

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF INDIAN WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION

held at Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh)
on 29th of December, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: List appended separately.

Welcome: The President welcomed all the members in the House.

The President informed that Gp. Capt. Ranjib Sahoo (Retd.) was appointed as Chief Executive Officer in the Federation. He will be overall in-charge of administrative affairs of the Federation.

The President informed that the quorum is complete and took up the Agenda of the Meeting as under:-

Item No. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of meeting of Executive Committee held over zoom online on 27th November 2023:-

It was informed in the House that minutes of Executive Committee Meeting was circulated to all members on 27th November 2023 by email. The entire House confirmed the receipt of Minutes and passed it unanimously.

Proposed by:-

Shri K. Suryanarayana
Shri Abraham K. Techii,
Vice Presidents, Indian Weightlifting
Federation

Seconded by:-

Smt. Shyamala Shetty,
Shri Yudhvir Singh,
Jt. Secretaries, Indian Weightlifting Federation

Item No. 2: Adoption of Annual Budget for the year 2024-25:-

The Annual Budget for the year 2024-25 presented in the House which was approved unanimously by all the Members.

Proposed by:-

Shri B. Venkatramaiah,
Shri Abraham Techii,
Shri Bhabajyoti Goswami,
Vice Presidents, Indian Weightlifting
Federation

Seconded by:-

Smt. Biku Sarita,
Shri Jayesh Naik,
Smt. Shyamala Shetty,
Shri Yudhvir Singh,
Jt. Secrearies, Indian Weightlifting Federation

Shri Ravi Sharma,
Shri Rajneesh Bhaskar
Shri Nirlep Singh,
Executive Members, Indian Weightlifting
Federation

Item No. 3: Discussions on introduction of Inter-District Zonal Competitions in States:-

The President informed the House that it is imperative to popularize the sport of weightlifting at grass root and block level in the State and Federation will be conducting Cadet Events for young athletes ranging from 9-13 years of age. One such event was conducted by Bihar Weightlifter's Association at Champaran where large number of athletes and talent pool was identified in the State.

The President informed the House that another program will be scheduled at Modinagar from 12-14 January 2024.

To evolve and go ahead in the Games, the Federation will also be introducing Inter-District Zonal Competition under different CSR schemes whereby it will provide platform to identify and nurture emerging weightlifting talents at the district level, fostering a pipeline for regional and national representation. Offer opportunity to athletes to gain valuable competitive experience at an intermediate level, preparing them for higher level competitions, raises awareness and interest in weightlifting within districts, encouraging more individuals to participate and support the sport, strengthening community engagement by involving local residents, schools and organizations in supporting and participating in the competitions, providing platform to coaches to exhibit their skill set through young pool of talent, improve their skills and contribute to the overall development of weightlifting infrastructure at the grass root level.

After deliberations, the entire House unanimously supported the views of the President and vouch for the success of such competition within their State also.

Proposed by:-

Shri Abraham Techu,
Vice President, Indian Weightlifting Federation

Seconded by:-

Smt. Shyamala Shetty,
Jt. Secreary,
Indian Weightlifting Federation

Shri Rajneesh Bhaskar
Executive Member,
Indian Weightlifting Federation

Item No. 4: Finalization of State & National Calendar for the year 2024-25:-

Item No. 5: Bidding of IWLF National Senior (Men & Women), Junior (Men & Women) and Youth (Boys & Girls) Weightlifting Championships-2024-25:-

The President requested the House to finalize the calendar of events within their States atleast 3 months before the start of the National Championships.

The House was informed that Himachal Pradesh Weightlifting Association submitted their bid to the Federation for conducting the IWLF Senior (Men & Women), Junior (Men & Women) and Youth (Boys & Girls) Weightlifting Championships-2024-25.

After deliberations, the entire House unanimously allotted the conduct of above Championships-2024-25 to Himachal Pradesh Weightlifting Association.

Item No. 6: Bidding of Asmita Khelo India Zonal Women's Weightlifting Ranking League Tournament for the year 2024-25 in 3 Zones and Asmita Khelo India Inter-Zonal Weightlifting Ranking League Tournament for the year 2024-25:-

The President informed the House that this item was already discussed in the last Executive Committee Meeting where the competitions were allotted to Odisha, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh. But the State of Karnataka did not confirm the bid and as some more States are also interested to conduct the event, the item was once again put for discussion and finalization of Events.

After deliberations, the members requested the Chair to allot the Asmita Khelo India Women ranking tournaments to their States, as per details below:-

Zone A	-	Odisha, Assam and West Bengal
Zone B	-	Uttar Pradesh
Zone C	-	Madhya Pradesh
Inter-Zonal	-	Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal

The bids were discussed thoroughly and finalized as under:-

Zone A	-	Odisha
Zone B	-	Uttar Pradesh
Zone C	-	Madhya Pradesh
Inter-Zonal	-	Odisha / Uttar Pradesh

(House empowered the President to finalize one of the above venues later on)

Proposed by:-

Shri Bhabajyoti Goswami,
Vice President, Indian Weightlifting Federation

Seconded by:-

Shri Jayesh C. Naik
Jt. Secreary,
Indian Weightlifting Federation

Shri Ravi Sharma
Executive Member,
Indian Weightlifting Federation

Item No. 7: Discussion of implantation of Women Empowerment in State Bodies and promotion as Technical Officials:-

The President informed the House that most of other Sports have already incorporated and promoted the role of women administrators and technical officials to a large extent. Uttar Pradesh being the first State to embellish the post of President to Smt. Sabina Yadav, an exemplary achievement. Although some States like Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have also included women administrators on some key posts, it is imperative to give bigger role and gender equality to women and empower them to be Technical Officials performing at National and International Level competitions. The Federation has adopted the policy of appointment of Women Technical Officials during National Championships, National Games, Khelo India Events and share of gender equality will be going to raise further in future.

The House proposed to amend the regulations for appearing in Technical Officials examination both for Men and Women to give maximum advantage to aspirants Women Technical Officials in future. After deliberations, the entire House unanimously approved to amend the examination rules for Technical Officials as under:-

Promotion from National Category-2 to National Category-1

Minimum 3 years for Men's and 2 years for Women's

Promotion from National Category-1 to International Category-2

Minimum 3 years for Men's and 2 years for Women's

Promotion from International Category-2 to International Category-I

Minimum 2 years both for Men's Women's

Proposed by:-

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Shri Abraham K. Techu
Vice Presidents, Indian Weightlifting
Federation

Seconded by:-

Smt. Shyamala Shetty
Jt. Secreary,
Indian Weightlifting Federation

Shri Nirlep Singh
Executive Member,
Indian Weightlifting Federation

Item No. 8: Introduction of online record keeping of State Association on website of Indian Weightlifting Federation:-

The Chief Executive Officer informed the House that Federation will be devising a new system on their website for record keeping of State Associations for their elections, registrations, details of office bearers, State and District calendars for compliance of all.

Some members told the Chair that they are already running a website for such things. It was told in the House that it is desirable to maintain a transparent and effective record for the benefit of all States where process will be sharp and crisp and can be seen at a glance with removing offline paper work.

The Federation will also give online classes to all the stakeholders to effectively enter the desired information from their end.

After deliberations, the entire House unanimously approved the adoption of online record keeping and empower the President to purchase the cloud server space and meet out the expenditure of any sort required for such arrangements.

Proposed by:-

Shri K. Suryanarayana,
Vice President, Indian Weightlifting Federation

Seconded by:-

Shri Yudhvir Singh
Jt. Secreary,
Indian Weightlifting Federation

Shri Nirlep Singh
Executive Member,
Indian Weightlifting Federation

Item No. 9: Opening of new society membership with Registrar of Societies / Companies of Delhi / NCR with other styling name. The name WEIGHTLIFTING INDIA was not approved by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India:-

The President informed the House that the name WEIGHTLIFTING INDIA which was approved by the August House in its previous meetings was not approved online on the website of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India and now a new society name / company name will be required to be adopted either with Registrar of Societies / Companies of Delhi / NCR for streamlining the compliance of the Federation records as per norms.

After deliberations, the entire House empowered the President and passed the following resolution:-

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient to empower the President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation to act on behalf of the federation in all matters related to the registration and establishment of the new society / company, or sub-let his powers to any of its representative(s) for affecting the paperwork related to registration of new society / company wherever, necessary.

Shri Sahdev Yadav, President, is hereby authorized and empowered to represent the Indian Weightlifting Federation in all dealings with relevant authorities for the registration and establishment of the new society / company.

The President is further empowered to sign, execute, and submit all necessary documents, applications, and declarations required for the registration process.

The President is authorized to appoint advocate, Company Secretary, legal counsel or any other professionals deemed necessary to facilitate the registration process and to incur necessary expenses associated with such appointments.

The President shall keep the Members informed about the progress of the registration process and seek approval for any major decisions that may arise during the course of registration.

This resolution shall remain in force until the completion of the registration process for the new society / company.

Proposed by:-

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Shri Nirlep Singh,
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Item No. 10: Discussions of affairs of Delhi State Weightlifting Association, Kerala State Weightlifting Association, Gujarat State Weightlifting Association, Puducherry Weightlifting Association, Telangana Weightlifting Association, Manipur Weightlifting Association and Uttarakhand Weightlifting Association:-

The President informed the House about administrative and financial irregularities in State Associations are disrupting the work of Indian Weightlifting Federation where large number of complaints were

received in the Federation on daily basis either through athletes or through other office bearers of the States. Most of the Right to Information Act, 2005 compliance were not met with, owing to lack of information available / incomplete or no records maintained by the States for giving replies under Right to Information Act, 2005.

The entire House deliberated on the matter of State Associations making non-compliance on context of elections, governance, financial irregularities, administrative lapses and unanimously approved the decision of Indian Weightlifting Federation for formation of Ad-hoc Committee in such disturbing States where basic activities are not being done in a democratic manner. The decision of formation of Ad-hoc Committee will be aimed to address administrative and financial irregularities in the State Associations and for ensuring effective working and promoting good governance and transparency. The Ad-hoc Committee will conduct a thorough investigation into the reported or suspected administrative and financial irregularities within the sports association, to mitigate the potential damage and prevent further irregularities, demonstrating a commitment to maintaining the integrity of sports, providing recommendations and solutions to streamline administrative processes, strengthen financial controls, working towards rebuilding trust among members, athletes and other stakeholders, reviewing existing policies and procedures to identify weakness that may have contributed to the irregularities.

The House unanimously approved the formation of Ad-hoc Committee in the following States:-

1. Delhi State Weightlifting Association - *financial irregularities and non-compliance of office records submission to the Federation.*
2. Kerala State Weightlifting Association - *financial irregularities and non-compliance of office records submission to the Federation. Multiple complaints by athletes, coaches and State office bearers.*
3. Gujarat State Weightlifting Association - *financial irregularities and non-compliance of office records submission to the Federation.*
4. Telangana Weightlifting Association - *financial irregularities and non-compliance of office records submission to the Federation. Non compliance on RTI information sought from time to time. Multiple complaints by athletes and State office bearers.*
5. Uttarakhand Weightlifting Association – *financial irregularities and non-compliance of office records submission to the Federation. Multiple complaints by athletes.*

The entire House unanimously empowered the President to take suitable punitive action against above States for non-submission of the documentation sought by Indian Weightlifting Federation from erstwhile office bearers of above State Associations within the stipulated deadline. Moreover, after formation of Ad-hoc Committee, it is obligatory for the State Association to deposit their complete office administrative and financial records to the Federation office to avoid manipulation of any sort in the States. The President is empowered to hire legal consultant, advocate or any other Expert required to channelize the good governance in above States for which desirable fee, if required, will be paid by the Federation.

6. The notification of fresh elections in the Puducherry Weightlifting Association will be made through Indian Weightlifting Federation in compliance with the orders of Hon'ble High Court of Chennai.

7. Whereas all members granted additional one month time to Manipur Weightlifting Association for compliance of office letter circulated by Indian Weightlifting Federation.

Proposed by:-

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Shri Bhabajyoti Goswami,
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Seconded by:-

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Item No. 11: Any other business:-

- (i) The President informed the House that Indian Weightlifting Federation will be bidding for conduct of 2025 AWF Asian Senior (Men & Women) Weightlifting Championships in India as Government of Gujarat are interested to conduct this Event in Gandhi Nagar where 36th National Games were conducted. Whereas Indian Weightlifting Federation will also bid for conducting 2025 Commonwealth Senior, Junior and Youth Weightlifting Championships in India.

Smt. Sabina Yadav requested the Chair to allot the 2025 Commonwealth Senior, Junior and Youth Weightlifting Championships and 2025 Asian Senior Weightlifting Championships to Uttar Pradesh since they have expertise and experience in conducting International events in 2023 at Greater Noida.

Shri K. Suryanarayana also requested the Chair to allot the 2025 Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships to the State of Andhra Pradesh.

The President informed the House that Federation will fix a Capitation Fee of Rs. 50 lakhs for awarding the organization of any International events amongst its affiliated State Associations.

- (ii) The President informed the House that Sports Authority of India did not award the grant-in-aid for the conduct of IWLF Senior, Junior and Youth Weightlifting Championships-2023-24 – Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh). Such incidences of non-receipt of grant-in-aid caused irreparable financial burden on the Organizing Committee.

The Organizing Committee was under immense pressure to conduct National Championships where large number of financial resources are required.

All the members in the House suggested to adopt the competition model followed during Asmita Khelo India Women League Championships.

After deliberations, the House unanimously resolved the following:-

- (a) No boarding & lodging will be provided to athletes and team officials from the forthcoming Edition of IWLF National Senior, Junior & Youth Weightlifting Championships-2024-25.
- (b) The final entries will be closed 40 days before the start of the competition and verification of entries will be closed 35 days before the start of the competition. Final time table along with start list will be published 30 days before the start of the competition, giving suitable time to athletes and team officials to know about their competition date and time for making advance bookings.
- (c) Minimum qualifying criteria will be revised and circulated amongst all affiliated units in the month of April 2024.
- (d) Revision in norms for issuance of Participation Certificate, athlete has to complete minimum one attempt in snatch and one attempt in clean & jerk.
- (e) Running of multiple competition platforms simultaneously to effectively control and reduce the number of days of competition.
- (f) The equipment support for running the competition successfully will be adequately provided by the Federation, transportation will be borne by the Organizers for the same.

The Committee to review the minimum qualifying weights for National Youth Weightlifting Championships will be approved as under:-

- (i) Mr. Kumbasi Subramanya, Chairman- Technical Committee, IWLF.
- (ii) Mr. Pal Singh Sandhu, Dronacharya Awardee
- (iii) Mr. Vijay Sharma, Dronacharya Awardee, National Coach.

- (g) There will be a revision in the existing fee structure of the National Championships-2024-25 onwards as under:-

Particulars	Section		
	Senior	Junior	Youth
Entry fee	Rs. 1,500 per participant for States, double the amount for late fee. Rs. 2,500 per participant for Departmental Boards, double the amount for late fee.	Rs. 1,000 per participant for States, double the amount for late fee.	Rs. 1,000 per participant for States, double the amount for late fee.
Doping Fee	Rs. 500 per athlete	Rs. 500 per athlete	Rs. 500 per athlete

- (h) No TA / DA will be reimbursed to the Technical Officials for participation during National Championships w.e.f. 2024-25. This will be required to cut down on financial burden on Organizers of the Championships. Whereas Boarding & Lodging will be provided to the Technical Officials during the National Championships.

Proposed by:-

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Any other business with permission of the Chair:-

1. Shri Rajneesh Bhaskar requested the Chair to lend money to the Organizers by raising small contributions from affiliated States to ease out the pressure of conduct of National Weightlifting Championships.

As there is no other business to transact, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S.H. Anande Gowda".

[S.H. Anande Gowda]
Secretary General

Encl. as above.