

**Minutes of the WRRC General Meeting
March 13th 2016, Chisinau, Moldova**



Start of the meeting: Sunday, March 13th 2016 at 09:10
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 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.

- Absence of Presidium member KT: President MKI asked the GM to approve this exception of the Statute of WRRC (Presidium member has to be present on the GM).

(2) The delegates excused Katerina Tikhonova for not being present at GM. The exception was approved unanimously

The President confirmed that the General Meeting had been duly convened and was quorate. There were **35** votes from **20** countries in the room (18 votes for simple, 24 votes 2/3 majority).

ITEM 2 Approval of the Minutes of the last GM 2015

(3) Minutes from GM 2015 were approved unanimously.

ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda of the General Meeting

The President proposed one more topic to be added to the agenda under point 8:
Election of the Chairman of the Arbitration Committee.

There were no other amendments to the agenda.

(4) The new Agenda was approved unanimously.

ITEM 4 Presentation of consolidated Presidium report, questions and additions to the reports by the Presidium and the Commissioners, presentation of the end-of-year balance sheet

Edilio Pagano presented the consolidated report of Presidium – an overview of the work done in 2015.

There were no questions to the report.

Marina Eskolin (ME) presented the end-of-year balance sheet, explaining some of the items. We are still missing the sponsors on the income side (common problem of many "small" sports).

Peter Herrmann noticed that more money was spent for the marketing. MKI explained that the Presidium has prepared the marketing strategy, and the cost for that were interlaced with other activities of WRRC. On the other side, the Presidium managed to lower the costs for meetings and competitions.

ME once more pointed out that WRRC has changed the bank, and asked all member federations to be careful by payments, since some of them already went to the old bank. All information about the new bank is already on the invoices issued by the WRRC.

The commissioners have sent their reports in advance. No extra comments were added.
There were no additional questions to the reports from Commissioners.

ITEM 5 Auditors' report

Gritli Ramschag Wollein presented the report together with Danielle Fuog. All books and sheets were correctly done and no mistakes were found. Report of ME is consistent with the facts contained in the financial statement. The only remark is that some of the documents were made in Finnish language, and the official language in WRRRC is English.

They have also pointed out that it is not acceptable that the invoices for the registration licenses were not always paid at once in full amount, and that tournament fees have to be paid before the deadline (one day before the competition). Also the WRRRC functionaries are expected to use and fill properly the official forms for their expenses.

The auditors thanked the Presidium for good financial work and proposed that Presidium is discharged for year 2015.

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 2015 unanimously

ITEM 8 Election of auditors and election of Chairman of Arbitration committee

• Election of auditors

The General Meeting shall appoint two auditors for a period of two years each time. They must come from different ordinary members (national federations) and cannot belong to the Presidium.

Austria proposed Gritli Ramschag Wolleing

Switzerland proposed Daniele Fuog

Both candidates accepted the candidacy.

Since there were no other candidates, President proposed voting in a package.

(7) Auditor were elected unanimously. Auditors for the period of following two years will be Gritli Ramschag Wollein and Daniele Fuog

• Election of Chairman of Arbitration committee

The chairman of the arbitration committee shall be elected by the General Meeting for a period of two years (until the following election) and shall be a person who is both suitable and recognised by all. The Arbitration Committee constitutes when needed. The Chairman for the last two mandate was Lena Arvidson (Sweden).

Germany proposed Lena Arvidson.

The candidate accepted the candidacy.

(8) The Chairman of the Arbitration Committee was elected unanimously. Chairman for the period of following two years will be Lena Arvidson

ITEM 9 Presentation and approval of the budget 2016, including the Presidium Motion to change the fee scale (P01_FeeScale2016)

There were some small adjustments and clarifications to the Fee Scale for 2016

(9) The Fee Scale for 2016 was accepted unanimously

The budget was distributed to the delegates in advance. ME gave additional explanations regarding the budget. It is planned to spend some more on the education, especially for the preparation of Educational modules, according to the special project that will be carried out in 2016 and 2017. The increase of cost for the IT is necessary, since we need some new equipment (replacement) for the Scrutineers. Peter Herrmann pointed out the big increase for marketing. MKI explained that WRRRC is preparing the Golden Book, and there are also costs related to the global presentation of the WRRRC.

(10) Budget 2016 was approved unanimously.

ITEM 10 PRESIDIUM MOTIONS

Presidium motion P02: Fee Scale 2017

The Motion is to delete the prize money for World and Continental Championships and reintroduce the travel expenses reimbursement for the best couple of each country. The President gave a short explanation to the delegates. The sum which was previously born by the organizer for the prize money is now included in the Tournament fee, so for the organizers the costs stay the same. The aim is to help also the couples to come to the World and Continental Championships.

Sophie Sancosme (SUI): it is not written how this found will be distributed to the couples. MKI explained that the organizer pays the fee to the WRRRC, and WRRRC decides how it will be distributed.

Peter Herrmann (GER): now the organizer will have to pay in advance the whole amount, and before he could divide the cost in two amounts.

Xenia Hanapi (AUT): what will happen if the competition will be held for example in Australia, who will help the couples from Europe to come there. MKI explained that the money will be spent at least in the amount of the previous prize money for the competition in question. MM added that for special locations we also have a special budget (as was in case for World Games in Taiwan).

Proposal MKI: The following sentence should be added to the fee scale:

From Tournament fee for the World/Continental championship, as minimum the amount in height of the previous prize money shall be distributed by WRRRC to the couples as reimbursement for the travelling costs.

(11) The Fee Scale for 2017 was accepted with 33 votes for, and 2 votes against

Presidium motion P03: Confirmation of New WRRRC Member countries

New members get the Provisional Membership status for 3 years. We had applications from Peru, Japan and Hong Kong

(12) Provisional Membership of Peru, Japan and Hong Kong were confirmed unanimously

On the Presidium Meeting in Ljubljana (06.02.2016), Presidium approved the motion from Lebanon to be accepted as regular member. That had to be approved by the General Meeting. However, the cost of regular membership were too high for the Federation, so they decided to withdraw the motion.

Yulia Hemade (LEB) presented to the delegates their work so far, and explained the reasons for withdrawal. Since WRRRC has no rules how long the member can stay in a status of Provisional member, there was no need to vote on that matter.

ITEM 11 Member Motions

M01 – BULGARIA (7 motions, presented by Todor Petkow):

• MOTION 1:

All changes of documents of the WRRRC concerning the competitive activities of the WRRRC should be sent to the National Federation not later than September the previous year.

MKI pointed out that WRRRC received similar motion also from Germany, and that the Presidium decided already on the PM in Ljubljana that changes in the rules can be decided only every two years.

Regarding current rules which have to be changed according to the new structure, final proposals should be made during autumn, and sent to all national federations.

Todor Pektow suggested that also the answers of the Sport Commission on questions of members should be distributed to all national federations.

Since decision about this matter was made already in February, there is no need to vote on this motion.

Bulgaria withdrew the Motion

- **MOTION 2:**

The age limit for the competition category “Youth” should be from 8 to 12 years.

MKI pointed out that in Scandinavian countries 13 years of age is limit. Whatever rule we will have, we must assured that we have also younger dancers in the competitions, and we have to give them opportunity to transfer to the higher age groups.

After a short discussion, **Bulgaria withdrew the motion**

- **MOTION 3:**

For Formation RR class Junior should be made the following changes:

Age-limitation should be changed to: 12 – 17 years

Number of acrobatic figures should be changed to: 5-6 AE according WRRC safety level 3

As Mr. Petkow explained the main point is not to allow children to compete together with adults, and with the current rule, this is the case. Members of the formation should be the same age as Juniors.

Natalia Paivina (RUS): In Russia they have many formations, and only 3 got to the WCh, so in that case all are older. But if we want more formations, why not send younger dancers.

Sophie Sancosme (SUI): if we narrow the age group, it will be very hard to find the couples for junior formations.

Lena Arvidson (SWE): proposes to vote again about the Motion 2 from Bulgaria, and vote for new age category.

Vote on motion to change the age group (12-17 years):

FOR: 15 votes

AGAINST: 19 votes

(13) The motion M03 was not accepted

Since the Motion M03 did not pass, there was also no voting on motion to add new age group for Juveniles (8-12 years)

Bulgaria withdrew the motions number 4, 6 and 7

M02 – Switzerland (1 motion, presented by Sophie Sancosme)

- **Removal of the KO system during qualification rounds at the Rock’nRoll World Masters**

MKI gave short explanation why the KO-System was introduced 20 years ago. Back then, there was no other possibility to give the audience immediate information about who goes to the next round. With NJS we can show the results immediately. WRRC Presidium supports the motion.

Ivan Youdin (RUS): Even with the KO system, the winner is always the best couple on the competition. It is true that sometimes we get some strange results, but the KO-system gives the opportunity to promote to the next round also to the couples who are not so good, and that makes it interesting. He is for the KO.

Anne Ragnhild Olstad (NOR): the motivation to the couples is the achieved result, and not just luck. She is against KO, we need fair results on all competitions.

Lena Arvidsson (SWE): KO-system is interesting, but the problem is how we combine the couples.

MKI explained that WRRC presidium already changed the rules of the distribution of couples, in the first KO round decisive is current ranking (seeded couples), and in the semi-final the result from the previous round

Vote on motion to remove the KO-system:

FOR: 19 votes

AGAINST: 14 votes

SUSTAINED: 2 votes

(14) The motion was accepted. It will be valid immediately, for Rock’n’Roll and Boogie Woogie Masters. All other specific regulations for Masters will stay intact (seeded couples, division of rounds, distribution of couples in the rounds)

M03 – Russia (1 motion, presented by Natalia Paivina):

- **Number of the coaches who get the accreditation of the organizer should be proportional to the number of announced couples/teams.**

The WRRRC presidium has already decided on the PM in Ljubljana that additional coaches (over the quota given by the rules) can be announced, but they will have to pay the accreditation to the organizer. Announcement of additional coaches can be done only through the WRRRC Registration system. There is no need to vote on this motion.

Russia withdrew the motion

M04 – Germany (3 motions, presented by Katrin Kerber):

- **Motion1:**
„Announcements of obligatory seminars and exams of WRRRC at least 5 months prior to the final dates of the initiative “

WRRRC Presidium already agreed with this motion on the meeting in Ljubljana, we will try to set the fixed seminar weekends per year (similar as GM). The only exception will be the seminar for the new Boogie Woogie judges, because we have to organize it as soon as possible. There is no need to vote on this motion.

Germany withdrew the motion

- **Motion 2:**
„Strategic timelines for crucial and critical changes in systems related to our sport“

WRRRC Presidium already made a decision about adaptation of the sportive rules – generally we will try to change the rules every second year - we will collect proposals, ideas and make the analysis until July 2017, prepare changes for autumn and then accept it before the end of the year. There is no need to vote on this motion.

Germany withdrew the motion

- **Motion 3:**
„Strategic timelines for crucial and critical changes in systems related to our sport“

Due to recent cancelations of the competitions shortly before the deadline for cancelations and also costs which were connected with this for some couples (airplane tickets), there is a clear need for closer cooperation between the National federations to try to find possible alternative solutions.

MKI: if couples buy tickets a long time in advance, they also should take some insurance policy, not just because of the risk of cancelation of the event, but also because of all other possible risks which are connected with practicing of the sport.

Katrin Kerber: some times dancers themselves find the solutions for the canceled events, as was in case of Novosibirsk, when German couples did not cancel their tickets, but together with the local dancers organized workshop there.

MKI: we will work hard to establish the dancers commission, and this is one of the things the commission should deal with.

After discussion, there was no need to vote on this motion

M05 – Italy (2 motions, presented by Edilio Pagano):

- **Motion1:**
 - a) To use in 2016 the judges who participated in the congresses of last season
 - b) To review the questions used in the on-line tests of January
 - c) To program the new adjudicators exams in January 2017

Aina Nygard (NOR), BW Commissioner: we need trained judges, and the examination is very important part of the process. We need to be sure that the judges now what NJS is. The questions in written examination have already been reviewed according to the suggestion of the WRRRC Presidium meeting in Ljubljana.

Vote on motion:

FOR: 2 votes
AGAINST: 33 votes
SUSTAINED: 0 votes

(15) The motion was not accepted

- **Motion2:**

Review of the Adjudicators fees

Italy proposes a raise of the daily fee for judges in general, and especially for those who have both licenses for Rock'n'Roll and for Boogie Woogie, because they have also double costs for seminars and examinations.

MKI: we can review this proposal in the Presidium. Judges fees are daily expenses, and there are legal limitations of the height of such expenses. If we raise the fees, we would have to pay taxes, which is now not the case.

Italy withdrew the motion.

ITEM 12 ANY OTHER ITEM

- There were no additional items proposed by the delegates
- Next General Meeting will be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, from 10th to 12th of March 2017.
All possible candidates for the General Meeting 2018 should contact WRRRC office and send their applications.
- All interested organizers for the competitions in 2017 should send their official applications to the WRRRC office.

The President Miriam Kerpan Izak thanked all delegates and member federations for participation on the General Meeting, and especially the Moldovan federation for an excellent organisation.

The General meeting was closed at 12:30

Chisinau, 13.03.2016

Miriam Kerpan Izak
WRRRC President



**WORLD ROCK'N'ROLL
CONFEDERATION**
Miriam Kerpan Izak, President

Minutes:
Kresimir Bosnar



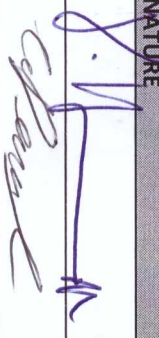


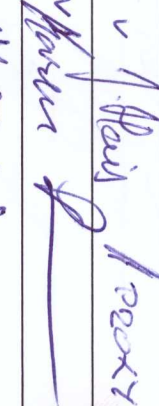

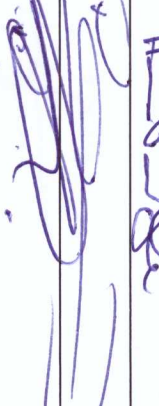
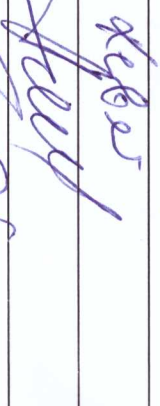
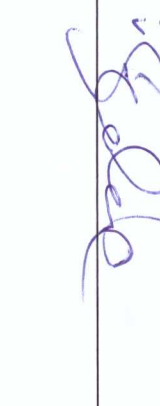
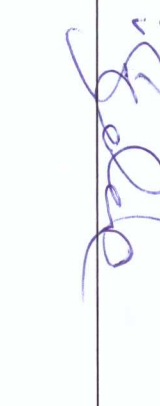
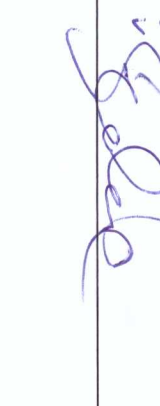
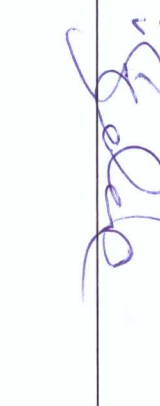
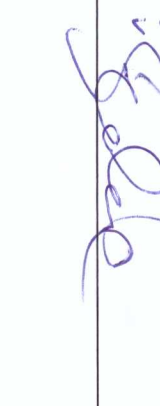
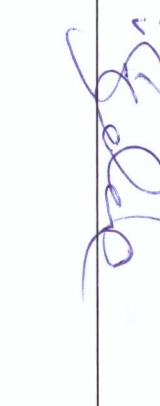
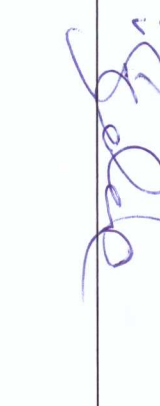
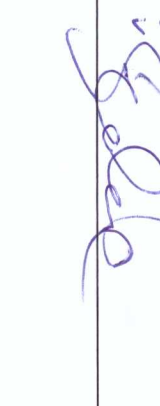
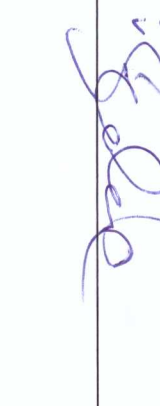
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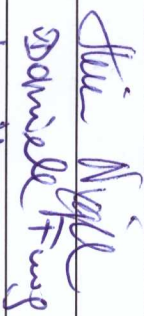
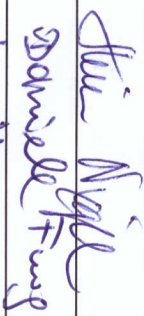






Delegates 34 + 1 proxy

Officials 11

Guests 6

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1	AUT	2	13.01.2016	Xenia Hanappi	Österreichischer Rock'n'Roll Verband	delegate	
2	AUT		13.01.2016	Christian Dementrescu	Österreichischer Rock'n'Roll Verband	delegate	
3	BUL	2	11.01.2016	Todor Petkov	Bulgarian Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Confederation	delegate	
4	BUL		11.01.2016	Yavor Kunchev	Bulgarian Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Confederation	delegate	
5	CRO	2	17.01.2016	Darko Torjanac	Croatian Rock'n'Roll Association	delegate	
6	CRO		17.01.2016	Igor Vinković	Croatian Rock'n'Roll Association	delegate	
7	CZE	2	09.01.2016	Jiri Hais	CZECH NATIONAL ROCK AND ROLL FEDERATION	delegate	
8	DEN	2	13.01.2016	Karen Pedersen	Danish Sportsdance Federation	delegate	
9	DEN		13.01.2016	Katja Mikkelsen	Danish Sportsdance Federation	delegate	
10	FIN	2	11.01.2016	Outi Paavola	Finnish Dance Sport Federation	delegate	
11	FIN		11.01.2016	Hanna Vammeljoki	Finnish Dance Sport Federation	delegate	
12	FRA	2	08.01.2016	Noune MARTY	FRENCH FEDERATION DANCE	delegate	
13	FRA		08.01.2016	Richard Amar	FRENCH FEDERATION DANCE	delegate	
14	GER	2	16.12.2015	Katrin Keber	Deutscher Rock'n'Roll und Boogie-Woogie Verband e.V.	delegate	
15	GER		16.12.2015	Peter Herrmann	Deutscher Rock'n'Roll und Boogie-Woogie Verband e.V.	delegate	
16	HUN	1	26.02.2016	Attila Szakál	Hungarian Dancesport Association	delegate	

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17	ITA	2	14.01.2016	Sergio Rotaris	Italian Dance sport Federation	delegate	
18	ITA		14.01.2016	Renzo Maoggi	Italian Dance sport Federation	delegate	
19	LEB	1	15.01.2016	Yuliya Hemade	Lebanese Dance Sport Federation	delegate	
20	MOL	2	30.01.2016	Iulian Turcannu	Federation of Acrobatic Rock-n-Roll of Republic of Moldova	delegate	
21	MOL		30.01.2016	Marina Tauber	Federation of Acrobatic Rock-n-Roll of Republic of Moldova	delegate	
22	NOR	2	15.01.2016	Anne Ragnhild Olstad	Norwegian Dance Federation	delegate	
23	NOR		15.01.2016	Beate Hofstad	Norwegian Dance Federation	delegate	
24	POL	1	08.02.2016	Bartolomiej Kobylanski	Polish Rock'n'Roll Acrobatic Union	delegate	
25	RUS	2	12.01.2016	Natalia Paivina	Russian Federation of Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll	delegate	
26	RUS		29.01.2016	Ivan Yudin	Russian Federation of Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll	delegate	
27	SLO	1	13.01.2016	Boštjan Marinko	Plesna Zveza Slovenije	delegate	
28	SUI	2	06.12.2015	Sophie Sancosme	SRRC	delegate	
29	SUI		06.12.2015	Nicolas Kamer	SRRC	delegate	
30	SVK	1	13.01.2016	Katarina Weber	SFAR	delegate	
31	SWE	2	14.01.2016	Lena Arvidsson	Swedish Dancesport Federation	delegate	
32	SWE		14.01.2016	Angelica Källström	Swedish Dancesport Federation	delegate	
33	UKR	2	12.01.2016	Sergiy Lyashenko	Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation of Ukraine	delegate	
34	UKR		12.01.2016	Oleksandr Geifman	Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation of Ukraine	delegate	

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101	WRRC		11.01.2016	Aina Nygard	WRRC	OFFICIAL	
102	WRRC		11.01.2016	Daniele Fuog	WRRC	OFFICIAL	
103	WRRC		12.01.2016	Gritli Ramschag Wollein	WRRC	OFFICIAL	
104	WRRC		12.01.2016	Karlos Wollein	WRRC	OFFICIAL	
105	WRRC		11.01.2016	Mirjam Kerpan Izak	WRRC	PRESIDENT	
106	WRRC		15.01.2016	Denis Lilih	WRRC	PRESIDIUM	
107	WRRC		11.01.2016	Editlio Pagano	WRRC	PRESIDIUM	
108	WRRC		20.01.2016	Katalin Kis	WRRC	PRESIDIUM	
109	WRRC		??	Katerina Tikhonova	WRRC	PRESIDIUM	
110	WRRC		12.01.2016	Manfred Mohab	WRRC	PRESIDIUM	
111	WRRC		20.01.2016	Marina Eskolin	WRRC	PRESIDIUM	
112	WRRC		11.01.2016	Kresimir Bosnar	WRRC	WRRC OFFICE	