

Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting

Klotten, May 20, 2013

Present: All Presidium Members

Minutes: M. Kerpan Izak

The president welcomed all Presidium members for the meeting.

The meeting started at 09:00

Item 1 Approval of Minutes Last Presidium meeting

(230) The minutes were approved. Some decisions are still in process.

Item 2 WDSF

WDSF Games 2013 Kaohsiung

The Office has collected most of the registration forms for athletes and officials. Some documents are still missing, the registration is in process. The details about payment for extra nights and extra officials haven't been published from WDSF side yet.

At the moment there 14 BW and 20 RR couples who have confirmed their participation.

Our wish is to fill up the quota so we will invite additional couples:

- (231) We will invite second couple per category/country in RR and BW to fill up the missing quota. If the invited couples can't take part we will invite additional couples following the places on the World ranking. Deadline for all additional confirmations is May 31, 2013.
- (232) Expenses officials - we will reimburse the officials for the working days (e.g. RR competition day and BW competition day) following WRRC Fee Scale.
- (233) We will plan a RR night during the Games.

New Associated Membership Contract

We have received a draft proposal for the new ASM contract since the existing one will expire shortly. Most of the items remained unchanged, for some topics a closer cooperation is defined and a special requirement that after the end of this contract period 75% of our members are closely connected with the WDSF Member in respective country. Generally we agree with the contract. We need to change the address of the office, other changes are not necessary.

- (234) Presidium generally approves the proposed contract. We only think that a period of two years is too short following the dual confirmation process (first both Presidiums and then both AGMs) and also regarding the obligation of 75% WDSF connected members so we will propose a contract period until the end of August 2016.

Item 3 Competitions

We have received an application from GOC to play LIVE music for the finals of Boogie Woogie World Championship. Boogie has been the only category without the LIVE music in Beethoven Saal at GOC during last 5 years. Our Supervisor will make sure that the band follows the rules about rhythm and tempo and that they will sing the song proposed in the application.

- (235) The last sentence of Boogie Woogie rules 1.4.4.1 will be deleted. It that the Presidium can decide about the application to use LIVE music on WRRC competitions.
- (236) Application from GOC to use LIVE music has been approved. The Organiser / Band has to follow the rules from the WRRC.
- (237) We will look for the optimum calculation system on GOC in order to guarantee fast results without interference.

(238) Applications for new WRRC events:

- Enköping (Sweden) 23.11.2013 to add WC Lindy Hop **APPROVED**
- Ljubljana (SLO) 29.03.2014 WC RR Y/J, BW J/S + WMas BW **APPROVED**
- Cracow (POL) 12.04.2014 WC RR Y/J/B **APPROVED**
- Skoghall (SWE) 26.04.2014 WMasters BW + WC BW J/S **APPROVED**
- Kaliningrad (RUS) 10.05.2014 Ech RR Main Class & Y & Jun **APPROVED**
- Flensburg (GER) 24.05.2014 WCh RR Formations Main Class +
WC RR formations Juniors + Ech Girl Formation Main Class **APPROVED but with
2 complete sets of judges!**
- Winterthur (SUI) 21.06.2014 WMasters RR+BW **APPROVED**
- Rostov on Don (RUS) 27.09.2014 World Cup RR Y/J/B **APPROVED**

Based on the discussion about the deadline for application for WRRC tournaments which was held in Prague, WRRC Presidium discussed the option to change the specified deadlines for some less important events in order to give the organizer some time to evaluate the recently organized events and possible new application for the following year.

(239) TO item 4.1 to be changed to:

Tournaments in compliance with 1.2 shall be awarded by the WRRC and a written contract between WRRC and the local promoter or Organizer will be made.

An application for all World and Continental Championships and World Masters competitions has to arrive at the WRRC Office at least one year before the tournament is taking place. An application for all other tournaments from 1.2 has to arrive to WRRC office at least 9 months before the tournament is taking place.

The respective national association has to confirm the applied competition.

Item 4 Sport topics

New judging system:

The idea of new judging system was first presented at GM in Ljubljana in 2010 and after the initial analysis expanded to a new competition and judging concept for all our disciplines, but in first phase mainly focused on RR Main class and RR B class and expanded to RR Y/J events.

With the new system we want to cover several very important goals such us:

- To make our dances more transparent for participants, trainers, judges and visitors
- To give to the couples more possibilities to combine dance and acrobatics in creative choreographies which are attractive also for the audience
- To make the judging system easier, more objective
- To have a closer connection to the audience with results after each heat, immediate positioning of the couples and direct feedback to everyone involved.

So following these goals also the idea of unifying footwork and acrobatic into one dance has been discussed. The system we use now is not transparent, the footwork is only used in some parts of competition and the dancing in acrobatic round is under evaluated. With a new combined choreography we want to see couples who can present Rock'n'Roll in its full description using extra time to include also attractive, interesting dance elements. It is a big change of perception of our dance and a big step of finally showing our identity and not a step back as some would like to explain.

Presidium discussed in details the proposed changes for new judging system, the time line and possible introduction of a new system on the competitions in the year 2014. The desired implementation time is still reachable, but will require that all members of the working group are very active and finish their appointed tasks latest by the end of June

2013, so that during the first weekend in July the group can decide about the final details and forward them to Presidium for confirmation. Also all other activities have to be realised following the project time plan.

The major project tasks to be finished are:

- Definition of new rules and regulations (tournament rules, judging rules..)
- Description of figures (acrobatic and dance)
 - Possible 3D animation system
- Registration system for acrobatic elements (RSA) (with simulation of points)
- Integration of RSA into registration SW and required changes of competition software based on description of the new system
- Test competitions
- Education – workshops/seminars for (every seminar will be planned for a full weekend with practical workshops).
 - Trainers (September – January)
 - Technical judges (specification of required skills, conditions to take part)
 - Judges
 - Dancers

Fabien Bougas from France joined the meeting and presented the 3D graphic animation solution to describe acrobatic (and dance figures). The system offers many features which we can include step by step and expand our database, description options and educational model. He could finish the package of 130 acrobatic figures by the end of September.

- (240) Presidium approves the proposal of unifying footwork and acrobatic into one dance (1:30 with 5 acrobatic elements in all rounds preceding semi-final, 2:00 with 6 acrobatic elements in semi-final and final). Furthermore the Presidium approves the general idea of an average note for each acrobatic figure and the “majority” system when marking major deductions.
- (241) PH will prepare a final proposal for all necessary changes of tournament rules, judging rules and any other rules in order to implement the new judging system. He will also make final proposals of workshop weekend, requirement for Technical judges and other detailed defined in the task list. The changes must be forwarded to all Presidium Members latest on June 7th and then discussed and confirmed on a (Skype) meeting latest on June 20th.
- (242) The Presidium approves the offer from Fabien Bougas to implement the 3D graphic modelling for 130 selected acrobatic figures. PH is appointed as a coordinating person for the project. In the first phase we will only use a video feature with one camera angle.
- (243) Presidium encourages all the members of the working group to participate actively and finish the tasks by given deadline, since every single task is crucial for a successful implementation of the project.

WRRC international judges

For many years now we have a constant discrepancy between number of international judges, number of WRRC and national competitions and couples and experience and judging level of a single judge.

The Presidium is looking for a model which could be transparent, easy to follow and will serve the dancers to get the best and most objective marks.

PH prepared a proposal of several criteria to be used when defining the maximum number of active WRRC judges per country. The Presidium has evaluated the proposal and added some extra parameters upon which PH will prepare a final proposal for the next PM. The

proposal shall include the following criteria (English, experience, couples, organized competitions, controlling, good condition and perception of judging, recent activity, age, seminars visited (for new system), new system implemented in the country)

WRRC judging commission

Following the decision of the last PM and following some motions on GM, two judging commissions shall be established one for RR and one for BW both with 3-5 members. The task of both commissions will be organizing the seminars, analysing and evaluating the judging results, feedback to the judges based on the analysis, implementing measures for constant deviation of individual marking. The persons in the commission should be objective, with good English, respected in our community, with good knowledge about rules, judging and general good perception of the dance.

- (244) WRRC members are invited to propose suitable persons for both commission and WRRC presidium will select the Members from proposed individuals.

Item 5 Members

We have received a Membership application from **US Acrobatic Rock-n-Roll federation**, President Olga Simakova. The federation has send an official application, presented the requested documents and is ready to send couples to WRRC.

- (245) The WRRC Presidium accepts US Acrobatic Rock-n-Roll federation led by Olga Simakova as provisional WRRC member until December 31, 2014. During these 2 years they have to pay 100 € Membership fee yearly. We expect them to show some activity and send couples to at least some WRRC events in 2013 or 2014.

Activity India

A second workshop was organized in India followed by their first national RR championship with 22 couples present in 2 categories. India really shows motivation and activity and WRRC congratulates everyone involved with RR in India and also our couple Katalin and Miklos for such a good support for our new member.

Generally one workshop per country is planned. Additional workshop is possible only when country really shows their internal activity and needs some more help.

Other expansion activities

Some workshops are planned in south America but are not confirmed yet.

Membership commission

Presidium is glad that several member federations are active in the expansion project. It is very important that the activities are coordinated and the same vision is presented to all countries. In order to improve the expansion project a commission would be suitable.

- (246) A membership commission will be established. Daniel Bachmann will chair the commission. Ekaterina Tihkonova (RUS) and Milko Kraliski (BUL) are invited to be members of this commission. An additional member will be proposed from DB.

The meeting ended on Monday at 18:15
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