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MINUTES of UWW-Asia General Assembly

11:00 February 26th, 2018

The Orion Hotel Bishkek

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Attendants:

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| Mr. Akhroljan Ruziev | UWW Vice President (UZB) |
| Mr. Daulet Turlykhanov | UWW Bureau Member, President of UWW-Asia (KAZ) |
| Mr. Zamel Sayyaf Al Shahrani | UWW Bureau Member (QAT) |
| Mr. Ik Jong Kim | UWW Bureau Member (KOR) |
| Mr. Chang Kew Kim | UWW-Asia Honorary President of (KOR) |
| Mr. Brijbushan Singh | UWW-Asia Vice-President (IND) |
| Mr. Kittiposh Sachantabutr | UWW-Asia Executive Committee Member (THA) |
| Mr. Tsukamoto Hiroyaki | UWW-Asia Executive Committee Member (JPN) |
| Mr. Kenneth Lee | UWW-Asia Executive Committee Member (KOR) |
| Mr. Zhang Ye | UWW-Asia Executive Committee Member (CHN) |
| Mr. Hamid Benitamim | UWW-Asia Secretary General (IRI) |

Opening of the meeting by UWW-Asia President Turlykhanov

President Turlykhanov welcomed all attendants and expressed his gratitude for coming and participating at Asian Senior Wrestling Championship and UWW-Asia meeting 2018 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Mr. Turlykhanov introduced United World Wrestling Bureau members and Asia Executive Committee members and gave the floor to Sports Minister of Kyrgyzstan Mr. Kanat Amankulov and to Vice-President of Kyrgyzstan National Wrestling Federation Mr. Melis Turgumbayev.

Welcome note of the organizer

In their addresses **Mr. Minister Amankulov** and **Mr. Vice-President Turgumbayev** welcomed all delegates and wished everyone good luck. They stressed, that wrestling is the flagman of the Olympic sports, and they promised to make every efforts to stage the 2018 Asian Championship at the highest possible level. They thanked UWW for the trust given to Kyrgyzstan since this federation already has sufficient experience and already hosted the Asian Championships twice - in 2002 and 2007.

Welcome speech of Mr. Ruziyev, UWW Vice-President

Mr. Ruziyev, Vice-President of UWW, also welcomed audience, he delivered welcome message from Mr. Lalovic, President of the United World Wrestling. In this address UWW expectations were expressed for this important continental event and success to all participating nations.



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Following the welcome speeches, **Mr. Turlykhanov** stressed the Kyrgyzstan Wrestling federation professionalism in organizing the Asian Championship, and also mentioned that he is one of two Technical Delegates alongside Mr. Ruziyev. During the inspection visit last year President Turlykhanov witnessed the efforts Kyrgyzstan Wrestling federation made to prepare the Championship in such a short term. Mr. Turlykhanov thanked the Sports Minister and the Federation's Vice-President, as well as wishing them lots of successes and a greater development of sports in their country.

Item 3: Roll Calls

Secretary General Mr. Hamid Benitamim took the roll call and returned the floor to the **President Turlykhanov**. According to the results – national federations representatives of 20 (twenty) countries of UWW-Asia were present at the meeting:

China; India; I.R. Iran; Iraq; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; DPR Korea; Korea; Kyrgyzstan; Lebanon; Mongolia; Palestine; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Syria; Chinese Taipei; Tajikistan; Thailand; Uzbekistan

The President expressed his wish to have more attendees at the meetings as well as congresses and stressed on the importance of collaborative actions to continue to support and improve of wrestling on a global level.

Attendants approved the **agenda of the meeting** unanimously.

Item 4: Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 UWW-Asia General Assembly in New-Delhi (India)

No questions or comments, minutes approved unanimously.

Item 5: Activity Report

President Turlykhanov presented the report for 2017. The stressed programme is adopted, structure worked out and working commissions were created.

• The following continental competitions were held:

| Year | Venue | Place | Data |
|-------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 2017 | Asian Senior Championship | New Delhi, India | May 8-12 |
| | Asian Junior Championship | Taichung, Chinese Taipei | Jun 15-18 |
| | Asian Cadet Championship | Bangkok, Thailand | Jul 20-23 |
| | The 5 th Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games | Ashgabat, Turkmenistan | Sep 18-26 |



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He stressed on the necessity to implement a **working program of the UWW-Asia Council**, which main task is to develop measures for the effective implementation of the UWW policy for the development of mass wrestling in the Asian continent. **Marketing and financial policy and Sponsorship Program** also must play an important role in developing a strategy for the successful organization of the activities of UWW-Asia.

Educational programs and projects are among the priority activities of UWW-Asia which aims to develop skills of trainers, sports managers of the National Federations. UWW-Asia also leads an **activity to increase the mass character in the process of wrestling development and to achieve the world's leading sporting results in the world**. **Asian sports calendar** will be also structured in order to develop an effective approach to compile sports calendar of international competitions and championships in all age categories (cadets, juniors and seniors) in the Asian continent.

In order to intensify cooperation with the media on the coverage and promotion of wrestling events **relations with media, further popularization of wrestling in Asia** will be under careful attention.

Scientific and medical support projects, anti-doping program are also part of activity, which UWW-Asia deals with.

Development Programs for 2017 were highlighted, courses and clinics successfully held by UWW in Asia in 2017 in cooperation with national federations, and also draft programme explored for the current year.

Financial and educational programmes are being developed and must be realized during the years to come.

Activity report for the year 2017 approved.

Item 6. Report on financial activities for 2017

President Turlykhanov informed that UWW-Asia received 25.000 USD – amount remained from operation of the previous office of AAWC. He did not spend dotation from UWW, expenses for the office operation are covered by himself, and meetings and other activity of UWW-Asia were covered partly with sponsor' support.

Report on 2017 financial activity approved.

Item 7. Approval of the composition of UWW-Asia commissions

Mr. Turlykhanov stressed, that during the UWW-Asia Executive Committee meeting in Almaty on August 2017 there were six commissions composed within UWW-Asia:

1. Technical and referees commission: chairman - Mr. Jang song Rong (TPE)
2. Traditional wrestling styles commission: chairman - Mr. Isa Momeni (IRI)
3. Science, medical and anti-doping commission: chairman - Mr. Hiroaki Tsukamoto (JPN)
4. Women's commission: chairman - Ms. Zhang Ye (CHN)



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5. Marketing and media relations commissions: chairman - Mr. Kenneth Lee (KOR)

6. Development and Planning commission: chairman – Yousuf Ali Al-Kazim (QAT)

After the meeting of its Executive Committee UWW-Asia called for candidatures to the commissions' membership, some of nominations were received and some are still open.

Mr. Turlykhanov applied to delegated present at the congress to propose their candidates until the end of the meeting. According to the proposals received from federations composition of UWW-Asia commissions look as follows:

1. Technical and referees commission

1. Mr. Jang Song Rong (TPE) - Chairman
2. Mr. O Kwang Hyonk (PRK) - member
3. Mr. Mehdy Hassan Ismaeel (IRQ) - member
4. Ms. Sun Jian (CHN) – member
5. Mr. Khabibullo Narzulloyev (TJK) - member

2. Commission for traditional wrestling styles

1. Mr. Isa Momeni (IRI) - Chairman
2. Mr. Adilet Baiaman Uulu (KGZ) - member
3. Mr. Sharipov Abdukhahor (TJK) - member

3. Scientific, medical and antidoping commission

1. Mr. Hiroaki Tsukamoto (JPN) - Chairman
2. Ms. He Zihong (CHN) - member
3. Dr. Mahboubi (IRI) – member
4. Ms. Yelena Abayeva (UZB) - member

Women's commission

1. Ms. Zhang Ye (CHN) - Chairman
2. Ms. Guzel Manyurova (KAZ) - member

Commission for marketing and relations with media

1. Mr. Kenneth Lee (KOR) - Chairman
2. Mr. Batrayar Busandelger (MGL) - member
3. Mr. Shukhrat Mamadaliyev (UZB) – member



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Development and planning commission

1. Mr. Yusuf Ali Al-Kazim (QAT) - Chairman
2. Samim Miya Ansari (NEP) – member
3. Arkharbekov Abdrakhman (KAZ) - member

Composition of UWW-Asia commissions approved.

Item 8. Report on the results of participation in 2017 Asian championships in all age categories

Mr. Turlykhanov reported on the results of Asian wrestlers at 2017 World and Asian Championships.

No questions raised. Report approved unanimously.

Item 9. Information on the amendments to the wrestling rules since World Championship in Paris

Mr. Ik Jong Kim, UWW Bureau member and Counselor to UWW-Asia President, made a report on recent amendments to the Wrestling rules that was made last year in Paris and came into force from the 1st of January 2018.

Mr. Turlykhanov mentioned, that he received some proposals from wrestling specialists about the necessity to make some additional amendments, for example, to have weigh-in at the evening before the competition, right after or before the draw, and not in the morning, as it is proposed by new rules.

Some delegates also mentioned about the potential logistical challenges of weighing in and moving back and forth from the hotel to the arena for food and rest)

Also many wrestlers brought food into the arena so that they did not have to go back to the hotel and to minimize traveling time.

Many expressed concerns that if the venue were further out such as system could cause problems in the future.

No questions were asked. Information is approved.

Item 10. Information on 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta (Indonesia)

Mr. Ruziyev took floor with the short report on the preparation to the forthcoming Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia in 2018, where he will have duty of UWW Technical delegate. Brief details had been provided and all attendants were encouraged to contact Indonesian Wrestling Federation for more details. After Mr. Ruziyev's report Mr. Turlykhanov added, that technical information about the wrestling events during Asian games already sent to national federations.

Information about the forthcoming games accepted.



Item 11. Budget planned for 2018

Mr. Turlykhanov explained, that UWW-Asia's has now in its balance is 25.000 USD, received from the former AAWC office in Seoul – as the rest amount (dotation from UWW), and also in the current year UWW-Asia received 40.000 USD. All together it is 65.000 USD for wrestling development needs in Asia. He mentioned, that he contacted UWW-Europe and UWW-America presidents to consult about their practice for continental budget planning and budget draft is made which presented at the working documents.

He also stressed, that office, and salary for the staff are covered by him from another sources.

Item 12. Calendar of 2018 and 2019 competitions in Asia

Mr. Turlykhanov informed, that there are some countries, which are fixed to host events in 2018. The only event which is not allocated yet – is Asian championship U23, and three countries suggested to host this event. Mr. Turlykhanov suggested Thai Wrestling Association to submit a bid application to UWW after the meeting.

Mr. Ruziyev added, that Asia must fill its calendar with the events in due terms.

Ms. Farnaz Panahizadeh, delegate from Iranian Wrestling federation, informed presidium and audience about intention of Iranian Federation to host schoolboy/girl championship, which for the second time will be organized in August in Iran (boys) and in October in Japan (girls), as was approved by UWW Bureau at its last meeting in August 2017.

Iranian delegate also inform, that they are ready to host U23 Asian Championship, with the same procedure: Iran will host GR and FS events of the event, if any national wrestling federation of Asia is interested in organizing event for FW.

Ms. Pahahizadeh also informed, that Iranian wrestling federation is ready to host an event called the “Asian stars”, as was proposed after the meeting of UWW-Asia Council in August last year. This competition will be a contest between Iranian national wrestling team and Asian selected wrestling team. This event will be hosted by Iran and will be held at the most attractive place in Tehran – “Milad Tower”. Proposed dates – June 2018.

She also mentioned about the women classic style which is now developed in Iran and this style was approved by UWW Bureau last year at its meeting.

Ms. Farnaz asked for approval of the meeting for Iranian federation to proceed to organization of the forthcoming events in Iran.

Representative from Mongolia mentioned, that during AAWC Congress in New-Delhi he proposed to stage the U23 Asian Championship in his country. He suggests to stage this event in Mongolia in 2018.



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Mr. Turlykhanov reminded that last autumn he sent a letter to all Asian national federations with the request to stage U23 Asian Championship. Turkmenistan was the first who agreed to host, but still they did not send a bid to UWW. Iranian Wrestling Federation also agreed to host but they can not hold an event for women, so there is a need to search for co-organizer for FW. Thailand also agrees to host U23 Asian Championship. If Mongolia wishes to stage this event in their country – they must have replied to UWW-Asia's request about subject championship, and still there is time to bid for hosting. He recommended all interested countries to submit their candidacies to UWW.

President Turlykhanov suggested that South Korea host the “2019 Asian Championship U23” and Mr. Kenneth Lee replied that he will discuss the matter with his national federation first.

2018 CALENDAR

| № | Date | Name of the tournament | Location | Wrestling style | Age |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|
| 1 | may 10-13 | Asian Championships | Uzbekistan, Tashkent | FS, GR, WW | cadets |
| 2 | june | Team of Asia vs Team of Iran | Iran, Tehran (candidate) | FS, GR | seniors |
| 3 | july 10-13 | Asian Championship | India, New Delhi | FS, GR, WW | juniors |
| 4 | august 19-22 | Asian Games | Indonesia, Jakarta | FS, GR, WW | seniors |
| 5 | september | Asian Championship U23 | Turkmenistan, Thailand, Iran, Mongolia (candidates) | FS, GR, WW | seniors |
| 6 | november | Team of Asia vs Team of Japan | Japan, Tokyo | WW | seniors |

2019 CALENDAR

| № | Date | Name of the tournament | Location | Wrestling style | Age |
|---|-------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|---------|
| 1 | april 23-28 | Asian Championships | China (candidate) | FS, GR, WW | seniors |
| 2 | june 27-30 | Чемпионат Азии | India, Mongolia, Chinese Taipei (candidates) | все виды | cadets |
| 3 | july 09-14 | Asian Championship | Thailand (candidate) | FS, GR, WW | juniors |
| 4 | september | Asian Championship U23 | Uzbekistan (candidate) | FS, GR, WW | seniors |

2020 CALENDAR

| № | Date | Name of the tournament | Location | Wrestling style | Age |
|---|------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1 | TBC | Asian Olympic qualification | Beijing, China (candidate) | FS, GR, WW | seniors |



Item 13. Information on educational programs UWW and UWW-Asia.

Educational programs

Mr. Hiroaki Tsukamoto, UWW-Asia Executive committee member made a report on the subject. He stressed on the importance of focusing on management enhancement; coaches' education; participation programs and high performance programs among national federations.

Mr. Turlykhanov underlined once again, that more events in wrestling are delivered under Olympic solidarity programme. National federations must use these opportunities and apply for different events, this will help wrestling development in their respective countries and in the continent. He also asked audience to pay attention to the "More than medals" training camp, which will be held in Tashkent right after the Asian championship and reminded, that federations must send their applications to UWW and to Uzbekistan national federation for registration.

No comments were made

Report approved unanimously.

Item 14. Miscellaneous

Mr. Turlykhanov took the floor. To ensure true awareness of the situation in the field of wrestling in Asia, to timely response towards difficulties occurred in the activity of Asian council, to regulate current issues in the work of national federations of the Asian continent and to provide effective solution of the problems aroused, he suggests to include UWW-Asia e-mail address into the copy field while exchanging correspondence between national federations of Asia and UWW concerning general issues of wrestling development.

Another concern he expressed is about accreditation process for UWW-Asia to Asian competitions and tournaments. There is no indication for the President and for the Executive committee members of the Continental body and its staff, which cause sometimes problems to implement their duties on spot.

Proposal was raised from the auditorium to fix UWW-Asia or continental account at the Athena system with specially allocated accreditation categories (for example UWW-Asia, UWW-Asia guest, UWW-Asia delegate, etc.). This would simplify an access for these group of people to the zones where they need to operate and also would guarantee appropriate attitude and services required on spot from the organizer.

Delegate from Iran Wrestling federation asked for possibility to stage U23 Asian Championship in two countries, as it was decided during the last Bureau meeting – to stage U23 World Championship in two countries (Finland and Iran). **Mr. Turlykhanov**



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proposed, if there are countries willing to share with Iran the U23 Asian championship in 2018 – to submit their candidacies to UWW and copy to UWW-Asia.

Mr. Ruziyev reminded to Indian Wrestling Federation, that fee for transfer for the foreign wrestler (participant of the pro-wrestling leagues in New-Delhi in January 2018) was not paid to UWW.

Indian federation delegate replied that difficulties with the bank transfer were the cause for delay of payment. He promised to check the situation and to give reply within few hours. Mr. Turlykhanov urged Indian Wrestling Federation to present documents, verifying transfer, as soon as received. He also asked federations to follow strictly the Constitution and rules of UWW in their activity.

Mr. Ruziyev raised the issue about the incident in Thailand that was happened in Bangkok during the Asian Cadet Championship between the Uzbekistan team and President of Thai Wrestling Association concerning the spoiled hotel towels. He asked Mr. Kittiposh Sychantabutr, who present here, to explain, how he could allow to demonstrate such an unreasonable behavior.

Mr. Turlykhanov mentioned that a letter on this subject has been already considered by the members of UWW-Asia Executive Committee. This incident was already discussed and question was closed. He also mentioned, that Organizing Committees of the hosting country must always try to find convenient solutions in resolving such kind of situations when happened during the championships.

Mr. Ruziyev still insisted on the answer from Mr. Suchantabutr – why he took money for the hotel towels and why he threatened Uzbekistan, frightening them, that they will not leave Thailand. He asked Mr. Suchantabutr, to clarify this incomprehensive case.

Mr. Suchantabutr expressed his apologizes to Mr. Ruziyev and to Uzbekistan Wrestling Federation on behalf of himself and on behalf of Wrestling Association of Thailand.

Mr. Turlykhanov reminded to the meeting delegates, that during the IOC Session in Pyeongchang United World Wrestling president Nenad Lalovic has been elected to the IOC Executive Board as representative for the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF). And thus, Mr. Lalovic is the first IOC Executive Board member from the sport of wrestling. This appointment is an evidence of his great contribution to the sports in general and will have a positive impact to wrestling development worldwide.

All delegates supported these news with thunderous applause.



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Mr. Gintas Vileita (LTU), President of UWW World Belt Wrestling Committee took the floor. He pleased to notice that Traditional styles committee has been established within the structure of UWW-Asia, and Mr. Isa Momeni appointed as a Chairman of this commission. Mr. Momeni has long experience in traditional wrestling and for sure will contribute to the success of traditional wrestling styles in Asia. Mr. Vileita mentioned, that Traditional wrestling committee also exists in the structure of UWW-America. But unfortunately neither UWW-Europe nor UWW-Africa have such commissions, but still those councils lead their activity in developing traditional wrestling. Mr. Vileita applied to UWW-Asia Executive committee and Traditional commission chairman to consider his proposal on possible inclusion of traditional wrestling styles into the programme of U23 Asian Championship in Mongolia in 2019. He expressed his readiness for further cooperation and wishes every success to wrestling development in Asia.

Mr. Isa Momeni (IRI), Chairman of UWW-Asia Traditional wrestling committee, expressed his gratitude to Mr. Vileita for his wishes. He mentioned, that Asia is the biggest continent in terms of the number of traditional wrestling styles existing in the world. He stressed on the necessity to lead an activity to keep traditional wrestling in the countries of Asia.

Mr. Al-Shahrani, UWW Bureau member, took the floor. he pointed out, that only 20 out of 38 national federations are present at the meeting. And without having support from the back, without an intentions to protect interests of our continent from national federations it would be difficult to get highly ranked among the other continents. Mr. Shahrani stressed, that as Asian representatives they must be active, they must attend all important meetings and congresses, and they must give their votes for the important decisions to be made. Mr. Al-Shahrani reminded, that this year is an electing year and he is not asking delegates to come and to give their vote for him, he requested national federations to send their representatives to the forthcoming UWW Congress in October and to realize right to vote for their colleagues from Asia. Because a very few number of Asian countries are coming to the UWW Congresses, and candidates to the Bureau from Asia are having limited support from their continent.

Mr. Turlykhanov thanked Mr. Al Shahrani for his remarks. He mentioned, that his term as UWW Bureau member is also expired by October, and he is agree with his colleague about the necessity to increase representativity of Asian continent at the UWW Congresses.

Mr. Ruziyev also supported proposal of Mr. Al-Shahrani, and encouraged all delegated members to team up and to support candidates from Asia. If national federations active, that Asia will become stronger. He urged delegates to come to UWW Congress and to give votes for their colleagues.



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Delegate from Tajikistan raised a question, whether voting at the forthcoming UWW Congress will be held by electronic system or by paper ballots, as it was done in India last year for the UWW-Asia Executive committee elections. He stressed that paper ballot has an advantage before electronic ballot, as it is more transparent and reliable.

Mr. Al-Shahrani replied, that many of delegates do not agree with the mechanism of how voting usually goes. And delegates in this case may influence the way how election will be held, if they express their agreement or disagreement with the proposed system. And if delegates will be solid in their intention to choose preferable decision, it could be done if they take active position.

Mr. Turlykhanov recalled that at the last UWW Bureau meeting in Paris he also raised the issue about electronic system for the draw at the UWW Championships. He said that this way is a bit doubtful and took it hard that no support was met among his colleagues from Bureau. He stressed that UWW and its bodies took the democratic way to develop, and he supports this proposal to lead voting for Bureau elections and a draw during the Championships using paper ballots, and not electronic system.

Mr. Al-Shahrani proposed to take a vote for this matter. All delegates voted unanimously for the paper ballots for Bureau elections and for the draw during the championships. Considering result of this vote Mr. Al-Shahrani took the floor again and suggested to UWW-Asia to compose a letter for consideration of the Bureau members before their next meeting with the proposal to take into account decision to consider paper ballot for voting during the UWW Bureau elections and for the draw during UWW Championships.

Proposal approved unanimously.

At this point agenda are settled. No comments or questions were made.

Congress was adjourned at 15.00.

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Hamid Benitamim
Secretary General

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daulet Turlykhanov'.

Daulet Turlykhanov
President

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Bishkek, 26 of February 2018