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#### Report

1) Review of the last Executive Meeting's minutes (Nov. 29, 2021, Online Meeting) (p.1-p.8)

# BFA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Nov. 29, 2021

**Location:** Online Conference **Time:** 14:00PM (GMT+8)

**Attendees:** 

President Mr. Tom Peng(TPE)

Mr. Chen Xu(CHN),

Vice President Mr. Masatake Yamanaka(JPN),

Mr. Hae Young Yang (KOR)

Secretary General Mr. Lin, Hua-Wei(TPE)

Member at Large Mr. Syed Fakhar Ali Shah(PAK)

Executive Directors Mr. Richard Lin(TPE)

**Executive Directors** 

of Dev. Committees

Mr. Fazil Mohamed Hussain(SRI), Ms. Hiroko Yamada(JPN)

Observer Mr. Atsushi Nagamata(JPN), Ms. Aki Huang(TPE), Mr. Calvin Yeh(TPE),

Mr. Min Jun Cho(KOR), Mr. Chris Day(TPE), Ms. Elle Tseng(TPE), Mr. Jeff Kung(TPE), Mr. Ken Huang(TPE), Mr. Tim Tseng(TPE),

Ms. Yoyo Dai(TPE), Mr. Yuji Nagakubo(JPN)

WBSC Mr. Riccardo Fraccari(ITA) – President, Mr. Michael Schmitt (Executive

Director)

Absentees Mr. Andika M.Y. Monoarfa(IND) – Member at Large

Mr. Alfonso Martin Eizmendi(PHI) – Member at Large

#### 1) Roll Call

## 2) WBSC President's Greeting

# 3) BFA President's Greeting/Award Presentation

Dear BFA vice presidents and EC members,

As usual BFA hosts the 2021 second EC meeting via online, I see all of you in the screen that is pleased because that is meant you are health and safety.

The COVID-19 has affected in our life for two years, the world seems to stop running; all of the



activities are the same situation, and all international exchanges are postponed of course that consists of our BFA tournaments and events. It seems that we back to Middle Ages. To date, the pandemic is still forcing out life and is not seen the end, BFA sincerely hopes governments can keep fighting and endeavor this tough period after they have enough vaccines, our tournament can gradually back to our life and even better to be normal so that we manage this online meeting in order to discuss and fully prepare for 2022 events.

Last, I hope you all can be safe and healthy, and expect all BFA families can keep pushing local baseball development under the government's allowance. Providing baseball lovers a place to maintain their health and passions

## 4) Reviews - Secretary General

1. Review of minutes from last Executive Meeting (Apr. 27, 2021, Online)

- Unanimously approved

- 2. 2021 Tokyo Olympic
- **3. 2021 BFA events**

It is a tough year because of the pandemic. There still is a difficulty to host international events in Asia so that unfortunately BFA had to cancel U12, U18, East Asia Cup and West Asia Cup after a year postponement. However, the WBSC U23 and the 2020 Tokyo Olympic were successfully hosted under the bubble mode prevention project, we hope that BFA can follow this guideline to host Asian Championship in next early year.

4. 2021 Financial statement and 2022 Budget Draft

- Unanimously approved

5. 2021 Membership Report

- Unanimously approved

#### 5) Discussion

- 1. The reports of the host of 2020 & 2021 BFA tournaments and events
  - A. 2021 BFA 30<sup>th</sup> Asian Baseball Championship
    - Location: Taichung, Taiwan
    - Completion Period: March (TBD)
    - Participating: China, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Chinese Taipei,
    - BFA will make the decision by January and depends on the pandemic situation and travel restrictions by that time. If the situation is still worse, the tournament will be postponed to another day.



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# B. 2022 BFA 11<sup>th</sup> U15 Baseball Championship

• Location: China

• Completion Period: TBD

• Participating: TBD

## C. 2022 BFA 1<sup>st</sup> University Baseball Championship

Location: Zhongshan, China

Completion Period: TBD

Participating: TBD

• According to the pandemic situation and the travel restrictions worldwide, CBA is interested to host U15 and University Championship and has discussed with the local government several times. And the year of 2022 in China is the busy year, there will be numerous mega event—2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games, 2021 Summer Universiade and 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games— All will be hosted in China so Mr. Chen Xu suggests that we to discuss the detail of the tournaments in the next EC meeting. If the situation gets better and there will some travel restrictions or government policies has transparent after above events and CBA will follow those rules that will gets possibility to host international baseball events. CBA will keep an eye with updated and contact with BFA.

# D. 2022 BFA11<sup>st</sup> U12 Baseball Championship

• Location: TBD

Clinic Period: TBD

Participating: TBD

# E. 2022 BFA13<sup>rd</sup> U18 Baseball Championship

Location: TBD

Clinic Period: TBD

Participating: TBD

# F. 2022 BFA BFA 13<sup>rd</sup> East Asia Cup

Location: TBD

Clinic Period: TBD

Participating: TBD

The tournaments— U12, U18 and East Asia Cup— are not interested in any host due to the COVID-19, so all of them will be discussed in the next EC meeting to see the situation of pandemic.

# G. 2022 BFA 3<sup>rd</sup> Women's Baseball Asia Cup

• To postpone to 2022 due to the new calendar of WBSC



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- WBSC has turned the Women's Baseball World Cup into a four-year cycle event, similar to Premier12, giving all participating Member Federations more time to prepare and compete and setting up a more balanced and efficient competition calendar.
- Women's Development Commission Executive Director Ms. Hiroko Yamada would like to get an approval of doing some surveys in regards the women's baseball situation in Asia. She would like to know if there is any specific member federations has started the women's baseball program and how are things going.

# H. 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games

- Location: Shaoxing City, Hangzhou, China
- Clinic Period: 18th–24th of Sep., 2022
- Participating: China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Laos, Mongolia, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Pakistan, Philippines (12 participating teams)
- Technical Delegate: Calvin Yeh
- Duty Technical Delegate: Fong Ding
- Stadium conditions: there are two stadiums that will be finalized in the end of March.

#### I. 2022 BFA Coach Clinic

• Location: TBD

• Clinic Period: TBD

Participating: TBD

# J. 2022 BFA Umpire Clinic

Location: TBD

Clinic Period: TBD

Participating: TBD

#### K. 2022 BFA Scorer Clinic

• Location: Taiwan

Clinic Period: TBD

Participating: TBD

## 2. 2.BFA Coaching Beginner Baseball Videos

• Due to the COVID-19, BFA cannot host any events but we figure out some solutions to maintain our development, we are managing a series of coaching videos that are designed and organized by Calvin Yeh and Ken Huang, who is chairman of technical commissioners and the director of training department, we show a highlight of the hitting video. Those videos will be finished by December and will send the YouTube links to all BFA members for baseball promotion and development.



# 6) Any Other Matters

#### 1. Participation requirements—BFJ

According to hosting issues in BFA, we referred to the Softball Asia regulation, we want to discuss any possibility to reduce the cost of hosting BFA events. For example, the accommodation and food should be a team's expense (including all meals) that will be charged \$50-60 per person/day.

## 2. Action of 2026 Asian Games—Hiroko Yamada

The 2026 Asian Games will be hosted in Nagoya, Japan, but as in the previous situation in Hangzhou, if baseball/softball is out of the Olympic official games, baseball/softball will automatically be out of the Asian Games. Therefore, Miss. Yamada ask for BFA and ASO would work together to include not only Men's baseball and Women's softball but also Women's baseball and Men's softball in the next Nagoya Asian Games. BFA have to invite ASO to act in advance. For example, we can write a joint statement or official letter to the Nagoya organized committee to consider hosting both Men's and Women's baseball in 2026.

# 7) Next Meeting

The 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> EC Meeting will be held at the end of the 2021 BFA Asian Championship.