

**Minutes of the WRRRC General Meeting
March 13-14, 2010, Graz - Austria**



Start of the meeting: Saturday, March 13 at 15:00
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 38 votes from 20 countries in the room.

20 votes is simple majority, 26 votes is 2/3 majority.

The President 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 2009

There were no questions about Minutes from 2009

(2) Minutes from GM 2009 were approved unanimously.

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

The President extended her report with thanks to all the Members from Presidium and all other Members in WRRRC who have contributed in development of WRRRC in the last 4 years.

The Vice President pointed out that we need to have open mind regarding the elections

The General Secretary explained all new rules which were implemented in the year 2009.

The Treasurer Daniel Bachman presented the end-of-year balance sheet. 2009 was a good financial year. We have been able to reimburse the participants of World Games and were able to finish the year on positive balance. We explained what was included in some points of expenditure.

Boogie Woogie and Lindy hop commissioner presented the scene behind the dances they represent. The members have been informed they can contact the commissioner whenever they need some help.

There were no additional questions to the reports.

ITEM 5 Auditors' report

Gritli Ramschag Wollein presented the report together with Daniel Foug. All books and sheets were correctly done. No mistakes were found. They only recommended that also when paying the expenses in cash the official expense claim form must be used.

The auditors thanked the Presidium for good financial work and proposed that Presidium is discharged for year 2009.

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 2009 unanimously

President proposed a slight change of Agenda – to move Item 9 before Item 8 due to the formal reasons of elections.

(6) The change of Agenda approved unanimously.

ITEM 9 Presentation and confirmation of the Budget 2010

The budget was given to delegates in advance.
The Treasurer explained the budget.

Jiri Hais (CZE) proposed that in case we have lower prize money fund as specified in the rules then WRRC should cover the difference so the couples are not affected by such decision.

Attila Szakal (HUN) proposed that we change the registration fee for Members of formation.
No votes were carried out for these two proposals. Presidium will examine the possibilities of proposed changes.

(7) Budget 2010 was approved unanimously.

ITEM 8 Elections

The President thanked all the colleagues in Presidium for their cooperation in the last four years. The president proposed AnneBritt Neman Kilgren as Election Supervisor.

(8) Annebritt Neman Kilgren was approved of election Manager unanimously.

The Presidium left and the Chair was taken by ABNK who conducted the whole election procedure.
Two persons were appointed to manage the elections together with ABNK – Susi Huber and Bostjan Marinko.

Explanation for election procedure followed and calls for candidates for Presidium, Auditors and Chair of disciplinary committee were made. When delegates required the candidates presented themselves, some questions were posed to individual candidates.

The candidate list was closed on Saturday 13.03.2010 at 18:30 when the first part of AGM finished.

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The AGM reconvened on Sunday 14.03.2010 at 10:00. ABNK took chair for election procedure.

(9) New members of Presidium, 2 Auditors and Chairman of disciplinary committee were decided as follows:

President: Candidate Miriam Kerpan Izak (SLO)

- The delegates confirmed her with "appreciation"

She accepted her re-election with thanks.

Vice President: Candidate Daniel Bachmann (SUI)

- Also Ferruccio Galvagno (ITA) presented himself as a candidate. In his presentation he pointed out he would like to help WRRRC in areas connected with marketing, expansion and media. He withdraw his candidature and made himself available for cooperation with new Presidium.

Daniel Bachmann was unanimously elected.

He accepted his new position with thanks.

Sports director: Candidate Peter Herrmann (GER)

Peter Herrmann was unanimously elected.

He accepted his re-election with thanks.

Treasurer: Candidates Marina Eskolin (FIN), Martin Brokke (NED)

- Also Manfred Mohab was proposed but he didn't accept the candidature

36 votes in the room

- **20 Marina Eskolin**
- 16 Martin Brokke

Marina Eskolin accepted her election with thanks.

General secretary: Candidates Manfred Mohab (AUT) , Jiri Hais (CZE), Miklos Gyarmathly (HUN)

36 votes in the room

Voting round 1:

- 22 Manfred Mohab
- 10 Jiri Hais
- 4 Miklos G.

Miklos G. Received the lowest number of votes so he is cancelled for the next voting round.

Voting round 2:

36 votes

- **22 Manfred Mohab**
- 14 Jiri Hais

Manfred Mohab was re-elected. He accepted his position with thanks.

Auditors: Candidates: Gritli Ramschag Wollein (AUT), Danielle Foug (SUI)

The GM decided for an Open vote for both auditors together.

Both Auditors were re-elected unanimously.

Chairman of disciplinary committee: Candidate Guus Verspaandonk

Guus Verspaandonk was unanimously elected.

He accepted his re-election with thanks.

The Presidium took chair and Miriam Kerpan Izak thanked Annebritt Neman Kilgren for her work in WRRRC and expressed the wish to continue collaborating with her for some projects in the future as well. The delegates thanked ABNK with a strong applause.

ITEM 10

Motions

M00: Presidium motions to change the limitation of figures Girl formation Main Class.

PH presented the motion which aroused upon a meeting that was held between representatives of different formations, formation commissioner and sports director.

A lot of discussion followed. Montse Bachmann suggested that more formation would mean less teams, Attila Szakal said we need new acrobatics for formation in order to have them more interesting. Dasa Danihelova commented that SL3 (existing limitation of figures) does not mean only junior acrobatics but with imagination several options were possible.

- (10) The motion to introduce new limitation of figures regulation for girl formation Main class was not approved (4 in favour, 15 against, 19 abstentions)

M01_1: Austria – to introduce deductions in Boogie Woogie judging

In discussion many pros and cons were presented. The pros mainly came out of some specific situations where the couples with mistakes were marked to high. Cons were presented in a view that it is an artistic dance and positive evaluation is strongly desired and deductions would have a negative effect to improvisation and music interpretation.

- (11) The motion to introduce direct deduction in Boogie Woogie was not approved (2 in favour, 26 against, 10 abstentions)

M01_2: Austria – Random arrangement of couples in each individual round presentation with rounds with more than 3 couples on stage.

President explained it is not an issue of rules but just the functionality of the SW which has been added by the latest upgrades and so the random arrangement is now possible.

Austria withdrew the motion.

M01_3: Austria – to implement the central publication of Invitation papers for WRRRC competitions.

The motion means that the organizer only needs to send the invitation to the office which is then responsible for publication on WRRRC home page. It means also that for such a change also a short e-mail will be sent to all national federations!

- (12) The motion to implement central invitation system on WRRRC home page Approved (32 in favour, 6 abstentions)

Comment from President: The central Invitation system will be possible for competitions starting from August 2010!

M02: Germany - Proposal to change the TO 2.2.2 the national affiliation – at least half of the dancers (couples or formations) must have the citizenship of the country they represent

Very long discussion followed. Many delegates pointed out that in modern Europe people work and live in the countries for which they don't have the citizenship. On the other hand many pointed out that without citizenship one could attract couple to a rich federation from another country.

The discussion showed that also a difference between World and European Championship and all other events (e.g. World Cups) should be made.

For competitions running under the umbrella of IOC or GAISF the rules of these federations apply.

Amendment for the Motions was proposed: GM appoints the Presidium to find out the best solution to determine national affiliation for World and Continental championships based on citizenship, passport or permanent address. Germany agreed with such proposal.

- (13) The amended proposal was approved (29 in favour, 9 against)

M03_1: Slovakia – Back to open judging

Slovakia wanted only to open the discussion between countries about the possibility to re-establish the open judging. Some discussion went on. Mostly the delegates support the closed judging, but the effect on the competition and feedback with audience depends also on the organization of the competition and winners ceremony.

Slovakia didn't request a vote for their motion.

M03_2: Slovakia – Marketing strategy, WRRC Promotion

Slovakia wanted to know if WRRC Presidium has already begun with some marketing strategy or if there is any promotional material available. They also pointed out very low income from sponsors.

The President explained that Presidium plans the next meeting as “Strategic planning meeting” where marketing and expansion strategies will be widely discussed. All members who could help in this area are welcomed for proposals, suggestions and cooperation.

Slovakia didn't request a vote for their motion.

ITEM 11 Vision 2012

The President presented the conclusions from Vision 2012 working group meeting which was held in October 2009 in Barcelona Spain. Next meeting will go on during the weekend 20/21.3.2010 where some concrete steps will be proposed.

On the first meeting the members tried to identify the benefits of new World Dance Federations and the biggest obstacles on the way. MKI explained that in the name of WRRC she represents the “idea” that all dancers which are able to compete today must have the same possibilities also tomorrow with the new federation. In countries where several federations exist, where there is no real cooperation between WRRC and IDSF member a fair, step by step process must be guaranteed.

No final decisions will be made without the approval of WRRC AGM.

ITEM 12 Any other businesses

WRRC Celebration in Winterthur

WRRC has been founded in 1984 and a celebration event will be held after the competitions in Winterthur. Representatives of all members national will be invited as well as former champions and other people who have contributed to development of WRRC. President asked the delegates for help in searching for the contacts for all invited guests. All detailed information will be published by the end of March 2010.

OCT pool

A quota of our couples is included in OCT (out of competition testing) pool directed by IDSF. The President pointed out the importance to follow up the instructions precisely in order to avoid unnecessary “suspicious from doping” stamp.

Some new competitions were approved. The latest dates are published on WRRC Home Page.

Next General Meeting 2011

WRRC General Meeting 2011 will take place in Oslo, Norway from March 11 to March 13. The Norwegian federation made a short presentation of the Venue.

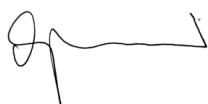
Conclusions from the Forum

The Presidium will overview the discussion from the forum, write down some general observations and point out some good practices to use widely.

The President thanked all present and closed the meeting at 13:00.

Ljubljana, 22.03.2010

Miriam Kerpan Izak
WRRC President



AnneBritt Neman Kilgren
Vice-president and Minutes

