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Executive Board 22nd Meeting

Taipei City, TPE
3rd July 2022

Minutes

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AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Roll call
- 3) Approval of the Minutes of the WBSC Executive Board Meeting held on 9th June 2022 (by videoconference)
- 4) Any matters arising from the Minutes
- 5) President's Address
- 6) Updates on the WBSC Congress
- 7) Change of nationality – from Netherlands to Curaçao
- 8) Prospective new Members
- 9) Any other business
- 10) Adjournment

ATTENDANCE

Present (9/13):

President:	Mr. Riccardo Fraccari
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
Member At-Large:	Ms. Taeko Utsugi
Athletes' Rep. – Baseball:	Mr. Justin Huber
Athletes' Rep – Softball:	Ms. María José Soto Gil

Excused:

Vice President – Softball:	Ms. Beatrice Allen
Member At-Large:	Mr. Tommy Velázquez
Member At-Large:	Mr. Paul Seiler
Member At-Large:	Mr. Ronald Finlay

In attendance, also, the WBSC Baseball Division Board:

Continental VP, Africa:	Mr. Saber Jlaïla
Continental VP, Asia :	Mr. Xu Chen
Continental VP, Europe:	Mr. Kruno Karin
Continental VP, Oceania:	Mr. Laurent Cassier
Member At-Large:	Ms. Hiroko Yamada
Member At-Large:	Mr. Luís Melero
Athletes' Rep. – Men's Baseball:	Mr. Randolph Oduber

Excused:

Continental VP, Americas:	Ms. Aracelis León
Member At-Large:	Mr. Benicio Robinson
Athletes' Rep. – Women's Baseball:	Ms. Ashley Stephenson

In attendance, also, the WBSC Softball Division Board:

Continental VP, Americas:	<i>vacant</i>
Continental VP, Europe:	Mr. Gabriel Waage
Continental VP, Oceania:	Mr. Rex Capil
Treasurer:	Mr. Javier Anaya
Member At-Large:	Mr. Tirelo Mukokomani

Excused:

Continental VP, Africa:	Mr. Mashilo Matsetela
Continental VP, Asia :	Mr. Yang Xu
Athletes' Rep. – Men's Softball:	Mr. Bruno Motroni
Athletes' Rep. – Women's Softball:	Ms. Erika Polidori

In attendance, also:

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

WBSC Staff Members:

Mr. Marco Ienna (COO)
Mr. Richard Baker (Media & Communication)
Mr. Victor Isola (Executive Assistant to the President)

1. WELCOME

- 1.1 President Fraccari called to order this 3rd July 2022, WBSC Executive Board (EB) Meeting at 9:00 (Taipei City time). He informed that he had enlarged the Meeting to include both WBSC Baseball and Softball Divisions. He welcomed all the attendees and outlined the matters as listed on the Agenda for discussion in this Meeting.

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. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 3.1 Secretary General Low informed that the Minutes of the 21st WBSC EB meeting held on 9th June 2022, by videoconference, were sent earlier to all EB Members and there was no request for amendments received by the WBSC Office.

PROPOSAL:

To consider and approve the Minutes of the 21st WBSC Executive Board meeting held by videoconference on 9th June 2022, as proposed by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Mr. Kaltschmitt.

DECISION

The WBSC Executive Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the 21st WBSC Executive Board meeting held by videoconference on 9th June 2022.

4. ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 4.1 There were no matters arising brought up.

5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

- 5.1 President Fraccari informed that this was the last Executive Board (EB) meeting before the congress and elections. He thanked all the members for their cooperation and reported on the events and highlighted the achievements in the previous 3 years. He stated that at the WBSC Congress, he would make a full report on the work done over the years and how the international federation has improved widely and found important financial stability.

5.2 President Fraccari reported on some of the most recent matters:

5.3.1 Recently, there was a meeting with the IOC President, Mr. Thomas Bach, who spoke of support for the development of the WBSC, with exchange of letters on the matter. Mr. Ienna explained that a pilot project was being carried out to align the IOC's 2020 + 5 Agenda with the WBSC Strategic Plan and its objectives.

5.3.2 The Olympic campaign for LA28 was in full swing, with the Organizing Committee (OGOC) requesting information. He stated it was important that WBSC transformed our weaknesses into strengths and that LA28 OGOC supported our sport as an important added value.

5.3 President Fraccari then reported on WBSC's modern innovations, namely the development of eSports and the investment in Non-fungible Tokens (NFTs). He stated the agreement with Konami was going very well and that WBSC was developing the mobile application for softball, for the first time in history, and also for continental events. He stated that he believed that it would be possible to increase the resources for Continental Associations (Cas) and National Federations (NFs).

6. UPDATES ON THE WBSC CONGRESS

6.1 Mr. Schmidt reported on the progress on the organization of the Congress. He thanked the Chinese Taipei Baseball Association (CTBA) and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for the great help and work done. He stated that the Congress will see more than 250 people attending, under strict health and safety protocols; there would be continental meetings, 6 workshops and various sessions of the Congress taking place.

6.2 President Fraccari informed that after careful analysis, the WBSC would be conferring the following awards at the Congress, and the EB agreed.

6.2.1 **Order of Honour award:** This is WBSC's supreme honour awarded to those persons who have acted in such a way as to illustrate the ideals of baseball/softball and their outstanding merits in favour of the development of our sport and who have rendered exceptional services to baseball/softball. This award would be given to the following:

- Tom Peng (TPE)
- Peter O'Malley (USA)
- Robert (Bob) E. Smith (USA)

6.2.2 **Golden Diamond award:** This is WBSC's award to recognise those people that contributed to the development of the World Baseball Softball

Confederation, and especially for the continuous support, cooperation, and assistance to WBSC through concrete actions and contributions that made possible the widening of the horizons. This award would be given to the following:

- Monica Cecilia Abbott (USA)
- Yukiko Ueno (JPN)
- Chet Gray (AUS)
- James Baba (CAN)
- Ana Gabriela Guevara Espinoza (MEX)

6.2.3 Annual Congress awards: This is WBSC's award to recognise those who have worked in our Sport and contributed to the growth and name around the world, especially among the young generations and bringing our Sport to all communities globally. This award would be given to the following:

- SB Player of the year 2020: Mr. Hitto NAGAYOSHI (JPN), MVP of the U-18 Men's Softball WC
- SB Player of the year 2021: Ms. Yamato FUJITA (JPN), MVP at the Olympics
- BB Player of the year 2021: Mr. Tetsuto YAMADA (JPN), MVP at the Olympics
- SB Coach of the year 2021: Ms. Reika UTSUGI (JPN), manager of JPNs at the Olympic Games
- BB Coach of the year 2021: Mr. Atsunori INABA (JPN), manager of JPNb at the Olympic Games
- SB Umpire of the year 2020: Geneviève Gaudreau (CAN)
- SB Umpire of the year 2021: Kyira Cox (AUS)
- BB Umpire of the year 2021: Omar PERALTA CARDENAS (CUB)
- SB Federation of the year 2021: Japan (JSA); Olympic Games and Gold Medal
- BB Federation of the year 2021: Japan (BFJ); Olympic Games and Gold Medal
- Scorer of the year 2020: Oscar IZAGUIRRE DELGADO (VEN)
- Scorer of the year 2021: Pablo CARPIO NAVARRO (ESP)
- When the annual award is missing, it means there are no names for pandemic reasons.

6.2.4 Recognition to the organisers of WBSC events: This is WBSC's award to recognise the organisers of the WBSC events:

- New Zealand SB: U-18 Men's SWC 2020
- MGO: Olympic Baseball Americas Qualifier 2021
- CONADE: Olympic Baseball Final Qualifier 2021
- Mexico: U-23 BWC 2021
- Peru: U-18 Women's SWC 2021

7. CHANGE OF NATIONALITY – FROM NETHERLANDS TO CURAÇAO

7.1 Mr. Schmidt presented the applications of 2 athletes who requested for the change of their respective sports nationality.

7.1.1 Mr. Raysheandall Juliandru Vernon MICHEL, baseball athlete, from Netherlands to Curaçao, and both NFs in agreement with this eligibility transfer.

7.1.2 Mr. Dudley Lauriano Michael Junior LEONORA, baseball athlete, from Netherlands to Curaçao, and both NFs in agreement with this eligibility transfer.

7.2 Mr. Schmidt presented the relevant documents, including the respective passports and the applications and letters signed by the athletes and both NFs.

PROPOSAL:

To consider and approve the change of nationality of Mr. Raysheandall Juliandru Vernon MICHEL, baseball athlete, from Netherlands to Curaçao, as proposed by Mr. Vicini and seconded by Mr. Kaltschmitt.

DECISION

The WBSC Executive Board unanimously approved the change of nationality of Mr. Raysheandall Juliandru Vernon MICHEL, baseball athlete, from Netherlands to Curaçao.

PROPOSAL:

To consider and approve the change of nationality of Mr. Dudley Lauriano Michael Junior LEONORA, baseball athlete, from Netherlands to Curaçao, as proposed by Mr. Vicini and seconded by Mr. Kaltschmitt.

DECISION

The WBSC Executive Board unanimously approved the change of nationality of Mr. Dudley Lauriano Michael Junior LEONORA, baseball athlete, from Netherlands to Curaçao.

8. PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

8.1 Mr. Schmidt informed that there were no applications for new membership or dismissal of membership for the EB's consideration. He said that the WBSC Office was working with several parties on new memberships.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 Mr. Mukokomani requested information on the support and payment for costs of the travels of some of the African NFs. Mr. Kaltschmitt responded that the matter ought to be addressed to the WBSC Africa continental association on its support of the NFs as the Africa CA was holding its elective Congress for Africa during the period of the WBSC Congress.
- 9.2 Mr. Huber stated that it has been an honour for him to serve the WBSC EB, and that he was very grateful for the opportunity and great experience to have so served. President Fraccari thanked him and all the athletes for their services and stated that WBSC was moving forward to include more athletes in decision-making.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 There being no other matters, the Meeting adjourned at 11:00 with a vote of thanks to the Chair. [End]

These Minutes, originating from the WBSC Executive Board Meeting held at the Taipei Marriott Hotel, official venue of the IV WBSC Ordinary Congress, on 3rd July 2022, are formally confirmed as correct by:

Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

City _____

Signed by _____
Riccardo Fraccari
President

Signed by _____
Beng Choo Low
Secretary General