

Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting

Ljubljana, 5.2.2016 – 6.2.2016

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

Guest: Marina Kalacheva (MKA)

WRRC Office: K. Bosnar (KB)

Minutes: K. Bosnar

The president welcomed all Presidium members for the meeting.

The meeting started on Friday at 18:40 in Ljubljana

1. Minutes and decisions last PM

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

Dec (137) – details to be discussed on the next PM, KK will make an offer from a company which could sell our merchandise and we will receive royalties for the sales. ME will check about the VAT number in Switzerland and the legal requirements to make such a contract for the merchandise sales. EP also report about the possibility for the compilation and sales of WRRC Music CDs. Also for this we need to check the tax status and legal things first,

Dec (150) – Presidium discussed in details about the draft of dress code regulations and made some adjustments so we can have a single description valid for all disciplines.

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New dress code will be valid from 1.1.2017. In 2016 all Observers and Supervisors will inform dancers about the new regulations and warn them if the costume is not OK following the new dress code. DL must inform the Observers accordingly so they will not issue yellow cards based on the new regulations.

Dec (157) Athletes commission extension: During the GM in Chisinau will discuss the topic with two delegates which are also the active dancers and if they accept, the Presidium will appoint them as provisional head of athletes commission until the period when elections will be made but not later than July 2016.

2. Structure of the rules

In the recent years the amount of WRRC documents has grown, so it is necessary that we retain the appropriate structure. We also need to make sure that each rule is only described on one place to avoid double (different versions).

MM presented the proposal of new structure of the rules, divided in different sections from the user perspective. In the process of implementing the new structure perhaps some wording needs to be changed.

(160) Presidium approved the proposed structure of the rules. MM will prepare the documents and present them to Presidium for a final revision. The rules which need to be changed because of the decision made during the last (including this) meetings will be

implemented by the old structure. In the future the final wording of the rules must always be prepared by MM and then sent to Presidium for final revision. It applies also to division rules (e.g.) Boogie. The appropriate structure needs to be maintained all the time.

3. Finance

ME presented the Balance sheet for 2015 and the Budget for 2016. Presidium discussed about several new projects their planned expenditure and income and included them tentatively in the Budget for 2016. With the new project the expected revenue will increase by 40%, but if the projects are not implemented in 2016 both expenditure and income will remain lower.

Presidium had a discussion regarding additional goals and projects we would to achieve and we have realized we have not sufficient funds to do it. Strategically we need a partner which could invest to our new projects.

(161) Presidium approved the Balance sheet for 2015 and proposed Budget for 2016 to be confirmed at WRRC GM in Moldova.

(162) Presidium will publish a tender for strategic investment partner.

Presidium discussed the draft version of new Fee Scale and made some final adjustments regarding the tournament fees and description of Fees for the Scrutineer, especially for events which lasts several days.

(163) Presidium approved the final version of Fee Scale for 2016 and 2017 to be confirmed at GM 2016.

WRRC has changed the bank to Credit Suisse and the legal address in Switzerland. All documents have been changed accordingly. Also the new form for "Claim of expenses" has been prepared. The claim needs to be signed always by a person who's name is on the claim and not by another person.

ME has sent out the Membership Fees for 2016 following the Fee Scale accepted in 2015.

4. GM 2016

Presidium discussed the schedule of the meetings, agenda items and motions received by Members

(164) The following workshops will be conducted during AGM

- a. Short presentation of Boogie NJS, impression after first event (Aina)
- b. RR main class and B class acro calculator – changes (Denis & Katalin)
- c. Innovation of the rules (new structure of the rules, dress code) (Manfred & Katalin)
- d. Expansion project report and plan for 2016 (Katerina & Marina)
- e. World Games 2017 (general info)
- f. Forum (general topics brought by delegates) (Miriam)

Presidium has the following opinion about the received motions:

- Bulgaria (several motions)
 - o M01: Presidium supports this motion: Adaptation of the sportive rules – generally we will try to change the rules every second year - we will collect proposals, ideas and make the analysis until July 2017, prepare changes for autumn and then accept it before the end of the year
 - o M02: There is no actual reasoning behind this, our current World champion RR Youth is 11 years old, if we would change this age group, then also Juniors needs to be changed otherwise we can't have the continuity of the couples and with this change even our Juniors will be out of the scope in Nordic countries.
 - o M03 – M05: The Presidium does not support this motion, the changes decided on the last presidium meeting were the consequence of the general discussion on GM 2015 in Rome. We could only perhaps change the minimum age to 12.
 - o M06: To be explained by Katalin Kis, the description which Bulgaria presented is not complete, some parts of basic step are missing
- Switzerland (one motion)
 - o M01: Presidium supports this motion, but the decision needs to be made for both RR and BW. With NJS the KO system became obsolete.
- Russia (one motion)
 - o M01: Already implemented in the rules and Fee Scale
- Germany (three motions)
 - o M01: Presidium supports this motion, we will try to set the fixed seminar weekends per year (similar as GM); but this can't be applicable for webinars.
 - o M02: Similar as Bulgaria, the explanation already written
 - o M03: The idea is in principle good, but if the organizer cancels the event, he mostly does it for financial reasons and can't make any compensation. We still think the dancers should have insurance on air plane ticket.
- Italy (two motions)
 - o M01: To postpone the request for BW judges to pass the exam and to review the required test. The Presidium discussed this topic under the item 9
 - o M02: To change the Fees for WRRC judges on international events: The change would directly influence the costs of the organizer, if we make the difference, than it is clearly a “salary” and not day expenses which means the amount is taxable in any case. The GM should decide about this

5. Members

We have received two new membership applications from Hong Kong and Peru. Both applications are complete, both federations are WDSF members.

(165) The new provisional members are:

Hong Kong: Hong Kong DanceSport Association
 Peru: Federacion Peruana de Danza Deportiva

We have received the report of activities from Lebanon and their request to promote them to ordinary member.

(166) Lebanon is promoted to ordinary member.

6. WDSF

MKI informed Presidium about the WDSF PM and topics connected with WRRRC:

- Carlos Freitag stepped down as President, the job is too demanding for his health condition. Lukas Hinder is by the statutes now WDSF President until the AGM 2016 when substitute elections will be conducted. He will run for the position in 2016 and also in 2017 when ordinary elections took place
- MKI presented WRRRC expansion project activities in 2015 and pointed out the major problems regarding WDSF Member nations. The new WDSF President offered full support. Several options of closer cooperation between WDSF and WRRRC have been discussed and a plan will be prepared to take part at major WDSF events and workshops.
- The Associated Membership contract expires this August. We have not yet received any new proposal, so the existing one will probably be extended for a year or two.
- WDSF is working hard towards the Olympic charter. Several commissions were established for this reason. It is really important for WRRRC to elect a dancers commission which will then appoint a representative also in WDSF dancers commission.

WDSF AGM will be in Rome, June, 10-11, 2016.

(167) WRRRC delegates for WDSF AGM 2016 are Manfred Mohab and Katerina Tikhonova. WRRRC will present the expansion project and try to make further contacts with WDSF members. Marina Kalacheva will be a part of delegation for this purpose. WRRRC will pay her travel costs and accommodation.

Marina Kalacheva joined Presidium for points 7. and 8.

7. EXPANSION

KT and MKA presented the report of expansion project. The whole group has been very busy, several workshops have been conducted already in January and February, and the couples from several new members are preparing for their first new events.

KT presented the details of TV project for the newcomers and additional details about motivational agreement and connected specifics for the training camp in Moscow in April and World Masters RR in St. Petersburg.

Generally we need to focus on two objectives

- 2017 WG and at least 3 continents
- sustainably in new countries – development of RR and BW as general

(168) The following details were approved about the expansion projects

- Presidium approved the motivational agreements for the couples in “Newcomers project” with additional condition that the received expenses need to be returned if the couple does not fulfill the agreed obligations
- WRRRC will invite the following “star coaches” to the international camp in Moscow
 - o Maurizio Mandorino
 - o Fred Pasqualin
 - o Heico Bartsch

All expenses and details are to be set by the organizer

- For the couples in the newcomers project the following will apply for World Masters in Moscow

- Special results including only newcomers will be published after each round
- The newcomers will have a separate performance in the evening part after the semifinal followed by a special prize ceremony
- The common choreography should be learnt during the camp in Moscow, not connected to the video

A special letter for WDSF will be prepared with proposals for closer cooperation based on experience from 2015. MKI and MKA are responsible.

8. MARKETING, PR, COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION

At the beginning Presidium had a lengthy discussion about several projects which are going on and responsible persons for these projects in order to guarantee the best results without double work and clear distribution of tasks and responsibilities.

We have also set some major goals for 2016 and defined responsible persons

PR & Communication – responsible Edilio Pagano

- reports after the competition (with some photos) – the Supervisor provides the info, organizer provides the photos
- Portrait of couples/heroes
- Expansion info (Marina Kalacheva)
- WRRRC general description and history (MKI)

Promotional material

- Golden book (Edilio Pagano & Marina Kalacheva)
- Pins, pens, ties, foulards (Edilio Pagano)
- WRRRC Clothing (Katalin Kis)

Educational material – Katalin Kis, Katerina Tikhonova, Marina Kalacheva

- Franchise packages
- Seminar videos and scripts
- Seminar recordings
- Educational modules

Marketing strategy – Katerina Tikhonova

- General analysis of our products and services, markets
- Identifying and setting the strategic goals

9. Sport topics & rules

Rock'n'Roll and general topics

Sport commission had two meetings in December and made a detailed revision of RR B class and Main class calculator as decided on the PM in Villach. The new revised documents have already been published on line. Presidium thanked the commission members of excellent job.

Presidium revised the draft version of Tournament rules and RR rules based on decisions in Villach and changes needed because of new revision of RR B class and Main Class calculator.

Presidium discussed also about the currently valid system of yellow and red cards and agreed that it needed to be revised and changed. The discussion will continue on the next PM after the feedback from the Observer seminar.

MKI informed the Presidium that she has received a letter from formation commissioner Robert Obermeier that he wants to step down from his position. The Presidium discussed about possible solutions and/or substitutes.

The Sport Commission analyzed the proposed changes of NJS formations and the result was that it was not possible to include the acrobatics in the existing acrobatic calculator. They requested to postpone the introduction of NJS for formations

- (169) Presidium approved the final wording of Tournament rules and RR rules and confirmed the revised acrobatic rules for RR Main Class and B class. Only editorial changes and additional clarifications are allowed before next revision.
- (170) Formally the NJS project was finished in 2015 so the working group of NJS has been discarded. For revision of the rules, new proposals and other sport topics the RR Sport commission will be responsible – Denis Lilih (Chair of commission), Katalin Kis, Fred Pasqualin, Kresimir Bosnar (members), Miriam Kerpan Izak (advisor).
- (171) Presidium accepted the resignation of formation commissioner Robert Obermeier. At this point the Presidium will not nominate a new commissioner; the Sport Commission will also discuss about the formation issues. A meeting with formation trainers will be organized on one of the events in 2016.
- (172) The implementation of the NJS formation is postponed to 2017. All documents need to be ready in autumn 2016.

DL presented the report of RR judging seminar and examination (Ljubljana, January 2016).

- 40 persons took part at the seminar (WRRC judges and national judges)
- 14 candidates took the exam and 11 passed it successfully
- 5 judges extended the license because they passed the initial NJS RR test
- 2 candidates passed the test during the PM in Ljubljana

For the next date in Munich-Erding in March 2016 about 30 persons is announced.

We expect that about 30% of existing judges will not retain the license (some decided not to take the exam at all), so we need additional international judges.

- (173) Seminar and examination for new WRRC RR judges will take part in Zagreb, Croatia from 17.9.16 to 18.9.2016. The requirements from tournament rules apply.

Boogie Woogie

MKI presented the report (which was prepared by Aina Nygård BW commissioner) of first BW examination for WRRC judges base on BW NJS.

Both written test and oral part were performed on line.

- 10 persons took part at the written test, 7 passed successfully
- 6 persons took part at the oral exam and 2 passed successfully, 1 candidate still need to take the oral test.

Presidium analyzed the test, the number of questions and time available and would like to advice the BW commission to make some adjustments.

New examination dates are planned in March and later.

There was also some discussion regarding the Members of Boogie Woogie Commission and their status regarding the judging license, the continuity of the commission and about BW judges for first events in 2016.

(174) Presidium approved the judging panels for Hammaro and St. Petersburg presuming that the appointed judges will pass the BW NJS exam by then.

(175) The members of Boogie Woogie commission don't need to take any special exam and are awarded the WRRC BW judging license for the next two years as specified in tournament rules. It applies to all members of the commission: Aina Nygard, Georges Santonja, Leo Beck, Michelle Planques and Jan Falk.

(176) The existing judges can apply (application must be confirmed by NF!) to make the exam also outside published dates. They should send their requested time to WRRC Office and will be informed about the possible examination dates.

10. Competitions

Distribution of judges

The list of WRRC judges for 2016 is not fixed yet because of the examinations which are needed for both RR and Boogie judges. For this reason the judging panels have only been prepared for the first events (Hammaro, Cracow, St. Petersburg). General distribution will be done by the end of March after the first two examination dates will be concluded for both RR and BW.

A special solution has been done for Hammaro – Supervisor and Observer will act as judges as well.

Cancelation of the event Stockerau:

Presidium regrets that the tournament was canceled but nothing can be done in such case.

(177) New approved competitions:

- 28.5.2016 Halmstad (SWE) to be extended with World Masters/World Cup Boogie all classes in world Cup couple dance show. Presidium approved this as a substitute for Stockerau
- 12.11.2016 Schaffhausen (SUI) to be extended with World Championship Boogie Formations (without Prize money)
- 17.12.2016 Chisinau (MOL) World Masters RR & BW
- 20.05.2017 St. Petersburg (RUS) ECh RR Main Class + ECh BW all class
- 25.11.2017 Moscow (RUS) WMas RR MC, ECh. RR formations juniors
- 26.11.2017 Moscow (RUS) ECh. RR formations MC, World cup RR Y/J/B
- 27.10.2018 Moscow (RUS) WMas RR+BW
- 17.11.2018 Geneva (SUI) WCh RR MC + WMas BW + WC BW Jun
- 18.11.2018 Geneva (SUI) WCh. RR formations MC, World cup RR B

Presidium appointed also all missing Supervisors, confirmed the Protocol teams and instructed Sports director to appoint Observers.

11. Next Presidium meeting

Next Presidium meeting will be held on 11.03.2016, in Chisinau, Moldova

The President thanked all members and closed the meeting on 07.02.2016 at 18:30.

Minutes:

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Approved:

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