



**Minutes of the WRRC General Meeting
9th and 10th March 2007, Graz – Hotel Mercure Messe**

**Start of the meeting: Friday, March 9, 2007 at 5 p.m.
Present: (See list of delegates, attached)**

ITEM 1 Welcome by the President and definition of formalities

The President, Miriam Kerpan Izak, welcomed all delegates and opened the meeting.

The President announced the precise timetable for the weekend and thanked Manfred Mohab and ÖRRV for organizing the GM in Graz.

The President confirmed that the General Meeting had been duly convened and was quorate. There were 31 votes from 10 countries in the room.
16 votes is simple majority, 21 votes is 2/3 majority.

Miriam Kerpan Izak informed the meeting that 12 guests were present and asked for the meeting's approval to them being admitted.

- (1) Guests can be present during the GM

ITEM 2 Approval of the Minutes of the last GM 2006

- (2) Minutes from GM 2006 were approved unanimously

ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda of the General Meeting

President proposed to move ITEM 9 after ITEM 6.

- (3) Change of the agenda approved unanimously

ITEM 4 Questions and additions of the reports by the Presidium and the Commissioners

President extended her report with some explanations about the topics mentioned in her written report. She congratulated all dancers for sporting behaviour since all doping tests in 2006 were negative.

Vice-President, General Secretary, Sports Director, Boogie Woogie Commissioner, Formation Commissioner and Medical commissioner didn't add anything to their report. Lindy Hop commissioner Dominique de Coster explained his survey and current Lindy hop situation.

Torgny Lindbäck asked for the explanation about the situation during EM Boogie Woogie in Montpellier France. Tony Keller and Miriam K. Izak explained the situation. Miriam K. Izak pointed out that the problem aroused mostly because some of trainers and dancers were not aware of new rules. The rules changes were published in minutes of WRRC GM 2006 and also in special info document.

Treasurer Daniel Bachmann presented the financial report for 2006. We were able to lower some expenses and get some extra income so the result was positive instead of negative as predicted in the budget for 2006. He explained also that WRRC Presidium tried to find several options how to make the office more cost-efficient.

ITEM 5 Auditors' report

Peter Herrmann presents the report together with Daniel Foug. All books and sheets were correctly done. He pointed out that sometimes original documents were missing – mainly for flights paid directly by e-mail. They also proposed that all officials should include all expenses for one event on the same "Claim of expenses" otherwise it is not easy to follow how much was really spent for one occasion.

The auditors thanked the Presidium for saving money over the year and proposed to delegates to discharge the Presidium for 2006.

ITEM 6 Approval of all reports

- (4) Reports were approved with 2 abstentions

New members have entered the meeting – Poland with 2 delegates and Hungary with 1 delegate which meant 34 votes were present in the room.

18 votes is simple majority and 23 is 2/3 majority.

ITEM 9 Decisions on the discharging of all organs of the WRRC

- (5) Organs were discharged for 2006 unanimously

ITEM 7 IDSF & IWGA request for WRRC to become a part of IDSF

Miriam K. Izak explained to delegates some history, which led to IDSF and IWGA request that WRRC should become a regular member of IDSF.

In our aim to become an Olympic sport we have joined IDSF as extraordinary member. This was achieved with a lot of effort from former President Wolfgang Steuer who has also contributed a major part that Rock'n'roll was accepted as demonstration Sport for World Games 2001 in Akita Japan.

In 2005 during World games in Duisburg Rock'n'roll was included as regular competition Sport. All couples and officials presented our sport very professionally and also representatives from IWGA liked what they have seen. After the World Games IDSF has received a report from IWGA concerning Rock'n'roll (and WRRC) where they have pointed out some requests:

- improved doping testing and higher financial commitment against doping
- for the next World games 2009 in Chinese Taipei at least 3 continents must be present, one of them Asia
- WRRC has to become a part of IDSF until 2013

Following this request IDSF invited us to become a regular member.

Members of WRRC Presidium – especially president Miriam K. Izak and Treasurer Daniel Bachmann have tried to get more detailed information what kind of organizational, structural, financial and political change this would bring to our Members but we have no detailed offer from IDSF so far.

Miriam K. Izak invited all representatives from national federations to present the situation in their country and to explain the relation between IDSF member and WRRC member. The detailed explanations are available in WRRC Office.

Miriam K. Izak welcomed Wolfgang Steuer our Honorary President to the room.

After the presentation from each country president closed the meeting at 19:30' and invited all delegates and guest to an informal party hosted by ORRV.

SATURDAY March 10, 2007 – meeting started at 09:15

34 votes present in the room.

18 is simple majority, 23 is 2/3 majority.

The meeting continued with discussion about IDSF. The following points were mostly exposed:

- we must guarantee the future of all our disciplines not just RnR
- we must consider the reaction of IDO and Lindy Hop community
- we must consider problems in some national federations regarding to (non)cooperation between WRRC and IDSF member
- we need a clear offer from IDSF to be able to decide

The delegates didn't want to make any final decision, because the information from IDSF was inadequate and the conditions were not presented.

The following three decisions were unanimously approved:

- (6) WRRC General meeting gives the authority to WRRC Presidium to negotiate with IDSF about possible new structure of IDSF which will include all WRRC disciplines.

- (7) The Presidium has no authority to make any final decision
- (8) WRRRC General meeting will not make any final decision until we have a clear offer from IDSF

ITEM 8 Presentation of the Budget 2007 and the Fee Scale from 1.1.07 Confirmation of the budget 2007 and the Fee Scale

The following points were presented, discussed and voted for one by one:

- Membership fee
 - Tournament fee
 - Starting fee
 - Registration fee (extra for formations)
 - Expenses WRRRC officials
 - Budget 2007 – expenses and income
- (9) Fee Scale was approved unanimously. Valid Fee Scale is included in the documentation of WRRRC GM 2007.
 - (10) Budget 2007 was approved unanimously. Valid Fee Scale is included in the documentation of WRRRC GM 2007.

ITEM 11 Changes of the Rules, Motions Presidium

Manfred Mohab presented all changes of the rules decided by the WRRRC Presidium in 2006. Extra explanations were given why we have cancelled open judging. W. Steuer proposed that the final skating could be published on Video screen together with winners' ceremony. For Boogie Woogie more changes were made and a new judging criterion is being introduced from 01.04.2007.

All changes are published in WRRRC rules and described in the report of general Secretary.

Together with the changes of the rules some upgrades of DJS were done. Miriam K. Izak presented the changes of digital judging system done by Ralf Pickelmann.

Motion Presidium – groups of judges

R. Esteban presented the motion from Presidium to distributed judges into 3 groups

Group "A" - Active Pool Judges

Group "B" – Active IJ

Group "C" – Inactive judges.

- (11) Motion to establish 3 groups of judges was accepted with 1 abstention. The motion was accepted as defined in the proposal.

Motion Presidium – licensing of judges

M.K. Izak explained that CJT concept doesn't work in many countries and as a result our judges are not familiar with updates of the rules, new criteria ... which mean also the quality of judging is not good enough. Presidium proposes the following change of licensing system:

Judge licence

1. **Examination for new judges:** A judge must be nominated for the examination directly from national federation. The examination will be held in English. Interpretation is not allowed.
2. **List of international judges:** The judge can be included on the list if the national federation confirms the judge (and if he is confirmed by WRRRC).
3. **Application for change of status (Upgrade from group C –> B –> A):** The applications must be sent directly from national federation to WRRRC Office and to WRRRC Sport director in December and January to be valid for the actual Year.
4. **Confirmation of licence:** Each WRRRC judge must visit at least one WRRRC seminar in 2 years for each dance discipline. WRRRC will organize two seminars per year – one during the GM and the other in autumn.
5. **Briefing on WRRRC competitions:** On every competition the Observer will make a short briefing about the rules (30 – 45 minutes). The briefing will be held two hours before the competition. If the judge is not

present on the briefing, he will receive a warning. On the second occasion he will be excluded from IJ. He can regain the position after visiting the WRRC seminar.

(12) Motion was accepted with 1 abstention.

ITEM 11 Applications (motions) of the WRRC members

M01+ M02: Johann Preuhs and Germany

To re-establish two formation classes Quattro = 4 couples and Master = 5-8 couples
8 in favour, 13 against, 9 abstentions

(13) Motions M01 + M02 were not accepted.

M03: Slovenia

Point 1: To change the name of "B" class and Main class to new names Classic and Master

- there was a lot of discussion
- other names were proposed – "B" class = international
- the delegates had a split opinion so we had two votes

1st vote: Do we need a new name for "B" and Main class Rock'n'roll

(14) M03 – Point1: new name for "B" class was accepted with 25 and 8 against

2nd vote: New name

"B" class

Rock'n'roll classic: 5 in favour

Rock'n'roll international: 13 in favour

Abstentions: 16

Main class:

Master class: 10 in favour, 12 against, 12 abstentions

(15) M03 – the proposed new names were not approved

(16) M03 – Point1: Presidium has to define a new name for "B" class and Main class(members propose their ideas) and we make the final decision during next GM – accepted with 4 abstentions

Point 2: World and European championship should be organized also for "B" class

(17) M03 – Point 2: was not accepted (3 in favour, 29 against and 2 abstentions)

Point 3: Obligatory acrobatics for "B" class

- this is not the point of rules but more of the education of judges and it should be considered by future seminars

(18) M03 – Point 3: was not accepted (4 in favour, 22 against and 5 abstentions)

M04: Czech Republic

Limitation of figures "B" class: **Stuff, when the girl landing to partners shoulders should be permitted without any limitations**

- explanation: this is preparation for main class, it is better from Medical reasons
- M.K. Izak pointed out that also in Main class such landing is only allowed in ½ Final and Final
- R. Esteban explained that the rules don't require a stop, but landing with upright position of the body

(19) M04 was not accepted (6 in favour, 18 against and 8 abstentions)

M05: Slovakia

The motion describes the problems with judges and quality of judging and they would like us to establish some control of judges.

- the rules are adequate, but we don't follow them

(20) M05: Presidium prepares a concept how to establish a better control of judging (2 abstentions)

M06: Slovakia

Points 1 and 2 were clarified in advance and were not discussed again

Point 3: Dress code formation

Slovakia proposed to make a new rule about dress code for girl formations to make it more interesting and try to attract spectators by doing a great show. It means to allow wearing accessories, which cannot be thrown away.

- (21) M06 Point 3: Girl formations RR will have the same dress code limitation as it is valid for non RR dances (25 in favour, 4 against, 4 abstentions). Valid from 01.04.2007.

They have also pointed out that sometimes English and German version of the rules are not identical. M.K. Izak informed them that Presidium is preparing revision of all rules!

M07: Hungary

Point 1: they would like to introduce the acrobatic figures to Ladies formation.

- the topic was discussed before GM during a workshop
- after the discussion several options aroused – mainly about the level of acrobatics, so the vote was split in two parts

- (22) M07 Point 1: WRRRC will introduce acrobatics for Ladies RR formations – valid from 01.01.2008 (20 in favour, 11 against, 2 abstentions)

- (23) M07 Point 1 – level of acrobatics:: The level of acrobatics will be Junior level = SL3 (18 for Junior acrobatics, 6 for “B” class level, 1 for no Limits, 8 abstentions)

Point 2: They proposed that we show the coloured cards on WRRRC home page

- several ideas were discussed, but voting made them irrelevant

- (24) M07 Point 2: Publication of coloured cards on Internet was not accepted (2 in favour, 26 against, 6 abstentions)

ITEM 12 Any other businesses

Presidium members informed the delegates about some innovations:

- new music procedure
- new WRRRC home Page
- latest tournament dates
- information of registration process

President initiated delegates to send applications to organize the next GM 2008 which shall be held from March 7 to March 9, 2008.

The president thanked all present and closed the meeting at 13.45.

Graz, 10.03.2007

Miriam Kerpan Izak
WRRRC President

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Vice-president and Minutes

