



## **Women's Committee Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Zoom**

### **Attendees to the meeting**

<b>Chair</b>	Amanda Coulson
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Susanne Karrlander
	Pearl Dlamini
	Christie Halbert
	Shelly Soejono
	Luisa Benitez
	Irene Ntelamo
	Julia Felton
	Arifa Bseiso
	Sviatlana Naumchyk
	Beatrice Bastian
	Zoubida Wissam
	Yuan Liang

1. Welcoming remarks by the Chairperson – *Amanda Coulson*

### **2. Cross-Committee Cooperation**

It was emphasized that close cooperation with the R&J and Coaches Committees is needed in order to get more accurate updates on women R&Js and Coaches. It was agreed to make a special research on request of the Coaches Committee Chairperson to give a feedback for the conduct rules with women boxers for the coaches. At the level of Women's Committee, it was decided to have a separate meeting with the chairs of Confederations Women's Committees to better understand the needs of each region.

### **3. "Invisible to Visible" – a priority way to promote women's boxing**

It was pointed out again that while promoting women boxers using soft skills at all levels is needed as well as the involvement of all practitioners, e.g. women directors and managers. It was agreed to collect good practices from the Confederations and organize a special meeting to share experience and good initiatives.

### **4. Questionnaire to all National Federations**

It was agreed during the following week to design a questionnaire to be sent to all National Federations to get number of women ITOs, R&Js, Coaches, Doctors, Administrates and other boxing practitioners.



## 5. AIBA Women's Aspire Program

It was agreed to have a pilot project in Europe with 32 European Confederations sending one women boxer, ITO, R&J and Coach from each federation. It was also suggested to launch the project in the European AIBA Continental Academy in Assisi, Italy after summer 2021 when it is equipped. The committee members were notified that this issue will be raised in the meeting among AIBA Committee Chairpersons with EUBC to discuss educational courses that are going to be organized in the Academy in Italy. It was also agreed to prepare the approximate budget of the project for the next meeting to better understand its scope.

## 6. Update from Confederations Women's Committee Chairpersons

- **AMBC:** The meetings of AMBC Women's Committee has been postponed as the confederation is busy at this moment planning Junior Panama Qualifiers. After they are held the meeting will take place.
- **OCBC:** OCBC Women's Committee Chair is currently updating members, once this is complete a meeting will be organized.
- **EUBC:** It was confirmed that the meeting has been held this week and the similar issues as at this meeting have been discussed, especially the possibility to organize educational courses in the Academy. It was also said that a questionnaire was sent to all the European Federations to collect the information on women involved in boxing in each country.
- **ASBC:** It was told that a special seminar on "Empowerment and building skills" was organized for Asian Federations. The same proposal was made to hold similar workshops at continental and international level. It was proposed to establish closer cooperation between ASBC and AFBC Women's Committees due to proximity of the regions and common issues to tackle at the current moment.
- **AFBC:** The request to share the information on women's committees in the African federations. The first meeting where the working plan for Africa should be discussed is scheduled after the appointed AFBC Women's Committee Chairperson is officially confirmed by the AFBC President. It was also noted that close cooperation among AFBC Committees has been established to better understand the needs of Africa. It was also mentioned that the information from 4 regional African zones was collected by AFBC concerning women involvement in boxing in Africa. It was added that there is a possibility to build the African AIBA Continental Academy where educational courses for women from AFBC can be organized in the nearest future.

## 7. Organizational updates

It was decided to appoint *Julia Felton*, as Secretary of the AIBA Women's Committee to distribute information among committee members and to collect the documents and data needed for committee daily work. It was also decided to share the minutes of the previous Women's Committee meetings to understand the achievements that have been made so far and find required information and updates for further committee work.



## 8. Proposals from Committee Members

- The problem of the possibilities for people living in the remote areas to attend the courses held offline was raised. In this regard it was suggested to provide these areas with all necessary facilities for people residing there to have an opportunity to attend the training online in case they are not able to travel to big cities.
- It was emphasized that we should think on how the information about the educational courses should be delivered to the National Federations to provide more people with the possibilities of lifelong learning.
- It was decided to create a Calendar of Committee meetings to enable members to plan around their other commitments so as to increase attendance at the meetings.
- It was agreed to organize a series of *Women's Committee Webinars* – educational webinars for AIBA and Confederation Women's Committee members and afterwards translate them at national level on various topics on a regular basis.
- It was suggested to create a *Record Book* to share successful stories with the sports results and achievements of outstanding women athletes.
- It was discussed that more initiatives aimed at financial support for young passionate women boxers as well as providing them with necessary equipment for them to keep working especially for less privileged countries where women boxers do not have opportunities for full personal development.
- It was decided to use top-down approach to contact Confederations for them to distribute information among their respective National Federations in order to make it more efficient and to renew the statistics on women involved in boxing to be published on AIBA website. It should be done through the questionnaire to be prepared by the committee for further distribution at continental and national level. It was also agreed to collect the statistics the same way each year to renew the lists of women involved in boxing.
- It was proposed to organize the same practical workshops for young people organized in China in other countries involving parents in the process for them to understand that all safe measures are provided for the young athletes while training and participating in the competitions.

## 9. Closing remarks by the Chairperson

The Chairperson thanked everyone for a very fruitful meeting and great involvement from each of the participants emphasizing that all the members attended the meeting and were actively involved in the discussion. The next meeting was scheduled for the beginning of July 2021.

**Chairperson of the AIBA Women's Committee**

**AIBA President Office Manager**

**Amanda Coulson**

**Anna Utkina**