

MINUTES of UWW-Asia Congress

11:00 May 5, 2015

Marriott Hotel Doha

Doha, Qatar

Attendants:

Chang Kew Kim	Asia Council President
Raj Singh	Asia Council General Secretary (IND)
Zamel Al-Shahrani	UWW Bureau Member (QAT)
Akhroljan Ruziev	UWW Vice President (UZB)
Ik Jong Kim	UWW Bureau Member (KOR)
Daulet Turlykhanov	UWW Bureau Member (KAZ)
Theodor Hamakos	UWW Bureau member (GRE)
Hideaki Tomiyama	UWW Bureau Member, also representing Asia Council VP from Japan (JPN)
Namig Aliev	UWW Bureau member (AZE)
Rodica Yakshi	UWW Bureau Member (TUR)
Foad Mescout	UWW Bureau member, UWW-Africa President (MAR)
Vangsan Sachantabutr	Asia Council member (THA)
Dolgosuren Dagvadorj	Asia Council member (MGL)
Asylbek uulu Damirbek	Asia Council Honorary Vice-President (KGZ)
Elmira Tassimova	Asia Council member (KAZ)

Opening of the Congress by President Kim

President Kim welcomed everybody and mentioned that we have many guests from UWW Bureau for a small Asian congress. After introducing them all, president Kim mentioned of the changes we have gone through of which one was the name change from FILA to UWW and consequently, AAWC changed to UWW-Asia.

He also expressed high appreciation for the efforts of the organizer to stage an event on a high level and gave the floor to Mr. Zamel Al-Shahrani, UWW Bureau member and the President of Qatar Wrestling Federation., the host of this Championship.

Mr. Zamel Al-Shahrani in his speech gave warm welcome on behalf of himself and Qatar Wrestling Federation to everybody to the Asian Wrestling Championship in Doha, and wished a very successful competition and a pleasant stay in Doha. He also mentioned that this is not the first time Qatar welcomes a wrestling competition and that Qatar Federation and himself are always happy to welcome such a wide international audience at their hospitable land. If there is anything, not to hesitate to contact the organizing committee, as they are committed to do everything possible to make the stay most comfortable and pleasant.

President Kim mentions that UWW President Lalovic is on his way to Doha and will arrive

tomorrow morning.

He explained that since the Asian congress held in Kazakhstan last year, there has been many changes introduced to the world of wrestling, i.e. FILA changing name to United World Wrestling, during the Bureau meeting in January AAWC's naming changed to UWW-Asia, Logo marks were changed, although some like the old ones, wrestling mats appearance has been modified.

President Kim stressed to the delegates present at the Congress to pay careful attention to the fact, that Asia has to be stronger and better developed, and appealed to them with the request to consider *zonal distribution of the nations of Asia*, which helps to implement inter-exchanging programs, to stage regional workshops and studies for coaches and referees with the assistance of experienced instructors from UWW.

President Kim informed the member nations that at this Championship there are 26 participating nations.

Item 3: Roll Calls

Secretary General Mr. Sign took the roll call and returned the floor to the President.

CHN	IRI	IRQ	JOR	JPN	KA Z	KOR	KSA	LIB	MGL
MYA	PAK	PHI	PLE	QAT	SIN	SRI	SYR	THA	TJK
TKM	TPE	UAE	UZB	VIE	Bahrain (New Member)				

Item 4: Approval of the Minutes of the 2014 AAWC Meeting in Astana, Kazakhstan

Unanimously approved.

Item 5: Activity Report

Secretary General Mr. Singh made the report for the year 2014-2015 - AAWC annual meeting, AAWC executive meeting, Asian Championships and Asian Games, AAWC President's activities, and also his activity for the period 2015-2016

Item 6: Working Programs for 2015-2016

President Kim, repeated and stressed that this Asian Championship is the most important tournament in Asia, and he emphasized the importance of having the events in each of the 4 different zones.

He mentioned that UWW-Asia will have its site soon within UWW.

Also, mentioned was the 3rd edition of Wrestling in Asia being on the way to be published and President Kim was inviting any information to be included from the members.

Item 7: Financial Reports

President Kim mentioned that the budget we have is small having many poor countries in Asia.

UWW-Asia is financed only by UWW and the annual membership fee of \$200 of from the member nations. The budget for the year 2015-2016 was explained and any contribution from the member nation, in money or otherwise was invited and appreciated.

Item 8: Calendar of Asian Council

President Kim informed that Sea Games to be held in Singapore unfortunately will not have wrestling. He mentioned that the year 2016 is going to be busy with Rio Olympic Games and this championship is important as it is the 1st stage to go to the World championship to be held in Las Vegas, the 1st qualifying event for the Games.

We will have 2 important events scheduled in Asia, the 1st qualifying event for Asia in Kazakhstan and the 1st, for the world in Mongolia.

Mr. Wangsan Sachantabutr expressed the candidacy for the Asian Championship for cadets in 2017, And **Mr. Raj Singh**, for the Asian Championship Junior in 2016.

President Kim instructs them both to take the necessary procedure and send the application to UWW.

Item 9: Information on 2016 Rio Olympic Qualification System

President Kim gave short information and recommended to consult the UWW home page for specific information in addition to the printed matter. The 2nd world qualifying event will be in Europe.

Item 10: Development Program in Asia.

Mr. Lucas O’Ceallahan from UWW with presentation on projection, he covered the Olympic Solidarity program, courses for educators and coaches.

Lucas suggested for the countries organizing big events, such as Asian Games in 2018 in Indonesia, it may be necessary to organize international events as Asia Junior or Asia Cadet beforehand in order to get used.

He also pointed out, that such big international and continental events are best opportunity for wrestling nations to gather and to get information in details on how to better host competitions and to facilitate the venues to run an event according to the UWW regulations and rules.

Item 11. Miscellaneous:

Mr. Namig Aliev took the floor to make presentation of the 1st European Games to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan and invited everybody to the Games. He was happy to announce that the wrestling achieved to have 8 categories for each style instead of 6 categories originally planned after tough negotiations with IOC. Opening and Closing ceremonies will be held in a big stadium with 65,000 seats newly built one month ago and wrestling venue will have 5,000 seats for audience and 6 mats for warm up zone. It is only 10 minutes from the airport. Opening is on June 12 and wrestling starts from the 13th. **Mr. Hamakos** is the T/D for the Games and he made the technical visit 20 days ago.

President Kim introduced to the Congress the president of Bahrain Wrestling Federation, by explaining that any UWW’s newly affiliated member nation from Asia automatically becomes a member of the UWW- Asian Council and that with Bahrain, we have 26 nations present at Congress.

President of Bahrain Wrestling Federation expressed his thanks to the president and expressed his pleasure of being invited to the congress and asked for a support from UWW and UWW-Asia.

President of IR I took the floor and he thanked the organizers of the Asian Championship, UWW-Asia management, UWW Bureau members for their efforts to promote wrestling worldwide and in Asia in particular. He made a presentation of some statistics of Asian presentation in the medal stands based on the results of the last Olympic Games. He shared with audience some ideas and proposals to improve wrestling in Asia and invited all Asian Federations to start working jointly on their implementations (proposals attached).

Mr. Davlet Turlykhanov introduced himself as a Technical Delegate to this Championship with President Kim, and thanked every member for participation and congratulated the organizer, Mr. Zamel Al-Shahrani, the president of Qatar Federation for a wonderful organization. He mentioned that the participating nations numbered 28 and informed of the competition schedule.

Congress was adjourned at 12:00.

Chang Kew Kim

President

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