

**Minutes of the WRRC General Meeting  
March 11th 2018, Moscow, Russian Federation**



**Start of the meeting: Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 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.  
President of FDSARR, Nadezhda Erastova greeted the delegates in the name of the organizer.

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.**

The President confirmed that the General Meeting had been duly convened and was quorate. There were **49** votes from **26** countries in the room (25 votes for simple, 33 votes 2/3 majority).

Scrutineers to count the votes for the elections of the Presidium:

As Head of the Election Committee, Lena Arvidsson proposed following 4 persons: Eirik Bolme (NOR), Patrick Buttigieg (FRA), Gritli Ramschag Wollein (AUT) and Daniel Fuog (SUI)

**(2) Scrutineers for the elections were approved unanimously**

**ITEM 2 Approval of the Minutes of the last GM 2016**

**(3) Minutes from GM 2017 were approved unanimously.**

**ITEM 3 Approval of the Agenda of the General Meeting**

There was 1 amendment to the agenda:

- ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF ARBITRARY COMMITTEE

**(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**

- Sports Director, Denis Lilih presented the consolidated report of Presidium – an overview of the work done in 2017.  
There were no questions to the report.
- There were no questions to the reports of
  - President
  - Vice President Legal Affairs
  - Vice President expansion and marketing
  - Vice President Education

- Sports Director
  - Boogie Woogie Commissioner
  - Medical Commissioner
  - WRRRC Office
- President gave a short overview of her report, and some additional explanations:
    - General data protection regulation, which will be valid in EU from May 2018, will affect also the WRRRC. The Presidium will prepare the materials needed for the National federations
    - Competition Calendar – we always have challenge with the events which come after the deadline for applications. All members are asked to send the applications one year in advance. Presidium will try to fix the dates for the most important championships and events.
    - There was no report from the Vice president for PR and Communication (Edilio Pagano). In general, he did not explain why he was not present on the Presidium meetings during the last year, or on this General meeting
  - Marina Eskolin (ME) presented the end-of-year balance sheet, explaining some of the items (R05 and R06).
    - Jean François Dekhil gave a short explanation on the part of the report of ME, where he was stated as a Sponsor. As organizer of the World Championship Rock'n'Roll Main Class 2017 in Lyon, he signed the contract with Match-TV for the TV broadcasting and gave the provision to WRRRC form the total amount. He was not the sponsor of the WRRRC.

#### **ITEM 5 Auditors' report**

Gritli Ramschag Wollein and Daniel Fuog presented the report together with Danielle Fuog.

- several invoices of the WRRRC were paid with bank costs charged to the receiver: this is not correct; these expenses are to be carried by the creditor!
- Most members being adult, we expect them to claim their expenses in person and not via some country delegate
- Registration fees are due by member countries and should not be credited via individuals, because the correct attribution then constitutes a problem for our treasurer.

The auditors thanked the Presidium for good financial work and proposed that Presidium is discharged for year 2017 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 WRRRC**

**(6) Organs were discharged for 2017 unanimously**

#### **ITEM 8 Presentation and approval of the budget 2018, including the Presidium Motion to change the fee scale (P01\_FeeScale2018)**

There were some small adjustments and clarifications to the Fee Scale for 2018, presented by the President, Miriam Kerpan Izak:

- New form of the World cup competitions – World Cups will be carried out without prize money, and on the final World Cup event the Prize money will be given to the best Main Class couples (RR and BW)

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

- Peter Herrmann – Why was the budget for the competitions raised from 25.000 to 65.000 EUR?

- we have now the prize money for the final World Cup, paid by the WRRRC, and also some obligations towards the main sponsor, which will be paid from the budget.
- Sophie Sancosme (SUI): Why there are no fees for the Final World Cup:
  - because there are less couples, less starting fee, double panel of judges, 7 categories
- Sophie Sancosme (SUI): Fees for Main Class RR formations WCH and ECH are too high
  - the issue will be discussed by the new Presidium

**(7) The Fee Scale for 2018 and Budget 2018 were approved unanimously.**

## ITEM 9 PRESIDIU MOTIONS

- **Presidium motion PO2:**  
**Confirmation of the new WRRRC members, accepted by the Presidium of WRRRC in 2017 and on March 9, 2018**
  - Australia – Dance Sport Australia (WDSF member, accepted last year)
  - Armenia – Armenian Dance Sport Federation (WDSF member)
  - Bosnia – Association of Sports Dance Clubs in Bosnia and Herzegovina (new member because the old Member doesn't exist anymore, they have already applied also for WDSF Membership)

Lena Arvidsson (SWE) proposed to vote for the whole package, which was accepted

**(8) Motion approved unanimously**

- **Presidium motion PO3: –**

### **Motion 1: Age groups juveniles**

**(9) Motion 1 approved unanimously:**

- juveniles: 10 – 14 years
- Juveniles 2: 8 – 11 years
- The couple who has already competed in Juveniles, can't come back in Juveniles 2 (valid for the events from 01.01.2019!)
- The following competitions are not organized for Juveniles 2: World and Continental Championship, final World cup
- Valid from 01.01.2019

### **Motion 2: RR Junior formations**

- Age: 11 – 17 (with remaining two exceptions)
- SL3 restrictions
- 0 – 4 acrobatics, scored in dance and formation criteria
- Length of music: 2:15 – 2:30
- Valid from 01.01.2019

Natalia Paivina (RUS):

- why change the age from 11, and not from 12, so it would match the age division of the junior couples
  - after short discussion, Presidium changed the motion: Age 12-17
- Acrobatics – proposal to have separate score for the acrobatics
  - Denis Lilih (Sport Director): we do not want to push the kids with acrobatic difficulties. This is the first step, maybe after feedback we will change it later.

**PRESIDIUM CORRECTED THE MOTION: AGE 12-17, and put the motion on voting:**

**Motion approved: 43 YES, 5 AGAINST, 1 ABSTENTION**

### **Motion 3: Girls and Ladies formations**

- Long program - > Length of music: 2:15 – 2:30
- Long program to be danced in semifinal and final
- Valid from 01.01.2019

Natalia Paivina (RUS):

- Now it will be more difficult to present the story and ideas, because of the obligatory elements which must be performed (10 basic steps, groups of dance)
  - in a short discussion, Miriam Kerpan Izak pointed out that the obligatory elements are also part of the Rock'n'Roll dance. they represent the character of the dance, and should be regarded as part of the performance and choreography.

**(10) Motion 3 approved: 47 YES, 2 AGAINST, 0 ABSTENTION**

- **GIRLS AND LADIES FORMATIONS:**
- **Long program - > Length of music: 2:15 – 2:30**
- **Long program to be danced in semifinal and final**
- **Valid from 01.01.2019**

After voting, President gave short brake, for checkout of delegates (15 minutes)

**Motion 2: RR Junior formations – second voting**

During the brake, the Presidium reconsidered the Motion 2 (age change for the Junior Formations). The reason why the first proposal was 11 to 17, is to give the possibility to compete to more formations (the same reason why we have two exceptions per formation, with maximum 19 years of age).

Miriam Kerpan Izak asked the delegates to allow voting again for the Motion 2, in the original version

**(11) Approved to vote again on Motion 2: 45 YES, 3 AGAINST, 2 ABSTENTIONS**

**(12) Motion 2 approved: 41 YES, 5 AGAINST, 3 ABSTENTIONS**

**JUNIOR FORMATIONS:**

- **Age: 11 – 17 (with remaining two exceptions)**
- **SL3 restrictions**
- **0 – 4 acrobatics, scored in dance and formation criteria**
- **Length of music: 2:15 – 2:30**
- **Valid from 01.01.2019**

**ITEM 10 - MEMBERS MOTIONS**

• **MOTION 01: SLOVENIA:**

Marko Rus presented the motion: proposal to change the name of the existing adult Rock'n'Roll categories:

- B class: Rock'n'Roll Main Class Touch Style
- Main Class: Rock'n'Roll Main Class Free style

- Denis Lilih presented the Presidium opinion about this motion. The motion is acceptable, but the Presidium proposes following name for the former B-Class: Rock'n'Roll Main Class Contact Style
- Todor Petkov (BUL): will the B-Class get the World Championships?
  - Miriam Kerpan Izak: this would be the next step. Our two adult RR classes evolved in the separate directions, and not all Main class couples are able to perform the most difficult B-Class elements. The discussion about the new name for the B-Class is lasting over many years. By our rules, if we call both classes Main Class, they are both entitled for the World Championship.
- Sophie Sacosme (SUI) – Main class for both categories is confusing
  - Miriam Kerpan Izak: our adult classes in Boogie Woogie and Rock'n'Roll are called Main classes. Like in other sports, in Rock'n'Roll we will now have two different disciplines (Contact style and Free Style)

Slovenian delegation agreed to the change of the wording of their motion.

**(13) Motion accepted: 35 YES, 12 AGAINST, 2 ABSTENTIONS**

- **New name for B Class: Rock'n'Roll Main Class Contact Style**
- **New name for Main Class: Rock'n'Roll Main Class Free Style**
- **VALID IMMEDIATELY**

• **MOTION 02: SWITZERLAND**

Sophie Sancosme presented the motion:

Proposal to define the deadline for changes of the competition rules, in order to allow dancers to adapt, and national federations to discuss the implementation on the national level.

- Katalin Kis presented the opinion of the Presidium: Proposal is acceptable, and the reason why it was not like this in the past were big changes we had with the New Judging System
- Miriam Kerpan Izak: we had 3 similar motions (M02 Switzerland, M03 Russia, M04 Germany). Presidium proposes that we combine these motions into one: Deadline for publishing the changes of the rules for the next year is 31<sup>st</sup> October of the current year. This will give the time to the Presidium to prepare the changes during the year, and to accept them on the Presidium meeting in September

Switzerland, Russia and Germany agreed on the combined motion.

**(14) Combined motion was approved unanimously:  
Deadline for publishing the changes of the rules for the next year is 31<sup>st</sup> October of the current year.**

• **MOTION 03: RUSSIA**

Natalia Paivina presented the motions:

**MOTION 03-1** – judging commission was not constituted after the conclusion of the GM 2017. The motion should be implemented, according to the decision of the GM.

- Katalin Kis presented the opinion of the Presidium: WRRC started to work on the program which will automatically check the notes from the judges. The program will do the basic analysis, and we will need qualified people who will work on this data. The commission is still working, results will be visible in the future
  - Natalia Paivina: trainers and couples need some feedback, they want an organ where they can complain after the competitions
  - Sissel Myren (NOR) – Presidium should add two more people, so it would cover also Boogie Woogie
- Miriam Kerpan Izak: the new Presidium will appoint new commissions, and will follow the decision of the GM 2017 regarding the Judging commission.

Russia accepted the explanation from the Presidium. There was no voting on this motion

**MOTION 03-2** – seeded couples on World Cup Juveniles, Juniors and Main Class Contact style, by analogy to Main Class Free Style (top 10 couples on the international ranking list)

- Denis Lilih presented the decision of the Presidium from 09.03.2018: Top 6 couples will be seeded in Juveniles, Juniors and Main Class Contact style. If there will be more than 48 couples on the competition, top 3 couples will go directly to the quarterfinal, and couples from 4-6 will go directly to the second round.

Russia accepted the decision from the Presidium. There was no voting on this motion

**MOTION 03-3** – To introduce a “Juniors-acro” category that could ease the transition of “Juniors” into “B-Class. The Rules are the same as in B-Class (Contact style), but without staff and Bettarini elements. This

is especially interesting now, when we have two main class categories. Couples could reach Contact style through Juniors, and Free style through Juniors-acro category.

- Denis Lilih presented opinion of the Presidium: only few nations have such category on their national competitions (Russia, Ukraine, USA). There is no need to introduce such category at the moment.
  - Ivan Youdin: in Russia we work with children, that is why we have many adult couples. We must start from the young age to work on the acrobatics, and not from 17 years. It is much easier to work on the acrobatics with younger children.
- Miriam Kerpan Izak – idea is very good (to start working on acrobatics from younger ages), but is it really necessary to organize competitions?
- Katerina Tikhonova – In Russia they introduced the methodology book on teaching RR from the youngest ages to the adults, which could be introduced also internationally. In the future this could be connected with the ideas of InterRock, to present this methodology in camps. This work started, and in the future it would be possible to implement such ideas world wide
  - Peter Herrmann (GER): maybe it would be a good idea in the future, the future to introduce this category for the juniors from 15-17 years of age.

**(15) The motion was not approved: YES 11, AGAINST 33, ABST 5**

- **MOTION 04: GERMANY**

The motion was withdrawn, because the combined motion was accepted under point (14)

- **MOTION 05: GERMANY**

Katrin Kerber presented the motion: WRRRC should add a respective remark under 8.1.4 under the tournament rules that WRRRC fixes a ranking list status about 3 months prior to Continental and World Championships that will be taken as a basis for the respective dancer nominations.

- Miriam Kerpan Izak presented the opinion of the WRRRC Presidium: regarding the costs (airplane tickets), the proposal is plausible, but it is very hard to implement it, especially for the European championships, which by the rules must be conducted in spring. It could mean that no competition from the current year would be taken into account.
  - Ivan Youdin (PER): in some countries with strong competitors in all classes, it could mean that not the strongest couples would go to the championship. It is not very good for national teams
  - Sissel Myren (NOR): if the competition is close to the championship, the couples could decide not to come, because the points would not be relevant for the Championship, which is very bad for the organizers

**(16) The motion was not approved: YES 2, AGAINST 43, ABS 4**

- **MOTION 06-08: FRANCE**

The motions were presented by Michele Planques

**MOTION 06:** Sanctuarisation of the officials on the competition, isolating them and cutting them off from any contact with the public, the dancers, the coaches, or any other person not officiating during the competition.

- Miriam Kerpan Izak presented the opinion of the WRRRC Presidium: there were some breaches of code of conduct in the past, but it is very hard to implement such drastic measures. The presidium does not endorse this motion
  - Sissel Myren (NOR): it cannot be the organizers job, to take care of implementation of code of ethics. Judges now the rules, and they must respect them

**(17) The motion was not approved: YES 17, AGAINST 25, ABS 7**

**MOTION 07:** Agree or Disagree for displaying the drawing of heats in live on the screen facing the audience

- Miriam Kerpan Izak presented the opinion of the WRRRC Presidium: logistically it is very hard to implement it on the competition, it would mean a lot of delays in the competition flow. We should think more in the direction why is it important in which heat the couples dance, and to eliminate it through the education judges.

**(18) The motion was not approved: YES 2, AGAINST 20, ABS 27**

**MOTION 08:** Agree or Disagree for the total open marking after the competition, with the names of the judges who gave them. It will be more transparent and fair to publicly show each judge's marks, for each criteria, for each round.

- Denis Lilih presented the opinion of the WRRRC Presidium: presidium supports the motion, but without publishing the names of the judges.
- In a short discussion, France insisted on their version of the motion (with the names of the judges)

**(19) The motion was not approved: YES 13, AGAINST 20, ABS 16**

- **MOTION 09: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

The motion was presented by Namik Trutović: to change the dress code rules, and allow that upper half of the back for the girls is free in juveniles and juniors

**(20) The motion was not approved: YES 2, AGAINST 40, ABS 7**

## ITEM 11 - Elections of the WRRC Presidium

As chair of the Election Committee, Lena Arvidsson explained that all propositions came in time, and that there were not many individual candidates for the Presidium members.

She proposed following course of procedure:

- (21) Proposal 1: Voting for all positions using the ballots – accepted unanimously**
- (22) proposal 2: Each candidate shall present himself – accepted unanimously**

### ELECTION RESULTS, AFTER COUNTING THE BALLOTS:

Function	Candidate	Yes	No	Abstentions	Invalid
President	Miriam Kerpan Izak	49	0	0	0
VP Communication	Bartłomiej Kobylanski	47	0	2	0
VP M & E	Marina Kalacheva	46	0	1	2
VP Education	Katalin Kis	47	0	0	2
Sports Director	Denis Lilih	49	0	0	0
VP Legal	Manfred Mohab	18	0	0	0
VP Legal	Patrice de La Torre	31	0	0	0
Finance Director	Marina Eskolin	37	0	0	0
Finance Director	Peter Herrmann	10	0	1	0

### (23) Elected Presidium members:

<b>President</b>	<b>Miriam Kerpan Izak</b>
VP Communication	Bartłomiej Kobylanski
VP Marketing & Expansion	Marina Kalacheva
VP Legal affairs	Patrice de La Torre
VP Education	Katalin Kis
Sports Director	Denis Lilih
Finance Director	Marina Eskolin

## ITEM 12 - Elections of the auditors

Sophie Sancosme (SUI) proposed Daniel Fuog  
Karlos Wollein (AUT) proposed Gritli Ramschag Wollein.  
Both candidates accepted their nominations

- (24) Open voting: the candidates were elected unanimously**

## ITEM 13 - Election of the Chair of the Arbitration Committee

Presidium proposed Lena Arvidsson (SWE), who accepted the nomination

- (25) Open voting: the candidate was elected unanimously**



**ITEM 14 - Any Other Item**

**Honoration:**

The President thanked Mr. Manfred Mohab for all the work he has done in WRRRC in more than 30 years of his active membership in WRRRC Presidium. She expressed a wish that also in the future Manfred would stay with WRRRC and shared with us his experience, especially on the field of Anti-Doping. For his contribution she proposed the delegates to elect him as an Honorary President.

**(26) Manfred Mohab was elected as Honorary WRRRC President. Approved unanimously.**

The President, Miriam Kerpan Izak thanked all delegates and member federations for participation on the General Meeting, and especially the All Russian Federation of DanceSport and acrobatic Rock'n'Roll for the support and excellent organization.

The General meeting was closed at 13:00

Moscow, 11.03.2018

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 2018**

<b>NR.</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>DELEGATE</b>	<b>FEDERATION</b>	<b>Function_GM</b>
1	AUT	Sabine Schaller	Österreichischer Rock'n'Roll und Boogie Woogie Tanzsportverband	delegate
2	AUT	Gritli Ramschag Wollein	Österreichischer Rock'n'Roll und Boogie Woogie Tanzsportverband	delegate
3	BIH	Namik Trutovic	Savez Sportsko Plesnih Klubova BiH	delegate
4	BIH	Halid Cokic	Savez Sportsko Plesnih Klubova BiH	delegate
5	BUL	Ivaylo Himchev	Bulgarian Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation	delegate
6	BUL	Todor Petkow	Bulgarian Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation	delegate
7	CRO	Alan Miletić	Croatian Rock'n'Roll Association	delegate
8	CRO	Igor Vinković	Croatian Rock'n'Roll Association	delegate
9	CZE	Jiri Hais	Czech National Rock and Roll Federation	delegate
10	CZE	--	Czech National Rock and Roll Federation	proxy delegate
11	DEN	Karen Pedersen	Danish Dancesportsfederation	delegate
12	DEN	Katja Mikkelsen	Danish Dancesportsfederation	delegate
13	FIN	Outi Paavola	Finnish Dance Sport Federation	delegate
14	FIN	Auli Korhonen	Finnish Dance Sport Federation	delegate
15	FRA	Charles Ferreira	Fédération Française de Danse	delegate
16	FRA	Jean-François Dekhil	Fédération Française de Danse	delegate
17	GER	Katrin Kerber	Deutscher Rock'n'Roll und Boogie Woogie Verband	delegate
18	GER	Peter Herrmann	Deutscher Rock'n'Roll und Boogie Woogie Verband	delegate
19	HUN	Péter JUHÁSZ	Hungarian DanceSport Federation	delegate
20	HUN	Viktor Papp	Hungarian DanceSport Federation	delegate
21	IRL	Katarzyna Kik-Witkowska	Dance Sport Federatio of Ireland	delegate

22	IRL	Jaroslav Witkowski	Dance Sport Federatio of Ireland	delegate
23	ITA	Ivo Cabiddu	Italian Dance Sport Federation	delegate
24	ITA	Magda Laudi	Italian Dance Sport Federation	delegate
25	KAZ	Aliya Tussupbekova	Modern And Sport Dance Federation	delegate
26	KAZ	Ruslan Mammadov	Modern And Sport Dance Federation	delegate
27	LEB	Alia Abi Aad	Lebanese Dancesport Federation	delegate
28	MDA	Iulian Turcanu	Moldovan Federation of Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll	delegate
29	MDA	Elizaveta Negru	Moldovan Federation of Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll	delegate
30	NOR	Anne Ragnhild Olstad	Norwegian Dance Federation	delegate
31	NOR	Sissel Myren	Norwegian Dance Federation	delegate
32	PER	Ivan Yudin	Peruvian Federation of Dancesport	proxy delegate
33	POL	Bartłomiej Kobylański	Polish Rock'n'Roll Acrobatic Union	delegate
34	POL	--	Polish Rock'n'Roll Acrobatic Union	proxy delegate
35	RUS	Natalia Paivina	All Russian Federation of DanceSport and acrobatic Rock'n'Roll	delegate
36	RUS	Ivan Sbitnev	All Russian Federation of DanceSport and acrobatic Rock'n'Roll	delegate
37	SEN	Olga Sbitneva	Association Rock'n'Roll Sacre Coeur	proxy delegate
38	SLO	Marko Rus	Slovenian Dance Sport Federation	delegate
39	SLO	Boštjan Marinko	Slovenian Dance Sport Federation	delegate
40	SUI	Sophie Sancosme	Suisse Rock'n'Roll Confederation	delegate
41	SUI	Nicolas Kamer	Suisse Rock'n'Roll Confederation	delegate
42	SVK	Peter Olej	Slovak Dance Sport Federation	delegate
43	SVK	Adela Chlapcová	Slovak Dance Sport Federation	delegate

44	SWE	Lena Arvidsson	Swedish Dancesport Federation	delegate
45	SWE	Jan Falk	Swedish Dancesport Federation	delegate
46	UKR	Serhii Lyashenko	Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation of Ukraine	delegate
47	UKR	Mykhailo Petrenko	Acrobatic Rock'n'Roll Federation of Ukraine	delegate
48	USA	Olga Simakova	US Acrobatic Rock-n-Roll Confederation	delegate
49	USA	Vlad Simakov	US Acrobatic Rock-n-Roll Confederation	delegate
	<b>Officials:</b>			
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
106	WRRC	Manfred Mohab	WRRC	PRESIDIUM
107	WRRC	Denis Lilih	WRRC	PRESIDIUM
108	WRRC	Marina Eskolin	WRRC	PRESIDIUM
109	WRRC	Katalin Kis	WRRC	PRESIDIUM
110	WRRC	Katerina Tikhonova	WRRC	PRESIDIUM
111	WRRC	Kresimir Bosnar	WRRC	WRRC OFFICE
112	WRRC	Marina Kalacheva	WRRC	EXPANSION MANAGER
113	WRRC	Ineke Crijns	WDSF	WDSF Anti Doping Commission
114	WRRC	Attila Szakal	WRRC	MUSICAL COMMISSION