

Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting

Rome, 13.03.2015, 15.03.2015

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

Guest: Aina Nygard (only for the discussion about Boogie Woogie NJS)

Wrrc Office: K. Bosnar (KB)

Minutes: K. Bosnar

The president welcomed all Presidium members for the meeting.

The meeting started on Saturday at 10:00 at Hotel Pineta Palace in Rome.

Item 1 Approval of Minutes Last Presidium meeting

The minutes from the last Presidium meeting in Ljubljana were approved. Some decisions are still in process.

Item 2 General meeting weekend

The presidium reviewed all topics for the General Meeting. The whole Saturday (14.03.2015) will be reserved for the workshops and forum:

New judging system Boogie Woogie (AN) 09:30 – 11:00

Education and expansion (KK, KT) 11:15 – 12:15

- Katerina Tikhonova cannot be present at the GM. The project development will be presented by Katalin Kis, and she will coordinate it with Marina Kalacheva (member of the Expansion project team of KT)

New Regulations (MM) 12:15 – 13:00

New WRRC home page (KB, EP) 13:00 – 13:30

Feedback & improvements NJS RR (DL) 15:00 – 16:00

Open forum (MKI) 16:15 – 17:45

On the forum there will be 2 main topics:

- Cooperation with the WDSF members. It is important that we are proactive from the side of our members.
- Formations – what to do with RR Main Class formations and RR Junior formations. Presenter will be Robert Obermeier

The Presidium has reviewed the motions of the members:

- Motion from Bulgaria – OK
MM: change of date OK, change of place is questionable, depending on how far is.
- Norway – proposal is OK, but the additional acrobatic figures can be included at any time
- Russia – first motion was discussed already on the last GM
The second motion about BW – is connected with the NJS BW presentation of Aina
- Who can be a guest on the GM – at the moment only the person which were nominated by the National Federation

Item 3 Finance and bank

ME reported that some nations have not yet paid the membership, but from the nations which will be present on the GM, all membership fees have been paid. Marina will inform the GM about the new bank and other details. There were no special remarks to her reports by the auditors.

ME reported about the process of changing the bank of the WRRRC. Because of the change of the address, we had to change also the bookkeeper. The new bank is in the different canton than the previous, and therefore we had to comply also with the different legal regulations in that canton. During her visit to the old bank, ME also cleared with the bank that Daniel Bachmann is no longer the responsible person from the WRRRC.

Item 4 Boogie Woogie New Judging System and other related topics

Aina Nygard, BW Commissioner, presented the new motion for the General Meeting. After the first proposal was sent to all the members, official feedback came from Germany, Finland and Sweden. The changes which will be presented have been made considering also the proposals from those feedbacks. After discussion about some of the points (speed of music, yellow cards), the final proposal of changes was accepted by the presidium. All the delegates will receive the draft of the new proposal to be discussed on the forum on Saturday.

Question about the Boogie Woogie formations (do we have Main Class formations at all) should also be discussed on the Forum

We will ask GM to accept the proposal for the New Judging System in the form which as it was presented and discussed on the forum.

The Presidium also discussed about the Boogie Woogie Music on the competitions:

- (116) The organizers have to send in advance the list of songs they will play on the competition to the WRRRC-Office. It is not possible to use old approval list. Aina Nygard shall create new official WRRRC boogie Woogie lists.

AN pointed out also the issue about the dress code for officials. The discussion is written under the sport topics.

The Expansion project BW: Many BW couples travel around and participate or organize workshops

- (117) The BW Commissioner shall work on the proposal of how to use the work of couples (workshops) for the expansion project. It is very important that these workshops are organized in the coordination with the local WDSF member. One of the steps should also be to create a video with some basic dance movements combined in choreography, which can be learned very easily by the beginners. She has to forward her proposal to expansion commission and cooperate closely in expansion project.

Boogie Woogie Seminars 2015: the dates are fixed, first location is in Munich, and WRRRC office will arrange everything with the hotel. Timetable will be determined by Aina. During this year we have to find the way how to make an online test at the beginning of the next year. At the seminars this year we will make several tests, to see general level of knowledge of the BW judges. At the moment we have in the rules that it is enough to visit the seminars, without examination for the all the judges.

- (118) The judges who will not be present on the seminars, and are already appointed for the competitions after the second seminar, will be replaced with the judges who were present on the seminars.

- (119) Georges Santonja is appointed by the Presidium as BW Observer.

Item 5 Competitions

European Championships Rock'n'Roll - 28.05.2016 in Sweden – Due to the legal regulations in Sweden regarding children in sport, they cannot organize RR Youth category due to their age rules, although they applied for all RR categories (Main Class, Juniors, Youth)

- (120) The Presidium accepts the arguments. European Championship for RR Youth 2016 is open for nominations of other interested organizers
- (121) Application for BW World Masters & WC – 2.4.2016 in Stockerau is accepted.

The Swiss Rock'n'Roll Confederation sent the letter to the Presidium, regarding the approval of the WRRC competitions on the same date, and different places, which makes it very difficult for the clubs who have couples/formations in all classes. They propose that in the future different competitions on the same weekend should not be approved, and also that the Presidium should take into consideration a proposal for harmonization between the national and WRRC Calendars.

- (122) WRRC will try to avoid double competitions on the same day. In this year we have already rescheduled some of the competitions in the autumn, in order to avoid this. However, the organizers should check the WRRC calendar prior to sending their applications for the competitions, also regarding their national competitions. WRRC cannot take into consideration all the local competition calendars of their members.
- (123) Due to political situation and force major in the Ukraine, the Presidium decided to cancel the competition in Kharkov (12.12.2015). We hope that the situation will improve in the future, and that we will again have competitions in Ukraine.

Item 6 Membership

- **USA:** USARRC sent the request to prolong their status as provisional member. Although they have not fulfilled the expectations regarding participation on the official WRRC competitions, we do not have any other alternative in the USE
The WRRC presidium will propose to GM to extend the provisional membership for 3 years.
 - **India** – they will decide about the new president during March. They will also manage the membership in the WDSF member from India.
 - Memberships from **Moldova, South Korea, Senegal, Kazakhstan** have to be accepted by GM
 - **Serbia** – application for membership came yesterday, and it is valid. The presidium will give the proposal to GM to accept it.
- (124) The Presidium will propose all existing provisional members to be confirmed by GM
- **Ukraine:** they sent the letter, requesting lowering of the annual membership fee, taking into consideration the very difficult political and financial situation in Ukraine
- (125) Request for reducing the fee - the Presidium granted to Ukraine to pay the fee of 500 € for 2015.

Item 7 Sport topics

- DL and KK presented the final proposal for the new category: Rock'n'Roll Couple Dance Show:

new name	Age	Duration of dancing	Speed of music (bars/min)	min. number of basic steps	Number of acrobatic figures	Safety level	Number of participants
Rock'n'Roll Couple Dance Show	min. 16	Preliminary rounds: 1:00-1:15	48-50	4	max 4	SL 2	couple
		Final: 1:45-2:00		6	max 4	SL 2	couple

With the age limitation it is intended not to overlap this new category with the existing RR Juniors. The scoring of the acrobatics will be done on the same way as in RR Juniors (no separate acro-criteria, the figures will be judged inside the criteria for the dance figures). The RR NJS Workgroup has to define clearly the new SL 3+ (SL 2) elements (poses from the B-Class). The proposal will be presented to the GM

The Presidium will propose to the GM new name for RR B-Class: CLASSIC RNR
 The Presidium will propose to the GM new name for RR Main Class – FREE STYLE RNR

- Swedish DanceSport Federation sent the request to promote David Borg to the A pool of Boogie Woogie Judges.

(126) David Borg is accepted to the Boogie Woogie A-Pool of Judges

Letter Martin Brokke (Netherlands) about the details of judging distribution – his questions was why Netherlands has not been granted more judging places in 2015:

- WRRC based the judging teams upon the decision from GM 2014 and a precondition that the country uses WRRC RR NJS. The number of places is also connected with the number of competitions. We don't have enough competitions to be able to appoint all the judges at least one event. The WRRC sports director will consider the substitute judges in the case of cancellation, and they will be picked up from the judges who were not appointed yet.

KB reported that all the essential software is ready for the new season of competitions. Regarding the new regulations about the Anti-doping document, and obligation to collect manually signed documents from all registered dancers, everything is ready in the Registration software; only the final version of the Letter of Consent for Athletes has to be delivered. It will be based upon the same letter from the WDSF.

Registration of Music is not yet complete, but it will be till the end of March. All the previously

approved music which was entered in the RegSW by the member federations will be imported in the new music registration module.

ACROBATIC ROCK'N'ROLL SAFETY LEVELS

- (127) Presidium approved the new structure of description of Safety Levels.
- (128) Presidium approved figures J-13, J-21 and J-22, as they are presented in the SL3 catalogue, for RR Juniors.

Dress code for the dancers: KK presented the IDO rules about the dress code for the dancers, as it is described in the section GENERAL COSTUME RULES FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS (point 1). For WRRC the general description is appropriate without the details specified in IDO rules.

- (129) Presidium accepted the proposed dress code. MM will check the exact wording which will be incorporated in the WRRC rules.

Dress code for officials: At the moment we don't have our own dress code regulations, just unwritten rule. WRRC uses the WDSF dress code on the competitions where they request us.

- (130) On the World/European Championships the WDSF dress code for judges will apply. EP is appointed to create the proposal for the official WRRC Tie and Scarf, and T-shirts for the dancers

Proposal of the RR NJS group regarding the repetition of acrobatics in the B-Class:
The Presidium discussed the motion of the RR NJS Group from the last Skype meeting. The repetition of the B-class figures is generally not valued in the acro-calculator, if the acrobatic figure is repeated as single figure, but it allows the repetition of this same figure inside the combination (only once). The NJS group proposes that also such repetition should not be valued.

- (131) There should be no repetition of the same acrobatic figure during the program in the B-Class. If the figure is repeated, it will receive value of 0 points. The provider of the software will implement this change in the Acro-calculator for the B-Class.

New RR CD: based on some proposals of the member federations, the Sports Director has created two new lists of the allowed music on the RR competitions. The lists will be overviewed by the Commission for approval of the music and published on the WRRC homepage. The Presidium is looking for the possibilities to resolve the issue with the musical rights and distribution of the WRRC CD-s. The final solution should be found during this year.

NJS formations:

- (132) The NJS for RR Formations will be implemented according to the proposal of the formation Commissioner with the limitation of structure of the acrobatics and connected with acro calculator. Implementation date: 01.01.2016. The provider of the software shall send to the Presidium the feedback about the requested changes in the software. The logic of the acro-calculator must not be different than the calculator for the couples.

Item 8 Honoration

- EP will make the design of the new official WRRC diploma.

- Proposal Manfred Mohab for honoration for Tony Keller for his efforts in development of the Boogie Woogie:
- Proposal Katalin Kis (from last meeting) for our long time judges – Attila Laszlo and Angelo Cicconi:

(133) The Presidium approved all three proposals and it will award the honoration in GOLD. The Presidium will award the honoration on the competition on which the respective person will be present.

Item 9 Communication

New home page:

KB presented the new WRRRC Homepage, which was activated on 11.03.2015. The new Homepage integrates two prior web-sites of the WRRRC (www.wrrc.org and www.wrrc-online.com), and was accepted very well by the WRRRC community. He will make necessary manuals for the members of the Presidium and commissions, and they will be able to manage the parts of the webpage which are under their responsibility.

MKI congratulated Linum for design and structure of the new HomePage which is now also integrated with modern social media.

The Presidium and VP communication invite all members to send us photos, video materials and other information to be published on our Homepage.

One of the features of our Homepage is also the possibility to print out the diploma for each dancer. EP will prepare the design for the diploma.

Year book 2014:

EP reported that due to unacceptable financial offer the production of YB will be delayed.

Item 10 Any other item

- Next Presidium meeting:
 - May/June: Skype meeting
 - 18.10.2015: Villach (Austria) from 09:00-16:00

There were no additional items to discuss.

The President thanked all members and closed the meeting on 13.03.2015 at 16:00.

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After the GM, the Presidium assembled for additional 30 minutes session (15.03.2015):

Sweden proposed to organize the World Cup in the new category Rock'n'Roll Couple Dance Show, as the substitution for the ECh. Youth (Halmstad, 28.05.2015). The application was accepted by the Presidium

Motion Robert Obermeier: RR Junior Formations

After the discussion on the forum on Saturday, the Formations Commissioner proposed following change for the RR Junior formations:

Number of participants: between 8 – 12, minimum 3 boys. Couple dance is still the main emphasis in the RR Junior Formations.

Presidium generally approves the motion, but the details should be discussed in order not to make to haste decision which could destroy the couple formation category.

It is also important to review the formation categories as a package.

Minutes:

WRRRC Office

Kresimir Bosnar

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