



Minutes WRRC Presidium meeting

Online meeting, June 29, 2020, 17:00 CET

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

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1. Minutes of the last Presidium meeting:

The minutes from the Online Presidium meeting on 14.05.2020 were accepted

2. COVID-19 situation in general

Presidium members exchanged information about the current Covid-19 situation in Europe. In general, the regulations still differ from country to country. The European Union countries should open the borders inside the Schengen-Zone starting with 01.07.2020, but each country can still have their own regulation. In the Russian Federation, all borders are completely closed, and it is not expected that the situation there will change before October.

3. General Meeting 2020 – Paris

At the moment of the Presidium meeting, we had no new information from the FFD about the eventual new conditions or security measures for the General Meeting in Paris, postponed to 12-13.09.2020.

- (233) WRRC Presidium will prepare the final decision about the General Meeting in Paris latest till 15.07.2020, based on the information we will receive from the FFD, and on the development of the situation with Covid-19. WRRC must prepare also for the case that some of the members will not be able to participate on the General Meeting, and consider other possibilities for them (video link).**

Additional:

After PM, Presidium has discussed the GM situation with FFD and has received a confirmation for GM and also special conditions to organize or cancel the meeting.

WRRC has conducted a survey among its members and majority showed intention to come to GM in person. The whole Presidium voted again and the final decision is as follows

- (234) WRRC GM 2020 will be organized in Paris, France on 12.-13.09.2020. The office will inform all members about the conditions. All hotel reservations must be confirmed/changed/canceled before July 31st. In this case no cancellation fees will be applied.**

4. Competitions in autumn

4.1. Survey of the organizers

On 16.06.2020 following questions were sent to all organizers of the competitions in autumn:

1. Do you still intend to go on with the competition as planned?
2. Are all categories still actual or would you need to change some of them?
3. What is the current situation with Covid-19 in your country:
 - Which restrictions regarding the competitions in the closed sports halls are in force at the moment?
 - Do you have a challenge regarding the limitation on the number of persons present in the sport hall?
 - Are there any official announcements about the loosening of the restrictions in autumn?

In general, on the first and second question, all organizers who did answer confirmed their commitment to organize the planned competitions with all announced categories

Regarding question number 3, we received similar answers from all of them, and nobody could give any definite answer about the current situation:

- Regarding the restrictions for the competitions in closed sports halls, we have different regulations at the moment, especially regarding the allowed number of persons per m². There are strict measures regarding the hygiene, and evidence of present persons (competitors, trainers, officials)
- At the moment when we received the answers, all organizers were expecting loosening of the measures regarding the allowed number of the present persons (including the audience) in the hall, especially after the 01.07.2020. All of them expected, that they could organize the competition with at least some of the audience (up to 1000 people).
- Any definite answer about the measures for the autumn could be expected somewhere in August, of course, only in the case that the COVID-19 situation does not escalate in the meantime.

Regarding the first competition in autumn, in Zagreb, the organizer is still waiting for the final decision of the Ministry of Sport about the possibility to organize international events in Croatia. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 situation in Croatia escalated again in the last week of June, and if it does not get better very soon, there is a probability that the competition in Zagreb (26.09.2020) will not take place. We are waiting for official information.

(235) In case of cancellation of the events in 2020 due to the Covid-19 situation, the organizer can organize an event in 2021 without additional application. The categories, dates and type of event will be decided by WRRC and organizer together based on already sanctioned events for 2021.

- (236) WRRC Sports director will check the judging panels for 2020 and, with approval from Presidium, look for a possibility to appoint countries with easier travel possibility during this special situation.**

New dates for competitions planned for 2020:

- Ljubljana April 17.-18.2021, same categories
- Graz November 6. – 7.2021, same categories

4.2. World Championships 2020 – priorities and conditions for 2020

Presidium discussed several options for the World Championships in 2020.

- (237) WRRC still intends to carry on the announced World Championships, with the priority being put on the World Championships for couples. If some of the planned World Championships will not be possible on the planned date or place, we will try to move it or postpone it to some other date in 2020.**
- (238) Final decision about all announced World Cups and World Championships must be made latest till the middle of August 2020**
- (239) There will be no special ranking lists for the World Championships. For this year, each country can announce a maximum of 4 couples per category + the reigning World Champion in that category.**
- (240) All ranking lists will be recalculated and frozen to the stand which includes 4 last competitions for each category. All couples marked as active for 2020 will be considered for the ranking lists.**

4.3. Alternative approach to the competitions – online competitions

During the Covid-19 lockdown, several online competitions were organized in our member countries (Russian Federation, Ukraine). WRRC endorses this development. However, at the moment such competitions were intended for the lower level of competitors (children, beginners). This was a very good and interesting experience. In order to bring this kind of competitions to a higher level (World Cup, international top couples), the format of the online competitions must be clearly defined.

- (241) DL and BK will prepare the concept and format of the online competitions for the highest level (WRRC official categories) for the next Presidium meeting in August. In this concept, all aspects of the competition must be included (judging platform, video platform, musical rights, video formats, etc.)**

4.4. WRRC and SAP sponsorship obligations.

Since many of the competitions were already canceled, WRRC reached the agreement with our general sponsor, company SAP, that all obligations of the WRRC towards SAP will be fulfilled during the first possible events in 2020 or 2021.

5. WRRC online activities

Online activities of the WRRC have proven as a positive side-effect of the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown situation. Thanks to the new conferencing technologies and online tools, we were more active than ever before. DL presented online activities of WRRC during May and June 2021:

- **16.05.2020: RR Observers' Meeting:**
 - 12 WRRC observers were present
 - We clarified all the specific situations we have had during the last year and determined the course of action if they happen again. All important decisions will be assembled in one document and published on WRRC Web.
- **23.05.2020: RR Judging seminar:**
 - 36 WRRC judges took part on the seminar
 - 6 judges who had to prolong their licenses successfully took the online examination on the following day (24.05.2020)
- **21.06.2020: First RR Coaches meeting:**
 - 192 Coaches from 24 countries were officially announced through their national federations
 - The seminar included all important RR topics Positive feedback was received and the plan is to make more online seminars for coaches but with targeted topics, connected to questions which we expect from judges, observers, coaches, dancers and federations. Except for minor technical problems in the beginning, the seminar went fine

(242) WRRC recorded all 3 Zoom-meetings. The recordings will be made available to all announced participants of each of the meetings in question.

(243) ME will contact the BW Commissioner, Aina Nygard, and prepare with her the plan for the similar online activities for the Boogie Woogie.

(244) Lecturers on the seminars will get the fee according to the WRRC Fee Scale.

6. Erasmus Project

BK has contacted our former dancer from France, Nais Rigollet, who now works in the Sport Unit of the European Commission. He informed her of the possible WRRC projects which could be interesting for the Erasmus founding, especially the InterRock, as one of the largest WRRC projects for the next year. There is also a possibility to apply for smaller projects, like camps or youth Exchange.

(245) WRRC will invite Mrs. Rigollet to the General Meeting in Paris, where she can present the details of the Erasmus projects to the delegates.

7. Sport Class Project

BK presented the new long term project for the development of our sport. The aim of the project is to attract more dancers focusing on mass sport and work with young dancers in schools, sport schools, following the Scandinavian model, where competitions are not so important. This

project would be especially interesting for countries with a lower number of WRRC dancers. The Sport Class Project will include also other sport disciplines, which are also important in our sport, like gymnastics, athletics and similar.

(246) WRRC Presidium accepted the proposed project. BK will prepare the survey for our members about the current situation and possibilities for implementation of the project in their countries. He will present this survey at the next Presidium meeting in August. The plan is to give our members one month for answering the survey. Based on the results of the survey further steps will be taken.

8. Education

8.1. WRRC Animations for the RR MCFS

The animations of the acrobatic elements for the RR Main Class Free Style will be published on the WRRC web page, inside the section of the RR Rules, and also linked from the Education pages (education.wrrc.dance). At the moment, all files (around 580) are checked on the consistency with the valid values and connected (renamed) to the actual ID-s in the WRRC acro-database.

8.2. New educational modules (education.wrrc.dance)

As announced on the previous Presidium meeting, KK and BK are working on the new educational modules for the Education web pages of WRRC. Recording is scheduled for the last two weeks in July

8.3. Use of the WRRC Materials on the national level.

In recent time, we have observed that some of our members took the materials of the WRRC (drawings from the Safety level document) and altered it. As it is remarked on each of the WRRC documents, this requires the permission of the WRRC Presidium.

(247) Any alteration of the WRRC documents or materials is not allowed without the special permission of the WRRC Presidium. Translations in other languages are not forbidden, but in the case of dispute or need for interpretation, only the original official WRRC version is valid.

Next Presidium Meeting will take place online on 17.08.2020

The President thanked all members and closed the meeting at 19:15.

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