

**Minutes of the WRRC General Meeting
March 10, 2013, Prague – Czech Republic**



Start of the meeting: Sunday, March 10 at 09:15
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 confirmed that the General Meeting had been duly convened and was quorate. There were **33** votes from **19** countries in the room (17 votes simple majority, 22 votes 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 2012

There were no questions about the minutes from GM 2012

(2) Minutes from GM 2012 were approved unanimously.

ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda of the General Meeting

The Presidium asked for an amendment of the Agenda – delegates from Hungary asked to move their motions in front due to their time limitations.

(3) Agenda was approved unanimously with the proposed amendment.

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 2012. In her report she pointed out the need for more events and invited countries to send applications for competitions. She presented two new WRRC members – India and Lebanon. She repeated the importance of anti-doping procedures following a workshop organized by Manfred Mohab. An extensive presentation of the project “new judging concept” has been presented already on Saturday. The detailed steps will follow shortly.

DB showed the WRRC You tube channel and congratulated the organizers of World Ch. Boogie in Fauske and RR in Moscow for very good TV recordings. He also showed our connection to WDSF web site. There were no questions to the report.

The commissioners have sent their reports in advance. No extra comments were added. A working group for formations has been established and following their work and proposals from the forum some changes will be decided soon. There were no additional questions to the reports from Commissioners.

ME presented the end-of-year balance sheet. She explained some items. DB explained the work of Expansion project and the costs related to the project. Members expressed a wish that in all workshops for new members RR and BW are trained.

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.

Both Auditors also presented some options to make the books even more transparent and easier to check up. Claims for expenses have to be issued separately for each event, no claim shall be issued when paid by credit card, the expenditure of the funds must be visible and at the Balance sheet the remaining funds must be shown.

The auditors thanked the Presidium for good financial work and proposed that Presidium is discharged for year 2012.

ITEM 6 Approval of all reports

(4) Reports were approved unanimously.

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

(5) Organs were discharged for 2012 unanimously

ITEM 8 Presentation and confirmation of the Budget 2013

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.

Extra costs are expected for the new judging project, but they will be distributed in two consecutive years. MKI pointed out that we need to earn more money; otherwise we can't really finance any strategic projects. The expenditure has been cut to minimum; we need to find options how to raise the income.

(6) Budget 2013 was approved unanimously.

ITEM 9 Report of Activities connected with WDSF

The President presented the activities connected with our membership in WDSF. A new contract is due this year and next the GM will need to confirm the contract.

Activities regarding World DanceSport Games have been presented on the forum. It is really important that everyone follows the instructions and deadlines as written.

The GM reconvened after a short break.

35 votes were presented from 20 countries – 18 votes simple majority, 24 votes 2/3 majority.

ITEM 10 Motions

M01, M02, M03: Motions from Italy, Sweden and Germany to change WRRRC Statute

MKI asked the three countries if these are the same motions and how they will be presented. The countries answered that the motions are the same and they will present them together. The presented was Edilio Pagano.

All three motions were presented point by point during the forum on Saturday. Edilio asked all delegates if they wish to go through all the points one by one again. The delegates decided this was not necessary.

EP presented one amendment for the motion M01 - §17 – by mistake the text was copied from the old Statute not the new proposed Statute. Then new proposed §17 read as follows:

- 1) Penalties may be imposed by the Presidium or the General Meeting on members of the Confederation (national federations), organizers and organizations, active dancers, officials, collaborators and club auxiliaries and groups registered in the national federations who

breach, either intentionally or by neglect, these Statutes and all rules and published decisions decided by the WRRRC Presidium or General Meeting, furthermore the relevant version of the Anti Doping Code and the Code of the Disciplinary Council of the World Dance Sport Federation (WDSF), or who damage the reputation of Rock 'n' Roll sporting dance.

After a long discussion on Saturday, the members had no more comments or questions for the group. MM congratulated the group for the extensive work they have done, expressed his opinion that some points could be handled differently but all over the final version of the document is very good.

The presenters proposed a joint vote for all the motions. The president called for a vote for M01, M02 and M03.

(7) The GM confirmed all the proposed changes of the Statute. The new version of the Statute will be published on-line. 31 YES, 2 abstentions, 2 NO.

Following the points of the new accepted statute the President proposed an extra point on the agenda

- Election of "Election committee"

(8) Approved unanimously

Members proposed the following persons for the election Committee

- Lena Arvidsson (SWE) – President
- Armin Prösch (GER) – Member
- Bartłomiej Kobylanski (POL) – Member

(9) Approved with: 32 YES, 2 abstentions, and 1 NO.

M08: Motions from Hungary

M08_1 – to modify the WRRRC code of Conduct and Standards of Ethics

The proposed change was to add trainers to the people with whom the judges are not allowed to communicate. Montse Bachmann commented that sometimes it is necessary to speak with trainers and on the other hand a judge doesn't know if a person is a trainer or not.

MKI reported that before competitions all Supervisors point out the Code to the judges and proposed that the topic should be included in all seminars for judges.

Hungary requested a vote.

(10) The motion was denied.

M08_2: To publish Basic Mandatory conditions of organizing competitions

Hungary emphasised that an extra space for judges should be organized separating them from the audience and other persons present on the competition. Other Members argued that this is not logistically possible.

The conditions are published in the rules and in the contract. The organizers know exactly what they need to provide, but it is not easy to act when the competition is already in progress.

PH reported that we have a special document for the organizers – Check list for organizers.

Hungary withdrew the Motion.

M04: Bosnia – Maximum number of couples and cancellation of hope round

Namik Trutovic from BIH presented the motion to change the maximum couples on stage from 5 to 3 and as consequence delete the hope round in order to save some time on the competition.

He expressed concern that couples dancing at the back are not judged correctly and so the couples in front are in better position. Other delegates argued this – they said it could also be viewed from another perspective – that for couples in front judges see all mistakes and for the ones in back not. Attila Szakal commented that with new tablets the judges can stand up and observe the couples and they only need to input a single mark for each couple.

MKI explained that the couples are positioned random on stage, so the same couple is sometimes at the back and other rounds in the front; she has also commented that the cancellation of hope round would mean that some couples would travel more than 1000 km just to perform once and go home. She thought this was not a good solution.

After some more discussion Bosnia withdrew the motion.

M05: Bulgaria – to establish a strategy for expansion and to create an appropriate working group

Milko Kralski presented some activities he had done during last year where he connected his professional travel, with some activities regarding the expansion of WRRRC dances in other countries and continents. As conclusion he proposed that WRRRC shall establish a working group and make a general strategy for expansion.

DB explained how the expansion project is running at the moment.
MKI presented a work from Russian federation led by Ekaterina Tikhonova.

It is really important that all these actions are connected that we don't approach the same country from two different "sources" and that we follow the status of each country.

MKI proposed that all interested parties contact Daniel Bachmann who will coordinate and guide all the activities.

Presidium should use all the inputs from Members and try to organize a team.

Bulgaria withdrew the Motion and passed the work to Presidium.

M06_1: France – Allocation of competitions explicitly to national federation Member

Noune Marty explained the motion. WRRRC Members are national federations and not local clubs or organizers so the national federations are the ones responsible and authorized to organize events. All application forms (bidding forms) shall be signed by the President of respective federation.

(11) The motion was approved with 2 abstentions

M06_2: France – To establish systematic control system for judging during the WRRRC events together with possible sanctions

Fred Veron presented the motion. He expressed concern that the marks from individual judges don't meet the standards of international judging criteria and that WRRRC shall act and punish these judges.

PH explained that Presidium has already decided to make a commission to review the whole process regarding judges – licensing, distribution, seminars, controls...

Aina Nygaard presented her new concept of BW judging seminars which are aimed for better quality of judging.

France withdrew the motion and passed it to Presidium and new commission,

M07: Germany - To define a clear structure how to develop our sport step by step from beginners to Main Class

Armin Prösch presented the motion. He explained it is really important that we establish a structure following which our couples could develop from beginners to Main class. He said that currently our system doesn't make it possible for juniors to develop skills which would help them in Main class.

There were some other comments in the same direction. It is clear also that we need to review the SL3 and general limitation of figures in RR juniors – also from the health perspective.

Germany withdrew the motion and passed it to Presidium who will organize a new working group especially for SL3 and safety levels from youth to Main class.

ITEM 11 Any other businesses

Presentations

Organizers presented videos for World Championship RR Main Class and World Championship formations.

The President closed the meeting at 13.30 and thanked everybody for their participation

Ljubljana, 05.04.2013
Miriam Kerpan Izak
WRRC President

