

Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting

Rimini, 11./12.07.2014

Present: M. Mohab (MM), K. Kis (KK), D. Lilih (DL), K. Tihonova (KT), E. Pagano (EP), K. Bosnar - WRRC Office (MKI) M. Kerpan Izak (MKI)

Excused: M. Eskolin

Minutes: M. Kerpan Izak

The president welcomed all Presidium members for the meeting.
The meeting started on Friday at 21:00

Item 1 Approval of Minutes Last Presidium meeting

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

Item 2 Membership matters

Following our activities in the expansion project, we have received two new membership applications from South Korea and Senegal.

All documents are in order. There are promising activities going on in both countries.

- (40) The new provisional WRRC Members are
Senegal – Senegalese Rock and Roll Federation, lead by Uomi Kantome Sene and
South Korea – Korea Acrobatic Rock & Roll Federation, lead by Suh, Jung-Hoon

The provisional membership is awarded for two years.

Item 3 Competitions

We have received a request from Ukraine to postpone the competition planned on 6.12.2014 to the same weekend in 2015 due to the unstable political situation in Ukraine. In the meantime the federation from Turkey send an application as a substitute organizer of the event on the same weekend and with one addition - World Masters Boogie Woogie Main class. The Milko Kralski will help the organizer in the logistic of the event. To motivate the couples from new countries and new continents to take part at WRRC World Ch. we shall open the participation possibility for the top positioned couples from each country.

- (41) The Presidium approved the new date for Kharkov – Ukraine – 5.12.2015 and a substitute event in 2014 06.12.2014 Istanbul Turkey, World Cup RR Y/J/B and World Masters BW Main Class. The Supervisor shall be present on location on day earlier (Thursday evening) to check if all is running as needed.
- (42) The Presidium approved the dates for new applied events but with a restriction of location of World Championship RR formation Main Class and Girl Formations Juniors. The competitions will be published in Calendar when all the details are resolved.
- (43) RR_Rules: Qualification for World and Continental championships. Each national association is entitled to enter up the three couples from their top category (explanation: if the country has no active Main class couples it can nominate the top three B class)

All potential organizers shall pay attention to the time frame for European Championship RR – Youth/Juniors/Main Class – the date shall be between May and July.

Open events for 2015: European Ch. Boogie Woogie All Classes, World Ch. Formation Juniors, all ECh formations, some Boogie Woogie Senior or Junior events in autumn part of season 2015.

Item 4 **WDSF**

Manfred Mohab and Katerina Tikhonova presented a report from WDSF AGM which took part in Bucharest on 14/15.06.2014.

- WDSF is growing very fast – on AGM over 150 persons was present from 50 countries (and about 20 proxies)
- The new: 2020 Vision project has been presented
- WDSF is working out new marketing and sponsorship strategy – the project is still open
- The cooperation with IDO was also a point of discussion – at the moment IDO is not connected to WDSF but new negotiations shall start during the summer
- On WDSF Forum Katerina presented WRRRC expansion project and our promotional video. She received a very positive feedback and discussed with many representatives from different countries which showed interest to implement Rock'n'Roll and Boogie Woogie. Follow up of these contacts is presented in the document for expansion roadmap.

The Members from WDSF Anti-Doping commission requested from us to nominate some couples for OCT pool for the next year.

- (44) WRRRC will nominate Top 3 RR and Top 3 Boogie Woogie couples for OCT pool. The ranking list after Zielona Gora 2014 will be used.

Item 5 **Sport Topics**

Changes of the rules – based on previously decided items. MM presented the changed text. Division of judges will be finally decided on next PM, we have to consider also some new items which proved to be important and we will try to include also the concept of voluntary judges already implemented in IDO.

The discussion about possible changes of age groups in formation categories went on for quite some time. The Presidium members had no objection to change this rule, since there is no conflict of interest if one person takes part in several formations.

- (45) For participants in formations the restriction of dancing in different age groups will be deleted (RR rules 1.4.1.2)
- (46) DL will prepare a clear definition of names for the events and competitions – long names and short names – to be used in all WRRRC publications.
- (47) DL, MM and MKI will prepare the final version of Judges division document and the minimum number of judges required in WRRRC events per category and combined on events with several competitions.
- (48) Application Switzerland RR A pool – B. Marranchelli, G. Marranchelli APPROVED

The meeting ended on Friday at 24:00
The meeting restarted on Saturday at 08:30

Item 6 PR & Communication

Presidium discussed one more time the details of new home page and the procedure how to change it. EP reported about the progress in the development of new home page. The user interface will be completely new, all the data will come from WRRRC database (Reg Sw or LPS). The provider will be changed and we shall have all our internet pages within the same provider. EP is responsible for the design and topics on user interface, he shall cooperate with KB. Deadline for new home page – end of September 2014

We also discussed the promotional material and decided what to provide: pins for officials, clips for dancers, pencils and a folder with WRRRC stationary

On Dancers' forum EP shall invite all athletes to send him the contact data and information about their dancing history, success...

KB reported about the problems about our e-mail provider and necessity to change it. Due to insufficient spam control we have experienced problems sending e-mails for @wrrc.org domain. This is an additional reason to change the web and mail provider.

Item 7 NJS & Education

KK and DL reported about the meeting of the NJS working group where they have made some minor corrections of NJS documents. Some explanations were added in order to make everything clearer and in acrobatic calculator special definitions for different entries and exits were added.

KK also presented the first version of B class catalogue and possibilities how to expand it as well as the draft version of basic step animation which could be upgraded with different dance figures. All the countries will be invited to send her the existing educational material in order that we could prepare the WRRRC based education system.

(49) NJS connected decisions:

- The new version of NJS documents will be published on-line. The version 4 is the valid one for the implementation on September 1, 2014. No new or changed rules are included in version 4, just clarification of existing rules.
- The Version 1.0 of B class catalogue will be published on-line by the end of July 2014. It is a living catalogue – new acrobatics will be added periodically. The catalogue is only an assistance tool; if an acrobatic is not published in the catalogue it doesn't mean automatically that it is not valid.
- The Presidium basically confirms the concept of dance animations. Before final confirmation we need a financial proposal.
- The 3rd seminar for judges and trainers will be organized on August 30/31.2014 in Munich (or suburb). Following the anticipated number of participants only a smaller team of lecturers will be present – Katalin Kis, Kresimir Bosnar and Fred Pasqualin. KB is responsible to organize all logistics around hotel and seminar room, DL is responsible of enrolments and KK for everything regarding educational materials and cooperation among lecturers.
- The seminar for new Observers will be organized in December in Central Europe. The invitation papers will be sent out by the end of September. Invitation will also include the requirements for candidates. In order to be certified as WRRRC Observer every candidate will need to pass a special test. No exceptions will be made. This is also a requirement for existing Observers and the members of the working group. From the certified Observers WRRRC will select around 10 persons who will act as Observers on WRRRC events. The selection will be made upon the results on the test.

On the next meeting the working group will discuss the details of the NJS formations.

Item 8 **Boogie Woogie**

Boogie Woogie commissioner Aina Nygard was present during this item. She explained the work of the BW commission (Aina Nygard, Leo Beck, Georges Santonja, Jan Falk). The commission prepared and extended proposal for desired changes of Boogie Woogie competition and scoring system.

The Presidium congratulated the whole group about the job they have done, especially the detailed description of the scoring criteria.

During the discussion the following topics were pointed out:

- Generally the WRRRC wants to have the same competition system for all disciplines – Championships, Cups, Masters but we agree that on World Masters events and additional round shall be introduced in the case of more than 48 couples present on the competition
- The detailed scoring criteria are welcomed for the education of judges but on judging sheet max. 4 criteria per person shall be judged. The commission should re-evaluate the judging sheet and perhaps consider an option to introduce two groups of judges similar to RR.

A longer discussion about Boogie Woogie part in expansion project followed. Everyone agreed that it is important that the proper basic is taught in new countries, so the boogie part has to be performed by boogie experts.

(50) Presidium generally approved the direction of changes of the Boogie Woogie commission with some comments and restrictions. The final decision is postponed and will be made after we evaluate the second version of the proposed changes. Any documents published or used before the final decision are invalid. The final version of the rules has to follow the overall WRRRC concept.

(51) Michele Planques is added as the additional member of the commission.

(52) For all Boogie Woogie workshops planned inside WRRRC expansion project the Boogie Woogie commissioner must be contacted and she has to approve the lecturers.

The meeting ended at 11:00 on Saturday.

The meeting restarted at 09:00 on Sunday.

Item 9 **Expansion project**

KT presented a report of the activities done until the end of May 2014 and the long term road map from 2014 to 2020.

She pointed out some key factors, resources needed and required curators and other important persons.

During the Rimini weekend she contacted many potential lecturers from different countries and discussed different sub projects.

Apart from expansion also marketing priorities have been brought up and the need of global sponsors and high level competitions.

Miklos Horvath from Hungary is now also deeply involved in the expansion project. Also the potential reintroduction of Interrock or similar international camp was discussed.

The potential financial help for new countries shall be offered basically for participation on WRRRC Championships or international camps.

Several other persons are interested to take part in the project. All contacts have to go over the VP Expansion Ekaterina Tikhonova.

(53) The Presidium shall review the presented road map and propose key persons for different roles in the project. It is important that experts are used for special issues and that we have international representation of lecturers.

(54) All persons taking part in WRRRC Expansion project have to get approval from WRRRC in order to present workshops, shows and similar to a country, club or any other community in the name of WRRRC.

Item 10**Any other item**

A possible production company for WRRRC CDs was discussed mainly in order to achieve required compliance about musical royalties. Responsible MKI, EP and KB.

The date for AGM weekend 2015 in Milano Italy is 13.03.2015 – 15.03.2015.

Next Presidium meeting: Zielona Gora - Sunday after World Ch. from 9h to 16h.

The meeting ended on Sunday July 13, 2014 at 10:30.

Miriam Kerpan Izak
WRRRC President

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