

MINUTES OF AAWC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Ambassador City Jomtien Hotel

Pattaya, Thailand

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The General Assembly was called to order by Dr. Chang Kew Kim, AAWC President at 1000H.

TAWA President Vangsan Suchantabutr was given the floor to deliver his Welcome Remarks.

FILA President Raphael Martinetti gave his welcome speech and was happy to be invited in this general assembly as Asia is very important to FILA.

AAWC President then gave his welcome speech and was happy with the good attendance from the member countries in Asia.

AAWC Secretary General Hae Jin Kim was then asked to call the Roll. There was 24 countries present out of the 36 total countries. A quorum was declared.

Mr. Kim then announced the appointment of the Election Committee composed of the following:

Chairman	G.S. Mander (India)
Members	Nasser Al Tamimi (UAE)
	<i>Jetro F. Lozada (Philippines).</i>

Kazakhstan representative raised a question as to why there is no representative from Central Asia –Uzbekistan, Kyrgystan, etc. FILA President Martinetti answered that he will directly supervise the Election committee.

The meeting proceeded with the Approval of the Minutes of the 2007 AAWC General Assembly in Manila. The floor heard no objection, the Minutes was duly approved.

Mr. Kim proceeded with the AAWC President's report for 2007-2009 s enumerated in the folders distributed to all members prior to the meeting. He mentioned that he also attended the Grand Prix in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

He made emphasis on the *Beach Wrestling program* which was successfully launched during the 1st Asian Beach Games in Bali, Indonesia. He encouraged all countries to organize beach wrestling notably those with beautiful beaches where we are abundant in Asia. Muscat, Oman is hosting the 2nd Asian Beach Games in 2011. AAWC met with Oman Sports Minister and urged them to form their wrestling federation. We got a positive response. Mr. Zamel Al Sharhani (Qatar) was tasked to make the necessary follow up and assistance to Oman.

The Singapore delegation, a new AAWC member, was duly acknowledged and was warmly welcomed by the body.

Once again , Mr. Kim reiterated that ***each federation must be organizationally strong. This makes AAWC strong, and consequently FILA strong.***

This is best achieved when there is continues flow of communication among AAWC members, zone to zone collaborating in the further development and strengthening of wrestling in the continent. More zonal competitions, and exchange programs among countries across zones must continue and is encouraged.

AAWC as of March 31,2009 has in its bank account US\$57,048.52. Prudent spending is practiced by AAWC to be able to effectively address its programs, provide assistance to some federations, and its administrative concerns. This is better as we started with basically none. With donations from Japan, Korea, UAE, Qatar, Mr. Daulet Turlykhanov, and friends of AAWC, plus the FILA subsidy we are able to mobilize and implement projects and programs.

For the AAWC calendar, Mr. Kim stated that FILA encourages more competitions to move up to high level competition. In the July 2009 Asian Cadets Championship, a FILA sanctioned Type I Referees Course will be conducted prior to the competition.

Mr. Martinetti added that he is encouraging younger participants like below 30 years old to participate. FILA wants young referees in the Singapore Youth Olympic Games. The selection of the referees for the Youth Olympics will also be at the same time that athletes are selected and qualified. Indonesia representative informed and invited the that they propose to host in August 2009 an Open tournament and on Februar yr 2010 the Asian Cup. Mr. Martinetti said FILA must be informed of all tournaments, through AAWC. This way we can calendar it and encourage more participation in such tournaments. Federations can prepare well and budget accordingly. FILA publishes the competition calendar way ahead. He strongly advised all that FILA must be informed one (1) year in advance minimum. Then follow the FILA process that is, inspection trip, pay the hosting fee, assign a technical delegate, among others.

2010 has a busy calendar ahead for AAWC.

February	Asian Cup	Indonesia
May	Asian Seniors	India
July	Asian Juniors	China
July	Asian Cadets	Iran or Singapore
August	Youth Olympics	Singapore
November	Asian Games	Guangzhou, China.

Mr. Martinetti said that 2012 Asian Seniors Championship will be a London Olympics qualifying competition. A very important event, following the Beijing Olympics format.

Mr. Kim apologized for missing to introduce the distinguished gentlemen in the table in the early part of general assembly. He then introduced everyone from the FILA and the AAWC.

For New Wrestling Styles, Mr. Martinetti emphasized that each federation follow FILA in bringing under one umbrella all wrestling styles. The World Wrestling Cup which is rich in *traditional wrestling styles* was started in Turkey and now in its 3rd edition. World Grappling Championship inaugurated in Suisse last year will be hosted by Florida, USA this year. Wrestling is rich in tradition in Iran and Mongolia. In fact, Mongolia has been using the red and blue competition colors. I think FILA copied it from Mongolia. Overall, Mr. Martinetti reiterated that it is very important that all wrestling styles be under one umbrella. Each federation must follow suit.

The Revision of AAWC By laws is mandated by FILA. The salient points in the revision are :

- 1). AAWC is now Asian Associated Wrestling Council (instead of Committee).
- 2). AAWC Executive Committee membership is now seven (7) including one (1) woman.

A 10-minute coffee break was called before proceeding with the AAWC Election.

The meeting was reconvened with the Elections on the table. Mr. Martinetti explained that the election will adopt the FILA procedure. 1st round of voting will declare winners those that have garnered absolute majority. A 2nd balloting will be called with the candidate with the relative majority declared as winner/s. AAWC will vote for six (6) male candidates and one (1) woman candidate. In excess thereof, the ballot will be invalidated/cancelled. But voters can vote less than 6 male candidates.

Before that all candidates were given a chance to present themselves and their program if any. Only the candidates from Kazakhstan, China, Japan, and India representative took the stand.

Election Chairman Mr. G.S. Mander took over the floor. He announced that there are 24 countries present, plus the 3 AAWC officials for a total of 27 voters. Distribution of ballots was done individually by calling each country and the 3 officials.

Tabulation of the votes cast was done in the adjacent room with FILA President Martinetti supervising the conduct of the counting.

There were two (2) votes invalidated/cancelled for exceeding the total number of people voted.

The official tabulation results(1ST Voting) are as follows:

Candidate		Votes Garnered
Mrs. Huang Chang Hasien-Chuan	(TPE)	23
Mr. Chang Kew KIM	(KOR)	22
Mr. Zamel AL-SHARHANI	(QAT)	20
MR. ZHOU Jinqiang	(CHN)	14
M. Shojiro SHIMODA	(JPN)	14
Mr. Akhroldjan Ruziev	(UZB)	
Mr. Nasr Al Majali	(JOR)	
Mr. Bekzav Sarmanov	(KAZ)	
Mr. Vangsan Suchantabutr	(THA)	
Mr. Miriroushan, Syedakbar	(IRI)	
Mr. Kartar Singh	(IND)	

Going back to the AAWC assembly, Election Chairman G.S. Mander announced the winners garnering the highest votes, as follows:

Men

Mr. Chang Kew KIM	(KOR)
Mr. Zamel Al Sharhani	(QAT)
Mr. Shojiro Shimoda	(JPN)
Mr. Zhou Jinqiang	(CHN)

Women

Mrs. Huang Chang	(TPE)
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There was then a need for 2nd Voting to fill up two (2) more slots in the AAWC Executive Committee. Mr. Mander asked if there was any candidate who will withdraw. The candidacy of India was withdrawn.

The same procedure was repeated giving one ballot each for each voter. Then the ballots cast were brought to the adjacent room for tabulation. The results were as follows:

Mr. Vangsan Suchantabutr	(THA)	11 votes
Mr. Miriroushan, Seyedakbar	(IRI)	11 votes

Thailand and I.R. of Iran were declared the two (2) winners.

Last of the agency was the announcement that the new federations will join their respective zones. Mr. Martinetti opined and suggested to Mr. Kim and the AAWC to modify the Zones taking into consideration the language, geography, among others.

There being no other matter to discuss, the AAWC Elective General Assembly was adjourned.

Written by Jetro Lozada

Chang Kew KIM
President AAWC