

# 29<sup>th</sup> WT Taekwondo for All Committee Meeting (via conference call) February 17, 2024 | 16h00-17h00 (KST)

#### **SUMMARY**

Attendees: Ms. Hadwah Moawad (Chair), Sister Linda Sim (Vice Chair), Mr. John Cullen (Member), Mr. Richard Barnor (Member), Mr. Wooram Kim (Assistant Manager, DNE), and Mr. Jin Ho Kim (Coordinator, DNE)

#### 1. Establish Quorum

Four (4) members attended the meeting; thus, the quorum was established.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes

- The minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on May 23, 2024, were approved by the Committee.

#### 3. Item

- a. Recap of 2024
- **Ms. Hadwah Moawad** reviewed the 2024 initiatives and achievements, acknowledging the Committee's ongoing efforts to make Taekwondo more inclusive and accessible worldwide.
- During the Chair's review, Committee members shared their insights as follows.
- Regarding Diamond category, **Mr. John Cullen** proposed utilizing the Global Membership System (GMS) to send automatic emails to Taekwondo practitioners when they reach the eligible age for joining the Diamond Age Group. He noted that many individuals do not realize they belong to this category and suggested appointing national ambassadors to enhance outreach and engagement.
- The Committee members acknowledged the lack of demographic data analysis.
- Mr. Richard Barnor provided an update on THF activities upcoming THF projects in Africa and Turkey aimed at supporting refugee athletes through Taekwondo training and mentorship. Plans for a visit to Rwanda with the President Dr. Choue in April 2025 to expand refugee-focused initiatives. Continued engagement with young athletes in refugee camps, providing structured Taekwondo training, education, and career support.
- *Mr. John Cullen* also proposed an initiative to equip young refugees with media tools (cameras, editing software, laptops) so they could document their own experiences
- The Committee members also brought up the idea of sending a welcome message to the new IOC President in March 2025, emphasizing THF's commitment to supporting refugees through Taekwondo, which they considered feasible given his on-ground experience.
- **Mr. John Cullen** also emphasized the importance of career planning from an early age, suggesting that Athlete+ should cater to Cadet, Junior, and Senior levels.
- Mr. Wooram Kim noted that the WT PR team is working on an article covering Suvi's success in the WISH program and the Paris Olympics. He suggested inviting her to the next meeting to share her experience, as she was recommended by the Taekwondo for All Committee for the WISH program.

### b. Plans for 2025

- Due to limited time, this will be discussed at the next meeting.



- c. AI Integration in Taekwondo
- **Ms. Hadwah Moawad** asked members to kindly provide ideas on how AI can be integrated into Taekwondo in the future. Once collected, these will be sent to President Dr. Choue by the end of February as instructed.

## 4. Next Committee Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2025 at 16:00 KST, at the usual time.

## 5. Closing of Meeting

- The meeting was adjourned by the Chair.