

**Minutes of the WRRC General Meeting
March 8/9, 2014, Cracow Poland**



Start of the meeting: Saturday March 8 2014 at 16:00
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.

She expressed a warm welcome to WDSF President Carlos Freitag and the delegate from our new member country Lebanon – Yulia Hemade.

The President confirmed that the General Meeting had been duly convened and was quorate. There were **40** votes from **22** countries in the room (27 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 2013

There were no questions about the minutes from GM 2013

(2) Minutes from GM 2013 were approved unanimously.

ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda of the General Meeting

The Presidium asked for an amendment of the Agenda - >to add two points under Item 14

- Confirmation of Provisional Membership Turkey
- Honoration Proposals

(3) Agenda was approved unanimously with the proposed 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 2013.

In her report she pointed out the great success of WRRC representatives on WDSF World DanceSport Games and the need of further development of our sport. She invited the representatives from Sweden to present the activities connected with Lindy hop World Cup Series. The project is growing and we can expect more events in 2014 and some positive feedback for WRRC in 2015.

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.

ME presented the end-of-year balance sheet. She explained some items.

The bank expenses have grown higher over the years. Roman Lampeter from Austria proposed a possibility to change the bank from Switzerland to one of the EU countries. Presidium will investigate the best possible option.

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 have drawn the attention to the fact that almost 30% of our budget has

been spent for the New Judging System and those we need to plan carefully. They congratulated the Treasurer and Presidium for a good work and pointed out once again the bank fees.

The auditors thanked the Presidium for good financial work and proposed that Presidium is discharged for year 2013.

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 2013 unanimously

ITEM 8 WDSF – 2020 Vision and Ratification of New Membership Contract

The President MKI invited WDSF President Carlos Freitag (CF) to present the WDSF, the collaboration between WDSF and WRRRC and the basics of 2020 Vision Project.

He presented the whole project in details and showed the WRRRC members where we can find benefits of our Membership in WDSF. At the end of the presentation there were some questions addressed to CF mainly connected to the possibility of returning to World Games and CF pointed out that IWGA requires 3 continents and 40 member nations. With the new Members we are on a good way to come back to the world Games but new countries must also be active on competitions. He also explained that no contract was possible between WDSF and IDO so WDSF will open a new section for “other dances” – e.g. hip-hop, break, street dance, salsa...

The Presentation is available on WRRRC home Page and it is also attached to the Minutes of GM.

MKI thanked CF for his excellent presentation and valuable suggestions which we can also use in our projects.

After the presentation MKI reported that WRRRC has signed a New Associated Membership Contract with WDSF (which all member federations have received in documentation package for GM) for a period from 01.09.2013 to 31.08.2016. She asked the delegates to ratify the contract

(6) The associated membership contract between WRRRC and WDSF was approved with 1 abstention.

Meeting stopped on Saturday at 18:00

Meeting started on Sunday at 09:30

All delegates were in the room when meeting restarted on Sunday, so the number of votes remained equal – 40 votes from 22 countries - > 27 votes 2/3 majority.

The President pointed out a decision made on GM 2012 regarding the member federations from Denmark. The decision in 2012 was “*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.*”

She asked the delegates to add this point into the agenda and let the representatives of both federations speak and then a decision shall be made. The delegates agreed.

Both Danish representatives presented their work in the past two years. There are couples in both federations, but unfortunately they couldn't find a way how to work together. After some questions from delegates the following facts were clear:

- The DRRF is a professional organization, they are not member of national Olympic Committee
- DSF is an amateur federation who is a member of national Olympic Committee and WDSF Member.
- Both federations are following the anti-doping policy.

The President called for a vote for a Danish Membership in WRRRC

- (7) "Danmarks Spordaseforbund" was elected as a single member representing Denmark in WRRC. (34 votes for DSF, 6 votes for DRRF).

The President thanked the representatives of DRRF and expressed her wish that both federations could cooperate in the future and enable all dancers to take part on national and international events. Heide Luplau from DRRF thank WRRC for the possibility to be a Member for more than 20 years and wish all the successful work in the future.

ITEM 9 Presentation and confirmation of the Budget 2014

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.

Also in 2014 we will have expenses connected to the New Judging system.

Together with the budget ME presented also the Presidium motion to change the Fee Scale – registration fee, starting fee and competition fee. WRRC is paying two protocol persons and the Supervisor for all WRRC events. With the existing fees sometimes the income in competition is lower than the fees payable by WRRC.

- (8) Budget 2014 was approved unanimously.
- (9) The amendments of the Fee Scale were approved unanimously.
- o Registration fee: 25 € per person – valid from 01.01.2015
 - o Membership Fee – provisional Members: 100 € - valid from 01.01.2014
 - o Starting fee: 10 € per person – valid from 01.01.2014
 - o Tournament Fee – World Cup girl Formations – valid from 01.01.2014
 - o No reduction of Tournament fee for the second our following competition on the same event – valid from 01.01.2015

ITEM 10 Presidium Motions

P02 Confirmation of New Judging system and corresponding changes of rules and regulations.

All the documentation was available before the GM, on forum and Saturday the changes were presented by Peter Herrmann and Manfred Mohab.

The Motions from Russia, Poland and Slovakia are connected to the NJS, so delegates and presenters of motions agreed to speak about them under this item.

M01/1 – Russia – definition of basic step: The motion from Russia was to change the definition of the basic step – that also the order kick – kick – kbc is the correct one.

The presenter of the motion Oleg Kustov expressed concern that a single definition (kbc-kick-kick) will have a negative effect on dancers used to dance in the proposed order.

The delegates discussed about this definition and most of them explained that the basic of all swing dances is rock step – step –step which commemorates in different steps in different dances but the structure is always the same.

- (10) Motion to change the definition of basic step and include also the option kick-kick-kbc was rejected (2 YES, 22 NO, 12 ABS).

There were several motions presented for the dancing time and the number of acrobatics for the semi-final and final "B" class and Main class, claiming that the Presidium Motion of 2 minutes and 6 acrobatic figures will not bring any added value.

- M01/3 Russia proposed either to use the old version 1:30 with 6 acrobatics or 2:00 with 8 acrobatics
- M06/1 Poland proposed to use the old version of rules 1:30 with 6 acrobatics
- M08/1 Germany proposed to use the old version of rules 1:30 with 6 acrobatics

An extended discussion followed by delegates from different countries some in favour for one or the other option. Roman Lampeter from Austria proposed that we vote for each part separately – dancing time and number of acrobatics.

People who were against extension of dancing time claimed that the physical requirements from 1:30 to 2:0 change from anaerobic to aerobic performance which could result in non optimal dance performance in the most important rounds.

The ones supporting 2:00 dancing time explained that this is the only way to see more dancing in the acrobatic round.

There were also different argument regarding the number of acrobatics – with only 5 all couples will dance the same, with 6 there will be no dancing.

Finally the President called for votes

- (11) 1:30 Dancing time in "B" class and Main Class semi-final and final was approved
- (12) 6 Acrobatics in "B" class and Main Class semi-final and final was approved
- (13) The NJS and correspond rules were confirmed with the amendment from decisions 11 and 12

P03_Division and nomination of judges on WRRRC events

Peter Herrmann presented the motion regarding the division of judges and distribution of judging places on WRRRC events. The Presidium prepared this motion after the proposal from delegates on GM 2012 to have a more transparent procedure of awarding the judging places. The proposal is included in GM documentation

- (14) The new division and distribution of judges was approved unanimously (from 01.01.2015)
The detailed formulation will be prepared by the Presidium based on the presented motion.

ITEM 11 Member Motions

M01/2 Russia: To bring back individual final music for Youth/Juniors composed only from the songs on WRRRC CDs.

Oleg Kustov presented the motion and pointed out that under current regulation it happens constantly that in the final of youth/junior competition we hear the same music several times, which is boring, the audience and TV don't understand this. Russia feels that performances could improve if WRRRC would allow again a special final music in these categories.

MKI pointed out that some logistic and correct procedures are connected with this and finally the following decision was made.

- (15) The delegates approve the reintroduction of individual final music for RR youth and Juniors composed from the song approved by WRRRC: The Presidium shall find a suitable solution and present it in autumn 2014 so the couples could start using their own music from 01.01.2015

M02/Finland: Finland withdrew its motion. They explained that Nordic countries decided to test the concept on the local level first.

M03/Sweden: Motion connected with the minimum age of participants on International Championships.

Lena Arvidsson from Sweden presented the motion based on UN Convention of Rights of the Child, where it is specified that a child is a person less than 13 years old and as such should not be included in a competitive sport on international level.

She explained that the Nordic countries are strictly following this convention and she wished it was adopted on the international level as well.

Some countries didn't understand what the difference between participation on a World Cup or World Championships was.

Also the current WRRRC structure of age groups would need to be changed significantly by the introduction of this rule.

- (16) The motion "Not to allow any person less than 13 years old to take part on WRRRC championships) was rejected.

M04/Norway: To define **Youth** as category from 8 – 12 years and **Juniors** as category from 13 – 17 years. The motion based on the same basis at the motion from Sweden.

The first part was connected with the motion from Sweden, so Norway withdrew this part and asked for a vote only: To change Boogie Woogie Juniors to 13 – 17 years, starting from 01.09.2014

- (17) Boogie Woogie Juniors age limitation 13 – 17 years was approved. From 01.09.2014 (15 YES, 7 NO, 18 ABS).

M05/1 Bulgaria: original Bettarini

After clarification what Bulgaria meant by original Bettarini the Motion was withdrawn

M03/2 Bulgaria: Motion regarding the introduction of NJS was withdrawn

M05/3 Bulgaria: Motion regarding the dress code was forwarded to Presidium for evaluation

M05/4 Bulgaria: To reintroduce the possibility to announce Presidium candidates directly on GM.

The delegates were under impression that this is a step back to the old Statute and felt the motion. No vote was requested.

M05/5 Bulgaria: There is no point in the Statute defining who is representing the President generally in his/her absence. The point should be added to the Statute.

- (18) A clear definition of the Vice President representing the federation in case of absence of the President must be added to the Statute. Approved unanimously

M06/2 Poland: Motion to shorten the dancing time of Youth category to 1:05.

Poland explained that 1:05 is enough for this category; the programmes will be more attractive and dynamic. Other delegates expressed concern that with such a short dancing time the judges would not have enough time to properly evaluate dancers in the round with 4 or 5 couples on the stage.

- (19) The motion to shorten the dancing time in Youth was rejected (Only 2 YES)

M07/3 Poland: Motion to change the dancing time for Girl formations Juniors and Main Class to the original time 2:45 – 3:00 Minutes, the motion was presented in combination with **M07/4** – special arrangement of rounds for Girl formations.

Poland explained that 1:45 – 2:00 is not enough to present the whole story and if the judges would not be able to evaluate the performance adequately. The time could be saved by skipping the ¼ final regardless of the number of formations present on the competition.

MKI explained that going back to old rules it would mean that the formation events would be really long and no combined competitions would be possible. She also explained that the new times were coordinated with formation commissioner.

Attila Szakal from Hungary explained that as a judge he fully supports the shortened dancing times and the judges will be able to evaluate formations correctly also in the shortened version.

Anna Yudina from Russia explained that they have tried the shortened dancing time on Russian events already and it worked perfectly.

- (20) The motion to restore the Girl formation dancing time to old rules was rejected.

M07/4 Poland Motion to change round arrangements for Girl formations was withdrawn

M07/5 Poland Motion to move the decisions regarding competition regulations under the jurisdiction of GM and to set a rule that all regulations decided on GM should be valid from the 1st of January next year.

MKI explained that this is a change of Statute, so the motions need 2/3 majority and that it means no exceptions would be possible regarding the change of rules and a short introduction of innovations.

- (21) The motion to move the decisions regarding competition regulations under the jurisdiction of GM and to set a rule that all regulations decided on GM should be valid from the 1st of January next year was rejected.

M08/ Slovakia To change the dancing time for girl formations generally in all rounds. They had different proposed options; they requested a vote for a proposed time of 2:00 – 2:15 for all rounds.

- (22) The motion to generally change the Girl formation dancing time to 2:00 – 2:15 was rejected.

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

ITEM 12 Election Auditors

Following WRRS Statute the auditors need to be elected every 2 years. The President asked the delegates for proposals. The following persons were proposed:

- Armin Prosch (GER)
- Gritli Ramschag Wollein (AUT)
- Danielle Fuog (Switzerland)

All 3 candidates accepted the candidacy.

- (23) The new elected WRRS Auditors are Gritli Ramschag Wollein (26 votes) and Danielle Fuog (31 votes). Armin Prosch received 23 votes and was not elected.

ITEM 13 Election Arbitration Committee

Following WRRS Statute the chair of Arbitration Committee needs to be elected every 2 years. The President asked the delegates for proposals. There was only one proposal: Lena Arvidsson (Sweden)

- (24) The new elected Chair of Arbitration committee is Lena Arvidsson. Approved unanimously.

ITEM 14 Election Presidium

Following WRRS Statute (§10 Article 5) the election procedure was the first time handled by election committee. The President asked the Presidium to step down and the election procedure was organized and supervised by the members of election committee – Lena Arvidsson, Armin Prosch and Bartlomiej Kobylanski.

For all Presidium positions at least one complete candidacy arrived in due time with correct documentation. The member federations have received a full list of candidates and their programmes 3 weeks before the GM.

Lena Arvidsson presented the procedure: each candidate will have 1 minute for a final presentation and the members will be able to ask some questions. The voting shall be performed following our Statute, for positions with only one candidate the delegates will be asked for approval by acclamation.

President:

- **Miriam Kerpan Izak (Slovenia)** re-elected by acclamation
- Daniel Bachmann withdrew his candidacy (restriction already written in the presentation letter)

Vice President Communication:	Round 1	Round 2
- Edilio Pagano (Italy)	26 votes	30 votes
- Milko Kralski (Bulgaria)	10 votes	10 votes
- Namik Trutović (BIH)	4 votes	

Vice President Marketing and Expansion:

- **Katerina Tihonova (Russia)** elected by acclamation

Vice President Education	Round 1	Round 2
- Aina Nygaard (Norway)	17 votes	18 votes

- Alec Nowak (Poland) 11 votes
- **Katalin Kis (Hungary)** 12 votes **22 votes**

Vice President Legal Affairs

- **Manfred Mohab (Austria)** 24 votes
- Michele Planques (France) 16 votes
- Jiri Hais (CZE) withdrew his candidacy

Treasurer

- **Marina Eskolin (Finland)** 29 votes
- Peter Herrmann (Germany) 11 votes

Sports director

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| - Denis Lilih (Croatia) | 23 votes | 30 votes |
| - Jiri Hais (CZE) | 11 votes | 10 votes |
| - Montse Bachmann (SUI) | 5 votes | |
| - Michele Planques (France) withdrew her candidacy | | |

All elected candidates accepted their positions, so the new WRRRC Presidium in:

President: Miriam Kerpan Izak (Slovenia)
 VP Communication: Edilio Pagano (Italy)
 VP Marketing & Expansion: Katerina Tihonova (Russia)
 VP Education: Katalin Kis (Hungary)
 VP Legal Affairs: Manfred Mohab (Austria)
 Treasurer: Marina Eskolin (Finland)
 Sports Director: Denis Lilih (Croatia)

ITEM 15 ANY OTHER ITEM

Honoration:

The President thanked Daniel Bachmann for all the work he has done in WRRRC in more than 25 years of his active membership in WRRRC Presidium. She expressed a wish that also in the future Daniel would stay with WRRRC and shared with us his experience. For his contribution she proposed the delegates to elect him as an Honorary President.

- (25) **Daniel Bachmann was elected as Honorary WRRRC President. Approved unanimously.**

The President presented the motion of the (old) Presidium to award the honoration in Silver to Fred Pasqualin for his expertise advice and his contribution for the development of the new Judging system. Although he is not directly involved in Rock'n'Roll he participated in the group pro-bono and brought in many valuable ideas also from different sports.

- (26) **Frederic Pasqualin was awarded an Honoration in Silver for his contribution to WRRRC. Approved unanimously.**

New membership application:

The President presented the membership application from Turkey – Paced Swing Dance Association led by Muharrem Aydogan. The federation is a member of Turkish Dance federation, who is a full member of WDSF. A provisional membership for 2013 and 2014 was proposed by Presidium.

- (27) **Turkey was accepted as new WRRRC provisional Member for 2013 and 2014. Approved unanimously.**

The President explained that the next GM was planned in Milan Italy under the organisation of FIDS.

The President closed the meeting at 13:30 and thanked everyone for their participation and constructive inputs.

Ljubljana, 17.03.2014

Miriam Kerpan Izak
 WRRRC President

