

MINUTES OF THE WDSF PRESIDIUM MEETING

Budapest (HUN) June 10, 2019

5 Present:

Shawn Tay (ST) WDSF President

Tony Tilenni (TT) WDSF Vice-President for Finance

James Fraser (JF) WDSF Vice-President for Legal Affairs

Nenad Jeftic (NJ) WDSF General Secretary

10 Leena Liusvaara (LL) WDSF Vice-President for Communication

Vasile Gliga (VG) WDSF Vice-President for Marketing

Antoni Czyzyk (AC) WDSF Vice-President for Development

Lena Arvidsson (LA) WDSF Presidium Member

Peter Maxwell (PM) WDSF Presidium Member

15 Glenn Weiss (GW) WDSF Presidium Member

Verena Sulek (VS) WDSF PD Director

Ashli Williamson (AW) Chair of the WDSF Athletes Commission

Magdalena Czarnocka-Kaptur (MCK) Translator to Mr. Czyzyk (Invited)

20 Jean-Laurent Bourquin (JLB) WDSF Senior Advisor (Invited)

Guillaume Felli (GF) WDSF General Manager (Invited)

James Fraser (JF) Observer (after resignation at 12:00 Noon)

[Editor's Note: there was a formal resignation ceremony at 10:40 during which Mr. Fraser signed his voluntary letter of resignation as a Presidium Member and photographs of the whole Presidium were taken. Mr. Fraser's resignation was effective at 12:00 Noon June 10, 2019.]

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Introduction by the President

30 The President welcomed all participants to the meeting which started at 9:45. ST thanked everyone for their hard work over the past days and congratulated everyone for the successful Open Forum and WDSF AGM held over the weekend. He asked that the meeting is run as efficiently as possible in order to finish at the latest at 1:00 PM as various Presidium Members have a flight to catch later in the afternoon.

ST **Moved** that the Presidium agree to the presence of Ms. Czarnocka-Kaptur to this meeting in her capacity as translator for Mr. Czyzyk. Approved unanimously.

35 Several Presidium Members asked the President to improve the communication between the MC and the Presidium, allowing for better update of information and transparency. ST confirmed that he has heard the concerns of the Presidium Members and re-assured them that there is no intention to deliberately leave out some Presidium Members on some of the discussions but given the enormous amount of work it is sometimes challenging for the MC to perform that all of the work and also
40 consult everyone about it. ST reiterated that he is committed to better include all Presidium Members to benefit from their contributions at all time.

ST, joined by all Presidium Members, also congratulated NJ for his election as Vice-President for Sport during the AGM the day before.

1. Approval of the Agenda

45 ST asked that two items be added to the Agenda: the situation with this year's World 10 Dance Championship as well as the 1st Vice-President election. Approved unanimously.

Further to the election of JF yesterday as an Honorary Member of WDSF and his scheduled voluntary resignation from the Presidium today, AW **Moved** that the Presidium adopt the following Resolutions:

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- THAT Jim Fraser, of Canada, be and he is hereby appointed as a Member of the WDSF Legal Commission, effective at the time of his retirement as WDSF's Vice-President for Legal Affairs at 12:00 noon today.
 - THAT, on the advice and recommendation of Jim Fraser, the President and Chief Executive Officer are hereby given the authority, effective 12:00 noon today, to discharge the responsibilities of the WDSF Vice-President for Legal Affairs, with the advice and assistance of the WDSF Legal Commission, until a WDSF Vice-President for Legal Affairs is elected or is
55 appointed by the Presidium.

60 12 votes in favour of both motions with one abstention (JF)

ST also **Moved** that the Presidium agree to JF potentially attending future WDSF Presidium Meetings in his new capacity of member of the WDSF Legal Commission if necessary and approved by the Presidium. 12 votes in favour with one abstention (JF)

65 **2. Minutes Secretary**

GF was proposed as the Minute Secretary for this meeting, which was unanimously approved.

3. Timekeeper

LL was proposed as the Timekeeper for this meeting, which was unanimously approved.

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4. Review Meetings

Both NJ and TT commented that both the Open Forum and the AGM went extremely smoothly in a positive and constructive atmosphere and congratulated ST for his presentation at the Open forum and for having successfully chaired the AGM on Sunday June 9th, 2019.

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JLB mentioned that this year, he was approached by a lot of NMBs directly during the weekend to speak about the recent developments of the federation and that the overall feedback was very positive. Many NMBs mentioned the new statutes that they were able to obtain towards their NOCs and that a lot of new possibilities for further development had been opened over the past months. This is due to the exposure WDSF benefited from since the proposal of Paris 2024 to include Breaking at their edition of the games.

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5. Election of the 1st Vice-President and appointment of the Secretary General

ST **Moved** that the Presidium elect TT as the 1st Vice-President for WDSF for the Presidium's remaining term of office. The motion carried with one abstention (TT).

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Further to the change of the **WDSF Statutes** adopted by the AGM the day before, ST **Moved** that the Presidium appoint GF as General Secretary of the WDSF. Motion carried unanimously.

The Presidium congratulated both TT and GF for these new appointments.

6. Implementation of AGM motions to WDSF governing documents

It was agreed that GF would coordinate with the different parties involved for the implementation of the changes in governing documents approved by the AGM according to the implementation dates.

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7. World Urban Games 2019

Attila Miszer (AM), General Director of the 2019 GAISF World Urban Games (WUG) was welcomed into the room and delivered a presentation on the statutes of the preparation of the WUG which will be held in Budapest on September 13-15, 2019 and during which DanceSport will be featured with Breaking as a medal event.

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AM commented that there are a lot of expectations around the Breaking competitions and that they will definitely be a big attraction for these WUG. He also informed the Presidium that his organizing committee had already started to work with the Hungarian NMB to plan demonstration and initiations sessions, including other DanceSport Disciplines (Standard/Latin, Rock'n'Roll etc..).

100 JLB mentioned that the qualification system proposed by the WDSF for the WUG has as a provision to include 2 breakers from Hungary (one B-boy and one B-girl) and that having local athletes will greatly help to create a fantastic atmosphere.

ST thanked AM for his presentation and reiterated that WDSF is committed to this partnership with GAISF and the Budapest organizing committee to deliver a fantastic 1st edition of the WUG.

8. Report of the Chair of the DanceSport Discipline Development Commission (DDD)

105 LA reported on the overall work done by the DDD Commission since its creation in 2017, she highlighted its achievements but also the challenges that the Commission face in the last months.

110 LA commented that a lot of improvements should be made regarding the communication of the various parties involved as the DDD Commission has not been consulted in many of the developments regarding the Hip-Hop, Stage, Disco and Breaking. She asked for clarification on the different roles of the VP for Sport, the VP for Development and her commission.

115 A lot of work has been done until the beginning of 2019 with the revision of the rules, the updating of judging systems, and the repackaging of the competition formats but everything was put on hold according to the new directions received regarding the project responsibilities. LA reported on the Hip-Hop, Disco and Stage adjudicators congress which took place in Belgrade (SRB) last May and confirmed that was very successful with a lot of contribution from various NMBs and experts.

LA **Moved** that the Presidium accept an adjusted price for E-cards for Breaking, hip-hop, disco and stage at CHF 5.00 for the year of 2019. Approved unanimously.

LA described the various important next steps and milestones identified by the DDD Commission in order to move forward with all the projects and asked the Presidium to support her proposals.

120 ST thanked LA for all the hard work she has put into the DDD Commission over the past two years and congratulated her on the achievements made by the commission, sometimes in challenging conditions. ST mentioned that there was no intention from the MC or the Presidium to stop any projects from the DDD Commission but with the motion passed at the AGM on Sunday regarding the creation of new WDSF Divisions according to the dance discipline, some restructuring will have to be done to reassign some roles and responsibilities. ST told LA that there will be a meeting organized in Stuttgart in August during the German Open to discuss this matter in particular in order to prepare concrete proposals to present to the next Presidium meeting in the beginning of September in August. ST mentioned that LA's input will be greatly needed in order to formulate these proposals.

130 ST also emphasized the importance for WDSF to welcome a new NMB from Senegal as Dakar will be the host of the 2022 Youth Olympic Games. He asked that GF, NJ and LA coordinate the various actions already taken in this directions and report back to the Presidium in September 2019.

135 LA presented about the EOTO (Each One Teach One) concept in the Breaking community and explained that this concept could be developed further thru the NMBs with the help of Breaking athletes. JLB suggested for the Presidium to get in touch with B-boy Spaghetti from Norway to see if we could be willing to contribute in this field and potentially join the WDSF equality commission. Approved unanimously.

9. WDSF Membership Affairs

140 NJ provided an overview of the Membership affairs and confirmed the expulsion of 3 NMBs (Bolivia, Chile and Mongolia) by order of the Presidium, effective May 1st, 2019. NJ commented that the Membership Commission has already identified potential replacement federations in these countries and is confident they will be in position to officially apply to the Membership Commission in the coming months.

145 Many inquiries and requests for Membership have been received by the office since the beginning of 2019 but no formal application has been submitted for the moment.

PM commented on the situation of Monaco and mentioned that a new member body should also be formed in the coming months.

ST **Moved** that NJ be re-appointed as the chair of the Membership commission. Approved with one abstention (NJ).

150 10. World Games 2021

155 NJ presented an update on the preparation for the 2021 World Games in Birmingham (USA) and confirmed that 2 qualifying events had already taken place (the European Latin and the European Standard). ST asked that NJ provides an update on the qualification selection process during the next Presidium meeting in September and a proposal to include the New Sports Series as part of the qualifiers.

GF reminded the Presidium at the World Games included Breaking as an additional medal event at the end of 2018. Some planning elements were still pending with the World Games and an update should be provided to them latest by the end of the summer in order to allow the organizing committee to continue with their planning.

160 11. GAISF Matters

165 ST reported on the attendance of the WDSF delegation at the SportAccord Convention which took place at the beginning of May in Gold Coast (AUS). He thanked JLB for his help and support throughout the week of meetings. ST indicated that he could really feel the change of mind toward WDSF from all other stakeholders in the Olympic movement, following the announcement of Paris 2024. He also thanked AW for her contribution and reiterated the importance of having the chair of the Athletes Commission attending meetings during the week of Sport Accord.

170 GF explained that during the SportAccord convention, WDSF met with representatives of the World Baton Twirling (WBT) Federation, following their recent application to GAISF to be recognized as an independent sports federation. As a member of GAISF, the WDSF did not oppose this application but strongly recommended to GAISF that a co-existence agreement is reached with the (WBT) before any potential observer status is given to them by GAISF. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the main framework of this co-existence agreement and it was agreed that the WBT would present a draft to WDSF for consideration in the coming weeks.

12. WDSF Sport Commission

175 The exceptions regarding the number of adjudicators for WDSF Open in the America's, Canada and Oceania were discussed and ST **Moved** that the Presidium review the current WDSF Presidium Operating Policy and impose at least 5 judges from 3 different countries (instead of the current 2)

starting as of July 2020. The Presidium approved this proposal unanimously.

180 ST **Moved** that the Presidium allow NJ to discuss the situation of the 2019 WDSF World 10 Dance
Championship with the President of the Israeli NMB. NJ will inquire about the final decision of the
NMB to host or not the World Championship. NJ will report back to the Presidium as soon as a decision
is taken by the Israeli NMB. Approved unanimously.

13. WDSF Commissions

185 Further to the discussion held during the AGM, LL **Moved** to appoint Ms. Dragana Majcen (CRO) as a
member of the WDSF Equality Commission. Approved Unanimously.

14. WDSF Lausanne Offices

190 GF shared the value in kind proposal of the “Active Well-Being Association” to put together a project
plan to include DanceSport as part of the Active Global City Label in return of WDSF allowing the
Active Well-Being Association to use one of the three office rooms rented by WDSF at the Maison du
Sport International in Lausanne, which is currently not being used by the staff. The Presidium
unanimously approved this proposal.

GF thanked the Presidium and will present the formal agreement for ratification by the MC upon his
return to Lausanne.

15. Next Presidium Meeting

195 ST confirmed again the dates of the next Presidium meeting from September 8th to September 9th,
2019 in Moscow (RUS), following the WDSF World Latin Championship there on September 7th, 2019.

16. Adjournment

200 ST thanked all Presidium member for their contribution and hard work over the past 5 days in
Budapest. He particularly thanked everyone for contributing to create a nice working atmosphere,
allowing to run efficient meetings throughout the week.

ST move to adjourn the meeting at 13:00, which was approved unanimously by the Presidium
Members.

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Shawn Tay

WDSF President



Guillaume Felli

WDSF General Manager and Minute Secretary