

MINUTES of UWW-Asia Congress

11:00 February 16th, 2016

Princeton Hotel Bangkok

Bangkok, Thailand

Attendants:

Chang Kew Kim	UWW Asia Council President (KOR)
Raj Singh	UWW Asia Council General Secretary (IND)
Akhroljan Ruziev	UWW Vice President (UZB)
Zamel Al-Shahrani	UWW Bureau Member (QAT)
Ik Jong Kim	UWW Bureau Member (KOR)
Daulet Turlykhanov	UWW Bureau Member (KAZ)
Vangsan Sachantabutr	Asia Council member (THA)
Asylbek uulu Damirbek	Asia Council Honorary Vice-President (KGZ)
Elmira Tassimova	Asia Council member (KAZ)
Abdullah Derham Al-Maghrabi	UWW Bureau Member (YEM)
Andrey Vorontsov	UWW Regional Development Officer Asia
And all delegates of Asian Council	

Opening of the Congress by President Kim

President Kim welcomed all attendants and expressed his gratitude for coming and participating at Asian Senior Wrestling Championship 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand. President Kim reminded that every 4 years there are elections in AAWC. After that he introduced United World Wrestling Asia Bureau members and passed speech to Mr. Vangsan Saschantabutr.

Mr. Vangan Sachantabutr welcomed everyone in Thailand. He stressed that the year of 2016 is extremely important for our sport, due to the Olympic Games. He explained that the number of participants at Asian Championship increased (over 500 attendants compare to 400 estimated). Also he mentioned that there were some challenges with organization of this event due to the hotels issues and traffic jams in Bangkok that causes some delays. Another point that was highlighted was registration in Athena system. Mr. Sachantabutr said that due to the late submissions of information, it was hard to manage transportation and accommodation for delegations. He suggested to all national federations to register in advance, in order to avoid potential problems. However, Mr. Sachantabutr promised that competition was organized on the highest level.

President Kim explained that United World Wrestling President Mr. Nenad Lalovic was not able to join the congress and Asian Championship due to his tough schedule.

President Kim mentioned that Asian Championship 2016 will have the highest participation rate at all times.

Item 3: Roll Calls

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

1. Bahrain
2. Indonesia
3. India
4. Iran
5. Iraq
6. Jordan
7. Japan
8. Kazakhstan
9. Kyrgyzstan
10. Korea
11. D.P.R. Korea
12. Mongolia
13. Myanmar
14. Qatar
15. Singapore
16. Thailand
17. Tajikistan
18. Chinese Taipei
19. Uzbekistan
20. Yemen
21. Vietnam

Item 4: Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 AAWC Meeting in Doha, Qatar

Unanimously approved.

Item 5: Activity Report

Secretary General Mr. Singh made the report for the year 2015-2016 - AAWC annual meeting, AAWC executive meeting, Asian Championships and AAWC President's activities, and also his activity for the period 2016-2017. Information about Asian Championship of the year 2015 had been provided.

Item 6: Working Programs for 2015-2016

Secretary General Mr. Singh presented an information about working programs for 2016-2017. He emphasized that United World Wrestling Asia Council efficiency directly depends on the activities of national federations. Mr. Singh provided attendants with a list of programs that must be developed or implemented in Asia in order to develop wrestling.

President Kim highlighted that United World Wrestling Asia Council will have elections during next congress in 2017. He asked if someone has any suggestions or recommendations.

Item 7: Financial Reports

President Kim mentioned that the budget of United Word Wrestling Asian Council is very small. He emphasized that at the beginning AAWC didn't have any resources in Asia to support council. At this moment there are a lot of poor countries in Asia, which cannot support Asian Council financially. However, UWW Asia had been started to collect donations and support from federations. President Kim said that United World Wrestling headquarters is a major source of financial support. Also he suggested to all national federation representatives to seek for additional sources of support for their own federations and for Asian Council. The budget for last year and following year was explained in details.

Mr. Zamel Al-Shahrani expressed his gratitude to Thai Wrestling Association for hosting Asian Championship 2016. He highlighted that financial situation for Asian Council is unstable and must be improved by common efforts. Mr. Al-Shahrani suggested to develop a system for permanent financial support of Asian Council. Also he highlighted that UWW Asia will fight for share from United World Wrestling, because 80% of national federations in Asia cannot support themselves.

Comment: Mr. Fatih Terlemez (MYA)

Mr. Terlmez asked why UWW Asia does not have any corporate sponsors. He also mentioned that some federations have sponsors and it would be good to have one or few sponsors for UWW Asia. After that discussion among attendants had been evolved.

President Kim thanked Mr. Terlemez for his question and explained that UWW Asia is going to seek for additional support from sponsors and enhance marketing strategies. Also he welcomed everyone to support this idea.

Item 8: Calendar of Asian Council

President Kim informed that Olympic Games Asian Qualification tournament will be held in March 18th – 21st, 2016 in Astana, Kazakhstan. Also he reminded about Olympic Games World Qualification tournaments in Mongolia and Turkey. Information about Cadet and Junior Asian Championships 2016 was provided as well. President Kim reminded that Asian Senior Championship 2017 will be held in New Delhi, India.

After all announcements about upcoming major events President Kim asked for candidate countries for hosting Asian Cadets and Juniors Championship 2017. Chinese Taipei and Kazakhstan expressed interest to host Juniors Asian Championship, when Myanmar requested to host Cadets Asian Championship. President Kim instructed them to take the necessary procedures and send applications to United World Wrestling head office. Indian national federation requested to host Asian Junior Championship 2018. There were no candidates for hosting Cadets Championship 2018.

Asian Games 2018 will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia and wrestling will be one of the sports for this Games.

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 1st world qualifying event will be in Mongolia and the 2nd world qualifying event will be in Turkey.

Item 10: Development Program in Asia.

President Kim highlighted that on February 15th, 2016 United World Wrestling organized important seminar for National Federations. Unfortunately, not many federations attended (12 out of 37). President Kim explained an importance of involvement for this type of workshops and strongly suggested to attend next for similar events organized by United World Wrestling.

Item 11: Miscellaneous:

Mr. Daulet Turlykhanov(KAZ) introduced himself as a Technical Delegate for this Championship with President Kim, and thanked every member for participation and congratulated the organizer, Mr. Vangsan Sanchantabutr, the president of Thai Wrestling Association for a wonderful organization. Mr. Turlykhanov highlighted that United World Wrestling provided a seminar for national federations. He introduced Andrey Vorontsov as a Regional Development Officer Asia (United World Wrestling) and expressed gratitude for important and beneficial information delivered during the workshop regarding development of wrestling in Asia. Mr. Turlykhanov said that United World Wrestling has gone through a lot of positive changes. Also he mentioned that President Kim is working hard on the development of wrestling in Asia and the most visible evidence of his job is the numerous amount of medals of Asian wrestlers from World Championships and Olympic Games.

Mr. Turlykhanov noted, that all national federations must work in collaboration in order to seek for additional sources of funding for their own organizations and for UWW Asia. As an example he briefly described a success of Indian Pro Wrestling League. On behalf of Kazakh Wrestling Federation Mr. Turlykhanov wished a success to everyone in Olympic Year.

Mr. Singh (IND) briefly described a success of Indian Pro Wrestling League. He encouraged other federations to develop similar leagues in other countries. Mr. Singh said that Indian federation will provide a share to United World Wrestling Asian Council.

Mr. Vangsan Sachantabutr (THA) suggested to create a financial regulation for Asian Championship host countries to pay \$2,000 USD to United World Wrestling Asian Council in order to make another source of funding and increase the budget. He offered to apply this regulation to all types of Asian Championship hosts (cadets; juniors; seniors).

Mr. Vangsan offered to divide Asia into 5 zones for elections and each zone will represent itself.

Congress was adjourned at 12:05.

Chang Kew Kim

President

United World Wrestling-Asia Council