Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting

Cracow, 07.03.2014

Present: M. Mohab, D. Bachmann, P. Herrmann, M. Kerpan Izak Minutes: M. Kerpan Izak

The president welcomed all Presidium members for the meeting. The meeting started at 10:00

Item 1 Approval of Minutes Last Presidium meeting

The minutes were approved. Some decisions are still in process.

Item 2 General meeting

Presidium reviewed all topics for the upcoming GM weekend. Everything was prepared and well organized. The delegates have received written materials in due date, the structure of the workshops is clear.

ME reported about the Membership fee payment. All countries, which have announced their delegates to the GM, have paid the fees for 2014 so they all have voting status.

Situation Denmark: Following the GM decision (8) in 2012 two federations from Denmark have been granted provisional membership. This year the final decision should be made.

Presidium position on the motions: Presidium has discussed the proposed motions and decided about the speakers in the name of Presidium. Generally we don't support changes of new regulations even before we could evaluate the new rules in practice. During the workshops we shall try to inform everyone about the reasons of each proposed new rule.

Item 3 Members

We have received 2 Membership applications:

Crimea - > Following our Statute this application is not valid since we can accept only one member per country and Crimea is not a country recognized by international law.

Turkey - PACED SWING DANCE ASSOCATION; they are practicing different kind of swing dances including RR and BW and they are members of TDSF (Turkish DanceSport Federation). They have sent all the required documentation.

(274) The Presidium accepts Turkey - PACED SWING DANCE ASSOCATION - as new provisional WRRC Member for the next two years. The GM will be asked to confirm the membership.

Ukraine - > we have received a letter from Larisa Filimonova explaining her point of view of the situation in Ukraine. No clear statement or proof of any misbehaviour of our member has been presented. At this moment WRRC will take no actions, we cooperate well with the existing member.

Item 4 Sport Topics

A correct wording regarding the minimum requirement of basic steps (elements from group 1) has been discussed.

(275) A minimum of xx couple contact dance elements performed with complete basic steps must be danced by both partners at the same time. One complete basic step = kick ball change, kick, kick, only in this order.

In the scoring table for acrobatics we have added points for "B" class elements on Main Class events. These elements will have a value only if the whole acrobatic figure is consisted from "B" class figure and is applicable only on World or Continental championships as already decided on previous PM. The new Presidium shall find good regulations which couples are allowed to participate at World/Continental championships.

The distribution of judged for 2014 was discussed. PH reported that many judges have declined the proposed competitions and he had trouble finding correct judging panels. Some competitions are still open

(276) For 2014 PH will help the new Sports Director to finalize the distribution of judges for all approved events.

PH reported about the 2nd seminar for NJS held in Vienna Austria. More than 60 persons attended and the participants have been split into two groups for better quality. Very positive feedback has been received and during the seminars the need for some minor corrections and clarifications appeared.

Most of the judges have already visited the seminar but the third seminar should be organized as already planned the last weekend in august.

- (277) The working group needs to make the final corrections of the NJS and the final documents must be prepared by the end of March in cooperation with the working group and new Sports Director and VP Education.
- (278) The third seminar will be organized as planned on 30/31 August 2014. The location will be decided later based on the anticipated structure of participants (country location).

PH presented the proposal from our formation commissioner Robert Obermeier for implementing the NJS into formation judging. The document was prepared in a working group where formation experts from different countries participated (Germany, Hungary, and Russia).

(279) The Presidium confirms the proposed concept. There are some minor changes required but basically the document can serve as a guideline for formations. The final version of the regulations have to be prepared by the end of May 2014 and the rules shall come in action starting from 01.01.2015

The President thanked the colleagues for their cooperation during the time in the office.

The meeting ended on Friday at 12:30

Miriam Kerpan Izak WRRC President