

Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting

Ljubljana, 13./14.04.2014

Present: M. Mohab (MM), E. Pagano (EP), M. Eskolin (ME), K. Kis (KK), K. Tihonova (KT), Denis Lilih (DL), M. Kerpan Izak (MKI)

Minutes: M. Kerpan Izak

The president welcomed all Presidium members for the meeting.
The meeting started at 12:00. Katerina arrived at 14:30.

Item 1 Constitution of new Presidium and definition of formalities.

The President opened the meeting and welcomed new Presidium members to their first Presidium meeting. She explained how the meetings are conducted, what the procedure of taking decisions is and how the reimbursement of expenses is processed.

All new Presidium members received the form "Claim of expenses". They were informed that except the expenses stated in WRRC Fee Scale Presidium members are not paid for their work connected with WRRC. Special decisions can be made for some Projects which include direct costs or extra work not connected with the obligations stated in Rules of Procedure.

All Members discussed in the details the Rules of procedure and defined the competences and responsibilities for all Presidium members based on descriptions from WRRC Statute. Many of the functions are overlapping so good cooperation and team work will be needed to do the work properly. They have also decided about the Vice President who is representing the President in case of her absence. It will be the VP with the longest term in Presidium – so as per this Presidium – this is Manfred Mohab.

(01) The Presidium confirmed the changes of Rules of the procedure. The modified document will be published on our home page.

Presidium members discussed also the dates for next meetings in 2014.

(02) In 2014 Presidium meetings will take part:

- During the Rimini weekend on Friday July 11 and Saturday July 12. The exact schedule will be decided after the time table for Rimini competitions is prepared.
- On Sunday, November 16, 2014 in Zielona Gora from 09:30 – 16h.
- Additional meetings will be organized by Skype

MKI presented a motion to move the work of the Office to Kresimir Bosnar. The Office work basically includes (but is not limited to):

- Managing all activities regarding the Reg SW and LPS
- Managing all WRRC connected data (calendar, addresses)
- Managing all activities regarding the preparation compilation and distribution of WRRC CDs
- Managing general e-mail communication and distribution of e-mails to WRRC community
- Cooperation with VP-Communication regarding posting of different material on home page and social media
- Cooperation with the President and other Presidium members
- Managing the activities about WRRC Final music as a Head of Music commission
- Executing various administrative task as a support to the work of the President

(03) Starting from 01.05.2014 the WRRC Office work shall be transferred to Kresimir Bosnar. MKI is responsible to prepare and sign the contract for the period of two years with

possible automatic extension. The cumulative office fees must stay the same as today. The business address of the federation will not change.

MM proposed that WRRRC awards Honorary Membership to Peter Herrmann and AnneBritt Neman Kilgren for their contribution to WRRRC in the role of Presidium Members. He also proposed to make such honoration automatically for all outgoing Presidium members who have served the Office longer than one term.

(04) The Presidium awards the Honorary Membership to AnneBritt Neman Kilgren and Peter Herrmann. The next GM WRRRC will be asked to confirm these two nominations.

Item 2 Reconfirmation of commissioners

MKI presented the fact that following WRRRC Statute the new Presidium needs to reconfirm the appointed commissioners. She proposed that the existing commissioner to continue with their positions.

(05) The Presidium reconfirms the following commissioners:

- Aina Nygård (NOR) as Boogie Woogie Commissioner
- Robert Obermeier (GER) as Formation Commissioner
- Dr. Carlos Wollein (AUT) as Medical Commissioner

The discussion went on also regarding Lindy Hop Commissioner. No decision has been made so far.

Item 3 Competitions

The Presidium reviewed the officials appointed to competitions in 2014. Some changes have been done.

(06) DL and MKI are responsible to make the final appointment of judges and other officials for WRRRC events in 2014. In 2014 also former Presidium Members can act as Supervisor. DL will inform all NF about the judges appointed to each competition.

(07) All Presidium Members except DL and KT will act as Supervisors starting from 01.01.2015 on. The form "Supervisor report" will be forwarded to all.

Presidium also discussed the rule applied by former Presidium – that all Presidium Members shall be present at WCh RR and BW Main Class. With 7 Presidium Members this would mean a lot of money, so the Presidium decided only to send representatives to Molde, but to have everyone present in Zielona Gora.

(08) WRRRC representatives in Molde will be MKI, Me and EP. All Presidium members will be present in Zielona Gora.

Application for competitions

(09) President and Sports Director can directly approve all WRRRC competitions except World and Continental championships if the following criteria is met:

- The application arrived in due time following tournament rules
- The relevant national federation has approved the competition.
- The competition date doesn't collide with another competition of the same division.
- The organizer has enough experience and references to be regarded as qualified to organize the competition.

(10) Application World Cup RR Youth/Juniors/B Class 02.05.2015 in Diepenbeek, Belgium approved.

Item 4 WDSF General meeting

MKI informed everyone that WDSF AGM 2014 will take part in Bucharest (RO) from 14. – 15. June. She proposed that Manfred Mohab and Katerina Tihonova accompany her to this AGM. Some promotional material shall be very useful.

- (11) WRRRC representative at WDSF GM will be Miriam Kerpan Izak, Manfred Mohab and Katerina Tihonova. KT and EP will prepare some promotional material and MKI will request from WDSF for a 20 minute presentation time (to present our expansion project).

Item 5 Sport topics

New judging system

The Presidium had an extensive discussion about next steps needed for successful implementation of NJS first for Youth and Juniors and then also for “B” class and Main class. Everyone agreed that more information is needed for the countries and it is necessary to point out all the details to all members again before the first event.

More education of judges is needed, the educational process must go on constantly, and a mechanism needs to be established to control the judges’ performance.

The Presidium discussed also about the check-in procedure or whether to introduce the ID cards for dancers. This could be the second step with also some added value (shopping discounts, insurance...).

(12) Decisions of the new judging system

- The Sports director Denis Lilih will be included in the working group for NJS and he is appointed as the Coordinator of the group. Katalin Kis is his assistant. All the group members will be informed about the current status and future plans.
- The documents Version 3 were approved – this is the implementation Version for events in 2014. The Sports director will collect all comments (after the first competitions by NJS) until December 5 and then the evaluation of the first year will be done and possible improvements discussed.
- The third seminar for NJS will be organized on August 30/31 as planned. The remaining judges, new candidates and trainers will be invited to the seminar. DL will inform the countries and after announcements the location will be decided (Munich or Vienna). The seminar will be organized if at least 10 persons are announced.
- KK is responsible to coordinate Kresimir Bosnar to prepare the 3D animations for Main Class acrobatics for publication. Animations must be accessible without limitation.
- All Presidium Members will test the registration SW for “B” class and Main class acrobatics
- Lecture packages will be prepared and offered to the countries. Responsible KK and DL – deadline 31.05.2014
- RR formations: DL and KK will evaluate the document prepared by Robert Obermeier and clarify the details with the NJS group. Final wording will be accepted on the next PM.
- Electronic check-in process will be introduced on WRRRC events, for this we need to implement Bar codes for couples. In the first phase stickers for individual couples and for the list of announced couples will be prepared.
- MKI will contact Linum for all final details of RegSW and LPS upgrades.
- The following new equipment was confirmed to support the NJS and all connected processes: Additional server computer, 1 work station form beamer presentation, 1 work station for registration. Bar code reader. Responsible MKI.
- The new paper judging sheet was accepted – to be used for shadow judging or on national events without electronic judging

Educational material

For NJS, for expansion project, for training of judges the educational material is needed. Several countries already have booklets with dance and acrobatic descriptions. Everyone interested can send their educational material to KK for preparation of WRRRC educational material

(13) KK will prepare the following educational material (in cooperation with DL and KT).

- Glossary, definitions
- Basic dance figures, typical mistakes, learning procedure
- Animation of B class acrobatic elements (based on the booklet from Hungary) – which will serve as basis for international acrobatics naming
- Methodology of training for new countries or anyone interested

We will ask Attila Szakal for help in this project

Examination for new judges and licensing of existing judges

Everyone agreed that more practice, more control and more testing are required for existing judges and new candidates. With modern technology and NJS we could introduce on-line practice and on-line seminars as already planned for Boogie Woogie. The performance of judges must be constantly monitored and upon that the ranking of judges should be decided.

(14) Presidium appoints DL (head), KK and MKI as judging commission. The work of this commission is to establish a system how to control and monitor the performance of judges. Some automatic calculations will be included in the process. The commission shall cooperate also with Boogie Commission.

(15) On-line judging practice seminars will be prepared. Responsible DL.

(16) The first examination for candidates for new WRRRC judges will be organized during the weekend of competition in Graz (10.10. – 12.10.). A written test will be performed on Friday – starting at about 19:00, shadow judging will be done on Saturday during the Masters competition and oral test (practice part) will be performed on Sunday from 9h to 13h. Simple English test will be also included. We will ask Miklos Horvath to prepare the test.

The examination fee is 70 €. DL and KK will prepare the tests. The examiners will be Katalin Kis, Kresimir Bosnar and Denis Lilih.

Observers

As already decided, in 2014 the members of the working group will act as “B” and Main Class Observers. The Presidium discussed the conditions of becoming Observer and options for different type of Observers.

(17) The detailed requirements and educational process of becoming (remaining) Observer for different categories will be prepared for the next meeting. Responsible DL.

(18) A two day seminar with examination will be organized in November or December. The seminar and examination will be obligatory for existing Observers and new candidates.

(19) Following the experience of first events with NJS we will discuss about the possibility to have two Observers also on Youth/Juniors events.

Competitions

The existing competition format is not friendly to possible new couples from new member countries with limited experience in dancing and acrobatics. It will be hard to motivate them to come to the competitions if they know that they can't reach any good place. Some ideas were discussed how to motivate them to compete.

A general idea of introducing a specials “raising star” class inside the actual Main class competition has been elaborated.

In order to keep couples and trainers informed and to make sure the competitions will run fluently, the idea of obligatory meeting was discussed.

- (20) MKI shall prepare a proposal for a "Raising star class" for new couples (less than 5 competitions), with obligatory announcement and some other details. Also a possible new footwork show category shall be discussed. Deadline – July 2014.
- (21) Obligatory meeting for team leaders and coaches will be introduced. The meeting has to take part 30 minutes before the start of event. During the registration all team leaders will be notified about this. The Supervisor shall chair such meeting. Each trainer has to sign his/her presence.
- (22) During the Rimini weekend - On Saturday evening (July 12, 2014) at about 20:30 a dancers Forum will be organized:
 - o Important information about NJS (for RR B and Main Class)
 - o Anti-Doping
 - o Boogie Woogie and NJS
 - o Q&A by dancers
 - o Dancers' reunion and selection of dancers' commission and representative
- (23) A random check-up of formation members will be introduced on WRRRC events – the formations will be requested to bring along the passports or other ID cards and the team members will be checked immediately after the performance

The meeting ended at 19:00 on Sunday.
The meeting restarted on 09:30 on Monday.

Judges division

A long discussion followed regarding the implementation of new judges division generally approved by GM. Different anomalies of the proposed system were discussed and to implement it directly to the rules is not possible. Some clarification and some small changes are still needed.

- The fixed number of couples shall be changed to %
- The age limit shall be changed to another description
- A ranking of judges shall be introduced
- A positive feedback after the on-line practice and evaluation of judging shall be introduced

- (24) MM is responsible to prepare the proposed final version of the judges division for discussion and approval: deadline July 2014.

WRRC Music

Some organizers use their own music which is not compatible with WRRC standards. DL proposed that we expand the living list by new songs proposed by member federations. He also proposed the structure of Finale music Youth/Juniors.

MKI pointed out that the Music commission should be reconfirmed or changed.

- (25) The new music commission is Denis Lilih, Attila Szakal, Kresimir Bosnar (WRRC Office), Miriam Kerpan Izak, one musician.
- (26) All organizers of WRRC competitions are only allowed to use WRRC approved music on WRRC international competitions. Supervisors are responsible to check this on every event.
- (27) Starting from 01.01.2015 RR Youth/Junior couples can again use their own music for the final. The music must consist from the songs on WRRC CDs (exactly that song, no other version), mixes are allowed, and effects are not allowed except for the ending of the song. The music must be confirmed by the commission, the application must include the description of the song – the source CD(s) and music numbers – e.g. CD10 song 15 and CD14 song 5.
- (28) DL will ask all national federation to send their music proposals (complete songs, high quality with the title and author) to WRRC latest by the end of October each year. From suitable songs new CDs will then be compiled by the end of each year to be used the following year.

Clarification of the rules:

Following the question about members in formations – whether the same person can compete in Girl formation Juniors and Girl formation main Class, the Presidium gives the following clarification: **It is not possible that one dancer can compete in the same year in two different formations - with different age groups. It is not allowed to change back from adult to Junior category.**

Item 6 Communication

EP Pagano presented his proposals about improving WRRRC communication strategy as follows:

- To make a new home Page – with modern design, more information, news from the competitions, presentation of stars etc.
- To introduce an obligatory short report after the event with 3-4 Picture (Podium winners)
- To improve our appearance on Facebook
- To prepare promotional material
 - o WRRRC leaflets and short description
 - o WRRRC promo material – pins, stickers, pens..

The Presidium discussed also about the usage of logo and possible changes of logo. At the moment several changes are happening regarding different international organizations connected to dance so to maintain our identity is very important

MKI explained also that we have a WRRRC You tube channel – up to now Daniel Bachmann was responsible for it and that it would be good to be in contact also with WDSF Communication director Heide Gotz.

- (29) EP will prepare a concept for new home page. The home page must be directly connected to our registration SW, duplicate data entry must be avoided. He shall coordinate his activities with Kresimir Bosnar. The Newsletter system will be renewed together with the new Home Page.
- (30) EP is responsible for PR part of our Facebook. DL will post information regarding Sport topics also on the FB.
- (31) EP will prepare an offer for WRRRC promotional material.
- (32) We will keep the existing logo. On all publications, competitions and other events it is obligatory to use WRRRC logo together with WDSF logo.
- (33) Each Supervisor is responsible to send a short PR report with some photos by email to EP immediately after each competition - the Protocol always have e-mail access. MKI will ask the Protocol if they could take the podium pictures.
- (34) Croatian RR federation is recording most of the competitions. MKI will ask their permission to upload the videos to WRRRC you tube channel.

Item 7 Marketing and expansion

KT presented in details the expansion and marketing project. The Presidium has discussed several items in details. A very strong cooperation with EP and KK will be needed for optimal performance.

We shall attract new dancers by different modules

- Shows
- Classes in their country
- International camps in Europe where the new dancers could participate for a symbolic fee.

Couples, formations and trainers from all WRRRC members will be invited to take part at these modules.

It is important that we focus on Rock'n'Roll and Boogie Woogie and as second step also think about Lindy Hop.

- (35) Presidium decided to establish Expansion and marketing commission as follows: Katerina Tihonova (chair), Edilio Pagano, Katalin Kis, Aina Nygaard, Milko Kraliski, Alexey Golev, Anatoly Prokhorov. KT will contact all members and invite them for a Skype meeting. If necessary; additional members will be added.
- (36) Presidium confirms the “ARR development program”. The document will be published on home page. Together with it Presidium confirms also the concept of international shows

and invitation form for WRRRC member couples/formations. Also this form will be published on WRRRC home page.

- (37) Presidium will prepare a questionnaire for Member countries. KT, DL, KK will send their proposal for questions to MKI who will comply the final questionnaire.
- (38) Sponzor packages will be prepared. Responsible KT – deadline 31.08.2014.

Item 8 Anti-doping

MM reported that following the WDSF Disciplinary council all pending doping cases where closed. MM will inform the dancers accordingly.

It is very important that everyone understands all rules regarding doping, its related procedure and consequences for not complying to the rules.

Presidium also clarified one more time that a written form of consent is not needed anymore since it is included in the disclaimer every dancer needs to confirm before finalizing the registration process.

- (39) The locations for doping tests in 2014 were decided. MM is responsible to organize all tests in cooperation with the local organizer of the event.

Item 9 Any other item

There was no further discussion.

The meeting ended on Monday at 14:30

Miriam Kerpan Izak
WRRRC President

