

**Minutes of the WRRC General Meeting
March 13, 2011, Lillestrom - Norway**



Start of the meeting: Sunday, March 13 at 09:00
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.

A promotional video prepared by DB has been shown to the audience. The video is available for everyone interested. The new promotional publication has been distributed. More copies are available. All interested for video and brochure have to contact DB.

The President thanked Tom Skamo and his team from Norwegian Swing federation for excellent organization, warm welcome and nice presents.

The President confirmed that the General Meeting had been duly convened and was quorate. There were 27 votes from 17 countries in the room.
14 votes is simple majority, 18 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 2010

Franz Farkas (AUT) asked about the decision that the distribution of couples in each round must be random not according the starting numbers. MKI explained that this has been realized and it is used on competitions.

(2) Minutes from GM 2009 were approved unanimously.

ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda of the General Meeting

(3) Agenda was approved unanimously without amendments.

ITEM 4 Reports by the Presidium and the Commissioners and Questions to the report

MKI presented the consolidated report of Presidium – an overview of the work done in 2010.

There were no questions to the report.

Delegates commented it was a good way to present the work but they would like to have the document in advance.

(4) Delegates approve that Presidium work can be presented as overall view, but written report has to be sent out in advance together with other documentation for GM.

The commissioners have sent their reports in advance. No extra comments were added. Many items have been discussed in details at workshops on Saturday.

Tom S. NOR commented on the BW Commissioners report. Correct should be:

World Championship BW Junior: Anton ANDERSSON –Elin HELLBERG SWE,

Europ Championship BW Junior: Sondre OLSEN BYE- Maria JOHANSSON OVSTEDAL NOR

There were no additional questions to the reports from Commissioners.

It is very important to follow anti-doping regulations precisely. In case of doubt and questions about some medicine the members can contact our medical commissioner Carlos Wollein (karl.wollein@khgh.at).

MKI presented Aina Nygaard (NOR) as new Boogie Woogie commissioner. In 2011 she will work together with Tony Keller and in 2012 she will start alone.

ME presented the end-of-year balance sheet. She explained some items. There were no questions.

ITEM 5 Auditors' report

Gritli Ramschag Wollein presented the report together with Danielle Foug. All books and sheets were correctly done. No mistakes were found. Following the change of Treasurer the books have been audited in two parts – 1st half year and 2nd half year separately.

They have noticed that several Invoices from Members have not been paid in correct amount because of the bank expenses. They recommended to move the account to EU or to find another option (credit cards) with which we can avoid high banking costs. They also recommend to national federations to make registration Invoices in level of federation because with small amounts the bank costs are really high.

The auditors thanked the Presidium for good financial work and proposed that Presidium is discharged for year 2010.

ITEM 6 Approval of all reports

(5) Reports were approved unanimously.

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

(6) Organs were discharged for 2010 unanimously

ITEM 8 Presentation and confirmation of the Budget 2011

The budget has been given to delegates in advance.

The Treasurer explained the budget and advised all to pay in due dates especially regarding the registration fee to avoid problems for announcing on competitions.

Montse Bachmann (SUI) proposed to buy a beamer. Presidium has it in the plans; it is included in IT point. MKI explained that new equipment for EJS is also planned.

Presidium proposed also to change the Fee Scale only in one item – Tournament Fee World Masters to 1000 €.

(7) Budget 2011 and change of Fee Scale were approved unanimously.

ITEM 9 Approval of new Associated Membership Contract (AMC) between WRRRC and IDSF

An extensive workshop has been organized on Saturday about this item.

The President presented the general idea, the whole concept and then members reviewed the contract item by item.

There was some discussion about situation between IDSF and WDC and also some discussion regarding costs. All financial items have to be mutually agreed so Presidium feels there is no high risk involved.

The new contract is only one further step towards the vision, work will go on, MKI will attend next two meetings with all stakeholders in May and June.

2 year validity of the contract gives both sides some options for evaluation and future validation.

A presentation of project and the AMC are attached to these minutes.

(8) New associated Membership contract between WRRRC and IDSF was approved with 1 abstention

ITEM 10 Motions

M00: Presidium motion to change the statutes following new AMC

MM presented the necessary changes to comply with requirements of new AMC. Most of the requirements are already in our statutes; the proposed changes have been distributed to the members in advance.

(9) The changes of statutes were approved unanimously.

M01: Norway – to change the name of Boogie Seniors to Boogie Masters

The delegates agreed the name is not OK but the proposed new name is in collision with RR main Class formation. Norway agreed to forward the motion to Presidium to prepare in general new naming convention.

M02_1: Italy – Change of the name of RR B class and introducing World and Continental Championship for RR B Class

The naming was moved to Item no 11.

The delegates had a shared opinion about World/Continental Ch. for RR “B” class.

When looking for new continents it is not realistic to expect that they will start with Main Class couples and more value needs to be given to “B” class.

On the other side such competitions could have a negative effect to RR Main Class.

MKI presented the Presidium evaluation of the motion and possible amendment – to introduce World Cup “B” class instead of Europe Cup “B” class and to introduce the title World Cup Winner for all the categories where such competitions exist.

Italy amended the motion to: **Do you agree to introduce World Cup “B” class instead Europe Cup “B” class and to introduce the title World Cup Winner at the end of the calendar year?**

(10) The amended motion was approved with 2 abstentions.

M02_2: Italy – to add the proposed lines about judging ethics to Tournament rules

Edilio Pagano (ITA) explained that he is aware that such text already exists in the documents judging code and ethics but Italy feels that it is not easy to find all regulations so they have to be in one place.

Renata Kocisova (SVK) proposed to add a link to the document.

MKI proposed to Italy to follow the suggestion from Renata. Edilio Pagano agreed.

Italy withdrew the Motion; Presidium will add the link “Judging code and ethics” to Tournament Rules.

M02_3: Italy – how the judges/ countries are appointed for international WRRC competitions? Where are the rules about it?

PH explained that we only have rules how to appoint judges for World and European Ch., he proposes the judges by names and then Presidium confirms them.

For other events he follows the unwritten agreement to select the countries in a way to enable each judge at least one event per year and to follow the number of competitions and number of all international WRRC judges. He also explained that he knows the system is not perfect; in future some new ideas will be presented.

The explanation will be published on our Home Page.

M02_4: Italy – To implement new rule which defines the representation of a country on WRRC international events

Most of the delegates commented that it is almost the same proposal as from Germany for GM 2010, but Italy wanted a vote:

(11) The motion was denied (1 YES, 10 NO, 10 abstentions)

M02_5: Italy – To introduce a new dance style Jump swing as combination of several swing dances.

Edilio Pagano (ITA) presented the idea and informed everyone they will be able to see such competition in Rimini.

MKI pointed out that we must handle and develop Lindy Hop first before jumping to other swing disciplines. Also the positions of IDO and some other swing organizations have to be considered.

No voting was requested, Presidium will include “swing dance expansion” on future project agenda. Boogie and Lindy commissioners will be included in discussion.

M02_6: Italy – To change the number of Presidium Members from 5 to 7

Italy withdrew the Motion because Slovenia had the same Motion.

M02_7 and M02_8: Italy – To introduce a fixed sport commission with members for different fields and to establish a working group to revise our statutes and make some changes to enable Motions 6 and 7

Edilio Pagano (ITA) explained that he would like to discuss both Motions together since change of Statutes is needed to enable Motion 7. His proposal was that the sport commission should be elected from delegates of GM and not appointed from Presidium.

Lena Arvidsson (SWE) commented that for project working groups shall be established and the members have to be known publicly.

Montse Bachmann (SUI) commented that she feels 7 person presidium will not do more than 5 person Presidium, Marko Podgornik (SLO) didn't agree – 7 person can always do more work, but he also said that perhaps groups for special projects or people outside Presidium appointed for some work would be an alternative to 7 members Presidium.

At the end of discussion Italy amended their Motions 6,7,8 only to one Motion – to **implement a working group to revise the Statutes and prepare a proposal for changes**

(12) The motion was approved (14 YES, 4 NO, 3 Abs)

After a break the proposal of working group followed.

Marko Podgornik (SLO) proposed the following persons:

- Edilio Pagano (ITA)
- Armin Prosch (GER)
- Tom Skamo (NOR)
- Lena Arvidsson (SWE)
- Marko Podgornik (SLO)

Armin Prosch proposed MKI as President and if sportive matters will be included also Peter Herrmann. Jiri Hais (CZE) proposed himself.

(13) The following working group for new statutes has been selected (with 1 abstention)

- Miriam Kerpan Izak (WRRRC)
- Edilio Pagano (ITA)
- Armin Prosch (GER)
- Tom Skamo (NOR)
- Lena Arvidsson (SWE)
- Marko Podgornik (SLO)
- Jiri Hais (CZE)

M02_9: Italy – Question to the Sports director about working group for new judging system

Edilio Pagano (ITA) pointed out that we have decided in 2008 about a project for new judging system. 3 years have passed and no information has been given. The members and delegates should be informed about the progress, current status and expected results.

PH presented the project and its development so far. In 2009 and beginning of 2010 the group has mostly evaluated the existing system and its problems; now they are working on proposals and ideas for the new system. In autumn some decisions should be known, and further development is planned. (PPT will be available for delegates).

Lena Arvidsson (SWE) requested the names of the persons from the group. The members are: Peter Herrmann (Sport director), Montse Bachmann (rep. of judges), Kresimir Bosnar and Fred Pasqualin (rep. of trainers), Katalin Kis and Torgny Lindback (rep. of dancers), Jiri Hais (as initiator of the project)

LA also commented that this is a very long time for such project and she wondered when boogie and other dances will be included.

M02_10: Italy – Proposal for two new Observers from Italy Edilio Pagano and Renzo Maoggi

Italy withdrew the motion, but Edilio pointed out that both persons are available if new Observers will be requested.

M03_1.1: Slovenia – 7 Members Presidium

Slovenia withdrew the Motions, since it will go to new working group

M03_1.2: Slovenia – Election procedure with candidates known in advance

Marko Podgornik (SLO) explained that the candidates who appear directly on the day of election don't give the countries any option to discuss about them and evaluate them. Also no program is needed and so the delegates can't see what projects are planned for the next 4 years. Regardless of the new working group Slovenia wanted a vote, so the decision would then mean that this proposal has to be included in the new Statutes.

"Candidates have to be known in advance and must present a short program (max one A4 page). An election committee must be established (totally independent of Presidium and Members). The candidatures must be submitted to the election manager latest one month before AGM and election manager should forward the list with programmes 2 weeks before the AGM."

(14) The Motion was approved.

M03_2.1: Slovenia – To cut official WRRR Music in appropriate length for competition rounds

Marko Podgornik (SLO) explained that it is not nice to see that no music ends when the couple is finished with the choreography.

Several persons commented that in preliminary rounds this would make a contra effect with couples dancing when music is already finished.

MKI explained that Presidium has evaluated this Motion and we think we could make it possible to allow the Youth/Juniors couples to cut the music for the final. The details still need to be discussed.

Slovenia agreed to withdraw the Motion and pass it to Presidium for further development.

M03_2.2: Slovenia – To compile WRRR Music CDs professionally

Marko Podgornik (SLO) explained that WRRR Music CDs should be compiled professionally.

MKI explained that this is connected with music rights which were also a question from Slovenia.

From discussion it could be seen that different rules are valid in different countries.

Presidium will look for an option how to handle the music rights and compilation of CDs.

M04_1: Hungary - To amend Tournament Rules 5.1.3. - line 6 as follows

"Closing date for entry less than 3 weeks before event according to the date decided and published by WRRR in WRRR Online Registration System"

(15) The Motion was approved with 2 abstentions.

M04_2: Hungary - To allow replacement of couples after deadline for WRRR Championships

MKI explained that no change of rules is necessary but such a replacement must be done via WRRR Office and not directly through the registration system otherwise we can't prepare a consistent starting list.

An explanation how to proceed in such case will be published on WRRR Home Page.

M04_3: Hungary - To approve WRRR RR Youth/Juniors/main Class Continental Championships only at the end of spring season and World Ch. at the end of autumn season

Miklos G. (HUN) explained that events organized earlier are not correct following the sport training doctrine and also both Championships in the same season is not appropriate. He also explained that end of spring means May or June and end of autumn means November and December.

Also some other delegates commented this was a reasonable motion.
It was clarified that the motion only speaks about RR couples Youth/Juniors/Main Class.
MKI explained that European Ch. and World Ch. 2012 Youth/Juniors as well as European Championship RR Main class have already been approved (outside the proposed dates) so the motion must be without already approved events.

(16) The Motion was approved for Championships which have not been decided yet (14 yes, 3 NO, 3 abstentions).

M04_4: Hungary – Girl formations Main class – to change the limitation from SL3 to SL1

Miklos G. (HUN) presented a video to explain the motion.
Several delegates commented that there is no real change from the previous motion (2 years ago) and saw no reason to implement it.
PH commented that from video not really SL1 was visible, but mostly acrobatics with contact.
Some delegates felt that higher acrobatics would mean fewer teams.
Hungary requested a vote.

(17) The motion was denied (3 Yes, 11 No, 8 abstentions)

ITEM 11 Selection of New Logo and New naming conventions

We have received 9 proposals for new logo. None really shows the image of WRRRC and is a better option than existing one.

Delegates propose to Presidium professional approach for new logo and corporate identity.

For naming of "B" class also no proposal was acceptable. The Presidium shall handle this as well.

ITEM 12 Any other businesses

OCT pool and anti-doping affairs

The national federations are responsible to inform that dancers and make sure that they follow the anti-doping requirements as requested.

MM prepared a presentation; all members shall examine it and use it for their anti-doping workshops,

Motions in future

Members should describe their motions in advance. We shall discuss about them during the Forum.

GM 2012:


No applications have arrived so far. President invited members to send an application to WRRRC Office.

The President thanked everybody for their participation, thanked Norway again for their hospitality and good organization of this year's event.

The President closed the meeting at 13.50

Ljubljana, 25.03.2011

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Verification of Minutes

