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## **Minutes - WRRC Presidium meeting**

Zoom meeting, March 22, 2022

Present: M. Kerpan Izak (MKI), K. Kis (KK), D. Lilih (DL), Marina Eskolin (ME), Patrice de la Torre (PdT), Bartlomiej Kobylanski (BK), Edilio Pagano (EP)

WRRC Office: K. Bosnar (KB)

Minutes: K. Bosnar, M. Kerpan Izak

### **1. Constitution of the newly elected Presidium**

The WRRC Presidium convened their first meeting after the elections in full attendance:

- President: Miriam Kerpan Izak
- VP Communications: Bartlomiej Kobylanski
- VP Expansion and Marketing: Edilio Pagano
- VP Legal Affairs: Patrice de la Torre
- VP Education: Katalin Kis
- Finance Director: Marina Eskolin
- Sports Director: Denis Lilih

#### **(1) The newly elected Presidium convened the constitutional meeting according to the WRRC Statute and Rules of Procedure.**

In a discussion about the workflow and efficiency, and the need to pass the important information as fast as possible to all Members, the Presidium decided to introduce a new, faster way of communicating important decisions:

#### **(2) Minutes from the Presidium meetings will be published in two different formats, with different deadlines. Two days after the meeting, all major decisions will be published (Short Minutes). Latest two weeks after the meeting, the full version of the minutes will be published (Final Minutes).**

All decisions which will be taken between the two Presidium meetings will be done in MS Teams, which will be also the only platform where the Presidium will discuss and eventually vote on the decisions. These decisions must also be available to members as soon as possible.

#### **(3) Decisions between two Presidium meetings will be published always on the following Monday after the decisions were made, and will be confirmed in the next minutes of the Presidium meeting.**

The previous contract with Kresimir Bosnar for the work in WRRC Office was resolved with the mandate of the previous presidium. MKI proposed the renew this contract for the duration of the mandate of the new Presidium.

**(4) WRRC Presidium decided to renew the contract for the WRRC Office work with Kresimir Bosnar until the end of the mandate of the current Presidium.**

## **2. The transition of the work between former and current VP Marketing and Expansion**

As the only new member in this Presidium, EP asked if he can have an insight in the documents and work of the former VP Marketing and Expansion, Marina Kalacheva.

**(5) BK will organize the meeting with EP, ME and Marina Kalacheva, former VP Marketing and Expansion. The main topics will be transferring the documents about the previous work in Expansion projects, and the upcoming workshop in Miami, USA, after the World Games 2022.**

## **3. The World Games 2022, Birmingham, USA**

Based on the latest information from the IWGA, we now can announce the couple from the USA, although not both partners are US citizens. BK will check with the MCFS couple if they will be able to prepare for the World Games in such a short time.

Presidium reviewed one more time all judges nominated for the World Games, including the possible substitute judges, in case some of the nominated judges will not be able to travel to USA.

**(6) The final decision about the possible Wild-Card couple from the USA will be made latest on March 31, 2022. Until then, the couple from Belgium will still be in a standby position.**

## **4. Situation in Ireland**

In Ireland, we have a dispute between our member, Dance Sport Federation of Ireland, and their member which is representing the WRRC disciplines, ARIA. Although there were several attempts to find a solution, in the end, ARIA decided to resolve its membership in the DFI and asked for membership in the WRRC.

According to the WRRC Statute, the only legal representative of Ireland is the Dance Sport Federation of Ireland. They have the status of a Provisional member, which will expire in March 2023. So far, the DFI has fulfilled all their obligation as a provisional member of the WRRC.

WRRC cannot accept multiple members from one country. MKI will try to find a solution that will be satisfying to both parties in this dispute. To avoid collateral damage for the active dancers of the former member of the DFI, the ARIA, they will be allowed to dance at the WRRC competitions under the flag of Ireland, independently from the DFI. The Dance Sport Federation of Ireland can also register new dancers during that period, representing the DFI and Ireland.

- (7) MKI will prepare the letter for both parties involved in the dispute (Dance Sport Federation of Ireland and their former member ARIA) and organize the meeting between them latest until the end of April 2022.**
- (8) WRRC will not accept any new federation in the membership this year, but we will allow dancers from Ireland to compete independently from any national federation, under the flag of Ireland.**

## **5. Appointment of the Commissioners, constitution of the commissions**

Presidium discussed thoroughly all points of the Statute and Rules of Procedure regarding the constitution of various commissions. National Federations should propose expert persons for the commissions, willing to work for the benefit of all WRRC members.

All commissions are advisory bodies of the WRRC Presidium, and they report to the Presidium about their work. Heaving this in mind, the minutes from the meetings of commissions will not be published separately. Their proposals will be presented to the Presidium and published only in the minutes from the Presidium meetings.

- (9) WRRC Presidium acknowledged the work of the appointed Commissioners in the previous mandate and reappointed the following commissioners**
  - Boogie Woogie Commissioner: Aina Nygard**
  - Anti-Doping Commissioner: Manfred Mohab**
  - Medical Commissioner: Karlos Wollein**
- (10) According to the Rules of Procedure, points 8, 9 and 10, WRRC Office will prepare a letter to all National Federations, to nominate their candidates for the following commissions, with the deadline until April 10, 2022:**
  - Sport Commission (7-9 members)**
  - Boogie Woogie Commission (3 - 5 members)**
  - Judging Commission (3 - 5 members)**
  - Educational Commission**
  - Commission for Expansion and Marketing**

**Based on the nominations, the Presidium will constitute the Commissions in due time, according to the Rules of procedure**
- (11) WRRC Presidium constituted the Financial Commission, with the main purpose of direct communication with our Bank, the UBS (Switzerland, Lausanne)**

**Members of the Financial Commission:**

  - Marina Eskolin (WRRC Finance Director)**
  - Susi Huber (Switzerland)**

## 6. Situation in Ukraine

From the first day of the full-scale war, the WRRRC monitored the situation in Ukraine and followed all recommendations of the International Olympic Committee.

Many dancers and coaches from the most affected cities have already been forced to leave their country as refugees, and have found their temporary homes in neighboring countries, members of the WRRRC. WRRRC supported the members of the UFARR as much as it could, including helping in organizing the special training camp for the Ukrainian national team in Poland.

We strongly recommend to all our members, where refugee dancers have found their new temporary homes, to welcome them and help them to continue with their sport:

- (12) WRRC Presidium recommends to all National Federations, to give a chance for free and unlimited access to training and national competitions for all Ukrainian refugee dancers, without any conditions involved towards them.**

## 7. Competitions

### 7.1. Missing Championships

After the cancellation of the competitions in Kharkiv, Kyiv and Moscow, several championships were left open. The Presidium is trying to find the organizer(s) for these championships:

- European Championship BW SEN
- European Championship BW MC
- European Championship BW JUN
- World Championship RR MCFS
- World Championship RR JUN
- World Championship RR FJUN

### 7.2. Other competition

- Budapest confirmed the organization of the World Cup Main Class Free Style, which was planned originally in Kharkiv.
- We have received the letter from the organizer of the European Ch. Rock'n'Roll in Neuchatel, Switzerland, asking to increase the number of competitors per nation. Since we have clear rules for participation on the Continental/World Championships, and we also had a relatively normal second part of the competition year 2021, there will be no exceptions to the rules for the year 2022.

## 8. WRRC Judging Seminars

WRRRC will prepare two seminars in March, one for Boogie Woogie (19.03.2022) and Rock'n'Roll (26.03.2022). WRRRC Office already prepared the invitation letters and sent them to all our members.

- (13) All new judges who passed their examinations on the seminars before or in 2020 (before the COVID-19 pandemics), and were given the task to pass also the shadow judging(s) on live competitions, must attend the seminars in 2022 to refresh their knowledge. They will not have to pass the examination again, but their presence at seminars is obligatory before attending shadow judging.**

At the time of writing these minutes, both seminars have successfully finished.

For those participants who were not able to participate on the examination day after the seminars, another date will be determined latest by the end of June 2022.

The Presidium Meeting finished at 11:50.

The next Presidium Meeting will take place online (Zoom), on April 21, 2022, at 09:00.

Minutes:

WRRC Office

Kresimir Bosnar



Approved:

WRRC President

Miriam Kerpan Izak

