

MEMBER NATION & WSF COMMISSION MEMBER UPDATE – WSF BOARD MEETING

The WSF Board met on 3-4 February, Chaired by President Jacques Fontaine. There was a great deal of general business covered and listed here are some of the outcomes for Member Federation information:

- **WSF World Championship & SPIN Management Software.**
As already communicated to Member Federations, Club Locker have been agreed as the preferred bidder for this provision and a formal agreement in two months is envisaged. Regional and National Federations will be free to choose WSF Certified Software that will integrate with the WSF SPIN management software.
- **WSF World Championships 2020.**
In accordance with the tendering process Championship hosts for 2020 have been confirmed. These will be subject to finalisation before announcement.
- **Regional Articles.**
The WSF office will assist those Regional Federations who need to update their Articles to fully cover Codes of Conduct, Ethics and other sport-wide principles and policies.
- **Olympic Bid.**
Planning by the WSF/PSA bid management group in conjunction with the Olympic Games Commission and campaign partners Weber Shandwick continues apace while the process and nomination timings are awaited from Paris 2024/IOC. Once known details will be published to Member Federations and stakeholders so that all can contribute in terms of promotion and bid funding too.
- **Data Protection.**
To ensure that WSF is fully compliant with the European General Data Protection Regulation which comes into force on 25 May this year, Lorraine Harding has been overseeing necessary changes and will act as WSF Data Protection Officer.
- **WSF AGM 2018.**
The meeting confirmed acceptance of the tender to hold the AGM this year in Cairo, Egypt, on 24 – 27 October. The programme will be 24: Board & Executive Committee, 25: WSF Commission Meetings, 26: Conference Day, 27: WSF AGM. (Full details to follow in due course)
- **WSF Voting Review Group.**
The membership of the group who will review the WSF voting structure under the Chair of Vice President Huang Ying How has been finalised - their methodology and timeline will be conveyed to members when put in place by the group.
- **Andrew Shelley**
The Board stated concerns about the complexities of the situation, the timing of his possible departure in relation to Olympic bid involvement and the need for reflection. There were full and frank discussions centred around Board focus and operation – both of which were agreed as needing recalibration; and clarification concerning the Chief Executive role. Following this Andrew Shelley was requested to withdraw his resignation as Chief Executive, which he did; and so continues in his current role.