



## **Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting,**

Stuttgart, 16.08.2008 – 17.08.2008

Present: All Presidium Members

Minutes: M. Kerpan Izak

The president welcomed all Presidium members for the meeting.

### **Item 1 Approval of Agenda**

(196) Agenda was approved without amendments

### **Item 2 Approval of Minutes of last Presidium meeting Ljubljana 07/08.03.2008 and revisions of decisions GM 2008**

(197) The Minutes of PM are approved without amendments. All decisions were realized or are in the process of realization

After GM we have received several comments regarding the new Age Groups of Girl formations. Members complained that the new rules don't have any overlap age.

(198) Decision GM (11) Age Group Girls formations is changed to Girl Formations Juniors 8 – 15 year, Girl formations Main class 14 Years or older. Valid from 01.01.2009

A discussion followed regarding the communication flow inside WRRC (Minutes, New rules, Information). We want to make sure everyone is informed about all decisions and new regulations properly.

(199) A following communication flow has been decided:

- All Minutes will be sent out by WRRC office per e-mail to Presidium, Commissioners and all NF
- All new documents will also be published on our home Page with a short notice on the first Page
- News Letter will be prepared periodically (4 times per year). Sport director will write the sport contents, WRRC office will add some general info and publish the letter. A subscription to News letter will be enabled on our home Page.

### **Item 3 Cash**

Daniel Bachmann presented a half year report. Generally we are in the limits of budget. We have no open bills or big delays regarding the payment.

### **Item 4 Competitions**

A short report from all competitions 2008 was presented:

- Cracow: Generally OK, some problems with final music of Russian dancers
- Valkeakoski: Good organization, problem regarding the interpretation of rules and decision about disqualification of couples
- Szekesfehervar: Nice event, first time with new digital equipment, no problems
- Salou: Organizer had no experience how to handle RR or BW event. Organization was a little chaotic but with the help of Daniel and Montse Bachmann the event went on without problems.
- Winterthur: very good organization but without support of sponsors very hard to organize so next year there will be no WRRC event in Winterthur



- Oberwart: Sound system was not adequate for the type of event. It is impossible to organize a World Championship with such low standards. Some problems occurred regarding the usage of accessories.
- Stuttgart: Great promotion of our sport, perfect organization.

- (200) Miriam Kerpan Izak will send a letter to organizer of competition in Oberwart explaining that such an event requires higher standards.
- (201) As appendix to the contract each organizer will receive a check list with requirements for the competition
- (202) A competition package for the organizer will include also the competition music.
- (203) A New concept of calculating the daily Fee for officials will be presented on the next PM. The current system is too complicated.

#### Competition calendar 2009

- (204) World Championship Lindy Hop Main Class and Juniors will be organized in Vaxjo Sweden 10.10.2009
- (205) Supervisor and judging system were decided for events in 2009. The data will be published on our Online calendar.

#### **Item 5 Sport commission**

- (206) New judges  
Nagy Gergely RR Hungary **OK**

All other candidates for new judges are still in the process.

- (207) Due to the change of Sport director adequate seminars for IJ cannot be organized this year. We will offer seminars starting from 01.01.2009. All judges will be able to renew the license until the end of 2010.
- (208) A new concept will be prepared for licensing the judges for formations

A very long discussion followed regarding the structure of WRRRC Sportive rules. Several concepts were discussed. The new structure must enable an easy overview for everyone who needs information about the rules.

- (209) A new structure of WRRRC rules will be prepared until the next PM. Manfred Mohab is responsible for the new structure, other Presidium members will participate. Together with new structure also some new rules will be introduced.
- (210) In the future new rules will be only implemented once a year – start date 01.04. every year.

Problems with the BW limitation of figures for Juniors were also discussed. At first we need a clear definition and only after that we can decide about sanctions

- (211) Peter Herrmann will notify BW commissioner about the problem and request a proposal of clear definition of limitation of figures and the deduction for the red card.

Final music was again discussed at first following the proposal to enable registration via our registration system, but later mostly generally how to handle the real problem and not only techniques to control it. The biggest problem is Youth/Juniors music, since we have so many dancers. Mostly there are big problems regarding the registration of the music but in the end it turns out that they don't even have a special choreography on selected music.

- (212) New Rock'n'Roll music regulations will be introduced:  
Starting from 01.04.2009 Rock'n'Roll Youth and Junior couples will NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THEIR OWN MUSIC FOR THE FINAL.



At least every second year WRRC will publish official CDs with competition music for the next year. The CDs will be published until November 30 each year. Each national federation will receive the CDs and the list of songs will be made public on our home Page. Further orders will also be possible.

Each youth/Junior couple will be able to select any song from the official WRRC list for their performance in the final. The music will be played directly from WRRC CD, no variations are possible.

All organizers of Rock'n'Roll couple competitions will be obliged to use the official WRRC music. They will receive the music in tournament package

A music procedure for RR main Class, "B" class and all RR formations remain as it is today.

#### **Item 6 WRRC Home Page, Registration SW**

We must add more commercial information to our home page (first page). Short reports from important events will be published there. Already in January we spoke about the possibility of offering the advertising space on our home Page.

- (213) Daniel Bachmann will check the options for placing adds on our home Page, Miriam Kerpan Izak will prepare a financial proposal.

Our registration system is working good, some extra functionality is planned. Miriam Kerpan Izak presented some possibilities for the upgrades.

- (214) A control about maximum number of announcement couples/formations will be added!
- (215) A correction of mistakes will be allowed before verification of data
- (216) Announcement of formation trainers via Online system will be obligatory from 01.01.2009

Some countries are interested to use the registration system also in the federation. Some changes are required in the software to be functional for national use. Consent must be received from the SW provider

- (217) MKI will organize a basic version of Registration SW for NF and negotiate the conditions with the SW Provider. A final offer for the NF will be then decided in Presidium per e-mail latest 10.09.2008.

#### **Item 7 Lindy Hop**

Dominique de Coster informed Presidium members that he would like to resign from his position as Lindy Hop commissioner and also as WRRC judge from January, 1 2009. He will face new challenges in his life.

The Presidium acknowledges his decision. President will thank him for his work for WRRC

- (218) ABNK will search for a new Lindy Hop commissioner and propose a name on the next PM.
- (219) WRRC couples are allowed to start on Lindy Hop competitions organized by non WRRC Members until WRRC members start organizing international Lindy Hop events.
- (220) We look for possible organizers for European Championship Lindy Hop 2009. 5 WRRC International judges are required

#### **Item 8 Bugg**

- (221) Show case round will be only danced in the final. Valid from 01.09.2008

#### **Item 9 IDSF**

MKI and ABNK made some comments about their report from IDSF AGM. They have pointed out the new IDSF policy for new members. The new rules are less restrictive which enables also countries where the organizational structure is not fixed yet to become IDSF members. We should also consider such a change.



Vision 2012: Nothing new happened. There are no clear conditions, regulations and structure of new World Dance Federation. Some actions have been done in the media field. IDSF has presented a new logo, which in its variations includes also WRRRC; a new dance Magazine has been published and some pages covered WRRRC, promotional video clips also include RR and BW. No progress has been made regarding new continents.

No new info is available about world Games 2009.

- (222) ABNK is in charge of project "WRRRC Expansion to other continents". Until next PM she will prepare a project plan.
- (223) An organizational team for World Games 2009 must be established to coordinate everything regarding WG2009. A team will be presented at the end of September.
- (224) Vision 2012: Until next PM we prepare the draft what are the conditions for us to join the project and what we have to profit out of this project

Item 10                      Any other item

We are in process of collection applications to organize General meeting 2009.

- (225) Location of GM 2009 will be selected and confirmed at the end of September 2008.

Several regional federations from Germany have published a seminar book aimed for education of Rock'n'Roll trainers "Instructor Main Class Rock'n'Roll – Basic level". The document and related internet publications have a sign "in cooperation with WRRRC" and also WRRRC logo is added.. WRRRC has never received a request from any federation named as publisher of this document to allow the publication of such notice and it means that the authors are using our logo and our credibility without our consent.

- (226) President will inform the authors of publication that they have used WRRRC logo and WRRRC credential without our approval. They have to delete any mention of WRRRC in all their publications – written and electronic.

During World Ch. Girl Formation in Oberwart there was a nationality problem with members of one formation. Our rules say it is possible to change the country but there is no possibility to dance for one country in one category and for another in other category (es).

- (227) A dancer can only represent one country in all categories where he/she competes. In case of Firl formation from Oberwart we allow dancers to choose now for which country they will dance from 01.01.2009. A further change is not possible.

Next Presidium meeting will be held during the weekend of world Championship 2008 in Graz..

Extra:

#### **Interpretation of the rules and regulations**

- Observers must follow the existing rules. They are not authorized to interpret the rules. If a rule is not clear, they must act IN FAVOR of the couple!
- The tournament rules describe the obligations of the Observer. They are the same also on Boogie Woogie events, so the card system should be used wherever the Observer is present.
- Clothing and accessories: Piercing and hanging earrings are considered as accessory.
- Presidium can change the Members of Observer group upon the proposal of Sport director
- Presidium nominates the judges for World and European Championships upon the proposal of Sport director

The meeting ended at 14:30.

Ljubljana, 20.08.2008  
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