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AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Roll call
- 3) President's Address
- 4) Call of the next WBSC Executive Board meeting
- 5) Any other business
- 6) Adjournment of the Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present (13/13):

President:	Mr. Riccardo Fraccari
Vice President – Softball:	Ms. Beatrice Allen
Vice President – Baseball:	Mr. Willi Kaltschmitt
Executive VP – Baseball:	Mr. Tom Peng
Executive VP – Softball:	Mr. Craig Cress
Secretary General:	Dato' (Ms.) Beng Choo Low
Treasurer:	Mr. Angelo Vicini
Members At-Large:	Mr. Tommy Velázquez
Members At-Large:	Mr. Ronald Finlay
Members At-Large:	Mr. Paul Seiler
Members At-Large:	Ms. Taeko Utsugi
Athletes' Rep – Softball:	Ms. María José Soto Gil
Athletes' Rep. – Baseball:	Mr. Justin Huber

In attendance, also:

Mr. Michael Schmidt, Executive Director
Ms. Karen Gaunt, WBSC Legal Commission Member
Mr. Vincenzo La Rocca, WBSC Legal Commission Member
Ms. Akiko Ito, Japanese interpreter
Mr. Chris (Chien Fan) Day, Chinese interpreter
Ms. Vivien Campos, WBSC interpreter

WBSC Staff Members:

Mr. Richard Baker (Communications & Media Director)
Mr. Valerio Cianfoni (B5)
Mr. Victor Isola (Anti-Doping)
Ms. Naomi Bloetjes (Integrity Unit)

1. WELCOME

- 1.1 President Fraccari called this May 19th, 2021 WBSC Executive Board (EB) Emergency Meeting, to order at 13:00 (Lausanne Time). He welcomed all the EB Officials and outlined the matters that needed an urgent meeting and the attention of all the Members.

2. ROLL CALL

- 2.1 Secretary General Low completed the Roll Call as per the attendance list above and confirmed that there was a quorum for this Meeting to proceed.

3. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

- 3.1 President Fraccari addressed the EB on the fact that just few weeks before the start of the Final Qualifier for the Olympic Games to be organised in Taiwan at the end of June 2021, an outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic struck the island. Consequently, the Government of Taiwan has decided to cancel all cultural and sports events. This has caused the need to cancel the event there and find another organiser which was finally found in Mexico.
- 3.2 President Fraccari explained himself personally and the WBSC Office were in close contact with CTBA and thanked them for all the efforts, especially President Jeffrey Koo, VP Tom Peng and Chris Day. He added all the National Teams supposed to participate in the event were contacted and informed and asked to arrange logistical adjustments to travel now to Mexico instead of Taiwan.
- 3.3 Mr. Schmidt explained some further logistical details and he highlighted WBSC just received the official letter of withdrawal from CTBA and few moments after a letter of commitment from the Government of Mexico.
- 3.4 President Fraccari put on the table some of the difficulties for the last-minute change, also possible thanks to the solid economic situation of the WBSC.
- 3.5 Mr. Peng explained in detail the situation of the outbreak in the island of Taiwan. The Government is taking strong restrictions to protect the population from the pandemic outbreak and a full lock down is soon to be applied. Also the professional league was stopped, therefore it is

very clear that is not neither suitable nor prudent to organise the event.

- 3.6 Mr. Peng apologised on behalf of CTBA for backing down from the commitment, but the reasons are strong and there is no space to organise the event.
- 3.7 President Fraccari stressed there is no need for apologies as the pandemic is the cause of the situation and the decisions of the Government cannot be discussed.
- 3.8 Mr. Kaltschmitt expressed his understanding and solidarity, explaining that many other International Federations are experiencing challenges in organising the last Olympic qualifiers. He further stressed it is important to support all participants in WBSC events to get vaccinated.
- 3.9 President Fraccari confirmed the vaccinations are the only weapon to fight the pandemic and guarantee the organisation of events in this moment. He took advantage of the situation to thank USA and USA Baseball for all the support in vaccinating all the participants in the Americas Olympic Qualifier with JJ vaccine that is taking place soon in Florida.
- 3.10 Mr. Peng thanked President for all the efforts in organising the event in Mexico and he showed trust in this operation and his management.
- 3.11 Secretary General Low highlighted the importance of having strong Covid-19 protocols to be responsible to all teams and all participants in WBSC events.

4. CALL OF THE NEXT WBSC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

- 4.1 President Fraccari reminded the EB Members that the next EB Meeting was scheduled for 28th May 2021.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 There were no other matters to discuss.

6. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

- 6.1 President Fraccari thanked all who attended the Meeting. He also thanked the WBSC staff and the interpreters for their efforts in

ensuring the success of the meeting.

- 6.2 There being no other matters, the Meeting adjourned at 13:40 with a vote of thanks to the Chair. [End]

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING
WBSC EXECUTIVE BOARD
By videoconference – 19 May 2021

These Minutes, originating from the WBSC Executive Board Meeting held by videoconference, on 19th May 2021, are formally confirmed as correct by:

Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

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Signed by _____ Signed by _____

Riccardo Fraccari
President

Beng Choo Low
Secretary General