

2016 PATU GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MINUTES

June 7, 2016 / Queretaro, Mexico

At 2 pm, President Ji Ho Choi called the meeting to order and read the agenda to the Executive Council Members and MNA Presidents/Delegates/Proxy. The agenda was approved by the membership unanimously and the meeting was properly commenced.

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1.0 Roll Call

PATU Secretary General, Mr. Rick W. Shin, proceeded to take the roll call, with the following PATU Executive Council Members' attendance:

PATU Executive Council:

Ji Ho Choi / USA	President
Rick Shin / USA	Secretary General
Helder Navarro Carriazo / Colombia	Vice-president Senior
Juan Manuel López Delgado / México	Vice-president North America
Francisco Camacho / Dominican Republic	Vice-president Caribbean
María Borello / Guatemala	Vice-president Central America
Alejandro Mansilla / Bolivia	Vice-president S. America

Executive Council Members:

Eduardo Labadie / Uruguay
Chuong Pham / USA
Ricardo Torres / Argentina
Younggi Jeon / Peru

MNA Presidents / Delegates / Proxy:

Argentina / Ignacio Gontan
Aruba / Guaicaipuro Jimenez
Bolivia / Delegate
Canada / Wayne Mitchell
Chile / Delegate
Colombia / Francisco Jimenez
Costa Rica / Wilmar Alvarado Castillo
Cuba / Carlos Banasco Garcia
Dominican Republic / Delegate
Ecuador / Victor Hugo Quishpe
El Salvador / Oscar Ricardo Pineda
Guadeloupe / Guy Faustin
Guatemala / Delegate
Honduras / Armando Vinicio Valdez
Martinique / Laurent Moses Moyse
Mexico / Raymundo Gonzalez Pinedo
Panama / Boris Alvarez
Puerto Rico / Louis Arroyo
Uruguay / Conrado Gonzalez
USA / Keith Ferguson
Venezuela / Hung Ki Kim

With 21 countries attendance and 27 valid voting rights, the Quorum to make a legal Assembly was established.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes from the 2015 PATU General Assembly held on September 8, 2015 in Aguascalientes, Mexico, were reviewed. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3.0 President's Message

President Ji Ho Choi welcomed all members of their attendance at the 2016 Pan Am Championships, Pan Am Para Championships, and Pan Am Open Championships.

President Ji Ho Choi delivered his warm welcome to the new Canada Federation President, Mr. Wayne Mitchell, who was also appointed as the Technical Delegate for the 2016 Pan Am Championships due to his years of involvement in the Executive Board and as Secretary General of Canada Taekwondo. President Choi went on to welcome the new Presidents of Colombia, Mr. Francisco Jimenez; Mexico, Mr. Raymundo Gonzalez Pinedo, who was not present at the beginning of the General Assembly; and USA Taekwondo's new CEO, Mr. Keith Ferguson.

President Ji Ho Choi recognized former Mexican Federation President, Mr. Juan Manuel López Delgado for his years of dedicated service as National President, as well as his continual contributions as the Vice President within PATU.

WTF Council Meeting in Korea:

President Ji Ho Choi reported a productive WTF Council Meeting in May 2016. He reported that the WTF's major focus has been in the successful organization of the 2016 Olympic Games. In addition, WTF is currently planning to amend competition rules and new electronic scoring system to be used at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. President Choi assured that the modifications of new WTF regulations would be announced via e-mail in the upcoming months.

Changes and Improvements:

PATU qualified a total of 25 athletes, including automatic qualifications from Brazil, at the Qualification Tournament for the Rio Olympic Games. President Ji Ho Choi urged all PATU National Coaches to support each other during the Rio Games to enhance successful outcome of participation. Despite the obvious European dominance, President Choi is projecting a minimum of one or two Gold as well as more silver and bronze medals at the Rio Games, with the hope for the best results while the Olympic Games that are being held in the Pan American Continent.

PATU InterContinental Coach Certification has been successful over the past year, with positive feedback regarding training quality and organization from various MNA. WTF has joined force in the Coach Certification requirements beginning this year and will host similar Coach Permit seminars set forth by PATU.

Poomsae at the 2019 Pan Am Games:

President Ji Ho Choi announced Poomsae is confirmed to be included as an official sport at the 2019 Pan Am Games in Lima, Peru. PATU is requesting Pan Am Games Committee to increase current Kyorugi weight categories from four (4) to six (6) or eight (8) weight divisions at the 2019 Pan Am Games. President Choi was delighted to confirm that Para Taekwondo is officially being included in the 2019 Pan Am Games. President Choi was proud that PATU is the first Continental Union under WTF to successfully secure Poomsae and Para Taekwondo in major global multi-sport Games.

Projection in Future Progress:

President Ji Ho Choi expressed his appreciation for the collaborative efforts of all Executive Committee/ Council and MNA Presidents who have created the most constructive working relationship under his eight years of leadership. He is confident to continue the established structure to further create great progress in development.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Report of 2016 Pan Am Championships

Tournament Committee Chairman, Master Chuong Pham, reported 24 countries' participation at the two-day Pan Am Championships, made up of 102 male and 87 female senior athletes. The two-day Pan Am Senior Poomsae Championships received the participation of 74 athletes from 10 countries. As well, the Para Pan Am Championships was a two-day event, consisting 29 athletes from 14 countries. The Pan Am Championships utilized three rings for Poomsae and

four rings for Kyorugi, with a total of seven rings and 46 International Referees who would fairly and professionally judge at this event.

President Ji Ho Choi expressed much satisfaction in having 14 countries' participation at the Para Pan Am Championships, as the Para Olympic Committee requires a minimal participation of 12 countries to secure Para Taekwondo's position in the 2019 Para Pan Am Games. In addition, Pan Am Championships allowed the opportunities for athletes to gain valuable ranking points toward seeding advantage at the Rio Olympic Games.

4.2 Report of Rio 2016 Olympic Games

President Ji Ho Choi discussed the rumor regarding possible postponement and/or cancellation of the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. He assured that the Brazilian Organizing Committee has made appropriate measures to reduce the danger of the ZIKA virus. He urged all participants to take precaution and to utilize insect repellent to eliminate physical harm in Brazil.

President Choi made a site visit to Rio with the WTF President, Dr. Choue, at the end of 2015. The brand new Taekwondo venue was built 1.5 hours from Copacabana beach, in a newly developed area, which was a distance away from where the ZIKA virus originated. President Choi encouraged MNA to best prepare participating athletes for the Rio Olympic Games while he respected the ultimate IOC decision of changes that may result.

4.3 Report of Lima 2019 Pan Am Games

President Ji Ho Choi enthusiastically announced Poomsae being an official sport in the 2019 Pan Am Games in Lima, Peru. As well, Para Taekwondo is confirmed to be included in the 2019 Pan Am Games. PATU is requesting the "PASO" Taekwondo Commission to increase current weight categories of four (4) weight divisions to narrow the weight gap in each weight division for safety purposes.

4.4 Preparation Report of 2018 Barranquilla C&C Games

The previous Central America and Caribbean Games received the participation of 34 countries. The C&C Games is the second largest multi-sports game in Pan America. PATU had worked diligently in the previous years to increase C&C Games quota to 160 athletes for Kyorugi. President Ji Ho Choi reported that Poomsae has been confirmed to be included in the next C&C Games. PATU originally proposed 100 Kyorugi and 60 Poomsae athletes participation within the 160 C&C Games quota. However, with 100 Kyorugi athlete participation, the WTF is unable to grant full ranking points to Kyorugi athletes with 64 male (8 per weight category) and 56 female (7 per weight category)'s participation. A special request to WTF to offer full ranking points with seven participants per female weight category was made. As a result, there would be 40 quota for Poomsae competitions, which was to be divided into 20 male and 20 female (between Individuals, Pairs, and Team) participation. President Choi felt that it was feasible to limit Pairs and Team Poomsae participation to four teams in each category. President Choi confirmed his site inspection and to complete the technical manual for the C&C Games in Barranquilla in July 2016.

4.5 Host Selection of 2017 Pan Am Junior Championships

President Ji Ho Choi emphasized the importance of the Pan Am Junior Championships due to the PATU Ordinary General Assembly as well as the Executive Committee election, which would take place during the 2017 Pan Am Junior Championships. The 2017 Pan Am Junior Championships would include Pan Am Cadet Championships. The 2017 Cadet and Junior Championships must take place before August 2017 as the World Taekwondo Championships and WTF election is scheduled to take place in May 2017. WTF has requested Continental Union elections to take place within three months of the WTF elections. Due to ongoing economic difficulty within the Pan Am regions, no proposal in hosting the Pan Am Junior Championships were received until few days before the General Assembly, when Mr. Oscar Ricardo Pineda from El Salvador emailed to express interest in hosting the next Pan Am Junior Championships. Argentina also expressed interest in hosting this event as of today. However, a formal detailed proposal has yet

to be received. Therefore, PATU is unable to make a decision to establish the date and hosting country of the 2017 Pan Am Junior Championships to date. President Choi urged the Executive Committee to make a selection within the next 90 days when completed proposals, including a Letter of Support from the MNA Olympic Committee, as well as a financial commitment from the hosting government, are formally received. A standard contract outlining PATU's hosting conditions is expected to be posted on the PATU website within the next two weeks.

4.6 Future G Ranking Event Guidelines

WTF passed the resolution at the Council Meeting regarding new evaluation process for G-1 and G-2 events, beginning 2017. In 2017, WTF will use the number of country participation, number of participating top ranking athletes, and total number of athlete participation to evaluate all G ranked tournaments. As opposed to relying on Continental Union for recommendations, WTF will incorporate its new evaluation system to sanction future G ranked events. PATU will continue to make the best effort to make recommendations for appropriate events to be ranked within the PATU regions.

4.7 Amendments to PATU Statutes

PATU Statutes Amendments have been an ongoing process over the last three years. The three committees involved in Statutes Amendments include: Legal, Executive Board Members, and comprehensive conclusion regarding PATU Amendments. However, the WTF has continued to change the WTF Statutes, causing ongoing changes in the PATU Amendments. President Ji Ho Choi was able to finalize WTF Statutes changes and have concluded the final version of PATU Statutes Amendments. The Executive Council unanimously approved the new PATU Statutes after a four-hour meeting on June 7, 2016. President Choi asked participants at the General Assembly to approve the Amendments of the PATU Statutes by a vote of hands. The Amendments to PATU Statutes was unanimously approved at the General Assembly, effective immediately.

5.0 Other Business

South American Games: President Choi appointed Dr. Alejandro Mansilla Arias, South American Vice President, to lead the discussion of the South American Games. Dr. Mansilla Arias reported that the South American Games to take place in Bolivia, in May 2018. At the conclusion of the South American Games in 2014, the Council Members have made the decision to return to Bolivia in 2018 for the South American Games. This will consist of eight male and eight female athletes per country. The 2018 South American Games will consist of 32 sports. President Ji Ho Choi clarified that this item of discussion is an operational matter after the conclusion of the PATU General Assembly. President Choi granted Dr. Mansilla Arias the rights and responsibilities to negotiate terms and conditions for the South American Games on behalf of PATU.

Costa Rica Open: President Ji Ho Choi announced the confirmation of the Costa Rica Open, a G-1 event, in August 2016 after the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. He urge the participation and support of all MNA.

6.0 Adjournment

President Ji Ho Choi thanked all delegates for their attendance at the General Assembly. The meeting was properly adjourned at 3:16 pm.