

AFRICAN KICKBOXING CONFEDERATION

(WAKO AFRICA)

Yaoundé, Cameroun

Minutes of General Assembly of African Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO AFRICA)

Date and Time: 28 Avril 2018, 10h30

Place: Yaoundé - Headquarters of AASC/UCSA (Association of African Sport Confederations/Union des Confédérations Sportives Africaines)

On the 28th day of April 2018, at 10:30 A.M, at the headquarters of AASC/UCSA (Association of African Sport Confederations/Union des Confédérations Sportives Africaines), in Yaoundé (Cameroun), the members of African Kickboxing Confederation met in General Assembly.

Attendance sheet was established which was signed by each Member of the Assembly in attendance on entering the meeting room, whether in his name or by proxy.

The Director General of AASC/UCSA joined the meeting as well with delay due to the road circulation.

Introduction and opening of the meeting

The meeting began at 10.30 am with the welcome of Mr. Emmanuel ESSISSIMA, President of African Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO AFRICA) and presentation of the members present, by the Executive Secretary General, Mr. Eric ELLA BEKALE.

Then followed the presentation of the members of the AASC/UCSA office by Mr. Emmanuel ESSISSIMA, the President of the African Kickboxing Confederation.

Mr. Emmanuel ESSISSIMA informs that he will Chair the Meeting in conformity of Article 12 of the African Kickboxing Confederation and proposes Mr Eric ELLA BEKALE to act as scrutineer et Madame Sylvie DJOH ASSEN Secretary of the meeting.

There were no objections to this proposal by the assembly.

Mr. Emmanuel ESSISSIMA inform the members that the General Assembly was called according to Article 17 of the African Kickboxing Confederation.

Le President remind the members that the African Championships were planned to be held in March and agenda and notice of call was prepared to be sent to the members who were informed by various communication. However, for internal political reason in Cameroun, the authorities request to postpone the date of event to late April.

Because of the above-mentioned extreme circumstance, we were not certain to be able to hold the planned African Championships, as we did not have approval for sport hall.

After discussion with majority of members, we agreed to keep the dates of African Championships 23 to 28 April 2018 and pending to the number of the members who will be able to reach Cameroun on time, we will decide if we can held the general meeting or not.

Fortunately, most of members confirmed their arrival and after discussions with the Board of Directors, it was decided in conformity to Article 17 of statutes which provide shortened notification of General Assembly at the discretion of the African Kickboxing Confederation president and or Board of Directors, to notify the members at their arrival.

The members discussed about the Agenda of the meeting, which they were notified at their arrival.

Mr. Emmanuel ESSISSIMA, declared that the members were informed that they can add any additional item they may wish to the agenda in condition that the proposal will be accepted by members present at the General Assembly and informed all that as President he agrees to any additional item requested by the members.

Mr. Eric ELLA BEKALE recalls the Agenda of the General Assembly as determined by the Board of Director as follows:

- Opening of meeting,
- Agenda and discussions
- President activities report
- Roll Call,
- Renewal of the mandates of the office (President and Board members) including the Zones Presidents
- The Non-payment of the affiliation by the members
- Candidates for organization of the next African Kickboxing Championships 2020
- Miscellaneous

The President informs the members that the recommendation of the Board of Directors is to approve the items proposed in Agenda of General Assembly.

The Agenda approved by unanimous decision of the members present

President's activities report

Mr. Emmanuel ESSISSIMA makes the introduction of African Kickboxing Confederation activities during the past 2 Years and unfolding of the previous meeting.

Mr. Emmanuel ESSISSIMA informs the members that during the past years he conducted these activities by financing himself directly and from his personal funds. The President informs the members that despite not having any income for the good outstanding of African Kickboxing Confederation, he established the financial statements for 4 years from 2016 to 2019 which will be presented during next assembly. The Presidents reminds members that last financial statements which were approved include financial statement 31/12/2015, confirming that confederation has not any income neither in 2016 and 2017 and up to now. The Presidents reminds that Morocco promote as its own financial sources the 2016 African Championships in K1 Rules in 12 Categories in December 2016 which the members should appreciate.

The President thanks the Vice President of Confederation Mr. Driss El-Hilali and Mr Abdulkarim El Hilali President of Morocco Federation for their support.

The President reminds also the members that following:

- African Kickboxing Confederation dose not receive any subsidy from WAKO or any other organization.
- All charges related to professional travel/trip of President of African Kickboxing Confederation for participation in USCA and other meetings are paid by himself,
- The affiliation fees of African Kickboxing Confederation to USCA is paid every year personally by Mr. Emmanuel ESSISSIMA.

The President reminds that the incomes of Confederation should be consist of affiliation memberships, which is never applied to the members in order to assist them financially.

The President ESSISSIMA informs the members that because of not source of income in the confederation, it is difficult to have a real budget because he is the only person provides all financial needs. He informs the members that once the confederation will have the income, the Board of Directors will be able to prepare the budget. The President informs the members that the Board of Directors decided that the Confederation continue its activities as per previous years with financial support of its President and the budget can be established once there is an income. However, it is necessary to open a bank account for African Kickboxing Confederation as soon as possible.

Everybody is agreed that President ESSISSIMA should open a bank account for African Kickboxing Confederation if it is necessary.

The members present thanks President ESSISSIMA for his report efforts and work for the African Confederation.

Roll call

Mr. Emmanuel ESSISSIMA, makes the presentation of the roll and the voting process as determined by African Kickboxing Confederation Board of Directors and in conformity to the Article 8 of African Kickboxing Confederation Statutes as follows:

1. The Provisional Members of African Kickboxing Confederation, the members whose are members of Confederation for less than 2 years, they have no voting rights.
2. The Official Members of African Kickboxing Confederation, the members whose are members of Confederation for less than 4 years, they have one vote.
3. The Full Members of African Kickboxing Confederation, the members whose are members of Confederation for more than 4 years, they have two votes.

As representative of his country, the African Kickboxing Confederation President will be granted an extra vote or casting vote in case of tied vote.

Decisions will be taken by a simple majority of the votes expressed.

Monsieur Eric ELLA BEKALE informs le President and assembly that the number of members present and represented are grater then fifty percent of the voting members in conformity with Art 9 (Quorum) of African Kickboxing Confederation Statutes and declares the Assembly opened and validly deliberate.

The members present acknowledge of the information.

Renewal of the mandates of the office (President and Board members) including the Zones Presidents and additional members

The Presidents ESSISSIMA reminds the mandates of the executives members of office are currently in force. However, there is some vacancy and also Mr Briand ANDRIANIRINA resigned from his position as Mr ANDRIANIRINA is not anymore President of Madagascar Kickboxing Federation.

This will also bring some changes to the composition of President of the Zones as Mr. Briand Andrianirina was also President of Zones 5.

Mrs. RABY SAVATSARAH Gabrielle, Secretary General and representative of Madagascar Kickboxing Federation informs the President and the members that the fact that Mr. Briand ANDRIANIRINA is not anymore part of Madagascar Kickboxing Federation but their federation remains very active federation in Zone 5 and requests that President of Zone 5 will be someone from Madagascar Kickboxing Federation.

The representative of Algerian Federation of Full Contact Kickboxing and Assimilated Disciplines informs that their federation is not rebuilding again with support of government and they would like to be more active in Africa Kickboxing Confederation, remaining the members that Algerian Kickboxing Federation were initiated back in March 2007 the foundation of African Kickboxing Confederation. Algerian Federation propose their president Mr. Abbes ESSAID as President of Zone 4 and Board members.

The President ESSISSIMA informs the members that the Confederation office had duly received from Libyan General Federation for Kick Boxing and Similar Sport the official nomination of their President Mr. Mohammad Sherif as member of the Board of the African Kickboxing Confederation.

Mr. ELLA-BEKALE informs the members that in conformity to the statutes of African Kickboxing Confederation the Board of Directors shall include from a minimum of 5 to a maximum of 9 members. Mr. ELLA-BEKALE states that today during this meeting, 15 members of our Confederation are present and he proposes to use this opportunity to discuss and decide to the mandate of the office executive as follows.

- President : Emmanuel ESSISSIMA (Cameroon)
- Vice President: Driss ELHILALI (Morocco)
- General Secretary: Eric Richard ELLA-BEKALE (Gabon)
- Member of the Board, Acting Assistant General Secretary and Treasurer : Sylvie Djoh Assen (Cameroon)
- Member of the Board : Mohammad Sherif (Libya)

Other Board members including Presidents of the Zones:

- President of Zone 1, Member of the Board: Mr. Abbes ESSAID, (Algeria),
- President of Zone 2, Member of the Board: Parfait DOUKROU (Cote d'Ivoire),
- President of Zone 4, Member of the Board: Servais OBAME OKE (Gabon),
- President of Zone 5, Member of the Board: Gabrielle RABY SAVATSARA (Madagascar),

The President informs the members that the Zone 3 is under development and we do not have many feedback and in the currently himself with the assistance of the board will be in charge of the Zone 3 and will report during next meeting to the members.

The President reminds the members and Presidents of the Zones about their duties as determined in African Kickboxing Confederation bylaws and their obligations of reporting directly to the African Kickboxing Confederation President and the Board of Directors in conformity of the Article 24 of the statutes of African Kickboxing Confederation as amended on 29/09/2012.

The President informs the members that members have right to express their vote for each individual and for each position in the proposal list of the Board of Directors.

After discussions, the members decide to renew the mandate of executives members and name addition members of Board of Directors for vacant positions to act for period of next 4 years.

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Other Board members including Presidents of the Zones:

- President of Zone 1, Member of the Board: Mr. Abbas ESSAID, (Algeria),
- President of Zone 2, Member of the Board: Parfait DOUKROU (Cote d'Ivoire),
- President of Zone 4, Member of the Board: Servais OBAME OKE (Gabon),

President of Zone 5, Member of the Board: Gabrielle RABY SAVATSARA (Madagascar),

The resolution is adopted by unanimous decision

The President informs the members that Bylaws (dis en francais reglements intérieurs) will be revised according to the above adopted decision.

The president informs the members that the Confederation received from the members few nomination requests for the different committees and reminds the members that according to the article 34 of the African Kickboxing Confederation statutes the Bylaws are reviewed by the Board of Directors and are ratified or modified by the next following General Assembly.

The President requests the members to send their request for participation in the committee. Once the Confederation will receive all request, they will be review by the Board of the Directors of Confederation.

The Non-payment of the affiliation by the member

The President reminds the members that there is in each sport continental confederations and affiliation fee and this is also the case in African Kickboxing Confederation as provided by Statutes and bylaws (100 US dollars for Provisional members, 200 US dollars for Official members and 300 US dollars for Full members) and these fees are independent to the membership's fee of which members should pay to international Federation.

Mr. Essissma explains that many years ago, the Board of Director has adopted that the African Kickboxing Confederation members are exempt of above membership's fees for short period of time in order to help them in the economic way for payment of their membership's fee to

WAKO (IF). This exemption would not affect the voting right of African Kickboxing Confederation members according to the Statutes of African Kickboxing Confederation and as determined by the Board of Directors of African Kickboxing Confederation.

The President's request the members that if they do not pay any affiliation to African Confederation they should assure that they pay their affiliation to International Federation on time every year.

Mr. ELLA-BEKALE, informs the members that African Kickboxing Confederation must continue its activities and run the office and President needs to travel and visit the countries and supervise the development which need the funds. Mr. ELLA-BEKALE, propose that this issue will be discussed among the Board members and the proposal will be send to the members for their comments.

All members present are agreed to the above proposal which should be discuss between the board and proposal be send to the members for their comments.

The members present acknowledge of the information.

Candidates for organization of the next African Kickboxing Championships 2020

It was discussed among the members the choice of Host country for the next African Championships.

The President informs the members that the Board of Directors of Confederation determined that the candidate should prepare an official file and accept the cost of inspection visit of two executives Board members. The inspection will assure that sport hall, hotels and other materials are in conformity and qualified for the African Championships.

The Host country should accept to pay the cost and accommodation for organizing committee and referee/judges and competition materials, medals.

Mr. ELLA-BEKALE propose that the executives should discuss case by case and determine the conditions of hosting of the next African Championships at least one year before.

The President acknowledges of wish of Algeria, Tunisia and Equatorial Guinea for Organization of African Kickboxing Championships 2020. They should send the official letter to the African Kickboxing Confederation.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Richard ELLA-BEKALE, informs the members that the members should grant the power to the President to undertake at its sole discretion any necessary step for execution of resolutions adopted during the General Assembly and registration of all official documents including statutes, bylaws and ect....as it is maybe necessary and opening the Bank account for African Kickboxing confederation.

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The Resolution is adopted by unanimous decision,

The Director General of the AASC/UCSA who joined the meeting late apologizes for her delay and expressed her joy at receiving strangers. According to Director General, the AASC/UCSA (Association of African Sport Confederations/Union des Confédératins Sportives Africaines remains ready to accompany the African, Kickboxing Confederation in its missions as it is their duty. The General Directors declared that AASC/UCSA is the body that brings together all the African Olympic and non-Olympic confederations.

The members present acknowledge of the information.

The President Emmanuel ESSISSIMA declares the meeting of the General Assembly of the African Kickboxing Confederation ended at 14h with the thanks of the President, who urged and encouraged the participants to dare. He remains open to all and ready to bring his expertise to those who will organize the next championships. He also wished for a good return to all delegation who attended the African championships.

Mr. Emmanuel ESSISSIMA
President of African Kickboxing Confederation
Chairman of the meeting



Sylvie DJOH ASSEN,
Secretary of the meeting,

