

**INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR RUGBY FEDERATION (IWRF)**

**DRAFT MINUTES - 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Frankfurt am Main, Germany - 14 November 2016

**(A) Attendance and Apologies**

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***Members of the IWRF Board of Directors present:***

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John Bishop	President
Ken Sowden	Vice President
Eron Main	Secretary General
Cathy Cadieux	Treasurer
Jens Sauerbier	Athlete Representative
Richard Allcroft	Member at Large
Terry Vinyard	Member at Large

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***Absent Members of the IWRF Board of Directors:***

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Duncan Campbell	Member at Large
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***Full Members of the IWRF present:***

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	Country	Voting Delegate	Additional Delegate
(1)	Argentina	Juan Foa	Steve Loader
(2)	Australia	Jenni Cole	
(3)	Austria	Matias Costa	
(4)	Brazil	Luiz Claudio Pereira	
(5)	Canada	Laurel Crosby	
(6)	Chile	Juan Reyes	
(7)	Colombia	Adriana Gonzales	
(8)	Denmark	Patrick Andersson	
(9)	France	Olivier Cusin	
(10)	Germany	Dr. Horst Strohkendl	
(11)	Great Britain	David Pond	
(12)	Indonesia	Rodney Holt	

(13)	Israel	David Weinreb	
(14)	Japan	Yasuo Shiozawa	
(15)	Korea	Seo Sang-Ok	
(16)	Netherlands	Natasja Slood-Bosma	
(17)	New Zealand	Cherie Harris	
(18)	South Africa	Clyde Holland	
(19)	Sweden	Magnus Krossen	
(20)	Switzerland	Adrian Moser	
(21)	United States	Emily Shyrock	Mandy Goff
and	from 14:43 CET onwards only:		
(22)	Russia	Tatiana Nechay	

***Full Members absent and excused:***

(23)	Belgium
(24)	Czech Republic
(25)	Finland
(26)	Italy
(27)	Ireland
(28)	Norway
(29)	Poland

***Zonal Presidents attending:***

Juan Foa	Americas Zone
Christoph Werner	European Zone
Tim Johnson	Asia-Oceania Zone

\*) on behalf of George Hucks, the President of the Asia-Oceania Zone

(B) General Assembly

<i>Items</i>	
1.0	<p><b>Chairman's Welcome and Call to Order</b></p> <p>John Bishop, the president of the IWRF, welcomed the attendees at 13:55 CET. He expressed his appreciation that so many were able to take the time to attend the General Assembly.</p> <p>John Bishop took the chair and called the meeting to order at 14:00 CET. The Chairman highlighted the participation in the 2016 Paralympic medal tournaments in Rio de Janeiro and other major tournaments, including the 2015 recap in Toronto. Concluding his opening speech, he delegated the roll call to CEO Eron Main.</p>
2.0	<p><b>Roll Call and Quorum (sec. 5.6 of IWRF's Statutes)</b></p> <p>Eron Main conducted the roll call of voting members (Full members under sec. 4.2.a. of IWRF's Statutes). He explained that, of the total of 29 Full members, 50% plus one Full member constituted a quorum. At the time of the roll, there were 21 IWRF Full member countries present. Accordingly, the Chairman declared the General Assembly quorate. Each of the 21 voting delegates present at the time of the roll call received a green voting card.</p> <p>(Only later, also Russia attended the General Assembly by the arrival of Tatiana Nechay at 14:43 CET; please refer to item 7.0 of the agenda below).</p>
3.0	<p><b>Approval of the Agenda</b></p> <p>The Chairman proceeded to propose a vote by the General Assembly on the approval of the agenda (as set forth in <u>appendix 3.0</u>) by raise of hands (green voting cards).</p> <p>A unanimous result was noted: 21 votes in favour and zero votes against. The Chairman announced that the agenda had been accepted by the General Assembly by unanimous vote.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Minutes of the 2014 IWRF General Assembly</b></p> <p>The Chairman invited questions and motions regarding the proposed vote on the minutes of the 2014 IWRF General Assembly.</p> <p>Jenni Cole, Australia, proposed one correction.</p>

The Chairman put the minutes of the 2014 IWRF General Assembly, as amended by the correction, to vote by the General Assembly.

A unanimous result was noted: 21 votes in favour and zero votes against.

The Chairman announced that the resolution on the approval of the minutes of the 2014 IWRF General Assembly, as amended, was passed by unanimous vote.

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Reports</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<b>President's Report</b>  The Chairman delivered the President's report to the General Assembly.
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Financial Statements</b>  Cathy Cadieux, the Treasurer, presented the financial statements of the IWRF for the financial years 2014 and 2015, as included in the meeting documents. For 2016, she explained that a deficit in the order of USD 15,000 should be expected, which was mainly due to expenses for the participation in the Paralympics in Rio, but which would be leveled out over a quadrennial term.  The Chairman invited questions from the General Assembly.  Answering a question why the financial statements of the IWRF were unaudited, Cathy Cadieux said that a financial review was conducted by the IWRF auditors, but it was not a technically complete audited for reason of cost savings.  The Board moved that the firm of McKay Duff be appointed as auditors for the IWRF to review that financial statements for the financial years of 2016 and 2017. New Zealand seconded.  A unanimous result was noted: 21 votes in favour and zero votes against.  The Chairman announced that the resolution on the appointment of McKay Duff be appointed as auditors for the IWRF to review that financial statements for the financial years of 2016 and 2017 was passed by unanimous vote.
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Zone Reports and</b>  The Zone reports for

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the Americas Zone</li><li>- the Asia-Oceania Zone</li><li>- the European Zone</li><li>-</li></ul> <p>were presented by Juan Foa on behalf of the Americas Zone, Tim Johnson (<i>in lieu</i> of George Hucks, who was excused) on behalf of the Asia-Oceania Zone and Christoph Werner on behalf of the European Zone.</p>
<b>5.4</b>	<b>Standing Committee Reports</b>  The reports of the Standing Committees were presented as included in the meeting documents.
<b>5.3/ 5.4</b>	<p>The Chairman invited questions on the reports from the meeting, but there were none.</p> <p>The Board moved that the reports be received as presented. Australia seconded.</p> <p>A unanimous result was noted: 21 votes in favour and zero votes against.</p> <p>The Chairman announced that the resolution on the Zone Reports and the Standing Committee Reports was passed by unanimous vote.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Motions to the General Assembly</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Motions from the Board</b>  The Chairman noted that there were no motions from the Board of Directors.
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Motions from the Standing Committees</b>  The Chairman noted that there were no motions from the Standing Committees.
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Motions from the Members</b>  The Chairman referred to the 4 motions from the Members, as included in the meeting documents as <b><u>appendix 6.3</u></b> .  <u>Motion from Australia</u>  Eron Main read out the motion by Australia for the introduction of a video review of flagrant fouls that lead to suspensions. On behalf of Australia, Jenni Cole confirmed the motion and explained the rationale for it.

France seconded the motion.

On behalf of the Technical Committee, Kevin Bowie explained the referees' view, referred to the arrangement of multiple-angle cameras in other sports, and argued against the motion from Australia.

The Chairman restated the motion from Australia and called the question.

The vote resulted in 4 votes in favour and 16 votes against, with one abstention.

The Chairman announced that the resolution on video review of flagrant fouls failed to receive the requisite majority and, thus, did not pass.

#### Motions from Brazil, Colombia and the United States

Each of the motions from Brazil, Colombia and the United States (appendix 6.3) were withdrawn by the mover.

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## 7.0

### **Elections**

With respect to the Board of Directors, the one position as Treasurer and two positions as Members at Large were on the agenda as set forth in **appendix 7.0**.

Each of the nominees had the opportunity to present themselves to the meeting.

Upon delegation from the Chairman, Eron Main explained the voting procedure for the election of these Members of the Board of Directors. After deduction of abstentions and invalid votes, only the sum of valid "yes" and valid "no" votes would be counted as votes cast. A majority of 50% of the votes cast plus one vote was required for a nominee to be elected.

Voting took place by ballot papers, with each voting under items 7.1, 7.2.1, 7.2.2 and 7.2.3 below having a ballot paper of its own.

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## 7.1

### **Resolution on the appointment of Cathy Cadieux (the one nominee only) as Treasurer for the 4-year term ending upon the end of the IWRF General Assembly in 2020**

Of the 21 votes present the voting resulted into 1 abstention and 20 affirmative votes for the election of Cathy Cadieux as Treasurer.

	<p>Eron Main announced the results of the voting and declared that Cathy Cadieux had been elected as Treasurer for the 4-year term ending upon the end of the IWRP General Assembly in 2020.</p>
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Resolution on the appointment of two Members at Large, for the 4-year term ending upon the end of the IWRP General Assembly in 2020, from the following five nominees: Richard Allcroft, Clyde Holland, Rodney Holt, Gary Pate and Mike Spence</b></p> <p>Following the arrival of Tatiana Nechay as Voting Delegate of Russia at 14:43 CET, Eron Main renewed the roll call and announced that 22 Full Members (22 votes) were present in total.</p>
<b>7.2.1</b>	<p>The first round of voting resulted into 22 valid votes, each vote for (up to) two of the five nominees.</p> <p>Of these votes cast, Richard Allcroft received a majority of votes (17 affirmative votes) for his election as Member at Large of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>No other nominee received a majority of the votes cast.</p> <p>Eron Main announced the results of the voting and declared that Richard Allcroft had been elected as Member at Large for the 4-year term ending upon the end of the IWRP General Assembly in 2020.</p> <p>After receiving the lowest number of votes, Rodney Holt was dropped from the ballot.</p>
<b>7.2.2</b>	<p>In the second round of voting, Clyde Holland, Gary Pate and Mike Spence were eligible for the one remaining position as a Board Member at Large.</p> <p>The second round resulted in 1 abstention and 21 valid votes. Of these 21 votes cast, no nominee received a majority of the votes cast.</p> <p>After receiving the lowest number of votes, Mike Spence was dropped from the ballot.</p>
<b>7.2.3</b>	<p>In the third round of voting, Clyde Holland and Gary Pate were eligible for the one remaining position as a Member at Large of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>The third round voting resulted in 22 valid votes. Of these 22 votes cast: Gary Pate received a majority of votes (12 affirmative votes) for his election as Board Member at Large.</p>

Eron Main announced the results of the voting and declared that Gary Pate was elected as Member at Large for the 4-year term ending upon the end of the IWRG General Assembly in 2020.

The Chairman thanked all nominees for having stood to election and congratulated Richard Allcroft and Gary Pate for having been elected.

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**Closing**

John Bishop, the Chairman, thanked the members and attendees for their contributions to the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 16:18 CET by stating that it was adjourned.