



Minutes of the WRRC General Meeting March 10th 2019, Prague, Czech Republic

Start of the meeting: Sunday, March 10th 2019 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, officials, auditors and opened the meeting with the minute of silence in memory for Elias Dyapaune, Norwegian dancer tragically deceased in a traffic accident last year.

The President confirmed that the General Meeting had been duly convened and was quorate. There were **36** votes from **19** countries in the room (18 votes for simple, 24 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 2018

(2) Minutes from GM 2018 were approved unanimously.

ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda of the General Meeting

(3) The 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

Sports Director, Denis Lilih, presented the consolidated report of Presidium – an overview of the work done in 2018. As addition to the Consolidated report, video about the Expansion project in USA was presented to the delegates.

- There were no questions to the report.

President, Miriam Kerpan Izak, shortly presented the work of all Presidium members and Commissioners.

- There were no questions to the reports of
 - President
 - Vice President expansion and marketing
 - Vice President Communication
 - Vice President Legal Affairs
 - Vice President Education
 - Sports Director
 - Finance Director
 - Medical Commissioner
 - Anti-Doping Commissioner
 - Boogie Woogie Commissioner

Marina Eskolin (Finance director) presented the end-of-year balance sheet, explaining some of the items.

President, Miriam Kerpan Izak, added, that we changed the fee scale three years ago and introduced the reimbursement for couples for the Continental and World Championships, but some countries again haven't sent their invoices for the championships in 2018. She strongly urged the members not to neglect this, because it is the money intended for couples

ITEM 5 Auditors' report

Gritli Ramschag Wollein presented the report together with Danielle Fuog.

Accounting records and receipts were found in good order and complete, and the bookkeeping is in perfect form. Various funds were found well stocked.

The auditors thanked the Presidium for good financial work and proposed that Presidium is discharged for year 2018 and handed the written and signed report to the President.

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 the financial year 2018 unanimously

ITEM 8 Presentation and approval of the budget 2019, including the Presidium Motion to change the fee scale (P00_FeeScale2019)

Patrice de la Torre (Vice President Legal Affairs), presented the new Fee Scale. Main change was in point 4, (Prize money) for the Final World Cup and for Top 10 couples on the World Cup Ranking List. The confusing situation which we had last year is now cleared and should motivate couples to come to the competition.

(6) The Fee Scale for 2019 was accepted unanimously

The budget was distributed to the delegates in advance. Finance director, Marina Eskolin, gave some additional explanations regarding the budget. There were no questions by the delegates.

(7) Budget 2019 was approved unanimously.

ITEM 9 PRESIDIUM MOTIONS

9.1 Presidium motion PO2: Members Affairs

- Shortly before the General Meeting, WRRC received the membership application from Greece, NATIONAL DANCESPORT FEDERATION OF GREECE:
 - There are existing Boogie couples
 - They plan to develop RR & BW
 - They are WDSF members

Presidium proposes to accept a new Member country with provisional Membership

(8) Delegates approved the provisional Membership of National Dancesport Federation of Greece unanimously

- Presidium reviewed the status of the national memberships, and proposes to cancel the memberships of those countries which have not been active in any way during the last 5 years, and to which there are no contacts any more:
 - Canada
 - Estonia
 - Serbia
 - Singapore
 - Spain

(9) Cancellation of 5 countries (Canada, Estonia, Serbia, Singapore, Spain) was accepted unanimously

9.2 Presidium motion PO3: Change of Tournament rules – Nomination of Judges

- Following the existing rules, and with so many combined events, there is almost no competition anymore where the national federations could nominate their judges. Presidium proposes following change:
 - Tournament rules: 7.3.3 The selection of WRRC-Judges for World and Continental Championships, and for World Cup Final, is made by the WRRC-Presidium.

To be changed to:

- 7.3.3 The selection of WRRC-Judges for World and Continental Championships **RR Main Class Free Style and Boogie Woogie Main Class**, and for World Cup Final, is made by the WRRC-Presidium.

(10) Presidium motion PO3 was accepted unanimously:

7.3.3 The selection of WRRC-Judges for World and Continental Championships **Rock'n'Roll Main Class Free Style and Boogie Woogie Main Class**, and for World Cup Final, is made by the WRRC-Presidium.

ITEM 10 Members Motions

M01 - Switzerland:

- **MOTION 1** (presented by Sophie Sancosme):
Before end of April 2019, the WRRC will identify a commission to study the judgment of the dance. This commission will provide its conclusions before end of October 2019 in order to be within the deadline for the publication of the new regulations. The training of judges will take place between November and March 2020 to allow the new system be implemented for the competitions starting in 2020. A budget is allocated to this commission in order to function efficiently.
 - Katalin Kis and Miriam Kerpan Izak presented the opinion of the Presidium about this motion: WRRC already has the Judging commission and the Sport commission, and Presidium doesn't think that one new commission would solve the problem of the correct evaluation of dance. We started to work on the system for the analysis of judging after the competition, and we will keep on working in that direction. If our members have their own systems of analysis of the judging, they are welcome to share their experiences with the existing commissions.
 - Sophie Sancosme: The proposal was not only about the analysis of judging, we have to think also about the factors behind the criteria,

(11) The motion was not approved: YES 2, AGAINST 32 , ABSTENTIONS 2

- **MOTION 2:** (presented by Sophie Sancosme)
Replacement of red cards by progressive deductions based on the error committed. The severity of this penalty makes the observers hesitate and creates a feeling of unfairness for the dancers. We wish the WRRC to consider an accurate system for faults sanctioned by the red cards.
 - Denis Lilih presented the opinion of the Presidium about this motion: when we look on the system, it is consistent, with fixed negative points. In the motion of Switzerland, we could not find the proposal, so the Presidium is not in favor of this motion.
 - Silvio Golubić (Observer, Croatia): when the couple is knowingly going to the limit with the acrobatics, and does not succeed to fulfill the requirements by the rules, it is the problem of the couple, and not of the system.

- Sophie Sancosme: Sport commission should introduce different deductions for different breaches of the rules.
- Fred Pasqualin (Sport Commission): we must find the solution to be fair, but we need to give penalties when there is violation of the rules

(12) The motion was not approved: YES 8, AGAINST 20, ABSTENTIONS 8

M02 - Russia:

(Presented by Natalia Paivina and Zoryana Kalashnik)

- **MOTION 1:** *introduction of 2 new categories: Boys Formations and Boogie Woogie Juniors Formations: The motion was withdrawn without further discussion*
- **MOTION 2:** *Open marks for each criterion and each acrobatic element (without judges' names) should be available for all Rock'n'Roll and Boogie Woogie competitions.*
 - Roman Lampeter: in Austria they publish the notes for several years now. The problem is how to present them in the right way, so everybody can understand how the marks were calculated in the scaled median system.
 - Presidium supports the motion. Technical solution will be discussed with the software provider.

(13) The motion was accepted unanimously

- **MOTION 3:** *Available video after the competition*
 - Miriam Kerpan Izak presented the opinion of the Presidium. The proposal could be approached from two aspects:
 - To make video available after the competition for general review
 - To have official video for possible questions about judging or analysis by the Sport commission. In that case, we should have at least one camera in the hall filming from the correct angle, and that would not necessarily be the camera(s) for the live stream. For that, we would need a specified proposal (how to do it, who will be responsible for the equipment, who will do the production, financial construction of the project). The motion from FDSARR is not precise.
 - Zoryana Kalashink: the idea of the official video is connected with the proposal for open markings, so that couples and coaches can see and analyze their own performance, according the they received.
 - **At the moment, Russia has not a detaild specified proposal, so they withdrew this motion**
- **MOTION 4:** *Clear rules for the Judging commission (who can apply, with what kind of questions, when and how the answer should be given etc.)*
 - Natalia Paivina: when we will have open markings published according to the decision of this GM, we will also have more questions from the national members (coaches, couples, judges) towards the WRRC Commission. The communication must be clearly regulated.

- Katalin Kis: we must implement the idea of representative of the nation, which is then responsible for the communication between the WRRC and the member in question. There will be no direct communication between the WRRC and individual persons. All such questions will be redirected to the representative of the nation, to handle them accordingly.
- **There was no voting on this motion. It will be handled by the Presidium decision.**

M03 - France:

(Presented by Jean François Dekhil)

- **MOTION 1:** *To publish the open markings of the judges, but without revealing the name of the individual Judges:*
 - Jean François Dekhil explained, that in France they have open markings, connected with the names of the judges behind them. They believe that transparency is needed in sport. However, the proposal they made is an intermediate solution.
 - **Since it was the same proposal as the Russian proposal which was already accepted by the GM, France withdraw the motion, and there was no voting**

Alojzy Nowak (Poland) proposed a discussion about the rules in the RR Main Class Contact Style, regarding the element “Back straight with 1/1 twist within starting from shoulders height”. Since this was not proposed at the beginning of the General meeting as an additional point on the agenda, Miriam Kerpan Izak asked the delegates to vote if this can be added to the agenda.

(14) The request for adding the discussion about “Back straight with 1/1 twist within starting from shoulders height” as a new item to the agenda was accepted with the required 2/3 majority (24 votes)

ITEM 11 Discussion about the element “Back straight with 1/1 twist within starting from shoulders height”

- A. Nowak explained the problem with this element, stating that it is impossible to perform this element in MCCS as described in the rules, which leads to the fact, that many couples receive red cards on the competitions. He proposes that that this rule should not be applied on the element in question.
- Fred Pasqualin shortly explained to the delegates the requirements of the rules for the elements with twist within, and why it is important to start the twist after the vertical point (safety of execution, possible change of the group (forward <> backward), if the twist starts before the vertical point).
- Denis Lilih gave a remark, that the General Meeting is not the right place to discuss about the individual acrobatic elements.
- Miriam Kerpan Izak: the element is really problematic in execution, and maybe we should delete it from the catalog completely. But it is also important to say, that couples get the red card because they had no other elements from the backward group, and not

because of the bad execution of that particular element. This is the risk of the couple. On the other hand, we cannot just delete the rule for the specific element.

- Igor Vinković proposed the motion to give the task for the Sport commission to make a decision about this acrobatic element, and asked the General Meeting to vote on this proposal:

(15) The Motion was accepted unanimously:

There will be no changes in the rules for the year 2019. Sport commission will make a decision about the element "Back straight with 1/1 twist within starting from shoulders height", to be valid from 2020.

ITEM 12 Any Other Item

- **Live stream from the competitions**

Sophie Sancosme: Obligation of the organizers to secure the live stream from the Championships is problematic, because it could lead to less local audience in the competition hall. Switzerland would propose to have a video from the competition available 6 hours after the start of the competition.

- Miriam Kerpan Izak: This is a challenge for all organizers, but we will try to find a solution for that. One of the solutions could be geoblocking, where the signal would be blocked in specific local area. For example, on the European Championships in Paris, the WDSF uses their platform Dance Flow, and they offer the livestream for free in France, but from everywhere else it can be accessed only after payment.

- **World Cup Rock'n'Roll MCFS, MCCS and Juniors in China**

Miriam Kerpan Izak gave a short overview about the World Cup in China. Behind the organization is the Chinese DanceSport federation, a very professional organization. WRRRC has arranged also trainings in Shiahzjuang for all couples on Thursday and Friday before the competition. Each participation nation will be given the reimbursement of 400 EUR per participation category. Nations must send their claims, together with copies of the invoices for the airplane tickets.

- **Next general meeting:**

We have 3 possible candidates. WRRRC Presidium will make agreement with them, following the existing rules. The organizer will be elected on the next Presidium meeting in September.

The President, Miriam Kerpan Izak thanked all delegates and member federations for participation on the General Meeting, and especially the Czech Association for the support and excellent organization.

The General meeting was closed at 13:35

Prague, 10.03.2019

Miriam Kerpan Izak
WRRC President



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

Minutes:
Kresimir Bosnar



APPENDIX: LIST OF DELEGATES AND OFFICIALS OF THE GENERAL MEETING 2019

NR.	COUNTRY	DELEGATE	FEDERATION	Function_G M
1	AUT	Sabine Schaller	Österreichischer Rock'n'Roll und Boogie Woogie Tanzsportverband	delegate
2	AUT	Roman Lampeter	Österreichischer Rock'n'Roll und Boogie Woogie Tanzsportverband	delegate
3	BIH	Namik Trutovic	Savez Sportsko Plesnih Klubova BiH	delegate
4	BIH	Elvir Avdagić	Savez Sportsko Plesnih Klubova BiH	delegate
5	BUL	Nedelcho Nedyalkov	Bulgarian Acrobatic Rock'n'roll Federation	delegate
6	CZE	Jiri Hais	Czech National Rock and Roll Federation	delegate
7	CZE	Miroslava Kočová	Czech National Rock and Roll Federation	delegate
8	DEN	Karen Pedersen	Danish Dancesportsfederation	delegate
9	DEN	Katja Mikkelsen	Danish Dancesportsfederation	delegate
10	FIN	Outi Paavola	Finnish Dance Sport Federation	delegate
11	FIN	Niklas Hagel	Finnish Dance Sport Federation	delegate
12	FRA	Charles Ferreira	Fédération Française de Danse	delegate
13	FRA	Jean-François Dekhil	Fédération Française de Danse	delegate
14	GER	Katrin Kerber	Deutscher Rock'n'Roll und Boogie Woogie Verband	delegate
15	GER	Rüdiger Menken	Deutscher Rock'n'Roll und Boogie Woogie Verband	delegate
16	NOR	Anne Ragnhild Olstad	Norwegian Dance Federation	delegate
17	NOR	Sissel Myren	Norwegian Dance Federation	delegate
18	POL	Alojzy Nowak	Polish Rock'n'Roll Acrobatic Union	delegate
19	POL	Dorota Lipka Nowak	Polish Rock'n'Roll Acrobatic Union	delegate
20	RUS	Natalia Paivina	All Russian Federation of DanceSport and acrobatic Rock'n'Roll	delegate
21	RUS	Zoryana Kalashnik	All Russian Federation of DanceSport and acrobatic Rock'n'Roll	delegate
22	SLO	Boštjan Pavček	Slovenian Dance Sport Federation	delegate
23	SLO	Marko Rus	Slovenian Dance Sport Federation	delegate
24	SUI	Sophie Sancosme	Suisse Rock'n'Roll Confederation	delegate
25	SUI	Nicolas Kamer	Suisse Rock'n'Roll Confederation	delegate
26	SVK	Peter Olej	Slovak Dance Sport Federation	delegate
27	SVK	Rastislav Baňas	Slovak Dance Sport Federation	delegate
28	SWE	Lena Arvidson	Swedish Dancesport Federation	delegate
29	SWE	David Borg	Swedish Dancesport Federation	proxy delegate
30	UKR	Mykhailo Petrenko	Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation of Ukraine	delegate
31	UKR	Oleksandr Geifman	Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation of Ukraine	delegate
32	CRO	Igor Vinković	Croatian Rock'n'Roll Association	delegate
33	CRO	Silvio Golubić	Croatian Rock'n'Roll Association	delegate
34	IRL	Katarzyna Kik-Witkowska	Dance Sport Federatio of Ireland	delegate

35	IRL	Jaroslav Witkowski	Dance Sport Federatio of Ireland	delegate
36	ITA	Magda Laudi	Italian Dance Sport Federation	delegate

	Officials:			
1	WRRRC	Mirjam Kerpan Izak	WRRRC	PRESIDENT
2	WRRRC	Bartłomiej Kobylański	WRRRC	PRESIDIUM
3	WRRRC	Patrice De la Torre	WRRRC	PRESIDIUM
4	WRRRC	Denis Lilih	WRRRC	PRESIDIUM
5	WRRRC	Marina Eskolin	WRRRC	PRESIDIUM
6	WRRRC	Katalin Kis	WRRRC	PRESIDIUM
7	WRRRC	Marina Kalacheva	WRRRC	PRESIDIUM
8	WRRRC	Kresimir Bosnar	WRRRC	WRRRC OFFICE
9	WRRRC	Daniele Fuog	WRRRC	AUDITOR
10	WRRRC	Gritli Ramschag Wollein	WRRRC	AUDITOR
11	WRRRC	Karlos Wollein	WRRRC	MEDICAL COMMISSIONAR
12	WRRRC	Aina Nygard	WRRRC	BOOGIE WOOGIE COMMISSIONER
13	WRRRC	Manfred Mohab	WRRRC	ANTI-DOPING COMMISIONER