MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF INDIAN WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION

held on Friday, 16th of October, 2019 at Bodh Gaya (Bihar)

Members Present: List appended separately.

 Welcome: The Secretary General welcomed members in the House and congratulated Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya for becoming Member of Parliament once again. The entire House congratulated the President.

The Secretary General further congratulated the President for becoming the Chef-de-Mission of Indian team contingent for the forthcoming 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games – a rare feat achieved in the sport of weightlifting. All the members in the House congratulated the President for the same.

The President congratulated the Secretary General for getting appointment as Technical Official during 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. The President further apprised the House that Dr. Tamas Ajan, President, Indian Weightlifting Federation applauded the work efficiency of Shri Sahdev Yadav as Technical Official during previous Editions of International Events based on which the recommendation for appointment of Technical Official for 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games was made. The entire House congratulated the Secretary General for the rare feat.

The Secretary General took up the Agenda items as under:-

<u>Item No. 1</u>: Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Council Meeting held at Visakhapatnam on 22nd February 2019:-

The Secretary General informed the House that Minutes of Annual General Council Meeting held at Visakhapatnam on 22nd February 2019 was circulated to all the members on 28th June 2019 by email and post. The Minutes were also posted on the website of Indian Weightlifting Federation. All the members have confirmed the receipt of the Minutes and passed it unanimously.

Proposed by:-

Shri S.H. Anande Gowda, Secretary, Karnataka State Weightlifter's Association and

Shri Santosh Sinhasane, Vice President, Maharashtra State Weightlifting Association

Seconded by:-

Shri D. Sailoo, President, Telangana Weightlifting Association and

Shri Parveen Kumar, Representative, Railway Sports Promotion Board

Item No. 2: Adoption of Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year 2018-2019:-

The Secretary General informed the House that Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year 2018-19 was circulated to all the members on 15th September 2019 by email and further posted on the website of Indian Weightlifting Federation. All the members have confirmed the receipt of the Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year 2018-19 and passed it unanimously.

Proposed by:-

Shri G. Rajakumar, General Secretary, Tamilnadu State Weightlifting Association and

Shri D. Chandrahas Rai, Vice President, Karnataka State Weightlifter's Association Seconded by:-

Shri K. Suryanarayana, President, Andhra Pradesh Weightlifting Association

and

Shri Ranjeet Bhattacharjee, General Secretary, West Bengal State Weightlifting Association

Item No. 3: Revision of Entry Fee, Anti-Doping Fee and Annual Renewal Fee (2020-21):-

The Secretary General informed the House that administrative work in the Federation secretariat office has increased manifolds from that of the past and it is imperative to employ additional administrative staff for efficient working of the Federation. For the purpose, it is mandatory to generate revenue for disbursing salaries to the staff members of the Federation and the only income source of the Federation comes from the entries received during National Championships every year, from which more than 50% of the revenue was consumed on TA/DA disbursement of technical officials, accordingly revision in entry fee, anti-doping fee and annual renewal fee from the year 2020-21 is proposed as under:-

Entry Fee		Rs. 1000 per participant (athlete and team official)
Anti-Doping Fee		Rs. 500 per athlete
Annual Renewal Fee for States	-	Rs. 15,000/- payable upto 30 th June every year w.e.f. 2020-21 and surcharge of Rs. 500/- per month for late submission w.e.f. 1 st July every year.
Annual Renewal Fee for Departmental Boards		Rs. 50,000/- payable upto 30 th June every year w.e.f. 2020-21 and surcharge of Rs. 500/- per month for late submission w.e.f. 1 st July every year.

The President has put this Agenda for open discussion amongst members.

Shri D. Chandrahas Rai, Vice President, Shri B. Venkatramaiah, Secretary and Shri N.P.S. Chauhan, Jt. Secretary propose to reduce the Annual Renewal fee from Rs. 15,000/- to Rs. 12,000/-.

The following members States and Units supported the revision in entry fee, anti-doping fee and annual renewal fee:-

- 1. Odisha
- 2. Telangana
- West Bengal
- 4. Assam
- 5. Tamil Nadu
- 6. Kerala
- 7. Uttarakhand
- 8. Himachal Pradesh
- 9. Delhi
- Railway Sports Promotion Board
- 11. Bihar
- 12. Jammu & Kashmir
- 13. Karnataka

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Most of the members in the House are of the opinion to reduce the entry fee for Youth and Junior section to Rs. 700/- per participant. After deliberations the entire House unanimously resolved to revise the Entry Fee, Anti-Doping Fee and Annual Renewal fee from 2020-21 onwards as under:-

Entry Fee (Senior)	 Rs. 1000 per participant (athlete and team official)
Entry Fee (Youth & Junior)	 Rs. 700 per participant (athlete and team official)
Anti-Doping Fee	 Rs. 500 per athlete
Annual Renewal Fee for States	 Rs. 15,000/- payable upto 30 th June every year w.e.f. 2020-21 and surcharge of Rs. 500/- per month for late submission w.e.f. 1 st July every year.
Annual Renewal Fee for Departmental Boards	 Rs. 50,000/- payable upto 30 th June every year w.e.f. 2020-21 and surcharge of Rs. 500/- per month for late submission w.e.f. 1 st July every year.

Proposed by:-

Shri Narayan Sahu, Secretary, Odisha Weightlifting Association,

Shri M. Ramakoteswara Rao, Secretary, Telangana Weightlifting Association,

Shri Chandan Roy Choudhary, President, West Bengal State Weightlifting Association Shri Yudhvir Singh, Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir Weightlifting Association Seconded by:-

Shri Sunil Kumar, Vice President, Delhi State Weightlifting Association
Shri Arun Kumar Kesri, President, Bihar Weightlifter's Association
Shri Pardeep Sharma, President, Himachal Pradesh Weightlifting Association
Shri Bhabaiyoti Goswami, Vice President,

Shri Bhabajyoti Goswami, Vice President, Assam Weightlifting Association

Item No. 4: Report of the Secretary General for the year 2019:-

The Secretary General informed the House that Report for the year 2019 was circulated to all the members on 10th October 2019 by email. All the members have confirmed the receipt of the Report.

The Secretary General briefed about the report highlighting the achievements of Indian weightlifters and various national records. The concern of rising dope cases was also raised as there has been alarming rise in the dope cases during National Weightlifting Championships–2018-19, as many as 21 lifters were tested positive and 12 Gold medals were returned due to dope positive cases in the National Championships. The Report of Secretary General was approved unanimously.

<u>Item No. 5</u>: Bidding of 73rd Men and 36th Women Senior National Weightlifting Championships-2020-21:-

The Secretary General informed the House that in order to match the calendar of International Weightlifting Federation, it is imperative that conduct of National Championships will be held every year drawing the calendar well in advance.

After deliberations, Telangana State Weightlifting Association has come with the proposal to apprise the Federation about hosting of 73rd Men and 36th Women Senior National Weightlifting Championships-2020-21 in the State of Telangana by 31st December 2019.

Item No. 6: Bidding of 16th Youth (Sub-Junior Boys and Girls) and 57th Men and 33rd Women Junior National Weightlifting Championships-2020-21:-

The representatives of Madhya Pradesh proposed to host the 16th Youth (Sub-Junior Boys and Girls) and 57th Men and 33rd Women Junior National Weightlifting Championships-2020-21 in Association with Khel Yog Kalyan Vibhag in Bhopal.

After deliberations, the entire House unanimously approved the organizing of 16th Youth (Sub-Junior Boys and Girls) and 57th Men and 33rd Women Junior National Weightlifting Championships-2020-21 to Madhya Pradesh.

Proposed by:-

Shri Bhabajyoti Goswami, Vice President, Assam Weightlifting Association Shri Sunil Kumar, Vice President, Delhi State Weightlifting Association Shri D. Chandrahas Rai, Vice President, Karnataka State Weightlifter's Association

Seconded by:-

Shri Nirlep Singh, General Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Weightilfting Association Shri Ranjeet Bhattacharjee, General Secretary, West Bengal State Weightlifting Association

<u>Item No. 7</u>: Finalization of State Youth, Junior & Senior Weightlifting Championships calendars for the year 2020-21:-

The Secretary General informed the House as per new guidelines adopted by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, the calendar of State Championships in Youth, Junior & Senior section for the year 2020-21 will have to be finalized on or before 31.12.2019. Those States who fail to finalize its State Calendar have to conduct such Championships on the dates fixed by Indian Weightlifting Federation. The State Calendars has to be circulated widely amongst athletes, coaches and other stakeholders well in advance.

After deliberations, the entire House resolved to submit such information to Indian Weightlifting Federation latest by 31st December 2019.

Item No. 8: Change of Technical & Competition Rules for participation of athletes in Junior (Men & Women) section from next Edition of Junior (Men & Women) National Weightlifting Championships-2020-21:-

The Secretary General informed the House that there has been rising cases of Age Fraud in weightlifting after advent of Khelo India Games and most of the State Office bearers are involved in promoting age fraud in their State by not stopping the overage athletes and penalising the Coaches involved in it. Inaction from the State Secretaries have forced the Federation to come with some arrangements to eradicate the malpractice of age fraud in sports and it is imperative to save the sport of weightlifting from the vice of age fraud amongst athletes. The documents submitted by the State Secretaries for issuance of new ID Cards sometimes are also found to be forged. The time has come now to take strict steps against those athletes committing Age Fraud thereby inducing genuine athletes either to quit the sport or to tow in line of age fraud to win medals. Accordingly, the Federation will promote athletes ranging from 18-20 years from Junior to Senior section, if the athletes have won a Gold medal in any body weight category from the present Edition of Junior National Weightlifting Championships at Bodh Gaya. Such athletes can only participate in Senior National Weightlifting Championships only, although based on their performance in Senior

National Weightlifting Championships, they are eligible to participate in International events in Junior age group. The Secretary General informed the House that this practice will stop the age fraud athletes to prosper further and genuine age athletes will be encouraged to participate in Junior National Weightlifting Championships which will get reflected in overall performance of Indian team abroad in the longer run. This rule will also be reviewed after 3 years.

After deliberations, the House unanimously resolved to exclude athletes aging between 18-20 years from Junior section who have won Gold medal in respective body weight category from the results of 56th Men and 32nd Women Junior National Weightlifting Championships-2019-20, i.e. Gold medal winner athletes born between 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2019 will not be able to participate during 57th Men and 33rd Women Junior National Weightlifting Championships-2020-21.

It was further resolved that such athletes will be given a chance to participate in Senior National Weightilfting Championships as additional quota of 2 athletes per state, both in men and women section from 2020-21, meaning maximum of 12 athlete in men and 12 athletes in women section can participate from States whose lifters have been excluded from the Junior National Weightlifting Championships, although the team championships will be calculated for maximum 10 athletes only. The Junior national records of such athletes will be counted from the results of Senior National Weightlifting Championships.

The House is also of the opinion to send a circular mentioning the athletes names who will be excluded from participation during 57th Men and 33rd Women Junior National Weightlifting Championships-2020-21, based on the results of 56th Men and 32nd Women Junior National Weightlifting Championships-2019-20 at Bodh Gaya (Bihar) in the month of November 2019.

Proposed by:-

Shri Santosh Sinhasane, Vice President, Maharashtra State Weightlifting Association Shri K. Suryanarayana, President, Andhra Pradesh Weightlifting Association

Seconded by:-

Shri D. Chandrahas Rai, Vice President, Karnataka State Weightilfter's Association Shri Yudhvir Singh, Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir Weightlifting Association

Item No. 9: Measures to be adopted for curbing Age Fraud during Youth and Junior National Weightlifting Championships:-

The Secretary General informed the House that Age Fraud during Youth and Junior National Weightlifting Championships is a big worry for Indian Weightlifting Federation. Most of the athletes participating in Bodh Gaya Youth and Junior National Weightlifting Championships seems to be overage in physical appearance at the stage. But Indian Weightlifting Federation is helpless to stop the overage athletes due to production of forged documents and medical examination papers being submitted by athletes through its State Association who are aware of the fact that some of the athletes fielded by them are overage and still being prioritise over the genuine athletes for the want of winning team trophies for their States during the National Championships. Most of the overage athletes are finishing their career in Junior section and never come up in Senior section to compete and match the standard of Senior athletes.

Such malpractices are not good for the sport of weightlifting in the longer run. The Secretary General appealed to the House to come forward and help the garneton weightlifting leaving

behind their personal benefit of running the State Associations and collecting trophies only for showing to State Olympic Association, State Sports Councils and State Governments for grant purpose.

After deliberations, the entire House unanimously resolved and empowered the Indian Weightlifting Federation to appoint 3 members panel of Qualified Doctors during Youth and Junior National Weightlifting Championships and based on the reports submitted by the Doctors, the Federation to lodge F.I.R. against athletes found to be overage. The coaches and State Associations are also to be monetarily penalized / disciplinary action to be taken in future.

Proposed by:-

Shri Sunil Kumar, Vice President, Delhi State Weightlifting Association Shri Arun Kumar Kesri, President, Bihar

Weightlifter's Association

Shri Pardeep Sharma, President, Himachal Pradesh Weightlifting Association

Shri Bhabajyoti Goswami, Vice President, Assam Weightlifting Association

Seconded by:-

Shri Narayan Sahu, Secretary, Odisha Weightlifting Association,

Shri M. Ramakoteswara Rao, Secretary, Telangana Weightlifting Association,

Shri Chandan Roy Choudhary, President, West Bengal State Weightlifting Association Shri Nirlep Singh, General Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Weightlifting Association

Item No.10: Any other business with permission of Chair:-

The President informed the House that the Federation is on the verge of creating history in the sport of weightlifting as Padamshree Saikhom Mirabai Chanu will won GOLD or SILVER medal during 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

The President informed the House that Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India has been applauding the efforts of Indian Weightlifting Federation for the work efficiency and recently have approved the procurement of ELEIKO weightlifting barbell sets for development of weightlifting activities in India.

Earlier the Federation has been run very shabbily with corruption by its office bearers, illegal selection of athletes and reputation of dope tainted country. But in the past 10 years, the image of weightlifting in India and Internationally have improved considerably.

The President further apprised the House that some of the Indian Technical Officials are directly contacting International / Asian and Commonwealth Weightlifting Federation for inviting them to officiate during International calendar events without the knowledge of Indian Weightlifting Federation. Although International Weightlifting Federations have concurred with Indian Weightlifting Federation for appointment of such duties and none of the technical official will be appointed without the consensus of Indian Weightlifting Federation. The Federation will also take disciplinary action against those technical officials who are bypassing Indian Weightlifting Federation for personal benefit.

The President congratulated Shri Arun Kumar Kesri for conducting 15th Youth (Sub-Junior Boys & Girls) / 56th Men & 32nd Women Junior National Weightlifting Championships-2019-20 at Bodh Gaya, Bihar at par with International standard.

Shri Arun Kumar Kesri, President, Bihar Weightlifter's Association briefed the House that Bihar has taken the competition to the next level after organizing 2016 Edition of Youth and

Junior National Weightlifting Championships at Patna and tried to resolve the mistakes from that of Patna. He has highlighted there might be some shortcomings in the boarding & lodging of some referees which will be catered to and improved upon shortly. Shri Arun Kumar Kesri mentioned that Shri Arun Kumar Ojha who is the Organizing Secretary of the Championships runs the show single handedly and have tried to organize the event at part with International standards. He further apprise the House that Shri Sahdev Yadav, Secretary General and Shri Pal Singh Sandhu, Dronacharya Awardee visited the venue for inspection in first week of October 2019 and the Organizing Committee has tried to plug in every hole after the inspection visit of Indian Weightlifting Federation officials.

The entire House congratulated Shri Arun Kumar Kesri for conducting the Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships at Bodh Gaya at par with International competition.

The President informed the House that Hon'ble Court of Delhi has passed decree of permanent injuction in favour of Indian Weightlifting Federation against C.B.R. Academy of Sports and Education and others in C.S. (OS) 505/2016 & IAs No. 12189/2016 (u/O XXXIX R-1&2 CPC), 7542/2017 (u/O XXXIX R-4 CPC), 10064/2017 (u/O XXVI R-2 CPC) & 12382/2017 (of defendants u/O XXXIX R-1&2 CPC). The entire House congratulated President and Secretary General. The President acknowledges the efforts of Shri Ajit Kumar Banerjee, Former President of West Bengal State Weightlifting Association for giving co-operation and support to Indian Weightlifting Federation during the visit of President and Secretary General to Kolkata.

Shri S.H. Anande Gowda requested the Chair not to appoint those Referees from State of Karnataka who are neither involved in State activities or against the activities of State Associations / involved in mismanagement of Association funds. The President agreed to the proposal of Shri S.H. Anande Gowda and assured that those referees will be given preference from States who are involved in the development of State activities.

Shri Narayan Sahu requested the Chair to allot one International event to Odisha Weightlifting Association.

Shri K. Suryanarayana requested the Chair to allot Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships to Andhra Pradesh Weightlifting Association.

Shri D. Chandrahas Rai also requested the Chair to allot Asian Weightlifting Championships to Karnataka State Weightlifter's Association.

Shri Pal Singh Sandhu informed the House that Government of Odisha is eager to conduct one International Weightlifting event at Bhubaneswar where facilities have also been developed.

Shri Parveen of Railway Sports Promotion Board requested the Chair for conducting one Technical Official upgradation Seminar during forthcoming Inter-Railways Weightlifting Competition. He also requested the Chair to correspond with the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for giving voting rights to Railway Sports Promotion Board like in the past.

The President requested the President, West Bengal State Weightlifting Association to give presentation on preparations of forthcoming Senior National Weightlifting Championships at Kolkata from 2-7 February 2020. Shri Chandan Roy Choudhary asked Shri Ranjeet Bhattacharjee, General Secretary to brief the House about the preparations of forthcoming

72nd Men and 35th Women Senior National Weightlifting Championships-2019-20 at Kolkata. Shri Ranjeet Bhattacharjee apprised the House that weightlifting competition wil be held at Khudiram Anushilan Kendra, Shahid Khudiram Bose Rd, Maidan, B.B.D. Bagh, Kolkata, West Bengal 700021 (Near Netaji Indoor Stadium) and accommodation for players will be made at Salt Lake Yuvabharti Stadium, JB Block, Sector III, Bidhannagar, Kolkata, West Bengal 700098 and for technical officials in local hotels in Kolkata close to the venue.

The weightlifting equipments will be taken on loan basis from M/s. Swatantra Stores, Patiala and nearby states, the TSR hardware will be made available on rent basis as done at Bodh Gaya. Shri Ranjeet Bhattacharjee congratulated Shri Arun Kumar Kesri for the extraordinary conduct of the Youth and Junior National Weightlifting Championshis at Bodh Gaya and assured the House that West Bengal State Weightlifting Association who will be conducting National level Championships after a gap of 25 years will do its utmost to match the standards of Bodh Gaya National Championships.

Shri Ranjeet Bhattacharjee invited the Secretary General to come to Kolkata for the inspection visit shortly as per convenience.

The Secretary General informed the House that most of the State Associations are not complying the circulars published by Indian Weightlifting Federation within the stipulated deadline, for e.g. circular no. 92 dated 3rd June 2019 published in context of conducting anti-doping seminar by State Associations was complied only by Uttar Pradesh and Telangana.

Circular no. 90, 90-A, 94, 95 and 96 was also complied with by some of the State Associations.

The instructions passed by Indian Weightlifting Federation vide its circular from time to time should be dealth with strictly in a time bound manner by its State Associations.

The Secretary General reiterated that non submission of Whereabout Information on or before 2nd November 2019 will exclude atheltes from participation during 72ND MEN'S AND 35TH WOMEN'S SENIOR NATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS-2019-20 AT KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL FROM 2ND TO 7TH FEBRUARY, 2020.

The Secretary General further reiterated that without Athlete ID cards before commencement of National Championships, no athlete will be allowed to give body weight during the competition.

As there is no other business to be transacted, the Meeting concluded with voterof thanks by Shri Arun Kumar Kesri to the Chair.

[Sahdev Yadav] Secretary General

Encl. as above.

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XXXI	All India Police Sports Control Board	61		
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