

**Minutes of the WRRC General Meeting  
March 11, 2012, Ljubljana - Slovenia**



**Start of the meeting: Sunday, March 11 at 09:30**  
**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 clip prepared by DB has been shown to the audience. The clip is available for everyone interested.

The President asked the delegates for a minute of silence in the memory of Ralf Pickelmann who passed away last autumn.

The President confirmed that the General Meeting had been duly convened and was quorate. There were **27** votes from **17** countries in the room.

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 2011**

There were no questions about the minutes from GM 2011

**(2) Minutes from GM 2011 were approved unanimously.**

**ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda of the General Meeting**

The Presidium asked for an amendment of the Agenda. To add a missing item to the Agenda  
- Elections of two Auditors

**(3) Agenda was approved unanimously with one amendment – Elections of two Auditors.**

**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 2011.  
An extensive presentation of the project “new judging concept” has been presented already on Saturday. The Sports director invited once again all countries to participate at the second phase of this project.  
There were no questions to the report.

The commissioners have sent their reports in advance. No extra comments were added  
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](mailto:karl.wollein@khgh.at)).

Together with this point the President also commented that many countries don't follow the decision about the required time frame of 12 months for the application for WRRC international competitions. WRRC still receives several applications which are out of this time frame. Many organizers claim that they had no info from the federation about the necessary date.

All the federations must inform their members about all WRRC decision and have to make sure that their members follow the rules and regulations!

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. They congratulated the Treasurer and Presidium for a good work and pointed out once again to the Members that all Invoices have to be paid in the full amount. All bank expenses have to be paid by the recipient of the invoice.

The auditors thanked the Presidium for good financial work and proposed that Presidium is discharged for year 2011.

#### **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 2010 unanimously

#### **ITEM 8 Presentation and confirmation of the Budget 2012**

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.

Presidium proposed some small changes of the Fee Scale:

- Names of the events for competition fee – because of changed names
- Expenses for Protocol – WRRC shall pay travelling expenses and daily fee for both Protocol persons – the daily fee is 250 € (which includes also a day prior to the competition).

Martin Brokke (NED) asked why is there so much money in the funds? ME explained that in 2012 we will start to use the money from funds – for new IT, for expansion and some other projects.

(6) Budget 2012 and change of Fee Scale were approved unanimously.

#### **ITEM 9 Elections of two Auditors**

At first the President thanked both Auditors from their excellent work and called for proposals of new Auditors.

The following delegates were proposed and accepted nominations:

- Gritli Ramschag Wollein (AUT)
- Daniele Fuog (SUI)

(7) Gritli Ramschag Wollein (AUT) and Daniele Fuog (SUI) were elected as new Auditors..

#### **ITEM 10 Report of Activities connected with WDSF**

The President presented the activities connected with our membership in WDSF. The presentation is attached to the minutes.

#### **ITEM 11 Motions**

**M00: Motion from Denmark - application of Membership for Danish Dance Sport Federation**

Fleming Riis, a representative from DSF has presented his motion to replace the existing member from Denmark with the DSF. DSF is a Member of WDSF and includes several dance sport categories from Latin and standard to Rock'n'Roll and Boogie Woogie. It is an amateurs association and follows the sports principles. At the moment they don't have couples on international level but they are working on it and FR said that in one or two years they will have many couples able to compete internationally.

Heidi Luplau presented the status of our existing Members (DRRF). They would like to stay our Member, they admit that at the moment there are not so many couples and most of young dancers go to Hip Hop and similar dance styles. They are willing to develop and introduce some new couples in the near future.

Several question followed by different delegates aiming to find out who would be a better Member, who would be the real representative of all dancers in Denmark. Since both federations have almost no international couples at this moment, it was not easy to decide.

Fleming Riis agreed to a vote about double Membership for a fixed limited period of time.

(8) The GM granted provisional Membership for 2012 and 2013 for both federations from Denmark "Danmarks Sportsdanserforbund" and "Dansk Rock'n'Roll Forbund". During the GM in March 2014 a final decision about the Member from Denmark will be made.

### **M01: Statute commission motions**

On Saturday an extensive presentation of proposed changes of Statutes has been made by the working group elected in Norway (Armin Prosch (GER), Lena Arvidson (SWE), Jiri Hais (CZE), Edilio Pagano (ITA), Tom Skamo (NOR), Marko Podgornik (SLO) and Mirjam Kerpan Izak (WRRRC)). A constructive discussion followed about some proposed changes.

The members of the working group have decided to review the remarks received and prepare some amendments to the proposed changes. The aim is to have the new Statute ready already for next election.

It was also not clear if the group as such was eligible to present a Motion, so the Motion was withdrawn. The plan is to call an extraordinary GM to decide about the new Statute.

### **M02\_1: Hungary – Motion No1**

*The rules of using yellow, red and black cards should be published in WRRRC competition rules or on WRRRC website*

The President explained that Presidium already plans to publish these rules on WRRRC home Page. The Observers had their meeting just before AGM and the revised explanations will be on-line by the end of April.

No vote was requested from Hungary

### **M02\_2: Hungary – Motion No2**

#### **The size of a dance floor:**

*5.3 The dance floor must have a size of about 30m<sup>2</sup> (6m broad and 5m deep) per couple and for formations at least **14m x 14m** are necessary. If there is a stage, or step down at the dance floor border, there must be an additional safety border of 1m. For Rock'n'Roll Main Class, B Class and Formation Main Class, a minimum of 6 m free high over the dance floor is required.*

The representative of Hungary explained that a wider stage is required since 12 x 12 stage is not big enough for Ladies formation with 8 couples.

In the discussion other delegates pointed out that the stage is big enough and the new size would only damage the impression of smaller formations, since they would be lost in such big stage.

Also the formation comm. Dr. Robert Obermaier commented that such change is not needed.

(9) The motion was denied.

### **M02\_2: Hungary – Motion No3**

„Organisers of all WRRRC competitions must provide proper place for warming up for all participants at the location of the competition.”

The President explained that the Contract requires a proper warm up hall but the location is not specified.

Several delegates pointed out that it is of course optimal if the warm up hall could be on the same location, but sometimes this is not possible due to the structure of the competition place. Their opinion was that places nearby are also acceptable.

(10) The motion was denied.

### **M02\_4: Hungary – Motion No4**

This was a question about the decision from GM 2011 – about the dates of ECh and Wch.

The President explained that this decision is already valid but it could not be applied for events in 2012, since the events have been granted before the GM 2011 in Norway. For events in 2013 the new rule will be used.

### **M03: Bosnia – Limitation of figures “B” class**

Namik Trutovic from BIH presented the motion about the limitation of figures in “B” class in order to achieve more variety in acrobatic programmes.

The Sports director commented that the new point system for acrobatics – connected with the new judging system will encourage couples to dance elements from different groups. He invited Namik to participate in this selection of figures.

The President explained that a similar Motion was received from Hungary, but withdrawn before the GM, to be forwarded to the project of new judging system.

Bosnia withdrew the Motion.

### **M04: Sweden – a package of motions connected to development of Lindy hop**

The full text of the Motion is included in GM documentation.

Lena Arvidson from Sweden presented the motion, explained why they will this would benefit Lindy Hop in WRRRC and how it should work on operational level.

There were several questions and comments from the delegates connected mostly to the following items

- Who are these organizers?
- What is the real benefit of WRRRC?
- How will the anti-doping issues work?
- Where and how the couples will be announced for the competition?

LA explained that Lindy hop is not really growing in WRRRC so perhaps this way we could attract more couples and expand the number of participating countries.

Some delegates felt that perhaps Lindy hop isn't really as sportive as Rock'n'Roll and Boogie and perhaps we should go with it into direction of mixing the competition with social dance - as camps, festivals or similar.

(11) The motion was approved for Lindy Hop World Cups and for the test period of 2 years. The Lindy commissioner shall work together with Presidium and representatives from Sweden to make it operational.

### **M05: Italy – Question – How can a judge who has not renewed the licence come back to the active judges**

Edilio Pagano (ITA) explained that there are several judges who have not renewed the licence since they have not attended the seminar and he couldn't find an explanation how to regain the judging licence.

The Sports Director explained that we planned a new licensing system together with new judging system since all judges will be required to renew their status after the new system will be introduced.  
For the time in-between the Presidium will prepare a regulation how to renew the license.

#### **M06: Slovenia - Registration of international judges**

*All WRRC international judges should be included in registration software where it should be marked in which categories their family members are dancing. They have to announce this at the beginning of the year and not just before the event they have been nominated for.*

Bostjan Marinko (SLO) explained that it is very difficult to find judging panels without any persons present from whom a family Member is dancing on the competition. Sometimes several judges have children in the same category so it means that the Organizer gets more judges than planned. With a clear statement in the registration SW it would be also easier for Sport director to plan the events.

Montse Bachmann commented that it should be also necessary to note on the judging panel which the countries received from the Sports director which categories should a country judge – this way it would make it easier to select the suitable judge from the country for each event.

(12) The motion was approved.

#### **M07: Russia – to grant WRRC international events only to national federations**

Stanislav Yasharov (RUS) distributed an amended motion to the delegates during the GM. The amendment covered also all other WRRC competitions which were not included in the original motion. The full text of the Motion is included in GM documentation.

SY explained that it is necessary to approve this motion in order to follow the legal regulations in the member countries and to insure that the responsible national federation is always a part of competition organization.

Other delegates commented that the motion is too strict and does not allow any professional competition organization from some company which has been the case some years ago. They have also pointed out that WRRC can't follow different regulations for different competitions it is against our Statute. Following the Statute we need to comply with the Swiss law.

In our existing regulations there is already a rule (4.1) which enables "a veto" from a national association upon a granted event. "*The national association has the right to prevent a competition run by one of its member clubs from going ahead within 4 weeks of the award notice*". The President explained that Russia didn't use this option for the upcoming World Championship they complained 3 months after the decision was made.

(13) The motion was denied.

#### **M08: France – Robert Esteban – formation time preliminary round**

France has not confirmed this motion as an official motion from France so the motion was discarded.

#### **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 2013:*

An application has been received from Prague CZE.

The President closed the meeting at 13.50 and thanked all everybody for their participation

Ljubljana, 25.03.2012

Miriam Kerpan Izak  
WRRC President

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