

Minutes

of

Meeting between the Board and Units' Chairmen

Dubai, 6 December 2024, 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

1. Presence

- Bernhard Welten (BW), President
- Dejan Laninovic (DL), Member
- Richard Young (RY), Member
- Dev Kumar Parmar (DKP), Member
- Nader Alawadhi (NA), Member
- Malek Badri (MB), Chairman Tribunal
- Francois Strydom (FS), Chairman DRC
- Emin Özkurt (EÖ), Chairman Nomination (FS)
- Alberto Roigé Godia (ARG), IBA

Excused:

- James Kitching, Member
- Marco Steiner, Director

2. Update / overview of the Units' cases and activities by the Chairmen

a) Tribunal

MB points out that the situation was quite delicate in a couple of cases as the political situation regarding World Boxing and the IOC did have some (indirect) influence on certain facts of the cases. Therefore, a diplomatic way of solving the disputes had to be found. In relation to investigations in national federations, the question came up if these were matters to be treated by the Tribunal or the DRC. Therefore, a clarification of the competence between the two Units is possibly needed. He informs that he received the statistics prepared by the Director.

In the discussion, the point came up if in the future the Tribunal decisions issued should have no reasoning or possibly a short reasoning. Idea is that often the persons deciding do only see certain details when a full reasoning is written.

BW states that he prefers to have the decisions issued without reasoning at all as it is done now and reasonings will only be issued once a party is requesting them in order to prepare an appeal to the CAS. This helps to minimize the work and costs involved and leads to a faster decision as well.

b) DRC

FS would prefer that the DRC's areas of mandate will be expanded in order to have the chance to get more cases. To promote the DRC and its dispute resolution possibilities, the own homepage of the BIIU is an important tool. He would like to promote the possibilities within the Boxing World in order to generate more business for the DRC. He points out that he is very happy on how the Director is managing the BIIU.

In the discussion it came out that it is of importance to have more information from the IBA Board in order to know if any adjustment of the structure of the BIIU is needed. Therefore, it is suggested to ask IBA if the President could possibly be invited for the IBA Board Meetings.

c) **Nomination Unit**

EÖ informs that with the nomination of a fifth member, his unit is now complete as well. He is ready for the next elections and he stresses the importance that the BIIU remains independent and is not getting too close to IBA.

3. Update from the Board

BW informs that the business year was adjusted to the IBA's business year going from July to June. Therefore, by 30 June 2024, the first full business year of the BIIU was closed. The big number of cases coming to the Tribunal were mostly decided and since then, the workload was going back to the expected number of cases. As discussed before, it would be important to have more cases for the DRC, meanwhile the Nomination Unit is busy once elections are coming up.

4. Information in relation to IBA's activities / development

The information provided by the Director on an average of once per month is appreciated and to be continued. This certainly helps the Board Members and the Chairmen of the Units to be actual with the news of the IBA. In addition, BW plans to provide further information in case he will be invited to the IBA Board Meetings in the future. The strategy of IBA is certainly to promote the boxing in general, be it on a professional as well as on an amateur level. IBA wants to provide a fantastic infrastructure for the athletes to compete and make their living. Therefore, it is of importance to further expand the reach and bring in more sponsors to promote the sport around the world.

5. Discussion regarding experiences / difficulties and possible improvements

See agenda point 2 regarding the reasoning of decisions. Further, the Chairmen of the Units consider it as crucial to have an integrity mechanism in place for the IBA events (referees and judges) and how such integrity work is being done, especially after Richard McLaren and his team are no longer involved.

6. Varia / next meeting

Scope is to plan the upcoming meetings in the year 2025 as soon as possible. However, as it is foreseen to hold an in-person meeting with all members, it is important to combine this with an IBA event as soon as the schedule is fixed. Possible dates for the video calls in spring / fall 2025 will be coordinated soon.

At the end, a picture of all persons present was taken in order to publish it on the BIIU homepage.

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Bernhard Welten, Chair BIIU Managing Board