

**WORLD PARAVOLLEY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Summary – 31 March 2021**

This is a summary of the main items discussed at the 31 March 2021 World ParaVolley on-line Board meeting. Please note that this Meeting Summary is 'DRAFT' until formally approved at the next WPV Board meeting.

**1 Roll-call**

**Present:**

- Barry Couzner, President
- Wayne Hellquist, Vice President
- Jose Rebelo Athletes' Commission
- Tatyana Ivanova, Athletes' Commission
- Louise Ashcroft, Medical Director
- Ivana Pavic, Development Director
- Jim Leask Marketing Director
- Branko Mihorko, President, PVE
- Joe Campbell, President, PVPA
- Hayat Khattab, President, PVA
- Phil Allen, General Manager
- Jason Odongo (Observer)
- Zita Zhang (Observer)

**Apologies**

- Laurent Torrecillas, Sport Director (on leave)
- Cailiang Lu, President PVAO (in quarantine)

**2 Items to be followed up**

- a. KEN debt summary presented and still to be followed up
- b. FISU – contact has been made by the President and FISU is evaluating new sports for the Universiade with the IPC
- c. Grants update provided for e-learning project
- d. Anti-Doping Code 2.0 – we are compliant
- e. 2021 e-Congress ideas – members being surveyed

**3 Decisions approved by Executive Committee or Board**

- a. That Weiping Tu is appointed as the Technical Delegate for the 2022 Sitting Volleyball World Championships in China
- b. That the Board approves the addition of Christopher Samuda to the Judicial Commission pending approval at the 2022 General Assembly
- c. The leave of absence arrangements for the Sport Director were approved by the Executive Committee
- d. That World ParaVolley adopt the revised WPV Antidoping Rules 2021 version 2.0
- e. That ParaVolley Egypt is approved as the host of the 2021 Sitting Volleyball World Cup

- f. That Sven Ritter is appointed as Technical Delegate for the 2021 Sitting Volleyball World Cup in Egypt.
- g. That Weiping Tu is appointed as the Technical Delegate for the 2022 Asian Para Games Sitting Volleyball competition in China.
- h. That Phil Allen is engaged as the General Manager for the next 4 years subject to the conditions contained in the Agreement

#### **4 Governance Issues**

- a. Development Re-structure to be followed up by the Development Director
- b. NED Registration is being advanced and hope to complete by 1 June
- c. Athlete representation at the General Assembly to be followed up by the Athletes' Commission
- d. Constitution was updated and to be posted on the website
- e. Possible Turkey Board meeting in Oct 2021 to be followed up
- f. CAS decision re RUS permits the two teams to participate in Tokyo 2020
- g. Digitisation of PVE – presentation delivered by Branko Mihorko

#### **5 Written Reports tabled**

- a. President
- b. Marketing Director
- c. Medical Director
- d. Development Director
- e. Zone Presidents
  - a. PVE
  - b. PVPA
  - c. PVAO
  - d. PVA
- f. Athletes' Commission
- g. General manager
  - a. Membership
  - b. Finances

#### **6 Motions Passed**

The following Motions were passed:

- That the Beach Commission Terms of Reference are approved
- That the standing volleyball awards are approved for publication on International World ParaVolley Day on April 24
- That the additional sitting volleyball awards are approved for publication on International World ParaVolley Day on April 24 2021
- That the new Awards system is approved for implementation, replacing the previous system
- That the Awards Committee structure and Terms of Reference is approved in principle
- That the Board invokes Article 17.1 to change the Constitution to read the following:

- **Article 7.5:** *"Excluding the Presidents of the Zone Confederations, the appointed non-voting members and the athlete representatives, no more than **two** elected officers of the Board shall live in the same nation or have the same nationality"*
- That the "Voting Between Meetings" paper is approved for implementation
- That the Development Director is appointed as Chair of the WPV Grants Committee, effective immediately
- To accept Rowena Naidoo as the PVA member of the WPV Scientific Research Commission.
- To accept the following as members of the Anti-Doping Commission
  - Ana Paula Provenca (Testing and Results)
  - Hassan Hajir (TUE manager)
  - Milan Milosewich (PVE)
  - Dr. Jinzhong Ma (PVAO)
  - Olga Melo Trujillo (PVPA)

## **7 Other information**

- Need to plan a communication strategy for IPC and FIVB
- Possibility of sitting volleyball participation in the ASEAN Para Games (Vietnam) is yet to be confirmed
- Tokyo 2020 and the IPC are severely limiting attendance at the Paralympic Games, and this has implications for WPV personnel. Only operational staff to attend – no family and friends – no international spectators - and accreditations will be very limited. There is a possibility of classification being permitted at the Games for sitting volleyball and some other sports.
- UK Sport have allocated funding to support the development of sitting volleyball in the UK