



WORLD PARAVOLLEY

Board of Directors Meeting Summary – 16 October 2023

This is a summary of the main items discussed at the 16 October 2023 World ParaVolley Board meeting held online. Please note that this Meeting Summary is 'DRAFT' until formally approved at the next WPV Board meeting.

1 Roll-call

Present:

- Barry Couzner, President
- Lori Okimura, Vice President
- Nicky Nieves, Athletes' Commission
- Ivan Cosic, Athletes' Commission
- Louise Ashcroft, Medical Director
- Branko Mihorko, President, PVE
- Cailiang Lu, President PVAO
- Ehab Hassanein, President, PVA
- Joe Campbell, President, PVPA
- Phil Allen, General Manager
- Benno Meijer, Treasurer

Apologies

- Christine Shelby, Marketing Director
- Stephen Giugni, Sport Director
- Anton Raimondo, Development Director

2 Welcome

- The President welcomed all members to the meeting.

3 Business arising

- Discussion occurred around having a small group check Minutes before they are tabled for the next meeting, and this was agreed.
- A verbal and confidential safeguarding update was provided by the President.

4 Confirmation of between-Board meeting decisions

- Consensus agreed on our vote at the IPC meeting re suspension of Russia and Belarus (Vote yes to suspend and to abstain, respectively)
- Weiping Tu confirmed as TD for the 2024 Final Qualifiers in China (Board e-vote)
- Gordon Neale OBE confirmed as Team Leader of the Awards Committee (Board e-vote)
- Approval of the proposed MoU with World Abilitysport (Board e-vote)

5 Governance

- **IPC meeting – Bahrain – Lori Okimura**
 - LO reported on the outcomes of the RUS situation – that RUS was banned for the next 2 years and individual athletes can compete without RUS identification but not RUS teams – therefore no sitting volleyball teams from RUS are allowed into the Paris 2024 PG
 - Governance of IPC matters discussed including conflict of interest, 2 appointments to the Board based on expertise needed, term limits not being imposed and vetting of candidates for election.
 - LO attended the APSO meeting and discussed events, safeguarding and RUS situation.
 - LO attended a number of other useful side meetings.

6 Written Reports

- Written reports were tabled and discussed by all Board members. Discussion topics included:
 - Competition window preferred by athletes is April to September
 - Security issues around the World Cup in Cairo
 - PVE call for an EGA to discuss Safeguarding
 - Review of online GA meetings
 - PVA Sitting Volleyball Zone Championships in Nigeria in 2024
 - Afro Arab Sitting Volleyball Club Championships in EGY in early 2024
 - Para Pan Am Games future
 - Columbia membership legal issues
- Strategic Planning meeting in LA discussed

7 Motions

- The proposed Confidentiality Policy was approved.
- The proposed 2024 Event Rights Fees Policy was approved.
- The update of the Disciplinary Regulations was approved.