun joins the meeting. We have therefore 22 countries with a majority of 12.

Mr. Silva says that he is very proud and happy about the participation. All the participating countries are available for this meeting.

That shows the interest of all of them.

4. Approval of the Constitution

Following the proposal of Mr. Rolle (Bahamas), the discussion about the constitution starts.

Mr. Silva proposes that we won't read all the document as they already received it by email but just to open the discussion with all the representatives if they have comments or modifications to do in that document.

All the representatives agree.

Mr. Lawson (England) starts by saying that with all the respect that he has, the English version should be revised by an English-Speaking person.

Mr. Lawson underlines many points that need to be written in a better way. The Updated version of the Constitution is attached to these minutes.

One change concerns the composition of the Commonwealth Wrestling Committee (CWC). The members exchange their opinion about the specific case of Great Britain (Wales - England - Northern Ireland - Scotland) but also some Islands that are not recognized by the CGF and recognized by UWW.

That modification is approved by the attendance.

Another big discussion concerns the number of term a CWC Member should be allowed to do. Mr. Lawson proposes a maximum of two terms. Mr. Sualley (Sierra Leone) proposes three terms.

Mr. Silva proposes therefore to make a vote about that topic.



The vote will consist with:

No maximum term - 2 terms - 3 terms

Results of the vote: No maximum term (0) - 2 terms (21) - 3 terms (1)

Mr. Silva changes therefore this point in the Constitution.

The second question that needs to be voted is the possibility for a member to come back in the Committee after one period break or never again.

Vote: 2 terms and no possibility to come back: 9 votes
 2 terms and the possibility to come back: 13 votes

Mr. Lawson (England) proposes also to add an appendix that mentions the possibility to join a meeting via Skype if a Member can't travel. It is approved by the attendance.

Mr. Rolle (Bahamas) proposes some small changes in the layout of one article.

Mr. Isaacs (Jamaica) says that it would be very good to let more time to read again the document.

Mr. Bosse (South Africa) proposes to accept the Constitution in the principle and the elected CWC Members will review it during their first meetings in order to have a final approval in the next General Assembly.

Everybody approves this suggestion.

Mr. Silva says that the Constitution will be updated and sent to the new CWC Members. The Members will have therefore the responsibility to improve the English in the document and approve it during the next General Assembly. All the Commonwealth Countries will receive it with the minutes of the meeting, for information. In this way each of you will be able to read it carefully.

5. Election of the Commonwealth Wrestling Committee / 7 members

Mr. Silva begins by asking the participants who are candidate for the Election. We have therefore:

Mr. John Saul	Australia
Mr. Don Ryan	Canada
Mr. Brijbhushan Singh	India
Mr. John Isaacs	Jamaica
Mrs. Adalane Depaune	Nauru
Mr. Daniel Igali	Nigeria
Mrs. Marlene Pouri-Lane	New Zealand
Mr. Abdul Mobein	Pakistan
Mr. Sakkie Bosse	South Africa
Mr. Ilai Manu	Tokelau
Mr. Ian Wiggett	Wales

Mr. Silva proposes to make a break in order to prepare the papers for the vote.



We restart the meeting with the explanations of Mr. Silva about the procedure of the vote:

- To be elected in the first round - at least 12 votes
- At least one woman has to be elected
- Maximum of 7 votes per representative country with at least one women in these 7 votes

Mr. Singh (India) proposes to elect one representative per Continent. He gives his proposed countries. Mr. Silva explains that we won't add criteria. Each representative will vote and maybe the diversity with all the Continents will be reached.

He proposes that all the candidates present themselves.

Mr. Singh (India) says that if his proposal is not taken into consideration, he will withdraw his candidacy. Mr. Ryan (CAN) explains that he understands his proposal but that should have been written in the Constitution that was just approved.

Mr. Igali (Nigeria) says that India is a very important country in the Commonwealth and for that Committee. He says that if India is not elected, it is still possible to have coopted Members.

Mr. Sualley (Sierra Leone) says that the Rules are already fixed. A vote must be done in order to elect the best people but he agrees with Mr. Igali to coopted additional people, if necessary.

Mr. Bosse (South Africa) says that if we agree with this proposal, we will certainly block some people who really want to be active in the CWC. He says that we have to vote for the best representatives.

Mr. Silva asks therefore Mr. Singh (India) what he wants to do. He says that he withdraws his candidacy but he will be involved in the future discussions among the Commonwealth Countries.

We start the first round of the vote:

Each representative is called and vote. Valid Ballots 22 - Majority 12

Mr. Silva open the box to count the ballots. Each paper contains the right number of votes (maximum 7 and at least one woman)

The final results after the first round show that we won't need a second round. 7 candidates reach 12 votes.

ELECTED

Mr. Daniel Igali	Nigeria	19 votes
Mr. Don Ryan	Canada	18 votes
Mr. Ian Wiggett	Wales	18 votes
Mr. John Saul	Australia	17 votes
Mrs. Marlene Pouri-Lane	New Zeland	15 votes
Mr. Sakkie Bosse	South Africa	15 votes
Mr. Ilai Manu	Tokelau	13 votes

NON-ELECTED

Mrs. Adalane Depaune	Nauru	10 votes
Mr. John Isaacs	Jamaica	8 votes
Mr. Abdul Mobeen	Pakistan	4 votes



The elected Members get out of the room in order to speak about the role of each of them.

The elected Members come back and Mr. Silva announces their proposal:

President	Don Ryan	(Canada)
1 st Vice President	Sakkie Bosse	(South Africa)
Vice President (treasurer)	John Saul	(Australia)
Vice President	Daniel Igali	(Nigeria)
Secretary General	Ian Wiggett	(Wales)
Member	Marlene Pouri-Lane	(New Zealand)
Member	Ilai Manu	(Tokelau)

All the representative countries approve this proposal by acclamation. Don Ryan, as the new elected President leads the meeting, as it is mentioned in the Constitution.

He says that it is a historical moment for our countries. He says clearly that he won't be alone to take all the decisions. The Committee will be part of the decisions but also all the Commonwealth Countries.

As the Wrestling final session will start very soon, he asks the attendance if there is any question.

The President of Jamaica, Mr. Wallen, explains that Wrestling will be nothing in Jamaica without Josip MrKochi. He helped them a lot. He understands that he is not anymore involved in that Committee but he thinks that we should thank him. By example by giving a medal during the award ceremony.

Daniel Igali (Nigeria) says that if we can't give him such favor, we could announce something at the venue.

Mr. Silva explains that from a Competition Manager perspective (what he was in Glasgow), it won't be possible to change the protocol so late.

Mr. Bosse (South Africa) explains that it is not the right place to give an award to him. If we want to honor him, we could organize something during the Commonwealth Championship.

Mr. Ryan (Canada) concludes the meeting and thank one more time all the participants.



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