

Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting

Ljubljana, 02.10.2016

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

Guests: Marina Kalacheva, Tihomir Doric

WRRC Office: K. Bosnar (KB)

Minutes: K. Bosnar

The president welcomed all Presidium members for the meeting.

The meeting started on Sunday, 02.10.2016 at 09:00 in Ljubljana

1. Minutes and decisions last PM

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

- **MM (160)** – New structure of the rules.
MM and KB shall meet in Graz during October 2016, to make the revision of Rules and prepare final versions for 2017

2. Finances

• EXPANSION PROJECT

WRRC has a very detailed budget for expansion project, but it is still not completely clear how and to whom to make claims for the expenses which evolve from the activities of the curators and couples involved. For the next year, every item that has to be paid must be cleared in advance, and the correct procedure has to be established.

(184) ME and KB will prepare the document which will define the correct procedure how and to whom to make claims for the expenses within the Expansion project. All properly filled invoices will be paid within 15 days after they were received.

• STRUCTURE OF THE REIMBURSMENTS FOR THE COUPLES ON THE CONTINENTAL AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Per the decision of the General Meeting 2016, from 01.01.2017 the Prize money for the couples was cancelled (4.200 EUR), and that amount was added to the Tournament fee, in order to reimburse it to the best couple of each country. For the next year additional 8.000 EUR will be planned in the budget for this purpose.

(185) For the Continental and World Championships in RR and BW Main Class the WRRC will reimburse the travel expenses for the best couple of the participating country as follows:

- 400,- EUR for the best couple per country of the continent on which the championship is organized
- 800,- EUR for the best couple per country from other continents

The money will be paid by bank-transfer to the member-federations

- **MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2016**

Some of our members still have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the WRRRC

(186) ME will send the reminder to all members with open obligations.

- **BUDGET FOR 2017**

All members of the Presidium should send their proposals for the budget 2017 as soon as possible to ME but not latest than December 15, 2016.

3. OFFICIALS AND THEIR DUTIES/OBLIGATIONS ON THE WRRRC COMPETITIONS

On recent events, we have experienced some unclear situations about who is doing what (Judge, Observer, Supervisor, and Scrutineer), so for this reason we will prepare a detailed document about who is doing what and when!

(187) CHEK LISTS FOR THE ORGANIZERS: MKI and DL (in coordination with the office) will prepare the checklist about the fulfilment of the general conditions from the Organizer-Contract by both sides. WRRRC Office will send the checklist to the organizer and the supervisor two weeks before the competition. The general Organizer Contract will be revised, and special fine introduced in case the organizer does not fulfil all the requirements from the checklist

(187) All WRRRC officials have to proceed according to the checklist "Officials-duties". The final version will be approved on the next meeting.

4. EXPANSION PROJECT

Marina Kalacheva presented an overview of the achievements in the Expansion project. The biggest success is, that we had couples from 5 continents on the World Masters in St. Petersburg, and they will also be present on the World Championship Main Class RR in Moscow. The expansion project was also followed in public and social media

The main goal of the Expansion project was getting RR Main Class couples for the World Games in Poland in August 2017. In the next year, the focus of the Expansion project will shift from the Main Class to other classes, in order to get the bigger and stable basis in the "newcomers" countries. The Expansion project group shall present the plan for the budget 2017 latest till beginning of December 2016.

5. PR, MARKETING AND EDUCATION

KT and Marina Kalacheva presented very interesting presentation about Sport Marketing, and how to improve our strategies in the future.

KT emphasized that we have to make our sport more recognizable. For that, the special team for the sport-marketing should be formed, including the people from different countries

KK reported on the progress with the educational modules, and presented the first modules. First 5 modules can be finished within one month. Before publishing, all materials have to be approved by the WRRD Presidium.

KK presented the design of the WRRC branded clothing. We will start with sweaters, showing the big WRRC logo, which was “facelifted”, to better present the RR and aesthetics of the present time.

(188) In general the facelift of the WRRC logo was approved, but the font for the inscription “World Rock’n’Roll Confederation” should also be improved. It is planned to promote the new WRRC branded clothing on the World Championship in Moscow (for the first 3 couples), and on the World Championship Juv/Jun in Sochi (for the first 3 couples).

EP presented the current status with the Golden Book. Second draft is ready, in Moscow he will present the last version.

(189) Golden book will be printed in 1000 examples. Marina Kalacheva will check the prices for printing the Golden Book in Moscow.

(190) EP will prepare additional 100 ties and 100 scarfs, with the new logo. They will be distributed to the officials during the competitions in October and November 2016

6. SPORT TOPICS, COMPETITIONS

Several topics were discussed, and following decisions made:

- **Verification of the couples/formations on the competitions**

(191) To make it as efficient as possible, each nation should send only one representative to the registration office, who will check-in the present competitors and official coaches on the competition. Exception: for formation events the check-in is possible individually for each formation. Valid from 01.01.2017

- **Acro Check-Out**

(192) There will be no separate Acro Check Out at the beginning of the competition. The couples are responsible for the correct registration of their acro programs (two possibilities for the preliminary rounds, two possibilities for the semifinal/final rounds). Valid from 01.01.2017

- **Music on the competitions:**

(193) Only approved music can be used on the competitions (WRRC CD-Lists). If the organizer wants to use his own music, it must be sent to the WRRC Office (Music Commission) at least 3 weeks before the competition.

(194) Only the approved individual music of the couples/formations stored on the WRRC-server through the Registration Tool can be used on the competitions. The WRRC Office will provide the music to the organizer via download-link from the WRRC-Server. The couples/formations are responsible to send to WRRC Office the final High quality version of the recording to the registration system. Valid from 01.01.2017

(195) Only approved Boogie Woogie DJ Lists can be used on the competition. The lists will be prepared by the WRRC Boogie Woogie Commission. In one round, only the same

type of the music can be used. The WRRRC Office will provide the music to the organizer via download-link from the WRRRC-Server. Valid from 01.01.2017

- **Penalty cards on the competitions (Yellow, Red, Black):**

(196) When giving the yellow or red card to the competitor, in the electronic system, the observer must choose one of the possible reasons for the card. Black card will be removed from the observer's tablet, and it can only be given by the Supervisor, for the unsporting behaviour. The change will be implemented in the competition software (LPS) from 01.01.2017

(197) Yellow Card presents only a warning, and no points will be deducted for the first occurrence of the card. On the second and every next occurrence of the card, the Red card will be given to the competitor. Valid from 01.01.2017

(198) The red card must be clearly shown to the competitor directly after his performance. If the results are published on the screen the card must be shown on the screen otherwise it has to be shown manually by the Observer. Protesting the card is possible only to the Supervisor, immediately after the round in which the card was shown, and after consulting the Observer. If the red card was shown, the result for that round will not be published until the eventual protest is resolved. The protest will be taken into consideration upon the payment of the Protest fee (50 EUR) to the Supervisor. In case of the successful protest, the fee will be returned to the couple/formation. Valid from 01.01.2017

- **Winner ceremony**

From 01.01.2017 the NJS will be implemented in all RR and BW competitions. As was previously decided by the presidium, the winner ceremony must be conducted from the 1st to the 6th place in the final.

- **Division of judges, complaints on conduct of judges**

In this year we have experienced big problems with division of judges for the combined events (RR/BW). There are only a few judges who have license for both divisions. Some of the judges are still active as dancers in division for which they don't have the judging license. All organizers who apply for combined events must be aware of the fact that a complete double judging panel is possible.

Procedure for payment of the judging fees and expenses must be unified and defined in the contract. Whenever possible, the organizer should buy the airplane tickets in advance for the officials. The officials always have to consult with the organizer before the eventually buy the tickets by themselves.

(199) It is not possible to judge and dance on the same event (combined events), even if these events last longer than one day. This rule will be strictly implemented from 01.01.2017

(200) Any complaints on the conduct of judges on the competition must be reported directly to the Supervisor of the competition, during the competition on which the misconduct was noticed.

(201) Complaints after the competition must be addressed only to the Presidium of the WRRC, in written form, sent to the WRRC Office by e-mail.

- **Proposal for the new formula for the calculation of the results in NJS**

The representative of the SW provider of WRRC (Linum), Mr. Tihomir Doric presented to members of the Presidium the new calculation method of the results in all divisions and categories which use the NJS, **the Scaled Median System**.

The system is designed to eliminate the negative effect where only one judge can influence the result with his very high/low marks, especially in the situations where we have a small number of judges (RR Main and B-Class – acrobatic round, with 3+4 judges). The system calculates the results of the individual criteria, and then sums the result of the criteria into the final result of the couple.

Second major benefit of this calculation method is, that the competitors/coaches could get much better information about their performance during the competition based on the public marks for each of the criteria the judges have judged.

Copy of the presentation by Mr. Doric is attached to this document

(202-1) The Presidium accepted the proposal from Linum. The new calculation system will be implemented for all divisions (RR and BW) and categories which use the NJS. Linum will implement the required software changes in the LPS, including the new presentation of the open markings after the competition (Competitions reports, WEB-results). Open markings by criteria will be published only after the relevant competition. Valid from 01.01.2017, for the competitions in 2017

(202-2) RR NJS – to improve the diversification of the technical notes in criteria with deductions (Footwork lady, man, acrobatic figures), and to make it easier for the judges to evaluate the cumulative errors, the scale of deductions will be widened by two additional steps of **15%** and **35%**. The scale on all judging sheets will be following:

100% (X) – 75% – 50% – 35% – 25% – 15% – 10% – 5% – 0% (OK).

The Sport commission will prepare the detailed description about the new scale for deductions. Valid from 01.01.2017.

(202-3) In RR Main Class and RR B-Class the two observers will act also as the fourth judge for the acrobatics, in order to get more accurate results. The Observers electronic sheet will be redesigned accordingly. Valid from 01.01.2017.

- **Competition calendar 2017**

(203) New approved competitions and judging seminars:

25-26.02. 2017	MUNICH	GER	RR JUDGING SEMINAR
04-05.03. 2017	MUNICH	GER	BW JUDGING SEMINAR

12-13.03 2017	DUBROVNIK	CRO	RR OBSERVERS MEETINGa
29.04.2017	OSLO	NOR	World Masters BW Main Class, World Cup BW Jun/Sen & Nordic Championships 2017
08.07.2017	RIMINI	ITA	RR MASTERS, WORLD CUP RR JUV/JUN,
09.07.2017	RIMINI	ITA	World Masters BW Main Class, World Cup BW Jun/Sen
11-12.08. 2017	STUTT GART	GER	World Masters BW Main Class, World Cup BW Jun/Sen
02-03.09. 2017	Place to be determined		BW JUDGING SEMINAR
09-10.09. 2017	Place to be determined		RR JUDGING SEMINAR
21.10.2017	BÜTGENBACH	BEL	World Championship RR Juveniles/Juniors, World Cup B-Class, Top 10 Main Class (Invitation comp.)

There are still some championships open. Member federations can make applications for these competitions, as well as additional Masters/World Cups in RR and BW:

- European Ch. RR Formations Girls
- European Ch. RR Formations Ladies
- World Ch. RR Formations Girls
- World Ch. RR Formations Ladies
- World Ch. RR Formations Main Class
- World Ch. RR Formations Juniors

7. Switzerland – Proposal for change of the form of International Open Competitions

Switzerland proposed a new form of competition for the RR Main Class, which would be incorporated inside the regular national competition. There would be no prize money, mostly the national judges will be used, and the points gained on such competitions would be counted in the World Ranking list, although with the small factor.

(204) WRRC Presidium did not accept the proposal, because of the possible danger it could present for the World Masters Series. WRRC will continue to seek for other options to get more organizers for the World Masters or alternative type of RR and BW Main Class events.

8. Complaints of the athletes to the WRRC presidium after the competition in Winterthur (24.09.2016)

- WRRC Presidium received two complaints and several feedbacks about the music and arrangements of the rounds on the competition in Winterthur. In general already some decisions were made to avoid such situation in the future. All participants on the competitions are advised to address their complaints on the competition in question, directly to the Supervisor. Only on this way we can assure the swift and correct resolution of the problems.

(205) MKI will give the written answer to the WRRRC Athletes group and to the Eirik Bolme (Norway) on their complaints

9. Complaint from Hungary on the decision of the Observer in the final round of the World Championship Ladies Formations in Winterthur (24.09.2016).

In the final of the World Championship Ladies Formations, one of the Hungarian formations got the Red card from the observer, and complained on the improper procedure by the Observer. The formation was not informed that they got the Red card before the Winner Ceremony. Hungary requested that WRRRC should establish a special commission to evaluate if the decision of the Observer was correct or not.

(206) WRRRC can't grant the request from Hungary. There is no such rule to allow us to change the result after the competition. Some steps have been decided to avoid such unclear situations in the future (dec 196-198). MKI will give the written answer to the Hungarian Federation.

10. Next Presidium meeting

Next Presidium meeting will be held on February 3 to February 4, 2017 starting on Friday at 18:00 and finishing on Saturday evening.

The General Meeting 2017 will take place as planned in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The WRRRC President and WRRRC office will publish the official invitation at the beginning of December.

The President thanked all members and closed the meeting on 02.10.2016 at 19:30.

Minutes:

WRRRC Office
Kresimir Bosnar



Approved:

WRRRC President
Miriam Kerpan Izak



NEW CALCULATION SYSTEM

Scaled Median system

Definition of median

- ▣ The median of a finite list of numbers can be found by arranging all the numbers from smallest to greatest.
- ▣ If there is an odd number of numbers, the middle one is picked. For example, consider the set of numbers:
- ▣ If there are an even number of observations, then there is no single middle value; the median is then usually defined to be the mean of the two middle values.

Scaled median

- ▣ Scaled median correct the values with weight of each value
- ▣ Weight is coefficient which is calculated with this formula
 - $\text{Difference} = \text{ABS}(\text{value} - \text{median})$
 - $\text{Weight} = \frac{1}{1 + (\text{difference})^2}$
- ▣ **Final value = value * weight**

Example of scaled median

- ▣ Values : 9.5 , 9 , 7.5 , 10 , 9
- ▣ Median : 9
- ▣ Difference for first value : 0.5
- ▣ Weight factor for first value : 0.8
- ▣ **Scaled value for first value : 7.6**
- ▣ Difference for second value : 0
- ▣ Weight factor for second value : 1
- ▣ **Scaled value for second value : 9**

Implementation in WRRC

- ▣ Implementing a scaled median calculation on each criteria in judging system, not any final value by judge
- ▣ Each criteria calculated separately by scaled median system
- ▣ All marks for one criteria included in calculation
- ▣ Total value are sum of all criteria calculated by scaled median system

Example of the open markings report (Observer)

World Masters RR Main Class, World Cup RR Youth, Juniors, B-Class

09.07.2016

Federazione Italiana Danza Sportiva, Rimini

Round results for observer

Final - Acrobatic - Rock 'n' Roll-B class

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Competition office

NJS RR Observer: Jean Francois Dekhil
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 NJS RR Observer: Jiri Hais

Judges

A Amar Richard / Federation Francais
B Beck Leo / Deutscher Rock'n'Roll ur
C Gyarmathy Miklos / Magyar TancSp
D Heydens Fabienne / Belgian Rock'n'
E Keller Tony / Swiss Rock'n'Roll Cont

Pos.	Stn.	Competitor	Footwork					Acro program							Acro FW					Points	
			FW	FM	DF	CDP	Err	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	Err	FW	FM	DF	CDP	Err		
1	(1)	24	5,00	5,00	12,50	10,00		12,00	11,00	12,00	10,00	10,00	10,00		5,00	5,00	12,50	10,00		130,00	89
2	(2)	32	5,00	5,00	12,50	10,00		12,00	12,00	9,00	11,50	10,00	10,00		5,00	5,00	12,50	10,00		129,50	78
3	(3)	26	4,38	4,45	6,86	6,51		11,40	8,10	7,97	11,35	8,99	10,35		4,40	4,40	5,73	5,91		99,04	67
4	(4)	25	4,40	3,75	8,14	6,38		11,00	8,27	7,80	10,54	9,76	7,37		4,38	4,27	7,03	6,37		98,84	61

Comparison: Median, NJS (current), Skating

couple	Ranking - Median method		Ranking - Current NJS method		Skating System method	A	B	C	F	H
129	1	59,08	1	58,92	2	2	2	2	2	1
104	2	58,61	2	57,67	1	1	1	1	1	3
122	3	55,02	3	52,42	3	4	4	3	5	2
145	5	49,86	4	49,83	4	6	5	3	3	4
170	4	52,39	5	49,33	5	5	3	5	4	5
102	6	48,92	6	44,58	6	3	6	6	5	6