



**Minutes of the WRRC General Meeting
10th and 11th March 2006, Graz – Hotel Mercure Messe**

Start of the meeting: 3 p.m.

Present: (See list of delegates, attached)

ITEM 1 Welcome by the President and definition of formalities

The President, Wolfgang Steuer, welcomed all delegates and opened the meeting.

He asked the meeting to begin the meeting with a minute's silence in remembrance of Igor Filimonov, President of the Ukrainian Federation, who died in January.

The President confirmed that the General Meeting had been duly convened and was quorate. There were 33 votes in the room and 43 delegates.

Wolfgang Steuer informed the meeting that 9 guests were present and asked for the meeting's approval to their being admitted.
There were no objections.

The General Secretary of the WRRC, Manfred Mohab was primarily responsible for the fact that the General Meeting was being held in Graz, and the President and entire General Meeting thanked him most warmly for this. Manfred Mohab had been able to persuade the parties responsible within the City of Graz and Styria to assist with this WRRC weekend in both organisational and financial terms.

The President announced the precise timetable for the weekend.

Wolfgang Steuer informed the meeting that the Presidium proposed that the General Meeting should be run with the existing personnel until the end, irrespective of the outcome of the elections on Saturday.
There were no objections.

ITEM 2 Approval of the Minutes of the last GM 2005

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

**ITEM 3 Questions and additions of the reports by the Presidium
and the Commissioners (will be send out beginning of February)
Presentation of the end-of-year balance sheet**

The reports by the Presidium had been sent out beforehand and were distributed again today. The written report from the Boogie official, Tony Keller, still had not been received. The Lindy Hop official, Dominique De Coster, had incorporated his report into that of the Vice President since he had worked very closely with her.

No report had been received from the Formations official, Johann Preuhs.

President's report:

Wolfgang Steuer had nothing to add.

No further questions.

Vice-President's report:

AnneBritt Neman-Kilgren had nothing to add.
No further questions.

General Secretary's report:

Manfred Mohab had nothing to add.
No further questions.

Treasurer's report:

Daniel Bachmann had nothing to add.
No further questions.

Sports Director's report:

Miriam Kerpan-Izak had nothing to add.
No further questions.

The Treasurer, D. Bachmann, explained the figures in the 2005 accounts.
After this, he answered a number of questions to the satisfaction of those present

ITEM 4 Auditors' report (Peter Herrmann and Daniel Fuog)

The auditor, Peter Herrmann, read out the report.

There were no deficiencies in terms of mathematics or accounting requirements.

2 suggestions were made to the Presidium for future improvements:

1. The officials used by the WRRC at a competition must provide a receipt to the organisers for the starting fees received at a competition. This receipt must be given to the cashier.

This point will be sorted out in the future with the new computer program, since this will be automatic.

2. All receipts will only be accepted in the original. Photocopies will no longer be allowed. (Reason: otherwise, double payments would be possible.)

ITEM 5 Approval of all reports

All reports were approved unanimously.

ITEM 7 Decisions on the discharging of all organs of the WRRC

The auditors applied for the Presidium to be discharged for 2005 since the funds had been used correctly.

Voting: The discharged was approved unanimously, without objections or abstentions.

ITEM 6 Presentation of the Budget 2006 and the Fee Scale from 1.1.06

The Treasurer, D. Bachmann, explained the figures presented.

He asked the meeting to vote on the Fee Scale point by point.

Membership contributions:

Voting: Accepted with two votes against and 0 abstentions

Competition fees:

Voting: Unanimously accepted.

Starting fees and prize money:

The Presidium asked the meeting to decide on a registration fee for dancers.
20 € per year per person and 35 € for 2 years per person.

Germany requested that the starting fees and prize money should be voted on separately.

Voting on this motion: 15 votes in favour, 14 votes against, 1 abstention.

The points were voted on separately:

Starting fees 5 € per person – no change.

Voting: Unanimously in favour.

Registration fee per person – new

20 € per year per person and 35 € for 2 years per person.

Voting: 16 votes in favour, 14 votes against, 3 abstentions.

Prize money – no change

Voting: Unanimously accepted, with 4 abstentions.

Fee for competition protocol:

200.-- € for one competition day, 50.-- € supplement for travel to competition over one day with large-scale technical equipment.

Voting: Accepted, with 1 vote against and 1 abstention.

A number of detailed questions were asked about the Digital Judging System and its cost, and about the expenses for the officials/commissioners which were answered to the satisfaction of the meeting.

Motion to confirm the 2006 budget:

Voting: Unanimously accepted.

ITEM 8 Elections of the WRRC Presidium

The President, Wolfgang Steuer, proposed that the elections should take place the next day, and that candidates for the various Presidium posts should have the chance to introduce themselves and make themselves available for questions.

The meeting agreed.

After all the candidates had introduced themselves to the meeting and answered the delegates' questions, Wolfgang Steuer ended the meeting at 9 p.m., stating that the General Meeting would continue at 10 a.m. on Saturday as planned.

Continuation of the General Meeting on Sat., 11.3.06, 10.10 a.m.

3 additional delegates arrived at the meeting.

This meant that there were 36 votes in the room.

The President started the meeting with

ITEM 8 Elections of the WRRC Presidium

Nomination of election supervisor:

Wolfgang Steuer agreed to act as election supervisory at the request of the General Meeting.

Election of President

Proposals:

M. Kerpan-Izak SLO (candidate)

Voting:

31 votes in favour

5 votes against

0 abstentions

M. Kerpan-Izak is thus elected.

She accepted the position with thanks.

Election of Vice-President

Proposals:

Peter Herrmann GER (candidate)

AnneBritt Neman-Kilgren SWE (candidate)

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Voting:

19 votes in favour of AB Neman-Kilgren

17 votes in favour of P. Herrmann

AnneBritt Neman-Kilgren is thus re-elected.

She accepted the position with thanks.

Election of General Secretary

Proposals:

Manfred Mohab AUT (candidate)

Voting:

34 votes in favour

2 votes against

0 abstentions

M. Mohab is thus re-elected.

He accepted the position with thanks.

Election of Treasurer

Proposals:

Daniel Bachmann SUI (candidate)

Voting:

34 votes in favour

2 votes against

0 abstentions

D. Bachmann is thus re-elected.

He accepted the position with thanks.

Election of Sports Director

Proposals:

Robert Esteban FRA	(candidate)
Jiri Hais CZE	(candidate)
Marina Eskolin FIN	(candidate)

Voting:

16 votes for Robert Esteban
14 votes for Marina Eskolin
6 votes for Jiri Hais

There was thus no absolute majority for any one of the candidates.

There was a second election between the two candidates with the most votes, R. Esteban and M. Eskolin.

Voting:

19 votes for R. Esteban
17 votes for M. Eskolin

Robert Esteban was thus elected.
He accepted the position with thanks.

ITEM 9 Elections of 2 Auditors

Election of 1st auditor

Proposals:

Daniel Fuog SUI	(candidate)
Peter Herrmann GER	(candidate)
Marta Limburg BEL	(candidate)
Noune Marty FRA	(candidate)

Voting:

31 votes for P. Herrmann
2 votes for D. Fuog
1 vote for M. Limburg
2 votes for N. Marty

Peter Herrmann was thus elected, with the most votes.
He accepted the position with thanks.

Election of 2nd auditor

Proposals:

Daniel Fuog	(candidate)
Marta Limburg BEL	(candidate)
Moune Marty FRA	(candidate)

21 votes for D. Fuog

10 votes for M. Limburg
4 votes for N. Marty

D. Fuog was thus re-elected.
He accepted the position with thanks.

ITEM 10 Election of Chair of Arbitration Committee

Proposals:
Guus Verspaandonk NED (candidate)

The meeting asked unanimously for an open election by acclamation.

Voting for the election of G. Verspaandonk:
Unanimously in favour.

Guus Verspaandonk was thus elected. He accepted the position with thanks.

ITEM 11 Change in Statutes/Rules

At this point, W. Steuer asked Jens Fürschke to introduce the newly WRRC Registration Tool. It will go online in the 3rd week march.

The WRRC Presidium presented new ideas for discussion and voting to the meeting.

New Rule of Participation by World Cup: ("Open last chance")

As with Lindy Hop, nations can also send in more than the approved couples; these then dance in a special prequalifying round and qualify in this way for the main event.

The Presidium asked for the opinion of the meeting as to whether it should continue to work on this idea.

The subsequent discussion showed that there was not major need for this.

Formation teams: New Rule for Master Class (number of couples):

This discussion also covered the application from Slovakia, which everyone had already received.

A discussion about the Main Class category, which lead to a majority decision in favour of the following motion.

There should in future be only one class with 4-6 couples.

Voting: Accepted, with 2 votes against and 3 abstentions.

Start of new rule from 1.1. 2007

2nd application from Slovakia re. formations

Introduction of a B-Class formation class with max. B-Class acrobatics

Voting: 18 votes in favour, 18 votes against

Given this tie in the voting, the Presidium will consider the matter again.

Establishing of a new Category for 2 couples as "DUO".

W. Steuer explained the idea of the synchronised presentation of 2 couples.

The idea was welcomed with interest and the Presidium was asked to develop the idea further.

J. Preuhs asked the Presidium to decide on a flat-rate fee for formations, rather than asking the dancers to pay 20 € separately as with the couples dancing. The Presidium noted this.

Establishment of Rules on Honours

Manfred Mohab explained the rules of this matter:

1. People or institutions to be honoured may be proposed by a national federation or by the Presidium.
2. The honours are decided by the Presidium by a simple majority vote.
3. There are the following types of honour:

1. Honorary President	Extraordinary services
2. Honorary membership acc. to § 4 Para. 5 of the Statutes	Services in the interests of the WRRC or the dance sport of rock'n'roll
3. Honorary medal, gold	Min. 10 years outstanding service or sporting achievements
4. Honorary medal, silver	Min. 5 years of particular involvement or sporting achievements
5. Honorary medal, bronze	Involvement in or support of the WRRC

- 3.1 The title of Honorary President may only be awarded to retiring presidents or vice-presidents of the WRRC.

All other honorary awards and honorary memberships can be awarded to organisers, sponsors, trainers, active persons and functionaries and members of the Presidium, divisional commissioners, members of the Medical Commission, supervisors, observers, evaluation judges, record keepers or engineers.

4. Special awards may also be agreed on and awarded by the Presidium.

The General Meeting unanimously agreed to the introduction of the Rules on Honours.

Guus Verspaandonk from the Netherlands asked to present the first honour immediately at this point.

He asked the meeting to appoint Wolfgang Steuer as Honorary President for his extraordinary achievements in the 28 years of his WRRC Presidency.

The WRRC General Meeting agreed to this proposal with a standing ovation.

Wolfgang Steuer thanked the delegates for their good working relationship over so many years and for the confidence they had shown in him. He accepted the position with thanks.

D. De Coster asked the Presidium to consider presenting Helmut Jelinek and Georg Rädler with an honorary award. The Presidium noted this.

Decision about the new Competition Mode Boogie World Cup (KO System)

Tony Keller reported on the successful test phase with the KO round at the World Cups. The KO round is now to be incorporated permanently. Consideration will be given to incorporating a slow round.

ITEM 12 Applications of the WRRRC members

Motion from Slovakia:

a) Formations (see enclosure)
already discussed under Item 11.

b) Different Points (see enclosure)

The background to the application is that various competitions are not well organised although there are requirements to be met under the Rules and Contracts. These are often not fulfilled, and Slovakia would like to know what the Presidium is thinking of doing in these cases.

This was followed by a wide-ranging discussion, although the only result of this was that there are rules and contracts with requirements and that these must be met. Poor organisation is certainly noted, with the corresponding response after the competition. For couples or trainers, it is possible to submit a protest, which is dealt with by the observer at the competition.

The discussion was to be continued in the subsequent workshop.

The meeting was asked to submit all applications to the General Meeting beforehand so that the delegates could look at them beforehand.

M. Kerpan will do this in future.

Motion from Finland (sent to everyone):

a) Prize money

K. Kaksonen asked for prize money to be abolished in competitions and for overnight accommodation to be introduced again for participants, because 15% 'foreigners' tax' is payable on the prize money, and this also takes up a lot of time.

The Presidium will take up this matter and work on it.

b) Boogie Woogie

Application b5 and b6 (Lindy Hop)

The Presidium had already decided the previous day that Rule 11 from the skating system would also be incorporated into the WRRRC Rules (calculation).

The Original Skating System will be used.

Application b2, b3, b4

Will be forwarded to the Boogie Commissioner so that it can be discussed in the Boogie group.

The result will then be presented to the Presidium by Tony Keller.

ITEM 13 Any other business

Latest Tournament Dates:

The latest tournament dates were listed for all delegates.

Report of the World Games 2005 Duisburg – next World Games 2009:

W. Steuer reported on the World Games 2005 and about the correspondence with the ISDF for 2009, along with the associated regular drug tests.

Next General Meeting 2007:

Miriam Kerpan-Izak asked for applications from nations who would like to organise the next General Meeting, combined with an offer for possible financial support from the national federation.

The Presidium would compile a sort of specification for this.

No other items.

Robert Esteban expressed particular thanks to Marianne Föll for her outstanding work in the Office. The General Meeting joined in this expression of thanks with a standing ovation.

Wolfgang Steuer thanked all the delegates for their many years of superb cooperation and support, without which the WRRC would not be what it is today – an internationally recognised sporting association on its way to the World Games.

He also expressed his thanks to his Presidium colleagues (including colleagues from the past) for their generous support in the 28 years in which he had been working for the federation and to Marianne Föll who had eased his work load considerably in the office over these years.

He wished the new Presidium every success in its future work and stated that he felt obliged, as Honorary President, to offer his support and advice in the future.

The meeting ended at 3 p.m. on 11.3.2006

Wolfgang Steuer
President WRRC (outgoing)

Miriam Kerpan-Izak
President WRRC (new)

Marianne Föll
Minutes Secretary