



**Minutes of the WRRRC General Meeting
7th and 8th March 2008, Ljubljana – M HOTEL**

**Start of the meeting: Friday, March 7, 2008 at 4:30 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 presented the delegates.

The President confirmed that the General Meeting had been duly convened and was quorate. There were 33 votes from 21 countries in the room.
17 votes is simple majority, 22votes is 2/3 majority.

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

- (1) Guests can be present during the GM. Approved unanimously.

ITEM 2 Approval of the Minutes of the last GM 2007

The President extended explained that new name for "B" class was not found so far. A forum is planned. Montse Bachmann proposed email voting. Presidium will consider this.

Renata Kocisova asked about the decision regarding the better control of judges and their mistakes. The President explained this will be possible when we introduce EJS to almost all events. The question was also about briefing of the judges before the events. M. Bachmann proposed that it shall be done in the hotel or somewhere else outside competition hall.

The President also explained that WRRRC has now new laptops for EJS. The first usage is planed for Szekesfehervar.

1 more delegate arrived. Vote count is 34.

- (2) Minutes from GM 2007 were approved with 1 abstention.

ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda of the General Meeting

- (3) Agenda was approved unanimously.

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

There were no additions and no comments on reports from the President Miriam Kerpan Izak and Vice President AnneBritt Neman Kilgren.

Renata Kocisova commented that the report from Sports Director was insufficient. Robert Esteban, WRRRC Sports Director, explained that he has nothing new to add to his report.

The President explained that Robert Esteban has informed Presidium members that he would like to resign from his position as Sports Director because he has not enough time to do everything what this position requires. He has thought about this decision for a longer time and he felt it was better for WRRRC that some person with more time shall be appointed WRRRC Sports Director. During the General Meeting he would still do all tasks appointed to him.

The Presidium appointed new Sports Director following our rules. Peter Herrmann from Germany was appointed as Sports director until next election.

General Secretary Manfred Mohab presented the innovations in 2007. He had to explain some points especially about the new category Duo Rock show. The rules are not really strict at the moment we will see what the first competitions will bring.

The Treasurer Daniel Bachman presented the end-of-year balance sheet. It was a good year. We lowered office expenses substantially and we increased our income. AGM 2007 was profitable due to many sponsors from the city of Graz. More money shall be invested into anti-doping actions in the future. We have established a special fund for World Games 2009.

No comments were given about Boogie Woogie commissioner report.

Torgny Lindbäck commented Lindy Hop commissioner report – he wanted to know why Sweden was denied to organize another World Championship 2008 since there is no other organizer available at the moment. The Vice-president explained that the time table does not allow WC Lindy Hop to be added to the event in Sweden.

The President introduced our new Formation Commissioner dr. Robert Obermeir and he made a short presentation of himself.

ITEM 5 Auditors' report

Peter Herrmann presents the report together with Daniel Foug. All books and sheets were correctly done. No mistakes were found.

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 unanimously.

ITEM 7 Decisions on the discharging of all organs of the WRRC

- (5) Organs were discharged for 2007 unanimously

ITEM 8 Changes of the Rules Motions Presidium – new Fee Scale

Manfred Mohab presented the proposed changes of WRRC Fee Scale - new tournament fees. Dominique de Coster commented that the fees are too high for Lindy Hop and the President explained that we must have a concept but we can handle special situations separately. Wolfgang Steuer proposed that the new Tournament Fees should be the Minimum so we can ask for higher fees when more organizers are interested for the same event.

- (6) New Fee Scale (as presented) was approved. All fees are the minimum fees for each type of competition. The new fees are valid for all events from 01.01.2009 on.
25 in favour, 3 against, 4 abstentions

Motion to delete the sentence from the Fee Scale:

If more tournaments at the same date are assigned to an Organizer, the tournament fee is only the half for the cheaper tournaments.

- (7) The motion was denied. 9 in favour, 17 against, 4 abstentions

**ITEM 9 Presentation of the Budget 2008
Confirmation of the Budget 2008**

The budget was given to delegates in advance.

Wolfgang Steuer proposed that we cancel the expenses for Lindy Hop Commissioner. The President explained we have no special expenses for the commissioner, just for the dances.

- (8) Budget 2008 was approved unanimously.

ITEM 10 Elections of 2 Auditors

Proposals from delegates: Daniele Fuog (Switzerland), Gritli Ramschag Wollein (Austria). Both are willing to accept the function.

- (9) Gritli Ramschag Wollein (Austria.) and Daniele Fuog (Switzerland) were elected as the new Auditors for the next 2 years. approved unanimously

ITEM 11 Applications (motions) of the WRRC members

M91: Germany – Girl Formations

To change the RR Girl formation category to RR Free formation category – no limit about the sex of participants. A lot of discussion went on, many different minds – in favour and against.

- (10) The motion to allow both sexes in girl formations was denied. 10 in favour, 20 against, 3 abstentions.

To change the valid age groups because the existing age groups bring no real difference between Junior Girl formations and Main Class girl formations. Proposal new age groups: Junior Girl formation 8 to 14, Main class Girl formations 15 or older.

- (11) The motion to change the age groups for Girl formations: Junior Girl formation 8 to 14, Main class Girl formations 15 or older was approved. 31 in favour, 2 abstentions.

M92: Czech Republic and Slovakia together – Working group and Acrobatic judging criteria

Renata Kocisova and Jiri Hais presented a motion to come to the new judging system of acrobatic figures. This could be done step by step in a special commission.

A lot of discussion followed, mostly about the proposed judging system. Some delegates pointed out that they have tried the system in their country but it didn't work, others congratulated them for very professional presentation.

Manfred Mohab explained that such a commission is already possible following our rules.

Miriam Kerpan Izak proposed to Renata and Jiri to change the motion in a way to be acceptable for all – to make a commission which goals must be to find a better concept of judging system and if the concept is approved from presidium to work on details of such system. The commission must be organized following WRRC rules. They agreed t change the motion this way.

- (12) The Sports commission must be organized immediately. The first priority is to find a better overall concept of the judging system that will be introduced at the AGM 2009. Approved unanimously.

M93: Hungary – figure limitations main Class Girl formations

Miriam Kerpan Izak asked Attila Szakal if this motion could be discussed first with formation commissioners and evaluated also following the acrobatics performed on events in 2008. She asked him to withdraw the motion.

Attila Szakal withdrew the Motion.

M94: Switzerland

Motion 1: To cancel Short program with immediate effect

Montse Bachmann presented the motion and explained that the short program was outlived and boring for couples and audience. Some discussion followed about possible different variations on short program but Switzerland wanted that the delegates vote for the motion.

- (13) The Short program will be cancelled with immediate effect. The following factors will be use in Final for Main Class Rock'n'Roll 1.0 Footwork and 1.5 Free program was Approved.
17 in favour, 10 against, 6 abstentions.

Motion 2

Second motion was to introduce 4 obligatory acrobatic groups into free program.

- forward somersault (all variations)
- backward somersault (all variations)
- dive (back, front)
- rotation figure.

A lot of discussion followed. Some delegates thought that all couples will be forced to make the same acrobatics, but Montse Bachmann explained that proposal means that they should do acrobatics from this group = type of movement not simple acrobatics as in short program.

There were also different opinions about deductions. Many delegates commented that introducing a -3 deduction for not making the acrobatics from all three rounds would have negative motivation for new couples who are not yet capable of doing all types of figures.

The President proposed that the voting would go on in phases.

1st vote

Introducing new obligatory groups of Acrobatic for RR main class

2nd vote

Deductions (-3) starting from the first round (green vote) or after the hope round (red vote)

3rd vote

New rule starts from 01.09.2008

- (14) The 4 obligatory groups of Acrobatics will be introduced for Main Class Rock'n'Roll.
21 in favour, 7 against, 3 abstentions.
- (15) The deductions will be given for all couples after the hope round.
Green 6, Red 25, 1 abstention
- (16) The new rule is valid for competitions from 01.09.2008.

Motion 3

No more than 2 double somersaults should be allowed in free program.

Delegates felt that at least some freedom should be given to couples and that it was a work of new commission to prevent bad execution to be judged well.

The President proposed that this Motion should be discussed in the new Sport Commission group.

Switzerland withdrew the Motion and forwarded it to the new commission.

M95: Finland – change of rules Boogie Woogie.

The motion was to change the Boogie Woogie rules as follows:

The Boogie Woogie rule Point 3.4 now:

No acrobatics should be danced. *Acrobatic elements are judged as dance figures.*

Motion

Point 3.4 new:

No acrobatics should be danced. *Acrobatic elements are not judged.*

Discussion followed that it is not possible to see acrobatics and not be influenced by them.

- (17) Motion denied. 2 in favour; 20 against; 9 abstentions

M96: Hungary – nomination of judges

Before the Motion was presented in details the President asked M. Gyarmathy if he could withdraw the Motion. Last year a new idea of licensing the judges was introduced but the nomination of judges was not changed accordingly. The Presidium is just preparing a new concept of nomination of judges on competitions and we will of course also consider this proposal.

Hungary withdrew the Motion.

M97: USA – Acrobatics in all WRRC dance disciplines

Jim Jackson presented the situation in USA where everyone would like to be free and unlimited and he also feels that Acrobatics are characteristic for all our disciplines. To do something like this we need at first a clear definition of all acrobatics and/or aerials. A simple decision was not possible.

USA withdrew the motion. The motion will be forwarded to Sports Commission.

M98: USA – WRRC should introduce the certified teachers

Jim Jackson explained that he has problems about possible persons coming to USA to teach Rock'n'Roll and other WRRC dance disciplines. People have no credentials so he doesn't know if they are properly qualified. From the discussion we could see that WRRC is not an educational federation who could even certify some persons as qualified teachers. There are also several different approaches in different countries so just to follow one direction would be wrong.

Later it was understood that USA has mainly a problem how to find the correct persons. Interested teachers from national federations can promote themselves if they want.

Wolfgang Steuer proposed that we should have a possibility for advertisement on our home page.

The President explained we have such possibility and that a concept for selling the advertising space is just in progress.

USA withdrew the motion.

ITEM 12 Any other businesses*Information about registration process*

New registration software has been developed and is ready for use. A workshop followed on Sunday

Information World Games 2009

There is a special info section about World Games 2009 on our home page. All news and updates will be published there.

ISDF situation

No special progress since last year. The Presidium will continue working according to the decisions from GM 2007.

Latest Tournament Dates

The President pointed out the latest dates. All competitions are published on WRRC home page.

Next General Meeting 2009

President initiated delegates to send applications to organize the next GM 2009 which shall be held from March 13 to March 15, 2009.

Reintroduction of WRRC congress is also possible.

The President thanked all present and closed the meeting at 13.15.

Ljubljana, 15.03.2008

Miriam Kerpan Izak
WRRC President



AnneBritt Neman Kilgren
Vice-president and Minutes

