

2022 IJRU Virtual General Congress Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022

Time: 12:00PM – 2:51PM UTC

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Purpose: General Congress

Attendees:

IJRU Board Members:

President – Shaun Hamilton

Executive Vice President – Takashi Ogawa

Secretary General – Rochelle Boggs, Janet Locke

Treasurer – Luke Winstanley

Africa – Keolebogile Mokolopo-Meyer,

Asia – Michael Chanyanghui, Mitra Rouhi Dehkordited

Europe – Silke Fürnschuß,

Oceania – Luke Winstanley,

Pan America – Maria del Sol Rodriguez Lopez

Athlete's Council – Illyes Debbah

Apologies: Pan America – Ernesto Hernandez

Oceania - Kirralee Larkin

Africa- Moagi Sharp

Sanctions: Legal Representative – Kate Libova (WADA vs. RUSADA)

2022 NGB Delegates:

Austria – Gerhard Blümel

Australia – Karen Binns, Kirralee Larkin

Belgium – Eva Vandemeulebroecke, Kurt Moens

Canada – Jodi Harrison, Carly Simpson

China – Bill Luo

Czech Republic – Martina Varkočková, Petra Jeřábková

Denmark – Mia Mønster

France – Nadia Aidli, Jonathan Mahoto

Germany – Nicolai Lorke

Greece – Eleni Touloumenidou

Hong Kong, China – Ng Pak Ki, Man Ka Koy

India – Shazad Khan, Tausif Lari

I.R. Iran – Mitra Rouhi, Nita Shafei

Italy – Canoci Chiara

Japan – Jun Haratake, Akitoshi Moriguchi

Malaysia – Syaiful Anwar Ishak, Habibah A. Hamid

Mexico – Dora Alicia Hernández, Giovanni Hernández

Puerto Rico – Roberto Acosta Lugo, Mahaletth Vega (Interpreter: Roberto Nieves Gallardo)

Republic of Korea – Daejung Kim

Singapore – Lui Peng Hui, Edna Teo

Slovakia – Martin Kolčák, Pavlina Hadova

Somalia – Abdukhadir Nor Mohamud

South Africa – Seate Mpho, Marta Heri

South Korea – Daejung Kim
Sweden – Kajsa Murmark
Thailand – Nutchapol Tanchareon, Angkana Hiranprueck
United States – Chris Brown, Brian Hsu

2022 NGB Observers:

Nepal – Upendra Kumar Poudel
Rwanda – Mudahemuka

2022 Continental Observers:

Africa – Seate Mpho
Europe – Silke Fürnschuß
Pan America – Maria del Sol Rodriguez Lopez

Guests:

IJRU IP Committee – Andrej Kyselica
IJRU Technical Committee Chairperson – Monica Foster
IJRU Coaches Course Chairman – Don Lui
IJRU Championship Organizing Committee Chairperson – Ann Nordin
IJRU Ethics Panel Chairperson – Allysa Ciancio

Volunteers:

General Congress Assistant (Timekeeper) – Jessica Nicholson
General Congress Assistant (AGM voters app) – Svante Bengtson

Non-attendance Provisional & Full Members: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bermuda, Botswana, Brazil, Chinese Taipei, Columbia, Eswatini, Finland, Guatemala, Guyana, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Macao China, Malta, Mozambique, Philippines, Portugal, Switzerland, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda

Non-attendance Observers: Barbados, Croatia, Kyrgyz Republic, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands

Reference:

Provisional & Full Member NGBs delinquent in membership fees, not eligible to vote: Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia,

Observer NGBs delinquent in membership fees, not eligible to attend: Panama, Peru, Spain, Zambia

Agenda

00. Opening of the Statutory 2022 IJRU General Congress

- **Instructions – Navigating Microsoft Teams & Performing a Test Vote**
- **00.1 Instructions regarding meeting participation using voting application.**
- **00.2 IJRU is recording this meeting, private recording is prohibited.**
- **00.3 Raising hand's function.**
- **00.4 Use of Chat box**
- General Congress is presented in PowerPoint. [[LINK To Meeting PowerPoint](#)] [[LINK to video of meeting,](#)]

01. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

- **01.1 IJRU Board of Directors**
- **01.2 2022 NGB Delegates**
- **1.3 Special Guests Andrej Kyselica, Monica Foster, Don Lui, Ann Nordin, Allysa Ciancio**

- Roll was taken of the Board of Directors and member countries. The 50% quorum = 20 countries out of the total of 39 full and provisional member countries eligible to vote at this time was established.

02. Welcome and Opening of the IJRU General Congress

- **02.1 Declaration of the 4th IJRU General Congress is Convened**
- **02.2 Conflict of Interest Statement**

03. Adoption of the Agenda – [LINK TO AGENDA](#)

- **Motion:** *To accept the 4th IJRU Virtual General Congress Agenda as amended.*
Discussion: None
Outcome: Carried

04. Approval of Minutes of 2021 IJRU General Congress – [LINK TO 2021 GC MINUTES](#)

- **Motion:** *To accept the minutes of the 2021 IJRU Virtual General Congress.*
Discussion: None
Outcome: Carried

05. President's Address – "It's Time to Jump In"

- The President's Address "*It's Time to Jump In*", was given by Shaun Hamilton, president of IJRU.

06. Membership

- **06.1 New Full Status**
 - **06.1.1 Greece "Hellenic Cheerleading Federation" (HCF)**
Motion: *To approve the "Hellenic Cheerleading Federation," HCF, as a full member in IJRU.*
Discussion: None
Outcome: Carried
- **06.2 New Provisional Status**
 - **06.2.1 Somalia "Somali Jump Rope Federation" (SJRF)**
Motion: *To advance "Somali Jump Rope Federation," SJRF, to Provisional member status in IJRU.*
Discussion: None
Outcome: Carried
- **06.3 Sanctions**
 - **06.3.1 Russia "Russian Rope Skipping Federation" (RRSF)**
In accordance with the guidance of the international order of the IOC, unfortunately IJRU has had to put sanctions on Russia until further notice, while remaining in contact with them and supporting them whenever possible.
- **06.4 Membership Update**
IJRU has 63-member National Governing Federations. Refer to IJRU General Congress slides.
- **06.5 Membership Fee Restructure**
In 2023 the membership fee will be restructured to better reflect the benefits available to IJRU members.
- **06.6 Membership Information from the Survey**
Refer to IJRU General Congress slides.

07. Finances

- **07.1 Interim Treasurer Report**
The interim treasurer gave a report on IJRU's current financial status.
- **07.2 Audits**
- **07.3 Current Financial Position**
- **07.4 Forecasted Budget 2023**

08. Constitution and Policy

- **08.1 Constitution Amendments**
- An overview was given on the amendments (in section C17) recommended by the Ethics Panel, for which there were no clarification questions submitted prior to the General Congress.
Motion: *To approve the amendments to the IJRU Constitution regarding board member roles, duty, and terms clarity in section C17 as proposed by the Ethics Panel.*
Discussion: None
Outcome: Carried
- **08.2 Election Procedure**
An election procedure process document has been drafted, and now that the IJRU Constitution has been amended, further action can be taken.

<10-minute break> (Reestablished a quorum.)

09. Board of Directors Activities

- **09.1 Board of Director Vacancies**
 - 09.1.1 Africa (1)
 - 09.1.2 Asia (1)
 - 09.1.3 Europe (0)
 - 09.1.4 Oceania (0 positions available)
 - 09.1.5 Pan America (1)
 - 09.1.6 Athlete Council Member (1: Female athlete)
- **09.2 Board Position Update**
 - 09.2.1 Pan America – Patricia Muñoz resigned her position on the BOD while remaining on the Ethic Panel and the Anti-Doping Ad Hoc Panel.
 - 09.2.2 Europe – Ekaterina Libova
Motion: *It has been proposed that the General Congress accept the decision of the IJRU Board of Directors to remove Ekaterina Libova from the IJRU Board of Directors position as Member At Large, Europe.*
Discussion: None
Outcome: Carried
- **09.3 Newly appointed members**
 - 09.3.1 Luke Winstanley, Interim Treasurer (position until 2024 election)
Motion: *It has been proposed to ratify the Board of Directors appointment of Luke Winstanley to Treasurer of IJRU.*
Discussion: None
Outcome: Carried

09.3.2 Pan America: Maria Del Sol Rodriguez Lopez (position until 2024 Election)

09.3.3 Europe: Kurt Moens

09.3.4 Europe: Nadia Aidli

Motion: *It has been proposed to ratify Maria del Sol Rodriguez Lopez, to At Large Member for Pan America, and Kurt Moen's and Nadia Aidli, both for At Large Members for Europe pending their NGB is in good standing.*

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried

10. Continental Activity Reports – [Link to Continental Reports](#)

● **10.1 Continental Reports – IJRU Vice Presidents**

12.8.1 Asia - Asian Jump Rope Union (AJRU)

The Asian Jump Rope Union (AJRU) report was presented by Ms. Janet Locke in place of Mr. Michael Chanyanghui, president of AJRU.

12.8.3 Europe – European Rope Skipping Organization (ERSO)

The European Rope Skipping Organisation (ERSO) report was presented by Mrs. Silke Fürnschuß, president of ERSO.

12.8.2 Africa – Africa Jump Rope Federation (AJRF)

The Africa Jump Rope Federation (AJRF) report was presented by Mrs. Keo Mokolopo-Meyer, president of AJRF.

12.8.4 Oceania – Until the Oceania Federation comes together with more NGB's, a Continental Report will not be generated.

12.8.5 Pan America – Pan American Jump Rope Federation (PAJRF)

The Pan American Jump Rope Federation (PAJRF) report was unable to be presented.

11. Technical Committee/Congress

● **11.1 2022 – 2023 Technical Congress Update**

There is still very low participation of NGBs in the Technical Congress, so NGBs are encouraged to participate to better represent all countries when creating and approving rules.

● **11.2 Competition Rules - Ratification**

Motion: *To approve the May 29, 2022 Technical Congress Proposals for the 2023 World Championships.*

Discussion: The proposals will become effective immediately and can be used going forward. The rule changes will be updated in the app and scoring system in October or November.

Outcome: Carried

Additional changes approved by the Technical Congress in September 2022 need further revision and proper notification to the NGBs for at least 30 days, thus the following motion is made.

Motion: *To propose that the IJRU National Governing Bodies shall convene for a virtual electronic vote after 30 or more days after the current Technical Congress rule change proposal for the 2023 World Championships is posted.*

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried

12. IJRU Committee Reports

● **12.1 Ethics Panel**

● **12.2 Coaches Certification Ad-Hoc Committee**

- **12.3 Anti-Doping Panel**

13. World Anti-Doping Agency

- **13.1 Anti-Doping Panel – IJRU Named WADA Signatory for Jump Rope**
- **13.2 2022 – 2023 Anti-Doping Rules**
- **13.3 Compliance in the CAS Arbitral Award for WADA vs. RUSADA, Ends December 16, 2022**

14. 2023 World Championships Update

- **14.1 World Championships Update**

15. Global Affiliations

- **15.1 International Sport Overview**
- **15.2 GAISF and AIMS Update and IJRU Recognition Status**
GAISF is schedule to dissolve. IJRU has already been placed as an observer for AIMS, so IJRU is in a good position. New recognition criteria are forthcoming.
- **15.3 Recognition Matters: NGB Recognition Success**
Recognition from the highest sport authority in each country is extremely important. A more proactive effort to participate in IJRU and act will greatly help the sport to move forward.

16. Closing of the Statutory 2023 General Congress

- **Motion:** *To adjourn the 2022 Statutory IJRU General Congress.*
Discussion: None
Outcome: Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Locke
Rochelle Boggs
IJRU Co-Secretary Generals