

Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting

Budapest, 24.09.2017

Present: M. Kerpan Izak (MKI), K. Kis (KK), D. Lilih (DL), Marina Eskolin (ME), M. Mohab (MM), K.Tikhonova (KT – over Skype link)

Expansion Manager: M. Kalacheva (MK – over Skype link)

WRRC Office: K. Bosnar (KB)

Minutes: K. Bosnar

The president welcomed all Presidium members for the meeting.

The meeting started on Saturday, 24.09.2017 at 09:00 in Budapest

1. MINUTES AND DECISIONS LAST PM

The minutes from the last Presidium meeting in were accepted.

Tasks in progress:

- **(215) and (216) Merchandize and Educational Modules:**

At the moment, it is still not clear how the WRRC should distribute both merchandize items and Educational Modules, because of the legal status (nonprofit organization) of the WRRC according to the Swiss law. KT and MK will check the possibility to launch the online shop, and make an estimation of the necessary investment from the WRRC.

2. General Meeting 2018 (Electoral)

WRRC received following official applications for the General Meeting 2018:

- Krakow, Poland
- Vara, Sweden
- Moscow, Russia

After reviewing all applications, WRRC accepted the offer from All Russian Federation of DanceSport and Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll (FDSARR), as best offer regarding the overall costs for the delegates, and for the WRRC:

(235) WRRC General Meeting will take place in Moscow, from 10-11.03.2017, in the complex of Alfa Hotel Izmaylovo.

FDSARR will pay two overnight stays for the Presidium, all delegates, auditors and commissioners in single or double rooms, meeting rooms for the Presidium meeting on 09.03.2018 and General Meeting on 10-11.03.2017.

Detailed invitation will be sent by the WRRC Office in due time.

Preparation of the elections for the Presidium of the WRRC will be carried out by the Election Committee (Lena Arvidsson (SWE), Kathrin Kerber (GER), Sissel Miren (NOR)), following the Statutes of the WRRC.

3. WDSF

MKI gave the short overview of the WDSF General Meeting in Singapore, and reactions to the WRRC participation on the World Games in Wroclaw. Our sport was represented in the best possible way, the competition itself was very interesting because of the

different skill level of the couples in the preliminary rounds, and exceptionally good performances of all the finalist couples. At the end, Jacek Tarczylo and Anna Miadzielec were elected the Athletes of the day, and they had a very important role in the closing ceremony of the Games. WRRRC Presidium thanked also to Bartłomiej Kobyłański, who's help and support before and during the World Games was essential for the great success of our sport.

WDSF has established several commissions, in which the WRRRC will nominate candidates:

- Sport and development Commission: Katalin Kis
- Membership and Communication Commission: Marina Kalacheva
- Sports Technical System Committee: Kresimir Bosnar

In the future, WDSF plans to organize joined competitions on some of the Grand Slam events in the year, where also a Rock'n'Roll/BoogieWoogie competition should take place. WRRRC is very interested in such events, but our dancers must have the same conditions for the participation as Standard/Latin couples.

4. FINANCES

- After the World Games, at the date of the Presidium meeting, some of the invoices for Extra-officials on the World Games were still open (Slovakia, India, France, Russia). The deadline for clarification of all expenses for World Games were at the end of June, and after that, no corrections were possible, because of the strict policy by the organization of the World Games. That means, that all open invoices must be paid in full amount.

- ME reported that there are still some Members which do not pay directly the invoices for the registration fees, but give them to the individual persons to make the payment for themselves. Such transactions are then very hard to follow on the WRRRC bank account.

(236) In the future, no payments will be accepted from private persons, only from the National federations. WRRRC Office will send the reminder to all the countries where we see this problem.

- MK pointed out, that with the new rules of reimbursement of the couples on the World and European Championship, it is impossible to make legal payments to the couple of the organizer, especially if they come from the same city where the Championship is organized. Such payments are too high, and are subject to taxes. WRRRC Presidium will try to find the way, to avoid that problem in the future.

- Fee scale

(237) Fee scale 6.2 – Clarification of the rule about Per diem expenses:

On the longer trips, the WRRRC officials are entitled also for the reimbursement for the days spent on travel to/from the place of the meeting or event they must attend to.

(238) Fee scale 6.4 – Traveling expenses for the Scrutineers

When traveling by car and transporting the WRRC equipment (computers), the scrutineers are entitled to the reimbursement for the actual traveled kilometers. When traveling by plane, the fees for overweight will be paid by the WRRC.

- After the competition in Rimini, judges complained that they received the payments from the organizer more than one month after the competition, and after several reminders. This is not acceptable, even if the organizer pays on the bank account of the officials, it must be done promptly.

(239) If the organizer pays the traveling expenses for the judges and observers via bank transfer, the agreed traveling expenses must be paid before the competition. The judging fee must be paid latest 7 days after the competition. This obligation will be put in the Contract for the competition.

- Membership fees:
MKI asked if the list of our members is complete, and if they all got the invoices for the membership fee. ME confirmed, that all invoices were sent to the members, and with the exception of India, all were already paid.

Australia sent the application for the membership. MKI will send all the information to the Office, to include the Australian Dances Sport federation on the official list of members.

5. MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP

MK presented the project of the promo-book which can be distributed electronically and as printed media showing the advantages of ARR&BW, the story of the WRRC, the Expansion project benefits. It can be used by national federations as promo materials

(240) MK is appointed as a head of the promo-book project. All other Presidium members and Office will provide her with necessary information when needed.

KT presented the possibility to achieve a long-term sponsorship contract with a well know international company. The details of the contract as well as WRRC obligations are to be revealed within the next few weeks upon the results of the meeting with potential partner. Expenditure items of the sponsorship financial help could include the Expansion project, social media marketing and 1 big multi-sport event organized by the WRRC in cooperation with other international organizations.

The name of the company will be published after the contract is signed.

6. EXPANSION PROJECT

KT and MK presented the summary of the Expansion project till now, and plans for the future “Expansion project 2.0”

The Expansion project has achieved its main goal, and we presented 5 continents on the World Games 2017. There were many lessons learned during this process, we can now

focus on implementation of the next step, Expansion project for the next 4 years (2018-2021).

Core aims of worldwide ARR development and popularization remain same as stated in WRRC Worldwide Acrobatic Rock and Roll and related Swing-Dances (ARR&SwD) development and popularization Concept 2014-2020 (hereinafter - «Concept») :

1. Worldwide ARR&SwD popularization - the development of ARR&SwD into highly popular sportive activity worldwide
2. Popularization of ARR&SwD at national level in each member country
3. The development of ARR&SwD into a mass sports activity at national level in some member countries
4. Opening of national ARR & SwD Federations in 72 countries
5. Establishment of communication between National ARR and SwD Federations and National DanceSport Federations
6. Promotion of cooperation between National ARR and SwD Federations with the WDSF
7. Inclusion of National ARR and SwD Federations into National Olympic Committees
8. Recognition of ARR by the IOC and inclusion into Olympic and Paralympic Programs

Major strategic principles to follow while pursuing the above-mentioned aims:

- A. Well prepared audience of workshops
- B. At least 2 couples/teams in 1 category from new national members countries should prepare for international competitions
- C. Dedication of athletes, coaches and national federations management is the core point and is taken into account while making decisions on financial and other support from the WRRC
- D. All financial help for all new or future WRRC members is considered as exceptional. Non-European countries have the priority in receiving financial support. 2nd stage countries (national federations formed before 2018) must cover all the expenses regarding the development of ARR in the country by themselves
- E. Focus on preparation of coaches and development of an independent trainings system in the country which will allow to bring up athletes and coaches in various categories
- F. Keeping existing non-European Main class couples active and bringing up new Main class couples so that they can compete at WRRC competitions and perform at World Games 2021 according to the ranking list
- G. Organization of first national competitions in new countries in coordination with the WRRC judges and specialists.

(241) The Curator contracts will be revised, in order to meet the new requirements for Curators in the Expansion 2.0 sustainable development. It is of crucial importance, that curators maintain the proper flow of information between the WRRC Presidium and the new federations (reports to the Presidium, informing the new federations about general rules and regulations of the WRRC, including also the financial obligations of the new federations)

(242) The WRRC Presidium revised the work and confirmed the curators for the next period:

- Miklos Horvath - Australia
- Fabien Ropraz - Peru and Colombia
- Ivan Yudin/Olga Sbitneva - Senegal
- Bartlomiej Kobylanski – USA
- Anne Olstad/Steiner Berg – TBD

7. Sport topics

7.1. Judging seminars in 2018

(243) Rock'n'Roll Judging Seminar

In 2018 the majority of the Rock'n'Roll judges must prolong their licenses, and judges who passed the examination in 2014 must undergo the new examination. Therefore, two seminars will be organized:

- 13-14.01.2018 – Zagreb
- 08-09.09.2018 – Place will be determined later

(244) Boogie-Woogie Judging Seminar

- 17-18.02.2018 – Munich

The date of the second seminar will be determined later

7.2. Revision of the competition types for the Main Class Rock'n'Roll and Boogie Woogie

There are more and more organizers who want to make competitions for Rock'n'Roll Main Class, especially the so called "Top 10" events. Such competitions are not acceptable, because only few international couples can compete on them. Therefore, such competitions will not be granted any more.

Presidium discussed the possibility of renaming and reorganizing the Masters Competitions, and rename them in the World Cup Main Class:

- no prize money for the couples.
- at the end of each year, one special final competition shall be organized, as conclusion of the World Cup for that year. Special ranking list will be established, containing the competitions from 01.01 – 31.12 of the current year, which will be used for the qualifications on the final competition
- Regular ranking list (period of 1 year) will be maintained, and used as before for the World and Continental Championship

The final proposal for the new competition structure will be prepared on the next presidium meeting and then presented as a Motion for GM2018.

7.3. Division of the Juvenile categorie in two age groups:

- 8-10
- 11-14

KB will make analysis, how many couples are registerd in the WRRC, where both partners are younger then 11 years.

7.4. Number of categories on one competition day:

- (245)** In order to keep the competitions less exhausting for dancers and officials, and more interesting for the audience, maximum 3 different categories can be allowed per one day of the competition. Exceptions are possible for the events where the expected number of participants is lower – only Presidium can decide when. Valid from 01.01.2018.
- (246)** For the competitions granted before this decision, Presidium will evaluate the time required for the event.

7.5. Number of basic step »facing the judges« in Ladies/Girls formations

During the World Championship Ladies formations in Dabas, there were different interpretations about the direction of kicks in obligatory basic steps (Dance group 1B). In order to make it clear for the next competitions, Presidium agreed on following clarification:

- (247)** Minimum required number of basic steps for formations is 10 (6 in short program) from which minimum 5(3) must be done NOT FACING the judges. For all additional basic steps (above the minimum required) the direction is not important and is not counted!

7.6. Revision of the NJS for Rock'n'Roll for 2018

The Sport Commission will have a meeting from 17-19.11.2017 in Zagreb, and make the revision of the NJS for 2018, based on the experience since the last revision in 2015, and proposal from our members. All changes must be confirmed by the Presidium.

7.7. Revision of the NJS for Rock'n'Roll formations for 2018

The Sport/Formation Commission will have an on-line meeting and make the revision of the NJS formations for 2018, based on the experience from the competitions in autumn 2017. All changes must be confirmed by the Presidium.

7.8. Revision of the NJS for Boogie Woogie for 2018

Boogie Woogie Group proposed changes in the scale of points, reducing the maximum possible points from 100 to 65, and also adjusted weighting of the different criteria's, so the figures will have less points and basic step more. All proposed changes are described in the document "Boogie Woogie NJS – 2018". NJS for BW Formations is described in the document "Boogie Woogie NJS Formations V1.0"

- (248)** Presidium accepts the proposed changes and documents for Boogie Woogie NJS. New documents will be published on the WRRRC homepage. All changes are valid from 01.01.2018.
- (249)** The SW Provider Linum should implement the required changes in the LPS, and deliver the fully functional version for couples not later than 15.02.2018., and for formations not later than 01.06.2018.

(250) MM and KB will prepare the new version of Boogie-Woogie Rules (which at the moment do not exist), based on the valid documents, according to the common structure of the WRRC rules.

8. Next Presidium meeting

Operational day to day business will be discussed and decided when needed by digital means of communication.

Next Presidium meeting will be held on 14-15.01.2017, after the Rock'n'Roll judging seminar in Zagreb, Croatia

The President thanked all members and closed the meeting at 18:45.

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Approved:

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