

Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting

Zagreb, January 13-14, 2019

Present: M. Kerpan Izak (MKI), K. Kis (KK), D. Lilih (DL), Marina Eskolin (ME), Patrice de la Torre (PdT), Bartłomiej Kobylanski (BK), Marina Kalacheva – over Skype link (MKa)

WRRC Office: K. Bosnar (KB)

Minutes: K. Bosnar, MKI

1. Minutes of the last Presidium meeting:

The minutes from the Presidium meeting in Zurich and Geneva were accepted

2. General Meeting 2019 – Preparation

General Meeting 2019 will take place in Prague. Invitations to the NF were sent in time by the WRRC Office. The Presidium will review the motions from the NFs as they arrive, online, and on a Presidium meeting before the GM.

- (74) Delegates must be members of the national federation. Only one proxy is allowed per one person. Countries with only one delegate can use the proxy for the second vote. Only national federations which have paid the Membership fee for 2019 have the right to vote on the GM.
- (75) Presidium has reviewed the list of members, and will propose to the General meeting cancellation of membership for the federations which have not been active for the last 5 years
- (76) All documents for GM shall be sent to the members not later than February 16, 2019, so the reports of Presidium members and commissioners must be sent to the office by the end of January.
- (77) Workshops on GM (Saturday, 09.03.2019):

 - Communication between the WRRC and members, passing of information inside the national federations
 - Survey for Members – presentation of nations (MKI)
 - Presentation of the new homepage functions
 - Open forum:
 - Boogie Woogie future
 - Rock'n'Roll future
 - Organization of competitions

3. Finance

ME presented the first draft of the financial overview for the year 2018, and budget for 2019. The major points were:

- There are still some countries which don't send claims for reimbursement for couples participating on World or European Championship

- There are still some countries which don't pay the full amount from the Invoice – the bank transfer cost are an obligation of the payer!
- We need to distribute some of the resources for a longer period for projects which will go on over several years and also as a reserve for financing World cup final for at least 5 years

Presidium also discussed about some potential changes in the Fee Scale – not a fixed amount for the Prize money, lower tournament Fees for RR Main Class formations.

(78) Presidium confirmed the draft Balance sheet and budget and proposed changes of the Fee Scale. ME, MKI and PdT will prepare the final documents for GM.

4. Competitions 2019

4.1. SAP WORLD CUP FINAL

After the analysis of reactions on the new format of the World Cup Final 2018 in Ljubljana, Presidium decided following:

(79) Announcements:

- In each category, top 20 couples on the World Cup Ranking List are qualified.
- Each nation can announce 2 additional couples outside the quota of qualified couples. No other additional announcements will be possible.

(80) Format of the competition:

- Spider system. In case of missing couples to the full number needed for the Spider system (16 or 8), according number of top couples from the first qualification round will advance automatically to the next round.
- To avoid misunderstanding in the audience, on the beamer screen only the word "Winner" will be shown, and not the points awarded to each of the couples.
- Final battles for the Main Class Boogie Woogie and Main Class Rock'n'Roll Free Style will be carried interlaced (battle for 3 place BW and RR, battle for 1st place BW and RR), like it was the case in Ljubljana.

(81) World Cup Ranking List: The points awarded for the Final World Cup will be multiplied by factor 2 (double points)

WRRRC software provider Linum shall make the adjustments in the Registration Tool and competition software LPS/LPRDS according to points 79-81.

(82) Division of prize money (budget approved by the GM) for Main Class BW, Main Class RRFS, Main Class RRCS:

- Top 4 couples on the Final World Cup competition, and
- Top 10 couples on the World Cup Ranking List
- The budget for the Prize Money will be decided every year by the Presidium following the available financial resources

(83) Expenses:

- Provided by the WRRRC:
 - Officials
 - Trophies
 - SAP sponsor money for the organizer
 - Prize money
- Provided by the Organizer
 - Hotel for all officials
 - Diplomas for all participants, obligatory with the logos of WRRC, WDSF and SAP
 - Professional organization

4.2. World Cup in China (RR MCFS, MCCS, JUN), 04.05.2019

On May 4, 2019 the Chinese DanceSport federation will organize the World Cup RR MC Free Style, MC Contact Style and Juniors, together with Standard and Latin events in Shijiazhuang China. After the event, workshops will be organized as part of the Expansion project for 2019

(84) WRRC will support each participating nation with 400,00 EUR per each category.

(85) MKa and BK will coordinate the actions and organization of the Workshops. MKa will lead the communication with the organizers and WDSF (Shawn Tay).

(86) There will be two scrutineers: First scrutineer is paid by the organizer, WRRC will carry the costs (traveling, daily fee) for the second scrutineer.

4.3. New events, missing competitions

Presidium discussed about the competition calendar for 2019. There are less Boogie Woogie events as desired, so we invite all possible organizers to send us additional applications.

Furthermore we discussed about obligatory combination of categories on events in order to make sure that all dancers have equal possibilities to dance on international level. DL will prepare a proposal for “packages” for the next presidium meeting.

(87) Application Geneva WCh 2020 Rock’n’Roll Main Class Free style and Boogie Woogie Main Class and Juniors - > conditionally accepted – the organizer must also include Boogie Woogie Seniors.

Following Championships are still open for 2019:

- World Ch. BW Juniors
- World Ch. BW Main Class
- World Ch. BW Seniors
- World Ch. BW Formations Main Class
- World Ch. RR Formations Girls

- European Ch. RR Formations Ladies
- European Ch. BW Formations Main Class

4.4. Revision of events in 2018

In 2018 we have experienced very different level of competition organizations. Some events were really on high level, but there were others which didn't meet basic standards of WRRC international competitions. It must be clear to all organizers what is expected from them and what the minimum standards are. It is difficult for a Supervisor to react on the day of the competition if e.g. hall or floor or similar is not OK, so we need to look for preventive actions before the events.

(88) MKI will prepare a proposal for online check list (included in the registration SW) for the organizers to fill out even before the event and for check up by the Supervisor and Sports director. Contracts with the organizers will be adopted to include the requirements which are regularly not met. MKI will also prepare a proposal for sanctions for not meeting the contractual requirements.

(89) MKI and KB will coordinate the dates for doping test for 2019 with anti-doping commissioner Manfred Mohab.

5. Marketing, PR and communication

5.1. WRRC branding

MKa presented the Brand-book of the WRRC. After discussion, the brand-book was accepted, with some minor changes in the alternative colours.

5.2. WRRC promotional merchandise

During 2018 BK has prepared different promotional merchandise (such as T-shirts, caps...) which were highly appreciated by the dancers and officials.

KK presented the design of the new WRRC scarfs and ties for the WRRC Officials (judges, observers, supervisors). Presidium accepted the basic design. Ties and scarfs shall be presented on the General Meeting in Prague.

5.3. PR and communication

MKa presented some marketing ideas, reported about activities connected with SAP and with a new home page.

BK presented different (social media) tools for a better promotion of WRRC, its members, activities and heroes.

The WRRC promotional video has been issued, a calendar will be prepared for promotional use.

Several activities in this area are interlaced and need a good cooperation between different persons, so we could get an optimum result.

- (90) Brand book guidelines are obligatory for all members in presenting the WRRC on the competitions and in advertising materials. Use of any additional colour palettes is subject to approval by the Presidium.
- (91) The traditional WRRC logo (corrected version from 2017) will not be changed at the moment. However, on all official WRRC documents only text shall be used, without the logo. MKa shall prepare templates for all stationaries of WRRC
- (92) KK, MKa and KB shall prepare the proposals for eventual selection of the new logo of the WRRC.
- (93) The WRRC web-page shall be updated, according to the proposal based on the new branding guidelines. MKa, BK and KB shall coordinate the transition, as soon as possible.
- (94) Some promotional merchandise will be prepared for GM and later for officials. MKa, BK and KK are responsible to prepare everything.

6. Sport topics

6.1. Seminar for Rock'n'Roll observers – Prague, 10-11.03.2019

Seminar for RR observers will be organized in Prague, after the General Meeting, on Sunday and Monday. The seminar is open also for new candidates. WRRC office will send the invitation to all nations, with detailed timetable

Observers for the competitions in 2019 will be distributed after the seminar in Prague.

6.2. Expenses of officials on the competitions

During the last year, we received several justified complaints from the competition organizers, about the too high traveling costs of some judges. In most cases, the tickets for the competitions were bought shortly before the competition. Presidium discussed several options for resolving this issue, including the proposal of BK to impose the lump sum of maximum 500 EUR for judges on competitions on the home continent of the judge.

- (95) Sports director must warn the judges to take care of the costs. Tickets must be bought latest one month before the competition. In other case, the organizer has the right to pay the cheapest possible option of traveling expenses.
- (96) The organizer of the competition must provide the dinner for all officials on the day before the competition.

6.3. Officials on the competitions in 2019

Presidium appointed all supervisors for the competitions in 2019.

Presidium discussed also about the division of judges on the Championships, where Presidium appoints them directly. On many combined competitions this limits the members to nominate other judges. For the next Presidium meeting, DL will prepare the revision of Championships for which the Presidium shall nominate the judges.

Having in mind the duties and obligations of the organizers of the competitions, Presidium came to the conclusion that such duties are not compatible with the duties of the judges:

- (97) Organizer of the competition is not allowed to judge on the competition he is organizing. Valid immediately.
- (98) Linum will be contacted to prepare new verification list of present competitors, which will be used also for the starting fee control, with following structure:
 - Report by the nation and unique dancer's ID, with disciplines/categories dancer is dancing on the competition
 - Final starting fee report by nations and number of unique IDs by nation
 - Based on these data, online Supervisor's report inside the Registration tool. Specification of the report will be prepared by MKI and KB. Supervisors shall fill out this report after the competition data will be transferred from the Scrutineering team to the WRRRC Office.

6.4. Missing couples on competitions

PdT pointed out the problem of missing couples (not cancelled in time), based on the statistics from the last year. In 2018, a total of 96 couples and 1 formation did not show on the competitions, although they were not cancelled by their federations. We have a position in the fee scale (penalty: 70,00 EUR per missing couple/formation), which shall be fully enforced in 2019:

- (99) WRRRC Office will send overviews of the missing couples in 2018 to their respective nations.
- (100) Database for the announcements/cancelations on each competition will be closed 48 hours before competition. All competitors who were not cancelled in time will be regarded as missing. Eventual documentation for the exceptions (authorized medical notice) according to the Fee scale must be sent to the WRRRC office latest one week after the competition.

6.5. Correction of the mistakes in the existing Rock'n'Roll rules

WRRRC will publish the corrections of the typing mistakes, which were found in the existing documents. Parallel with that process, all documents will be updated according to the new templates proposed by PdT. In all existing rules the header page will be updated according to the new template. The content of the rules will not be changed

- (101) In Rock'n'Roll Juveniles, the correct version of the acrobatic requirement is:
 - 5.1.2.1.1 Maximum two acrobatic elements can be performed from two possible groups according to Safety Level 4 (SL4), counted as dance figures.

6.6. Boogie Woogie

Boogie Woogie Dancers Commission sent the letter in the name of the BW senior couples, which was answered by the BW commissioner. The presidium shall discuss about it after receiving the proposals from the BW commission.

Based on the discussions and proposals of the Presidium, the BW Commission and PdT prepared the revision of Boogie Woogie rules and guidelines for judges

(102) Boogie Woogie Rules and Guidelines for Judges shall be published on the WRRC homepage, replacing all old versions of documents.

(103) Linum shall prepare the new electronic judging sheets, as described in the document Guidelines for Judging, preferably till the World Cup Boogie Woogie in Järvenpää, Finland, 27.04.2019

7. Expansion 2019

MKa presented the overview of the planned activities in 2019:

- BW: a group in New York started BW classes and was inspired by Miami competitions. They are already in touch with Eirik Bolme and Zoryana Kalashnik as well as the Canadian dancers. They seek for support to learn at the Rock That Swing Festival in February.
- Mexico: first national competition in July (planned)
- Australia: in January, workshops with Miklos Horvat and Megan Bolton. In Sidney several young couples have been prepared. They plan to participate already on the competition in Krakow
- India: in February they will have the national competition, and forming of the National federation was approved by the government
- China: for the first time we will have Chinese couples on the World Cup in May

BK presented the development in USA, with planned activities during the first part of the year:

- Workshops shall be organized in Los Angeles, and coordinators will be appointed for Miami, New York, Boston, Los Angeles and Toronto.
- In June, the International Rock'n'Roll competition will be organized in Boston (08.06.2019), with participation of the couples from Mexico, India, Senegal, Europe and USA.

BK also presented his vision that we shall include our existing Top couples in the expansion project offering them some support and this way making it easy for them to participate on international events. Everyone supported this idea, the details will be discussed on the next Presidium meeting.

8. Education 2019

KK presented the education projects. WRRC plans a bigger educational project targeted to the wider audience (judges, trainers, dancers). As soon as the new web page will be prepared, we will start uploading the educational modules which are already prepared.

9. WDSF

The WDSF Annual General Meeting 2019 will take place in Budapest (Hungary). Delegates of the WRRC will be Marina Eskolin and Marina Kalacheva.

10. Any other item

Next Presidium Meeting will take place in Prague, on 08.03.2019.

The President thanked all members and closed the meeting on 14.01.2019 at 17:00.

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