

**Minutes of the WRRC General Meeting
March 12th 2017, Dubrovnik, Croatia**



Start of the meeting: Sunday, March 12th 2017 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 with the minute of silence in memory for Sara Jonasson, Swedish dancer tragically deceased in a traffic accident last year.

After that, President gave special "Honoration in Gold" for outstanding merits and contribution to the development of the WRRC to following persons:

- Gritli Wollein Ramschag (Austria)
- Richard Amar (France)
- Daniel Bachmann (Switzerland)
- Renzo Maoggi (Italy)

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 members: President MKI asked the GM to approve this exception of the Statute of WRRC (Presidium member has to be present on the GM) for Manfred Mohab and Edilio Pagano (absent for medical reasons), and Katerina Tikhonova (absent for other obligations, but present online via Skype-link).
Katerina Tikhonova addressed all delegates and guests in live transmission on the big screen in the conference hall, excused herself for not being able to participate on the General meeting, and presented in short speech the overview of the Expansion project in 2016 and plans for 2017, including the marketing plans for the 2017.

(2) The delegates excused Presidium members 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 **37** votes from **20** countries in the room (19 votes for simple, 25 votes 2/3 majority).

ITEM 2 Approval of the Minutes of the last GM 2016

(3) Minutes from GM 2016 were approved unanimously.

ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda of the General Meeting

There were two amendments to the agenda:

- Ivan Youdin (proxy Peru): Reconsideration of the new naming format for formations
 - Proposal was accepted and added as MO4 (34 votes for, and 3 against)

- Boštjan Pavček (Slovenia): Proposal to discuss the name of the adult categories in Rock'n'Roll (but without the concrete proposal of the names)
 - Proposal was not accepted (18 votes for, others against)

(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

- President, Miriam Kerpan Izak presented the consolidated report of Presidium – an overview of the work done in 2016.
There were no questions to the report.
- There were no questions to the reports of
 - President
 - Vice President expansion and marketing
 - Vice President Legal Affairs
 - Vice President Education
 - Sports Director
 - Boogie Woogie Commissioner
 - Medical Commissioner
- Marina Eskolin (ME) presented the end-of-year balance sheet, explaining some of the items. The Education Modules were not finished as planned in 2016, so the expenses and income were a little lower than planned, but balanced as expected.

ITEM 5 Auditors' report

Gritli Ramschag Wollein presented the report together with Danielle Fuog. In their report they gave also following recommendations for all members:

- ⤴ The official language of the WRRC being English, we have yet again to kindly ask everybody claiming expenses from the WRRC, to submit all documents in this language, as it represent a distinct challenge to us to deal with languages that we do not master
- ⤴ It is an old point, but we would like to recommend that the member countries pay their fees timely and in full – the membership fees represent an essential part of the means of our federation.
- ⤴ We ask that anyone claiming expenses from the WRRC always attaches suitable proof of said expenses, such as the invoices for an airfare.

The auditors thanked the Presidium for good financial work and proposed that Presidium is discharged for year 2016 and handed the written and signed report to the President.

ITEM 6 Approval of all reports

(5) Reports were approved unanimously.

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

(6) Organs were discharged for 2016 unanimously

ITEM 8 Election of Election committee

According to the Statutes §10 Paragraph 5:

- The election committee shall be elected by the General Meeting. Re-election is possible.
- The elections should take part at the GM one year before the Presidium elections.
- The election committee is composed of a chairman (the same as the election manager) and 2 delegates from different national member federations
- Members of election committee can't run for any Presidium function.
- Persons who are by family related to existing Presidium members can't be members of election committee.

President Miriam Kerpan Izak asked delegates for nominations of persons for the Election committee (three persons). Delegates proposed following persons:

- Sweden: Lena Arvidsson (Chairman)
- Norway: Sissel Myren
- Germany: Kathrin Kerber

All candidates accepted the candidacy

(7) The Election Committee was elected unanimously. Chairman will be Lena Arvidsson, with Sissel Myren and Kathrin Kerber as Committee members

ITEM 9 Presentation and approval of the budget 2017, including the Presidium Motion to change the fee scale (P01_FeeScale2017)

There were some small adjustments and clarifications to the Fee Scale for 2017, presented by the President, Miriam Kerpan Izak:

- Changes reflect the decisions of the last years General Meeting, regarding the reimbursements for the couples on the continental and world championships. The money will be paid via the bank transfer to the federations, after the competition in question, upon the claim from the national federation. During short discussion, wording of the point 6.5 was corrected:

Reimbursement of travel expenses for RnR and Boogie Main Class couples at Continental- and World-Championships:

*For the ~~best~~ **one** couple per country of the continent on which the championship is organized.*

400 €

*For the ~~best~~ **one** couple per country from other continents.*

800 €

The money will be paid by bank-transfer to the member-federations

- Entrance fee for the additional coaches is now regulated in the Fee scale (point 3.2)
- There is a new protest fee for the red cards on the competition (point 3.3). MKI explained the new system of cards, and how and when the protest can be submitted to the Supervisor of the competition.

(8) The Fee Scale for 2017 was accepted unanimously

The budget was distributed to the delegates in advance. ME gave additional explanations regarding the budget.

- Sergio Rotaris (Italy) asked if it is possible to increase the judging fee for the judges who judge both disciplines on one competitions (BW and RR).
Miriam Kerpan Izak explained that with the introduction of the New judging system we only have a few judges with double licences, so there is no need for such measure at the moment.

(9) Budget 2017 was approved unanimously.

At the beginning of the second part of the General Meeting, President Miriam Kerpan Izak thanked and gave flowers to Mrs. Nouné Marty, the President of the Federation Française de Danse, as sign of appreciation for her big support to the WRRRC as member of the WDSF Presidium. Mrs. Marty was active for many years, and the WRRRC GM is the last international event she was present at, because she will retire in a few weeks...

ITEM 10 PRESIDIUM MOTIONS

- **Presidium motion PO2: Ratification of new Associated Membership Contract with WDSF**
President Miriam Kerpan Izak presented the Contract to the delegates. WRRRC has renewed the associated membership last year, but it was after our General Meeting in March 2016, so the contract must be ratified by the General Meeting this year. Contract is basically the same as the previous. WRRRC has maintained the independent status granted by the contract, although WDSF is trying to tie us more in their structures.

(10) The Associated Membership Contract with WDSF was accepted unanimously

- Presidium motion P02: Confirmation of Ireland (DANCESPORT FEDERATION OF IRELAND) as new WRRRC Member country
New members get the Provisional Membership status for 3 years. We had application from Ireland

(11) Provisional Membership of Ireland was confirmed unanimously

ITEM 11 Member Motions

M01 - Switzerland:

- MOTION 1: withdrawn,
because the WRRRC Presidium already changed the Rock'n'Roll rules, point RR paragraph 2.1.1.3, allowing in the preliminary rounds all acrobatic elements with the value of G-10, with the exception of the double saltos.
- MOTION 2: (presented by Sophie Sancosme)
General aim of the Judging commission is to control the work of the judges and improve the quality of judging. It will consist of 3 – 5 members, and one of them must be Vice President Education, one internationally recognized coach, and one active judge (it could be also one of the WRRRC observers who have judging license).

(12) The motion of Switzerland was confirmed unanimously. WRRRC Presidium will select members of the Judging Commission as specified in the Motion:

M02 - France: (presented by Patrice de la Torre)

- MOTION 1: To have distribution of couples in rounds on Masters competitions in the same way as on all other competition (48-24-12-6)
After short discussion, alternative motion was proposed by Ivan Youdin – in the finals on all competitions should be qualified 7 couples.

**(13) The structure of rounds will be the same on all competitions under WRRRC: 48 – 24 – 12 – 7 couples/formations.
Motion was accepted unanimously, and the rule is valid immediately.**

- MOTION 2: To abandon the system of seeded couples on Masters competition, or at least reduce them to maximum 5 seeded couples

In a discussion after presentation of the motion, Ivan Youdin (Athletes Group) pointed out that system of seeded couples is great for motivation of couples. Every couple has a goal to reach the Top 10, and not having to dance in the first round is a small reward for the best couples.

For Sissel Myren (Norway), the system of seeded couples is good also for the organizers, because it reduces the time needed for the competition

France changed their motion, and asks to reduce the number of seeded couples from 10 to 5 couples

(14) Motion did not pass: 3 votes for the motion, all other against.

On Masters competitions, top 10 couples remain seeded couples.

- MOTION 3: Introduction of additional hope rounds on the competitions
The WRRRC Presidium does not support this motion, because it would make competitions much longer. Sophie Sancosme (Switzerland): with such system, it would be easier to go to the higher rounds through the hope rounds, then through the normal rounds, and that would not be fair. Other members also commented on this motion, the general opinion was that the proposed system is too confusing and not transparent.

After the discussion, France withdrew the motion, without voting.

M03 – Situation in Bulgaria:

President Miriam Kerpan Izak gave the short introduction of the problem to the delegates. In Bulgaria we have a member, Bulgarian Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation (BARF). Recently, the new federation was founded – Bulgarian Federation of Dance Sports, and applied for the membership in WRRRC. At the moment, none of these federations has the official recognition (licence) from the Bulgarian Ministry of sport. The president then asked representatives of both federations to address the General meeting with their requests.

Milko Kralski presented the new federation (BFDS).

Todor Petkov gave the short overview of the work of the existing member federation (BARRF).

In a discussion, delegates rejected the idea to vote about the membership of one or the other federation, because it would be interfering in the problems within the country. As both representatives declared, the case is still in court, we have to wait the final decision of Bulgarian authorities, like we did also in similar cases before

(15) Until the dispute between the two federations is officially settled, sportsmen from both federations can compete on all official WRRRC competitions. On World and European championships, both federations can send one (1) couple per category. Representatives of both federations agreed with this decision.

Decision was accepted unanimously

M04 – PERU: Naming of the formations

- Presented by Ivan Youdin (proxy for Peru)
In the recent document for formations, all formations must add the short name of the country with the number beside, to the name of the formation (for example RUS1, RUS2, RUS3). He is against this proposal, because it would mean that the formation could have different name each year, and also the number behind the country could lead to the conclusion that 1 is better than 2.

Proposal: To add the short name of the country before the name of the formation, but without numbers.

(16) The wording in the document Scoring formations will be changed as follows:

- *Usage of national short names for formation (CRO, HUN, RUS, SUI, FRA ...) ~~with appropriate numbers beside (National federations will decide about that).~~*

Together with:

- *Descriptive names correlated with their story, but the name of the formation can't include any part of the club name, coach name or any other name pointing to the origin of formation.*

Example: "CRO – CRAZY DAZY"

The decision was accepted with 33 votes in favour, and 4 abstentions.

ITEM 12 ANY OTHER ITEM

- President Miriam Kerpan Izak presented the decisions from the two last Presidium meetings:
 - Winner ceremony will be conducted from 7th to the 1st place. Organizer must appoint the person who will lead the couples to the stage, and instruct the couples about the winner ceremony. Supervisor will take care that it will be conducted in the proper way.
 - There will be no acro-checkout on the competitions. Couples and trainers are responsible for the correct announcement of acrobatic programs. Deadline for entering acrobatic elements in the Registration Tool is 48 hours before the competition.
 - Own music for the finals must be announced in the registration system. WRRRC office will provide the organizer with the music stored in the Registration system. There is no possibility to play music from own CD-s on the competition.
 - New values for deductions in RR were accepted by the Presidium. On following competitions judges will have a short seminar before the start of the competition.
- All candidates for the General Meeting 2018 should contact WRRRC office and send their applications.
- All interested organizers for the competitions in 2018 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 Croatian Rock'n'Roll Association for the support and excellent organisation.

The General meeting was closed at 13:00

Dubrovnik, 12.03.2017

Miriam Kerpan Izak
WRRRC President



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

Minutes:
Kresimir Bosnar



APPENDIX: LIST OF DELEGATES AND OFFICIALS OF THE GENERAL MEETING 2017

NR.	COUNTRY	number of delegates	DELEGATE	FEDERATION	Function_GM
1	SUI	2	Sophie Sancosme	SRRC	delegate
2	SUI	-	Nicolas Kamer	SRRC	delegate
3	GER	2	Katrin Kerber	DRBV e.V. Germany	delegate
4	GER	-	Peter Herrmann	DRBV e.V. Germany	delegate
5	SLO	2	Boštjan Pavček	Plesna zveza Slovenije	delegate
6	SLO	-	Anita Vihtelič	Plesna zveza Slovenije	delegate
7	BIH	2	Namik Trutović	Assotiation of Sport Dance Clubs in B&H	delegate
8	BIH	-	Elvir Avdagić	Assotiation of Sport Dance Clubs in B&H	delegate
9	FRA	2	Noune MARTY	FEDERATION FRANCAISE DE DANSE	delegate
10	FRA	-	Michèle PLANQUES	FEDERATION FRANCAISE DE DANSE	delegate
11	RUS	2	Natalia Paivina	RusFARR	delegate
12	RUS	-	Anna Udina	RusFARR	delegate
13	CZE	2	Jiri Hais	Czech National Rock and Roll Federation	delegate + PROXY
14	AUT	1	Xenia Hannappi	Österreichischer Rock`n`Roll und Boogie Woogie Verband	delegate
15	SWE	2	Lena Arvidsson	Swedish Dancesport Federation	delegate
16	SWE	-	Malin Träff	Swedish Dancesport Federation	delegate
17	DAN	2	Karen Pedersen	Danish Dancesport Federation	delegate

18	DAN	-	Katja Mikkelsen	Danish Dancesport Federation	delegate
19	BUL	2	Yavor Kunchev	Bulgarian Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation	delegate
20	BUL	-	Todor Petkow	Bulgarian Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation	delegate
21	FIN	2	Outi Paavola	Finnish Dance Sport Federation	delegate
22	FIN	-	Hanna Vammeljoki	Finnish Dance Sport Federation	delegate
25	MDA	1	Elizaveta Negru	Moldavian Federation of Acrobatic Rock and Roll	delegate
27	UKR	2	Mykhailo Petrenko	Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation of Ukraine	delegate + PROXY
29	ITA	2	Sergio Rotaris	Federazione Italiana Danza Sportiva	delegate
30	ITA	-	Renzo Maoggi	Federazione Italiana Danza Sportiva	delegate
31	NOR	2	Anne Ragnhild Olstad	Norwegian Dance Federation	delegate
32	NOR	-	Sissel Myren	Norwegian Dance Federation	delegate
33	CRO	2	Darko Torjanac	Croatian Rock'n'Roll Association	delegate
34	CRO	-	Igor Vinković	Croatian Rock'n'Roll Association	delegate
35	POL	2	Bartłomiej Kobylański	Polish Rock'n'Roll Acrobatic Union	delegate
36	POL	-	Marta Kobylańska	Polish Rock'n'Roll Acrobatic Union	delegate
37	PERU	2	Ivan Youdin	PERUVIAN DANCE SPORT FEDERATION	delegate/proxy
211	PERU		Olga Sbitneva	PERUVIAN DANCE SPORT FEDERATION	delegate/proxy
38	SENEGAL	1	Marina Kalacheva	ASSOCIATION ROCK N ROLL SACRE COEUR SENEGAL	delegate/proxy

	Officials:				
101	WRRC		Daniele Fuog	WRRC	AUDITOR
102	WRRC		Gritli Ramschag Wollein	WRRC	AUDITOR
103	WRRC		Karlos Wollein	WRRC	OFFICIAL - MED.C.
104	WRRC		Aina Nygard	WRRC	OFFICIAL - BW.C
105	WRRC		Mirjam Kerpan Izak	WRRC	PRESIDENT
108	WRRC		Denis Lilih	WRRC	PRESIDIUM
109	WRRC		Marina Eskolin	WRRC	PRESIDIUM
110	WRRC		Katalin Kis	WRRC	PRESIDIUM
112	WRRC		Kresimir Bosnar	WRRC	WRRC OFFICE
113	WRRC		Marina Kalacheva	WRRC	EXPANSION MANAGER
114	WRRC		Daniel Bachmann	WRRC	HONORARY PRESIDENT