

MINUTES

APSO Executive Board Meeting, 17 May 2024



Meeting title	APSO Executive Board Meeting
Date	17 May 2024
Time	10.00 – 10.50 CEST
Venue	Videocall
Chair	Sabrina Ibáñez, APSO President
Minutes	Sergey Lyzhin, APSO Honorary Secretary General

Attendance List		
Participants	Title	IF
<input type="checkbox"/> Ms Sabrina Ibáñez (SI)	President	FEI
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Tom Dielen (TD)	Vice President	WA
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Colin Grahamslaw (CG)	Member	WCF
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Steve Loader (SL)	Member	WWR
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Sergey Lyzhin (SLY)	Honorary Secretary General	APSO

Agenda	
1	Welcome from the President
2	IPC EGA 2024
3	APSO Sport technical meeting 2024
4	Update on European Para Championships 2027
5	Other business

Minutes	
1	<p>Welcome from the President</p> <p>The President welcomed Executive Board (EB) members to their second meeting in 2024. Apologies from Charmaine Hooper were received.</p>
2	<p>IPC Extraordinary General Assembly 2024</p> <p>The EB members were of the opinion that the IPC Governing Board's motion on the Board's composition, proposed for voting at the EGA, was not ready for a vote at the EGA, as members had not had the opportunity to fully consider the proposal nor provide their input before the motion was mature enough to be presented to the EGA.</p> <p>The EB members acknowledged the memo circulated by WWR President Richard Allcroft regarding the Governing Board composition motion in advance of the IPC EGA and unanimously supported the WWR statement that the proposed motion cannot be supported.</p> <p>On the other motion, TD informed the EB members that the IPC Classification Code drafting team aimed to provide certain flexibility for IFs regarding the new code's implementation beyond the Paralympic Games. The EB members noted this clarification.</p>

<p>3</p>	<p>APSO Sport technical meeting 2024</p> <p>SLY updated the EB members about the preparation for the 2024 Sport technical meeting (STM), which was planned to be hosted virtually. A total of 18 IFs confirmed their participation, with 27 registered attendees. IPC sports have also been invited to join the STM. It was suggested to facilitate discussion on two main subjects: resource sharing and the management of classification. Each topic would begin with a short presentation from an IF, followed by breakout sessions to discuss specific aspects of these subjects.</p> <p>It was noted that SI would not be available to open the STM due to travel commitments. Therefore, TD was tasked with welcoming participants to the meeting.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Update on European Para Championships 2027</p> <p>SLY informed the EB members about his recent exchange with Eric Kersten, founder of the European Para Championships (EPC), who sought to organize a meeting with APSO members to present the concept of the next edition of the EPC.</p> <p>TD noted that European Championships are not organized by the respective global IF in every sport, so such a meeting might not be equally relevant to all IFs.</p> <p>The EB members agreed that a videoconference between interested APSO members and EPC stakeholders should be organized following the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. SLY was tasked with following up with IFs and the EPC.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Other business</p> <p>5.1 European Paralympic Committee</p> <p>SLY informed the EB members about his recent virtual meeting with European Paralympic Committee (EPC) President Raymon Blondel and Communications and Project Manager Lucy Dominy, where they discussed opportunities for organizing European Youth Paralympic Games (EYPG). It was agreed that EPC would prepare a proposal for organizing an online conference with APSO members to discuss potential formats of the EYPG. The EB members noted this information.</p> <p>SI expressed her concern over increasing financial burden on many IFs related to multiple projects and initiatives from third parties, which, over time, have been added on top of the governance of sport. The EB members unanimously agreed that commitment to these new projects and other obligations put the financial sustainability of IFs at risk.</p>
	<p>The President thanked everyone for the productive and fruitful discussion. The meeting was formally closed.</p>