

Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting

Ljubljana, 03-04.02.2017

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

WRRC Expansion Manager: Marina Kalacheva (MK)

WRRC Office: K. Bosnar (KB)

Excused: Edilio Pagano

Minutes: K. Bosnar

The president welcomed all Presidium members for the meeting.

The meeting started on Friday, 03.02.2017 at 18:00 in Ljubljana

1 Minutes and decisions last PM

Following decisions were clarified:

- **(198) Protesting of the cards:**
Protest are possible only for the Red Cards
- **(202-3) Additional acro-judge on RR Main Class and B-Class competitions:**
After consultation with the observers, Presidium changed the decision. 4th acro-judge will be appointed from the existing judging panel for the competitions where this is possible. There will be no additional costs for the organizers. On each competition in 2017 there will be short (30'-45') judging seminar, to assure that judges will be using the new scale of reductions correctly. Webinars for all RR judges will be prepared.

The minutes from the last Presidium meeting in Ljubljana were approved.

2 GENERAL MEETING 2017

KB presented short overview of the already announced delegates and officials to the GM in Dubrovnik. All technical preparations are going according to the planned timing.

(207) After short discussion, Presidium accepted following schedule for the Workshops on Saturday, 11.03.2017:

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| o World games 2017 – short info (KB, MKI) | 30' |
| o Formations NJS (DL, KK) | 30' |
| o New calculation system – presentation (KB) | 30' |
| Break | |
| o Boogie Woogie brainstorming (AN, MKI) | 60' |
| o Educational modules (KK) | 30' |
| o Expansion project (KT, Mka) | 30' |

Workshops will start after the sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik, at 14:00

On Friday, 10.03.2017 Presidium Meeting will take place in the Hotel Rixos in Dubrovnik. On the Presidium Meeting the Boogie Woogie Commissioner, Aina Nygard, will be invited. Presidium will also invite Anne Ragnhild Olstad and Ivan Youdin, who will be there as delegates of their countries, to inform the Presidium about the Athletes' Group activities.

2.1 Members motions:

Presidium has the following opinion about the received motions

- **Switzerland – Motion 1:** Proposal to change the wording of the paragraph 2.1.1.3 of Rock'n'Roll rules, regarding restriction of acrobatic elements.
After discussion about both proposed options, Presidium changed the rule in question.

(208) RR Rules, paragraph 2.1.1.3

2.1.1.3 In rounds preceding the semi-finals, couples are not allowed to perform:

2.1.1.3.1 individual acrobatic elements with a value higher than G – 10 points

2.1.1.3.2 regardless of value, elements with two free rotations around the body width axis (double somersault).

With this change, there is no change of values for individual acrobatic elements, and couples can easily adopt their existing programs. Change will be implemented in the acro-calculator immediately. Change of the rule will be presented to Switzerland, and if they agree with this wording, they can withdraw their motion on the General Meeting. – **VALID IMMEDIATELY**

- **Switzerland – Motion 2:** Establishing of the judging commission, consisting of Vice-President Education; one international recognized coach with experience of high level and one active judge (non-member of the presidium).
WRRRC already has a working judging commission (established by the Presidium decision (153), from 18.10.2015), consisting of MKI, DL and KK.
Presidium supports the motion to include in the commission one member outside of the WRRC Presidium.
- **France – Motion 1:** Same rules for the division of rounds on all competitions (24-12-6): Presidium supports the motion
- **France – Motion 2:** Request for abandoning the system with seeded couples for the Masters competitions, or at least lowering their number to 5 couples: Presidium supports the motion to lower the number of seeded couples, but not less than 6.
- **France – Motion 3:** Introduction of additional hope-rounds in the competitions:
Presidium does not support this motion, because it would prolong competitions too much, which is not acceptable neither from the sports side, nor by the organizer side. Such system would make one day competitions with more than two categories almost impossible.

2.2 Situation in Bulgaria:

Presidium received the application for Membership from Bulgarian Federation of Dance Sports. Since we have an active member in Bulgaria, the Presidium did not discuss this application. The application will be put on the Agenda of the General Meeting, and both parties will have 15 minutes to present their case. The main condition for the membership in WRRRC is cooperation with the WDSF-national member, and recognition of the ministry of sports.

3 WDSF REPORT (MKI)

3.1 Activities of WDSF

MKI gave a short report about the latest activities and structural changes in WDSF. With the inclusion of the Break Dance on Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires 2018, WDSF has proven their firm position in the IOC as the only international federation representing the DanceSport in total.

Closer cooperation with WDSF will be required in the future. WRRRC should actively participate in different WDSF commissions. Nominations will be actual after the WDSF Presidium elections this year in Singapore.

3.2 THE WORLD GAMES 2017

All activities were delayed because of the structural changes in WDSF. KB will coordinate our activities regarding registrations of couples and officials with the WDSF Office.

(209) WRRRC will be presented by 14 couples, according to the special ranking list for TWG 2017:

Ranking	Name	Country	Points	Continent
1	Jacek TARCZYLO - Anna MIADZIELEC	POL	635	Europe
2	Alexey KONDRASHIN - Darina KOZLOVA	RUS	533	Europe
5	Tobias BLUDAU - Michelle UHL	GER	415	Europe
6	Steinar BERG - Anne Ragnhild OLSTAD	NOR	398	Europe
13	Marek DIVOKÝ - Lenka RICHTROVÁ	CZE	246	Europe
15	Stephan SCHLEGEL - Gwendoline SCHLEGEL	SUI	230	Europe
18	Nicolas THEVENON - Méline POULIOS-BUREL	FRA	189	Europe
22	Filip KOCIS - Andrea HRUSKOVA	SVK	88	Europe
24	Franci PEVC - Tina RABIČ	SLO	73	Europe
25	Thomas GLASER - Verena LAMPETER	AUT	69	Europe
44	Jonathan Andrew BELL - Megan Casimira MCMAHON BOLTON	AUS	18	Oceania
48	Mohamed KEITA - Clarisse SAGNA	SEN	13	Africa
49	Jorge Froilon VERA ZAMBRANO - Karem Oleysa VASQUEZ LIZALDA	PER	13	South America
59	Unnikrishnan SUDHEER - Apurva LELE	IND	4	Asia

In case that one of the couples cancels their participation, WRRRC Presidium will decide about the replacement couple.

Following officials were selected

- Judges:
 - France – Patrice de la Torre
 - Germany – Stefan Stahl

- Poland – Alek Nowak
- Russia – Elena Derkach
- Slovenia – Bojan Horvat
- Switzerland – Susi Huber
- Croatia – Domagoj Stimac

Substitute judge: Attila Szakal (HUN) – in case of cancelation of one of the judges

- Observers:
 - Katalin Kis, Silvio Golubic
- Chairman: Denis Lilih
- Scrutineers: Kresimir Bosnar, Denis Dudak
- President: Miriam Kerpan Izak

WRRC Officials will get the daily fee and traveling costs according to the fee-scale. There will be no reimbursement for the couples.

3.3 WDSF annual general meeting 2017 (Singapore)

(210) WRRC delegates for WDSF AGM 2017 are Manfred Mohab and Katerina Tikhonova. WRRC will present the expansion project and try to make further contacts with WDSF members. Marina Kalacheva as WRRC Expansion Manager will be a part of delegation for this purpose.

4 Checklist for officials and organizers – Duties of the officials

(211) According to the decision (187) the final version of the document Duties of the officials was accepted. The list will be published immediately on the WRRC homepage in the section Overall Rules of Competition

5 Finance

ME presented the balance sheet for 2016 and the Budget for 2017. Presidium discussed and adjusted the budget according to the proposals of Presidium members, and all planned and discussed activities for 2017. The discussion spanned over several agenda topics of the Presidium Meeting

In order to have more transparent financial situation, and to avoid eventual problems which could happen because of the unclear tax situations, we should seek for a professional advisor regarding taxes and payments. Furthermore, all cash payments should be avoided. ME and KB will prepare the document regarding the proper way of submitting the claims of expenses.

(212) Presidium approved the Balance sheet for 2016 and Budget for 2017, to be confirmed at WRRC GM in Dubrovnik.

(213) Presidium approved the final version of the Fee Scale for 2017, to be confirmed at WRRC GM in Dubrovnik

6 Expansion project

KT and MK presented the overview of the expansion project in 2016. The main goal for last year was achieved, we had new countries from 5 continents participating in the World Championship, which was the preparation and one of the main goals for The World Games 2017 in Poland.

Plans for 2017:

- Working with younger age groups, since there is no more pressure to start from the “top level”
- Australia – continuation of the project “teaching the trainers”
- USA – sport is commercial, we should try different approach and put emphasis on Girls and Ladies formations
- India has a big potential in younger age groups. We have new organization there, application for membership in WRRRC is in process
- Hong Kong and other new (non active) members– we should leave them until WG, and after that we should push them, if we don't get the answer we turn to WDSF (Lukas)
- We need to reconsider our age groups, to be closer to the Olympic structure
- We have to create a new projects (for masses), and for that we can use also younger persons, who would make initial visit to the new country. After that we can organize various activities, like online competitions and similar. In any case, all interested persons will be tested first, and if they fulfil the requirements, WRRRC will give them guidelines how to build the initial group, club, and organize first competitions. We also need local persons how will be able to organize all of that (organizational curators), like we have it in Australia. In smaller countries we also have to find the way to cooperate with the eventually existing WDSF members, but we do not have to push them to work in one federation, it is enough if there is mutual agreement about the cooperation.

During the Presidium meeting, membership application from Ireland has arrived.

(214) The new provisional member is: **DanceSport Federation of Ireland, Dublin.** Application data is complete, the federation is member of the WDSF. Provisional membership must be approved by the WRRRC General Meeting in Dubrovnik.

7 PR & MARKETING & EDUCATION

7.1 Golden Book

The project is still not finished. At the moment, it is better to prepare it correctly, and not to hurry with publishing before the WRRRC GM in Dubrovnik. However, Golden Book should be ready till the WDSF General Meeting in Singapore, and for the World Games. MKI will see with EP what the current status is, and how we can finish the Golden Book in time.

7.2 WRRC clothes

KK presented designs for clothes, based on the WRRC logo. We will start with basic sports clothing, prices will depend on quality of materials and quantities. There will be no investment from the WRRC, we will have the contract with the producer, and we will be entitled on percentage from the sales of the products.

MK presented different approach of design, not based on WRRC logo, because our potential customers do not necessarily connect themselves with WRRC. Clothes should reflect the nature of our sport. WRRC logo should be on the clothes, but not as the main accent. We should also think about producing accessories, like mugs, bags, notebooks etc.

(215) WRRC will start with both design options this year, and see how the response will be. KK and MK will prepare the contracts with both producing companies. Contracts should be prepared till the next PM in Dubrovnik. Merchandise will be advertised through all channels of WRRC (Web page, Facebook, Instagram).

7.3 Education modules

KK presented the current status of the education modules. At the moment, 4 basic modules are finished, each consisting of several short video clips. Next set of modules (Acrobatic and Safety Level 3) will be ready in the second half of the year. The other planned modules At the moment we still have unclear situation of sales possibilities, because WRRC is non-profit organisation based on the Swiss law.

(216) MKI will check the legal situation of WRRC in cooperation with the WDSF-Office. KB will check the possibilities of opening the PayPal account. The first 4 modules will be presented on the General Meeting in Dubrovnik, and made available after the GM.

7.4 Communication

At the moment WRRC needs better PR and communication strategy within the Presidium, in order to have regular updates on the Home page and social media.

(217) Marina Kalacheva is appointed as coordinator for the publishing and promotional activities, within the financial boundaries set by the Budget for this purposes.

8 COMPETITONS

Presidium appointed supervisors and scrutineering teams for the confirmed competitions in 2017.

8.1 Missing events for 2017

We are still missing more Boogie Woogie events in the second half of the year.

There are also no events for RR Girl formations – Juniors.

Organizers are welcome to send their applications for the free dates.

Added competition:

16.12.2017	LJUBLJANA	SLO	World Masters BW, World Cup BW Sen/Jun, World Cup Ladies Formations
17.12.2017	LJUBLJANA	SLO	World Cup Rock'n'Roll Y / J / B Class

Bulgarian Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll federation (BARRF) has send application for the competition in 2018. The decision has been postponed until we will have clear situation in Bulgaria.

8.2 Division of Judges

We have many events with several disciplines and categories. In this case it is not possible to use only one panel of judges. The organizers must be aware of this fact. In order to make it more transparent we should define the numbers for different competition combinations.

(218) DL will prepare the decision about the number of the officials on the event (judges, observers) based on the number of categories and disciplines. It will be included in the new "Check list for the organizers" so that organizers have the clear situation before they apply for the competitions.

9 SPORT TOPICS

9.1 RR NJS: Confirmation of definitions of deductions for new decided values

(219) New definitions of deductions in RR, prepared by the Sport Commission, was approved, and will be published on the WRRC home page. All judges will be informed by DL. Short version of the mistakes table, which fits on one page, will be prepared and handed out to the judges on the competitions.

9.2 Formations NJS: Confirmation of the final version of the document "SCORING FORMATIONS"

(220) After discussion, Presidium accepted the final version of the document, and made the following decision about the open topics in the document, which was published as "draft version" in January:

- Division of judges: there will be only one panel of judges, all judges will judge all criteria defined in the document.
- Naming of formations: Usage of national short names for formation (CRO, HUN, RUS, SUI, FRA ...) with appropriate numbers beside (National federations will decide about that).

Together with:

descriptive names correlated with their story, but the name of the formation can't

include any part of the club name, coach name or any other name pointing to the origin of formation.

- Calculation of the final mark for formation: there will be no automatic reduction of the notes based on the number of dancers/couples.
- Evaluation of acrobatic elements: all girls must perform the acrobatic element, otherwise the observer will reduce the value of the announced element to 0 points. In case when element was not performed till the end by one of the members of the formation (mistake), the judges will deduct the mistake according to the table of deductions.

(221) Sport Commission must define the deduction table for the formations-specific mistakes and include it in the document, in section "Classification of technical and aesthetic errors for formations"

9.3 Doping controls in 2017

(222) Locations for doping controls in 2017 have been decided, MM is responsible to coordinate it with selected organizers.

10 REVISION OF RULES

MM and KB prepared the revision of the rules for 2017, according to the decision (160) from the Presidium Meeting on 02.10.2016.

10.1 Tournament rules

(223) The proposed revised document "Tournament Rules 1701" was accepted, with following changes:

- **Winner ceremony:** On demand on organizers and dancers, winner ceremonies shall again be conducted from last to the first place in the final. MKI and DL will prepare the document "Operational Policy for winner ceremony", which will be obligatory for the competitors and organizers. Winner ceremony should be performed in orderly and disciplined manner, without excessive congratulations between the competitors.

"5.5 *Immediately after each category a respective award ceremony must take place. All final rankings shall be announced in order from 6th to 1st place." A special person should be appointed by the organizer to make sure that the winner ceremony is done by the rules.*

- **Fee for additional coaches:**

"5.15.1 *Additional coaches depending on the number of participants should be also granted entry into the preparation area but they have to pay the entrance fee for the competition, as specified in the Fee Scale."*

All actual version of rules will be published on-line with the final wording and without tracking of changes.

10.2 Rock'n'Roll Rules

(224) The proposed revised document "Rock'n'Roll Rules 1701" was accepted, and will be published immediately on the WRRRC homepage

10.3 Boogie Woogie

Boogie Woogie Commissioner Aina Nygard sent to the Presidium several documents for acceptance and publishing on the WRRRC homepage.

- (225)** Presidium accepts following definition of Acrobatic figure in Boogie Woogie:
“A figure is considered as an acrobatic figure when one of the following criteria is met:
- *Rotations of more than 180° done in the air in the transversal axis whatever the figure is done alone or in couple*
 - *Figure done in couple where the follower is lifted or projected in the air by the leader with or without contact and when the follower hips are above leader head height*
- Note:*
- *Leader and follower can be either the boy or the girl*
 - *Figures with a rotation of more than 180° are not considered as an acrobatic only if there is permanent contact between the ground and/or at least one foot.”*

Presidium decided not to discuss about other proposals. It is important to discuss this with larger community, as we did when we introduced the NJS RR. Documents will be discussed on the Presidium meeting in Dubrovnik, together with the Boogie Woogie commissioner, and will be presented to the General meeting.

After the decision also Boogie Woogie rules will be restructured and published in the same format as other rules.

11 Next Presidium meeting

Next Presidium meeting will be held on 10.03.2017 in Dubrovnik, starting at 10:00

The President thanked all members and closed the meeting on 04.02.2017 at 19:50.

Minutes:

WRRC Office
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Approved:

WRRC President
Miriam Kerpan Izak

