



## **Minutes: WRRC Presidium meeting**

Ljubljana, January 14, 2024

Present: M. Kerpan Izak (MKI), D. Lilih (DL), Marina Eskolin (ME), Katalin Kis (KK), Patrice de la Torre (PdT)

Absent: Edilio Pagano (EP), Bartlomiej Kobylanski (BK)

Minutes: M. Kerpan Izak, D. Lilih

### **1. Minutes from the last Presidium Meeting**

All decisions have been implemented or are in the process of implementation.

The topics which have not been finished yet, will be discussed on the next meeting.

### **2. General meeting 2024**

MKI informed all Presidium members about the preparation activities for GM 2024. The announcement of the meeting was done in time, the hotel reservation form is out. It is important that everyone makes the hotel reservation on time since the demand for hotel rooms is really high.

#### **(112) GM 2024 organization**

- The presidium meeting will be held on Friday March 8, 2024 starting at 1 p.m.
- The dinner on March 8 will be organized for Presidium and commission members,
- All presidium members and all commission chairs have to send the report for 2023 to WRRC Office latest on January 31, 2023
- The local organizer will cover the costs of the meeting rooms and coffee breaks, all other costs are covered by WRRC
- The lunch during the Forum has to be paid by each person, the lunch on the GM will be offered by the WRRC.
- Saturday Workshop/forum
  - o The Forum will be organized in direction of brainstorming – strategic goals of the WRRC:
  - o Cooperation with WDSF (new contract)
  - o Possible changes of competition structure (round arrangements, maximum number of dancers..)
  - o Each national federation can propose additional topics for discussion. The topics will be review by the WRRC presidium and included if the would be in accordance with the general direction of the Forum

#### **(113) GM 2024 voting rights**

- The paid membership Fee for 2023 is the prerequisite for voting rights on the GM.

### **3. The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WRRC**

In 2024 the WRRC celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Together with it we also celebrate 50 years of modern Rock'n'Roll. As we have already decided different kind of activities will be done on different events in 2024.

The president informed the Presidium about the location of the gala event in Ljubljana, the proposed flow of the event and additional details.

**(114) WRRC celebration**

- Gala dinner in Ljubljana: The final version of guest list was confirmed,
- Non invited persons also present on the GM weekend (e.g. federation guests, partners of delegates etc) can attend the gala dinner with some limitations. The number of places is limited, and the places will be offered when the deadline of confirmation of official guest will be closed. The price of the dinner is 90 € per person. The places will be filled up following the order of application.
- A TODO list will be prepared for all presidium members and other included persons for the preparation of the event.
- For dancers, coaches and judges the celebration event will be organized on November 23, 2024 in Prague during the World Championships RR and BW.

#### **4. Finance**

ME presented the draft balance sheet for 2023 and explained the loss (as planned). There were less events as planned, but we were also able to lower expenditures but not to cover the lower income.

With lower number of events also the registration fees are lower.

Without some other income it will be difficult to do anything except everyday business.

The Presidium made the final decision about the new proposed starting fees and proposed changes of the Tournament Fees to be more balanced regarding the number of expected participants per category.

The Presidium also discussed about other financial points: Membership Fees, Registration & seminar fees for the officials, etc. The Invoices for membership Fees for 2024 were created, each federation is responsible to pay the Invoice in time.

**(115) The Presidium confirmed the balance sheet for 2023.**

**(116) The Presidium confirmed the changes of the Fee Scale which will be proposed as Presidium motion on the GM. Two versions of the budget will be prepared – with the old and with the new Fee Scale.**

**(117) UBS bank**

- ME and MKI will contact the bank to cancel all accreditations and bank access connected with Kresimir Bosnar
- Denis Lilih will be added to the bank as the third person with authorization, since double confirmation is always needed in Corporate UBS system.

#### **5. Competitions**

The Presidium reviewed the events in 2023 and based on the feedback made some changes in the rules or set some tasks to be performed soon.

With omitting the starting numbers, the check-in process on the competitions is sometimes not completely clear which lead to several problems with the starting lists on WC final in Budapest.

The applications with several formation categories on one competition date are getting bigger all the time. The motivation to organize 4 different formation categories on one day is questionable and only serves financial component.

Still applications arrive after the deadline, and it is difficult to create the competition calendar.

A revision of competitions structure, number of participants, categories on the event is needed to find a good balance between quality of sport, conditions for participants, number of dancers and financial benefits for the organizer.

**(118) A brainstorming for competition structure, number of categories, participants will be organized during the GM.**

**(119) The Presidium will prepare revised description of the responsibilities of different types of officials on competitions. Appointed MKI.**

**(120) World Cup Final 2024**

- No competition fee for the event
- Trophies for the couples by the WRRRC
- The lump sum of 5.000€ for the organizer (no additional costs will be covered)
- Overall prize money for the couples: 20.475€
- Officials paid by the organizer (following the Fee Scale)

**(121) The Presidium approved the competition calendar as updated on WRRRC home page with some limitations:**

- The competition in Armenia is in the status planned. We cannot grant the event on the first applied date 20.10.2024. We are waiting for a possible new date on November 9/10, 2024. The organizer also needs to improve the conditions regarding the dressing rooms and warm up area to be able to accommodate more participants.

**(122) The Presidium will review the existing instructions for the Winner ceremony and prepare a special operating policy for all WRRRC events.**

**(123) The national federations and organizers should send the competition applications as soon as possible.**

- **Missing events in 2023: European Championship RR MC FS, one or two Boogie Woogie World Cups in the autumn part of the season.**

## **6. Sport topics and rules**

Upon the discussion from point (5) the Presidium decided about the following changes of the rules:

**(124) Number of judges on WRRC competitions (valid from 01.01.2024)**

- **All competitions for RR MCFS and RR MCCS**
  - o **8 judges from 8 different national federations**
  - o **4 acro judges + 4 dancing judges**
- **All World and Continental championships and WC Final (except RR MCFS and RR MCCS)**
  - o **7 judges from 7 different national federations**
- **All remaining WRRC events in all remaining categories**
  - o **6 judges from 6 different national federations**

**(125) The Supervisor can exclude coach(es), who do not follow the rules of sportive and ethical behaviour, from the competition area.**

- Example: Not respecting the rules of conduct in the coach area!

**(126) A substitute member for the music commission will be appointed.**

**RR judging seminar and exam on January 13 -14, 2024**

- 26 judges attended the seminar in Zagreb.
- The feedback from the seminar was positive, everyone welcomed the new approach and the new seminar structure.
- Some good ideas were proposed on the brainstorming section most of them in the direction already discussed by Presidium to make the notes more transparent, to lower the number of clicks and to simplify the whole process.
- The Presidium would like to thank all involved in the seminar for their good work, but especially to Stefan Stahl, Filip Kocis, Fred Pasqualin, Katalin Kis and Denis Lilih.
- All fourteen candidates have successfully passed the re-examination, some with additional tasks.
- There are only 6 RR judges left who need to pass the re-examination test in 2024, so the Presidium decided:

**(127) The already announced seminar/examination weekend (1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March) will be organized online exclusively for the RR judges who need to renew their licences in 2024.**

**(128) And additional live seminar date will be proposed in September 2024**

## 7. WRRC Office

MKI and DL are in close cooperation and communication with our SW provider LINUM to make sure that all administrative tasks are running smoothly without any delay. Linum will implement new features and innovations in WRRC software solutions for different processes to minimize the amount of manual work and possibility of an error.

The structure of different tasks is under review and further optimization will be prepared.

- (129) The Presidium confirmed the termination of the Contract for the WRRC Office which has been already signed by the WRRC President with the termination date 31.12.2023.**
- (130) The WRRC partner Linum will manage additional technical tasks connected with Website management and Newsletter management. The annex to the existing contract will be prepared.**
- (131) The Presidium members will be temporarily responsible for different office tasks. The Presidium will decide about the internal division of the tasks.**
- (132) The contact point for the WRRC remains the e-mail address [info@wrrc.dance](mailto:info@wrrc.dance). The Sports director Denis Lilih will manage the e-mails sent to the office address.**
- (133) The Presidium plans to transfer the tasks needed for “the preparation of competitions” to new appointed Head Scrutineers.**
- (134) The Presidium will decide about the financial compensation of the additional administrative work for individual persons which cumulatively cannot exceed the amount previously used for the WRRC Office.**

## **8. Members and Expansion**

### **Situation Belgium:**

The Presidium received two letters from Belgium regarding the internal dispute inside the federation. There are no indications of any breach of the WRRC Statute, so in such case the WRRC Presidium cannot interfere in internal dispute.

### **Situation Italy:**

The Presidium received a letter from an Italian couple asking for the WRRC support to be nominated on international events because the national member has set the conditions which they cannot meet because of the injury.

The WRRC Presidium has no authority to intervene in the regulations of a national federation. Making an exception would lead to chaotic situation, so generally the WRRC cannot grant special conditions for individual couples to participate on WRRC events.

### **EXPANSION**

The WRRC needs to grow internally and externally to be able to survive on global sport map. Our top priorities are:

- To have more RR and BW couples in our existing member federations

- To develop RR and BW in our existing member federations where the discipline does not exist or is on lower level,
- To expand RR and BW to new countries inside Europe
- To expand RR and BW to new countries outside Europe

Boogie Woogie commission performed some tasks for BW expansion with positive results:

- Canada: We can expect a new member from Canada and some BW couples on WRRRC competitions,
- Greece: We can expect new couples,
- Ireland & Hungary: activities are going on initiated by William Pisani and Magda Laudi supported by Boogie Woogie commission.
- The Boogie Woogie commission will try to develop the discipline inside existing WRRRC member countries.

Rock'n'roll

- Australia: work in progress both in RR and BW
- Armenia: The WRRRC should support their development.

The presidium discussed also about the proposal from VP for Expansion to include and develop new disciplines inside WRRRC community. The proposal looks tempting but in a short term the WRRRC must focus on developing its basic disciplines Rock'n'Roll and Boogie Woogie.

## 9. Any other item

**(135) Next live meeting will go on during the GM weekend on March 8, 2024, at 1 p.m.**

**(136) At least one online meeting will be organized in February to review the preparation of GM and the celebration.**

The President thanked all Presidium members and closed the meeting at 16:30.

Minutes:

Approved by WRRRC Presidium

WRRRC President

Miriam Kerpan Izak

