



## **IBA Board of Directors**

### **Meeting Minutes**

26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – Havana, Cuba

# 1. Opening remarks by IBA President

The President started the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanked them for their presence in Cuba.

# 2. Welcome remarks Mr. Osvaldo Caridad Vento Montiller – Presidente del Instituto Nacional de Deportes, Educación Física y Recreación (INDER)

Mr. Osvaldo Caridad Vento Montiller gave a warm welcome to the President and Board members. He expressed his gratitude towards the designation of Cuba being the main host and venue for the International Boxing Day activities along with IBA Champions' Night.

### 3. Roll call

### Voting Members present in person:

Mr. Umar Kremlev

Mr. Ioannis Filippatos

Mr. Jose Laureano

Mr. Tauhiti Nena

Mr. Eyassu Wossen Berhanu

Ms. Pearl Dlamini

Mr. Abdeljaouad Belhaj

Ms. Kristy Harris

Ms. Zsuzsanna Toth

Mrs. Marta Forcén Celaya

Mr. Yousuf Al-Kazim

Mr. Dian Gomes



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Ms. Lourdes Avendaño

Voting Members excused:

Mr. Volodymyr Prodyvus

Non-Voting Members excused:

Mr. Abdulmutalim Abakarov

Voting Members with no response:

Mr. Jinquiang Zhou

Ms. Lovlina Borgohain

Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira

13 out of 17 eligible Voting Members were in attendance at the Board of Directors meeting.

# The quorum was reached as per article 29.5 of the IBA Constitution.

In addition, the meeting was attended by Mr. Chris Roberts OBE, IBA Secretary General & CEO, Mrs. Anastassiya Dlala, IBA Director of Administration & HR, Mr. Yury Zaytsev, IBA Legal Counsel, and Mr. Alberto Roigé Godia, IBA Director of Legal.

### 4. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

The meeting minutes from the Board of Directors' online meeting on 18th July 2024 were not submitted for approval, as Mrs. Marta Forcén Celaya requested a review of her comments. The decision on approval will be postponed until the minutes have been reviewed. It was also agreed to keep point 6 confidential in the previous meeting minutes regarding those respective legal cases: 'Update on the current situation in Court', to not be disclosed in full to the general public.

### 5. Summary of decisions made through mail vote

Mrs. Dlala presented the previous mail vote decision made by the Board of Directors on 31 July 2024:

 To grant Provisional Membership to Australian National Amateur Boxing Association until the next IBA Congress meeting. In addition, it was approved to disclose the above decision and publish its copy on the IBA website.

### 6. Update on IBA Committees

Mrs. Dlala informed the Board that Mr. Abner Teixeira resigned from his position in the Athletes Committee, and in turn, from his role as Athletes Committee's Representative on the Board of Directors. According to article 18.3 (c) of the IBA Regulations on Corporate Governance

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Committees, the Athletes Committee is required to appoint a new representative from among its members to fill the vacant position. Considering the sole interest of Mr. Thabiso Selby Dlamini to become this representative, the Head Office issued a mail vote to the Athletes Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2024 to vote on his candidacy. However, the Head Office only received two votes despite multiple reminders. Considering that these two votes are not sufficient to elect a representative for the position, Mrs. Dlala mentioned that now this decision has been put into the hands of the Board to elect a representative for the Athletes Committee.

# A vote was conducted if the Board agree to appoint Mr. Thabiso Selby Dlamini as the male Athletes Committee Representative on the Board of Directors. The appointment was not approved by a majority vote.

The President intervened to make a point that the Board should rather search and send potential candidates of individuals who are willing to actively participate within the Committee and the Board as he has noticed that the majority of the current Athletes Committee members are not actively participating.

Mrs. Forcén Celaya and Mr. Laureano also expressed their concern regarding the current female Athletes Committee representative regarding her attendance at Board meetings and would like to perhaps re-consider her position as well.

In result of these comments, the President requested that the Board should propose potential candidates for the vacant position as well as for the candidates to present themselves and their goals within the position during the upcoming Board meetings to have a better understanding of their vision.

Regarding the IBA Professional Boxing Committee, the President requested for the candidates to also be physically present and express their goals within the Committee as well as present themselves to the Board before electing the positions.

### 7. Update on legal matters

# a) CAS IBA vs IBF

Mr. Yury Zaytsev took the floor and started off by presenting the CAS IBA vs IBF case. He explained how the Indian Boxing Federation did not respect the Hosting Agreement during the Women's World Boxing Championships 2023 in New Delhi. Therefore, after more than 1 year delay and several written notifications to IBF, IBA submitted a claim against IBF to the Court of Arbitration for Sport as per the arbitration clause provided for in the Hosting Agreement.









### b) SFT IBA vs IOC

- c) Mr. Zaytsev updated the Board on the ongoing case between IBA and IOC before the Swiss Federal Tribunal. IBA appealed for the annulment of a CAS award, citing a violation of its right to be heard, incorrect applications of the Swiss Civil Code and failure to consider competition law, while the IOC argued that CAS had correctly applied the law, and CAS did not find abuse of market dominance by IOC. Other cases
  - 8. Mr. Zaytsev informed the Board about other cases involving IBA and its affiliated persons. Update on Finance, report from July 2023 to July 2024

Mr. Roberts gave an overview of the IBA Financials 2023-2024 in Swiss francs (CHF).

## 9. We Play and branding recognition

Mr. Roberts continued by giving a brief presentation on We Play and shared how We Play delivered a new identity of the International Boxing Day 2024, including logo, brand book and digital mechanics. The Board was presented with supporting visuals of the above forementioned details to understand the idea behind the elevated branding for IBA.

### 10. IBA Paris Press conference and subsequent course of action

Mr. Roberts then moved onto giving a brief overview of the Press Conference in Paris. He went into details regarding what the idea of the press conference in Paris was, the technical issues that were faced, media questions, and finally outcomes and lessons of the Press Conference.

### 11. Next IBA Board Meeting

Mrs. Dlala took the floor and announced the next Board meeting to be held online via Zoom on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 12:00 CET.

She continued by stating that the final Board meeting of the year to be an in-person pre-Congress meeting on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024, in Dubai, UAE.

### 12. Additional Business

Mr. Laureano took the floor and thanked everyone who was present in the meeting and expressed his gratitude for the International Boxing Day and Champions' Night being held in the Americas. He further thanked the President and Secretary General for their support.









# 13. Decision regarding the disclosure of information after the meeting

The Board unanimously agreed to disclose the decisions made during this meeting and mentioned in these minutes.

# 14. Closing remarks by Mr Umar Kremlev, IBA President

In closing, the President thanked everybody for their support and trust and officially closed the meeting.

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These meeting minutes were drafted by the IBA Head Office and were approved by the Board of Directors on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

