

## **Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting**

Villach, 18.10.2015

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

WRRC Office: K. Bosnar (KB)

Minutes: K. Bosnar

The president welcomed all Presidium members for the meeting.

The meeting started on Sunday at 09:00 at Hotel Holiday Inn

### **1. Minutes and decisions last PM**

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

### **2. Finance & Marketing**

Presidium discussed about several aspects of the Fee Scale in order to make it more transparent, clear to understand and easy to follow.

**(134)** The Presidium approved all discussed proposals of the Fee Scale. ME and MM have been appointed to prepare the final changes of the document together with the proposed:

- proportional reimbursement of travel expenses for the 1<sup>st</sup> couple of each country participating at WCh and Continental Ch. (instead of Prize Money)
- Fees for lecturers, congresses, WRRC representation..

**(135)** All Presidium members shall send their proposals for the budget for 2016 for the projects they have been appointed to ME latest before the Christmas, so ME could prepare the budget proposal before the next Presidium meeting. Preliminary budget for expansion is set to 25.000 € per year.

**(136)** Late announcement Fee will be added to the Fee Scale and to the Tournament rules.

#### **Marketing**

In order to be able to realize new projects, WRRC needs a higher budget which means we need to look for extra income.

Various aspects of possible additional revenue were discussed focused mainly on special WRRC Merchandise and Sponsors.

**(137)** KK and EP are responsible for implementing the WRRC Merchandise project and KT is responsible for negotiation with sponsors. Any possible agreement shall be signed by the President. The details of both projects will be discussed inside Presidium.

### **3. Competitions**

Presidium appointed the Supervisors for events in 2016 and checked the open events.

For Rock'n'Roll Girl Formations we have no WRRC events in the next year. The office will again send the letter to all members to ask them to send their applications for organizing international events.

Presidium also discussed about the feedback from the events in 2015 and options for improvement. Generally the events are better than before but for special situations we need clear guidelines.

**(138)** MKI will prepare the competition documents as discussed.

**(139)** DL will inform the judges for remaining WRRC events in 2015 about the required dress code. Men: black business suit with a shirt; women: black business suit with skirt or trousers and a blouse OR black cocktail dress. MM will add the dress code to the tournament rules.

**(140)** Presidium approved 2 Wild cards per formation category for organizing country Russia for the Championships in Kazan

**(141)** Starting from 01.01.2016 the Supervisor must be present on the location of the event already one day before latest at 19:00. The organizer must enable him to check the hall and other aspects of the organization.

Application RRC Damo Switzerland to organize a World Cup RR Main Class with ranking points: We have no such event in the Tournament rules and at the moment we have no special rules for International open, however following the article 1.2.1 in TR the Presidium has granted the following event to be organized by RRC DAMO if approved by SRRC

**(142)** DAMO Open 2015 with 400 € competition Fee, 7 WRRC judges + 2 Observers, No Prize Money, Ranking points Factor 0.4.

#### **4. Expansion**

The expansion group had a meeting on Friday, 16.10.2015 (MKI, ME and DL were present as representatives of the Presidium). The President congratulated the whole group for the work and progress they have done in 2015. There are many possible ways to develop this project so it is very important that we follow one vision and use the general strategy for the same goal - > to have couples from new continents on WRRC Championships and on World games 2017 and later.

**(143)** WRRC Presidium approved to following regarding the expansion

- Primarily the expansion is focused on countries outside Europe and the resources shall be also spent this way.
- In 2016 and 2017 the WRRC expansion group will focus on countries who are already active in process of expansion and will only add additional countries if there is high possibility to get competitive couples in 2016/2017
- A strategy for Boogie Woogie expansion will be prepared
- A motivation project and agreement will be prepared for selected countries/couples
- A yearly budget of 25.000 € will be proposed for WRRC GM for a period of at least 3 years. KT and WRRC expansion manager Marina Kalacheva are responsible to use the money according the project plan and approved budget.

**(144)** All couples from new countries will dance a small show at the evening part of WRRC events – after the presentation of nations. It applies for the first year the country appears on WRRC events. The Supervisor must coordinate this with the organizer and the couples in question.

#### **5. New membership application**

- Japan Dance Sport Federation has sent the official membership application. It is very important for us to have Japan as our member, because it opens the doors to other Asian nations. KB will arrange everything that they get the access to the

registration system of WRRC. At the moment, Ivan Yudin is curator for Japan, and manages the registrations. First couple will perform already on Masters in Moscow 2015

- One of the former Spanish dancers and trainers (M. Martinez) has contacted MKI, informing her that the former federation does not exist anymore, and that they would like to go on again with RR. MKI proposed to connect with the Spanish Dance Sport Federation, and also wrote an e-mail to the President. He answered very positively, expressing the interest for the RR division inside the Spanish federation.

(145) WRRC accepts JDSF as a new provisional Member for period of 2 years.

## 6. Sport topics

### NJS RR:

The feedback from competitions in 2014 and 2015 and some proposals for improvement have been discussed regarding the NJS

(146) Presidium appointed Denis Lilih, Katalin Kis, Fred Pasqualin and Kresimir Bosnar to make a revision of the acro-calculator and acro-catalog based on the feedback from the organized events in 2014 and 2015. The revision must be presented to Presidium latest by December 15 and the final version of the revised documents will be published latest by January 15, 2016. The new version will be valid for all events starting from 01.01.2016.

(147) The new calculation formula of end results based on average with standard deviation will be implemented starting from 01.01.2016. It will be used for all categories with NJS.

### Formations – NJS, more formations

The details of NJS for formations have been discussed together with additional points to raise the number of formations from different countries on WRRC events,

- (148) The NJS for formation has been approved with the following final modifications:
- In RR Main class formations the value of acrobatics is reduced by
    - o a maximum weight of 25 % (instead of 33 %): acrobatics, dancing technique, dance figures/patterns and choreography get a maximum of 25 points each (maximum = 100 points total).
    - o a restriction to a maximum of one double somersault (instead of two).
  - The number of requested acrobatic figures is set to 8 (it can't be variable otherwise it is not possible to calculate the correct mark)
  - DL, KK and Robert Obermeir have to define the 2B1G catalog of acrobatics.
  - Age restriction RR Juniors: Maximum two members of RR Junior formation can be maximum 2 years older than prescribed age limit
  - A formation can represent a WRRC member nation when at least 60% of dancers come from the nation they represent. Dancers from other nations can be a part of the formation if their national federation approved such participation. In this case the restrictions about representing one or the other country don't apply
  - The non RR intro can be max 30 sec long. No special musical exit at the end is allowed
  - Valid from 1.1.2016

### RR Couple Dance Show:

- KK and DL prepared the Final regulations. After short discussion, the Presidium decided that any active couple where both dancers are at least 16 years old is allowed to dance in this category.

- Judging is done on the principle of juniors, with one extra field for acrobatics – one overall mark for all acrobatics. Minimum 5 international judges are required.

| Name                          | Age     | Duration of dancing           | Speed of music (bars/min) | min. number of Dance Group 1 elements (basic) | Number of acrobatic figures | Number of combinations | Number or acros in one combination | Safety level | Number of participants |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Rock'n'Roll Couple Dance Show | min. 16 | Preliminary rounds: 1:00-1:15 | 48-52                     | 4   | 3                           | max. 2                 | no limit                           | SL2<br>SL3   | couple                 |
|                               |         | Final: 1:45-2:00              |                           | 8   | 5                           | max. 3                 | no limit                           | SL2<br>SL3   | couple                 |

- KB will inform the Swedish Dance Sport Federation that they can organize the World Cup in this category and he will invite other possible candidates to apply for the event.

**(149)** MKI is appointed to discuss and develop the idea of a new competition type for RR Main Class with Sophie Sancosme.

**(150)** New dress code for dancers was approved. It will be published as Appendix to the Tournament Rules. MM and KK will prepare the correct wording for Tournament rules together with the pictures for better understanding.

### **Boogie Woogie NJS**

BW NJS commission has worked hard on the project; they have tested it in Rimini and made some smaller changes. They have also used the feedback from the dancers' reunion and the judging seminars organized in June and September. The Presidium discussed the proposal and approved the following

- (151)** THE NJS BW WAS APPROVED with following modifications
- There will be no seeded round at the beginning of the competition
  - First round will start with the separate slow round – we will try it in 2016, and then at the end of the year evaluate the decision.
  - If more than 48 couples will be announced on World Masters, a second qualification round will be added. Top 5 seeded couples will be qualified directly to the first KO round (quarterfinal), the remaining seeded will be qualified directly to 2<sup>nd</sup> qualification round.
  - In the finals there will be no more standing on the floor of all the final couples

- Boogie Woogie NJS will start from 01.01.2016
- The decision about the BW observers for the 2016 is still open

#### World Masters RR & BW

The World Masters competition should have mostly the same structure for both RR and BW, the idea of Presidium is to market it as our top event (aiming for the Grand slam series)

**(152)** The following changes of the World Masters concept have been decided

- There will be max 10 seeded couples coming from Top 10 on the World ranking list
- If more than 48 couples will be announced on World Masters, a second qualification round will be added. Top 5 seeded couples and the wild card will be qualified directly to the first KO round (quarterfinal), the remaining seeded will be qualified directly to 2<sup>nd</sup> qualification round. The distribution of the rounds will be changed accordingly.
- In the 1<sup>st</sup> KO round the distribution of seeded couples will be implemented automatically (e.g. 2 seeded can't dance against each other).
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> KO round the points from the 1<sup>st</sup> KO round will be used and the distribution will be done by the principle top 6 against bottom 6 in random order.
- Valid from 01.01.2016

### 7. EDUCATION

Education modules were discussed in details. The final proposal will be discussed during the next PM.

Katerina Tikhonova excused herself and left the Presidium meeting at 17:20

### 8. WRRC judges

#### Judges – general RR & BW

Presidium had a lengthily discussion about the quality of judging, knowledge of the rules and regulations, ability to follow the NJS, ability to discuss in English and approved the following

**(153)** Licensing of WRRC judges (RR and BW)

- A person can renew the WRRC judge license if he/she meets the following requirements:
  - Is nominated by WRRC Member federation
  - Is more than 18 years old in the year of active license
  - Has sufficient knowledge of English to be able to discuss all judging related topics in English orally and in written form
  - Has visited WRRC seminar and successfully passed the written and oral exam every 4 years starting with initial NJS exam in 2016
  - Has successfully judged on WRRC webinars at least 2 times per year starting from September 2016.
- WRRC will organize two seminars and two examination dates for existing WRRC RR judges in the beginning of 2016
  - **16-17.01.2016 LJUBLJANA** – two examination teams
  - **19-20.03.2016 MUNICH**
  - Each time the following is planned
    - Saturday 9:30 - 19:00 Seminar with practical workshop (with lunch break)
    - Sunday: 9:30 – 10:30 Written exam together with basic English

- Sunday: 11:30 – 16:00 Oral & video exam (only persons who will successfully pass the written exam will be admitted to oral exam)
  - participation is obligatory for the WRRRC judges who wants to renew their license , fee 100 €  
national judges can participate on Saturday, with no right to take part in discussions, fee 70 €
- The new RR judges who have passed the NJS exam in 2014 or 2015 are excused of the exam in 2016 if they take part on one of the seminars in 2016.
- Examiners for RR are: Katalin Kis, Denis Lilih, Miriam Kerpan Izak, Kresimir Bosnar and Fred Pasqualin. The examiners (except Fred Pasqualin) will automatically acquire the license for WRRRC RR NJS judge.
- WRRRC has already organized two seminars for BW NJS and will proceed with examination in December 2015 or January 2016. The judges will be able to do the examination via internet.
- Examiners for BW are Aina Nygard and Georges Santonja
- The judges who will successfully pass the exam will renew their license
- The WRRRC will drop the classification of Pool judges and international judges. A new classification will be prepared based on evaluation and feedback from the events prepared by the judging commission.
- **Webinars: Start on September 2016**
  - There will be only one database with the RNR/BW videos, with a limited number of videos. The Judging commission (MKI, KK, DL; AN, GS) shall analyze the videos and prepare the generally expected marks.
  - Videos will be chosen from the database randomly for each judge. The system will control that one judge does not get the same video more than one time.
  - The judges will have a time frame (3 days) in which they have to attend the webinar and give their notes in the real time, just like on the competition. Judges will get mixed videos from all classes.
  - When the timeframe closes, expected marks will be shown and each judge will be able to see if his marks were within the expected values.
- Valid from 01.01.2016

Comment: The existing additional conditions of distributing the judges on WRRRC events are still applicable.

- (154)** Observer seminar will be organized on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>,2016 in Ljubljana. The participation is obligatory for WRRRC RR Observers who want to be active in 2016.
- date: 07.02.2015
  - Place – Ljubljana, Slovenia (details will follow)
  - Topics: Brainstorming and using the same criteria and the same decisions, video examples for special acrobatics
  - The participation is obligatory for WRRRC RR Observers who want to do this job in 2016

### **Judges commission – evaluation of judges**

KK, DL and MKI met on Skype and on some competitions and discussed the quality of judging in details. They have prepared specifications for the SW upgrade to have the automatic analysis after each round of the event and at the end of the event. The upgrades will be implemented on the competitions in 2016

## **9. WDSF**

**(155)** Selection of countries and couples for World Games 2017:

- Special ranking list will be applied consisting of following competitions in 2016

- all World Masters with factor 1.0
- World championship with factor 2.0
- Selection of the couples from ranking
  - The best couple from each continent is qualified.
  - The best couple from each national federation (when not already in point 2) is qualified
  - For the possible remaining places the second best couple from each national federation is qualified
  - If the national federation wants to send a different couple - not the one who is the best on the ranking list -, it needs an approval from WRRRC Presidium.

## 10. General meeting 2016 Moldova

(156) The President will announce the GM at the end of November when all the details will be known. The preliminary schedule of meetings will be published. The details will be discussed on the next Presidium Meeting.

## 11. PR & Communication

- Golden Book (already in the budget): will be published in 500 pcs
- ties and foulards for judges (already in the budget) will be free for judges
- EP proposed to organize the WRRRC Gala, as special event for the best dancers, and coaches. The event will be organized during the Rimini Competition, on Saturday night. EP will prepare the proposal for the budget and description of the event.
- WEB PAGE – KB will publish the special page with all World Champions. MKI will prepare the new portrait of WRRRC

(157) On the request of the WDSF, we will nominate the athletes representative, chosen by the dancers. MKI will prepare a special letter, and it will be published on the WRRRC homepage and on WRRRC Facebook page. The elections should be organized on competitions in Geneva or Lyon. We will also publish the pool on the WRRRC homepage where dancers can nominate their candidates

## 12. Other

- KB proposed the new wording for the protocol persons, which is more common in the dance sport: Scrutineer. The world Protocol is a little bit misleading

(158) In all WRRRC documents we will change the term Protocol with the term Scrutineer.

## 13. Next Presidium meeting

Next Presidium meeting will be held on 05-06.02.2016, in Ljubljana, Slovenia

The President thanked all members and closed the meeting on 18.10.2015 at 19:00. The minutes include also additional decisions made by e-mail after the World Masters in Moscow.

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