MINUTES OF THE WDSF PRESIDIUM

LAUSANNE JUNE 15TH, 2018

Present:

Lukas Hinder (LH) WDSF President
Shawn Tay (ST) WDSF 1st Vice-President and Vice-President for Sport
Nenad Jeftic (NJ) WDSF General Secretary
Tony Tilenni (TT) WDSF Vice-President for Finance
Jim Fraser (JF) WDSF Vice-President for Legal Affairs
Antoni Czyzyk (AC) WDSF Vice-President for Development
Leena Liusvaara (LL) WDSF Vice-President for Communication
Vasile Gliga (VG) WDSF Vice-President for Marketing

Lena Arvidsson (LA) WDSF Presidium Member
Peter Maxwell (PM) WDSF Presidium Member
Glenn Weiss (GW) WDSF Presidium Member

Verena Sulek (VS) WDSF Presidium Member & PD Director
Ashli Williamson (AW) WDSF Presidium Member & Chair WDSF Athletes Commission

Setsuo Nakamura (SN) WDSF Presidium Member & Associate Member Representative (IFC)
Mirjam Kerpan-Izak (MK) WDSF Presidium Member & Associate Member Representative (WRRC)

Jean-Laurent Bourquin (JLB) WDSF Senior Advisor (Invited)
Daniel Stehlin (DS) Chair WDSF Disciplinary Council (Invited)
Roland Hilfiker (RH) WDSF Communications Director (Invited)
Guillaume Felli (GF) WDSF General Manager (Invited)
Patrick Baumann (PB) GAISF President (Invited)

Minutes Secretary:
Cristina Swan (CS) WDSF Project Officer (Invited)
1. Introduction by the President

The meeting started at 8:30 in the absence of PM. LH welcomed all participants and said he was honored to have Patrick Baumann, the President of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), IOC Executive Boeard Member, Chair of the IOC Evaluation Commission for Paris 2024 and Chair of the IOC Coordination Commission for Los Angeles 2028 and General Secretary of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), as a special guest of this Presidium Meeting to address a couple of words to the WDSF Presidium Members.

PB welcomed everyone to the Maison du Sport International in Lausanne (MSI), headquarter of GAISF and many other international sports federations. PB mentioned that he was aware that WDSF had moved its headquarter to the MSI at the end of 2016. He congratulated the WDSF Presidium for taking this decision as he mentioned that there was no better place in the world for an IF to exchange with all the main actors in the world of Sport and the Olympic Games and it was a great asset for DanceSport to be established at the heart of the Olympic Capital. He also congratulated WDSF for the great achievement of having a discipline of DanceSport featured for the first time in the Medal Program at the YOG in Buenos Aires in October 2018. He also praised WDSF for having instead in the growth of its sport, especially with disciplines targeting the young generation. PB thanked SN and LH for being able to come up with an agreement between IFC and WDSF which required a strong commitment of both part to resolve the situation.

Finally, PB added that the growth of a sport is due mainly to two factors. First, the appeal it has to attract young people who want to practice it, and in this sense he confirmed that WDSF was in a great position. Second, a management composed by leaders who have a vision for their sport and can make sure International Federations are stable, otherwise things can move backwards.

LH thanked one more time PB for his availability to come to address these words to the Presidium and said that unfortunately PB would have to leave. Before leaving, PB apologized that he would not be able to come to the WDSF AGM Gala Dinner.

[PB left the room at 8:47]
LH informed that AC requested permission to have his own personal interpreter (Polish-English) who promised to keep confidentiality. The entire Presidium was in favor of the request.

LH announced that after a long discussion during and following the MC Meeting the day before, he reached an agreement with ST regarding the future leadership of WDSF. According to this agreement, whose details were still being finalized, LH will announce his retirement by resignation as President of WDSF after an administrative transition period which the Presidium has agreed is necessary and in the best interests of WDSF. The Presidium should appoint the 1st Vice-President to the office of CEO of the WDSF effective Monday, June 18, 2018, with the added provision that the CEO shall report to the full Presidium, not the President or the Managing Committee. Under this arrangement, documents under the authority of the President shall be signed by the CEO and LH as President until the date of his resignation following the successful 2018 Youth Olympic Games, after the WDSF Presidium Meeting on November 15-16, 2018, at an official handover ceremony to Shawn during the 2018 WDSF World Standard Championship at Vienna, Austria on November 17, 2018.

JF commented he was working on the motion for the appointment of the CEO and according to the WDSF Statutes it would need to be defined the CEO’s salary, responsibilities and functions until the end of the period. JF stressed it was important to have a transition period in order to solve some issues related to contracts and other businesses for the good of the federation.

2. Approval of the Agenda

LH moved to approve the amended agenda adding one hour for discussing the questions from the statement presented by the women of the Presidium. Unanimously approved.

3. Minutes Secretary

LH proposed CS to record the minutes which was unanimously approved.
4. Timekeeper

LH proposed LL as timekeeper of the meeting which was unanimously approved.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1. Minutes of the Presidium Meeting, 20-21.01.2018, Bucharest (ROU)

LH moved to approve the minutes from the Presidium Meeting in Bucharest (ROU) 20-21 January 2018. Unanimously approved.

5.2. Review Presidium Action List

GF explained that he and JF had been in contact with John Caprez (JC) for the purpose of establishing a work contract for Mr Caprez. JF reported that JC resisted to sign any contract as JC did not see anything wrong in the way he and WDSF collaborate. However, JF noticed that with the introduction of the new GDPR policy and regulation the situation might change and JC could be asked to reconsider his position. GF added that JC was willing to cooperate on all matter and had already provided a document to the WDSF listing and specifying all the tasks he currently accomplishes for the federation.

Regarding the IOC Well Being Project, LL reported she is in touch with Rainbow Ho and they have compiled some good ideas on how to proceed, however LL admitted this project is not advancing as expected and she would like to have further discussions with AC to see if together they can develop this faster. LL said for the summer she expected they will be able to have something ready.

Before starting to discuss the situation regarding the contract for the formal WDSF Sports Director, JF requested DS to leave the room.

[DS left the room]
JF explained he had investigated the situation of the former Sports Director Tommy Shaughnessy (TS) and that TS did not have a working contract with the WDSF. TT argued this was in part due to double tax declaration between Switzerland and Ireland where ST lives. TT added that two draft contracts were prepared but when these contracts were analyzed in the light of tax residency of TS, he believed both were not convinced and suggested WDSF should not enter into such agreements. TT also informed that TS appears to be perfectly satisfied with his situation as it is now.

[DS returned into the room]

Concerning the draft agreement for the Pole Sports Federation, JF confessed he still did not do it as he was so busy with other matters. LH strongly recommended JF to put efforts in this issue in order to solve it properly. JLB stressed that this is a very important topic as other DanceSport Organizations are regularly approaching GAISF and the later is analyzing all applications with much attention. It could be a mistake to consider that WDSF has a “protected status”.

6. 2018 Youth Olympic Games

6.1. Report by the Leader of the Task Force

JLB indicated the YOG project was on the right track and mentioned again how the idea of starting this Olympic project was initiated back in June 2016 during the AGM in Rome with the unanimous approval of the Presidium and the desire of several NMBs to develop urban dances. JLB presented to everybody how the YOG project has evolved over the past 12 months. Some of the challenges between the Breaking community and WDSF of one year ago have now turned into opportunities as WDSF gained in credibility inside the Breaking community. In addition, WDSF is now seen by other International Federations and Sport Organizations as a natural partner to develop the discipline and implement possible partnerships. We have received requests for partnerships from FIBA, FIG, FISE and GAISF for the Urban Games, which JLB explained he would come back on this situation during the following Presidium meeting on June 18th just after the 2018 AGM. A significant part of this
improvement is due to the hard work of Géraldine Zahnd and also to the quality of the YOG project as it can be now concretely observed from outside. One year after, some member bodies, including leading countries in the Olympic Movement, have successfully integrated Breaking inside their structure. Due to the YOG project, additional national member bodies (NMB) like Austria, Finland, Poland or Argentina could get recognition from their National Olympic Committee (NOC). However, for some NMBs the NOC recognition is still under discussion because of their legal entity status as an association rather than a national sport federation. Overall, it was demonstrated to the Breaking community that WDSF is doing the right thing with the YOG project which explains why the community is considering strengthening the relationship with WDSF.

JLB continued reporting on the very successful World Breaking Championship in Japan where the Olympic rings could be seeing all over around the event (on Olympic Channel banners for example) in association with WDSF, and the important media impact it generated with the coverage from the Olympic channel and the presence of the leading international press and TV international channels. This worldwide exposure and media interest is a great asset for attracting new sponsors and JLB informed the Presidium members that some multinational companies are now in discussion with GPS to find a possible agreement to sponsor Breaking. JLB also reported that members of the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee attended the World Championship event and it might happen that DanceSport could eventually be considered in Tokyo 2020 as part of the Cultural program or as an element of Sport Presentation.

Following the World Championship, JLB said 17 NOCs have already confirmed their presence in Buenos Aires including JPN, RUS, CAN, FRA, ITA, CHN, all major NOCs which demonstrates that Breaking is on the map of these sporting nations who have chosen to select Breaking despite other disciplines as these nations have a cap of maximum 75 athletes for the YOG in Buenos Aires. JLB emphasized the support of the Olympic Movement for the World Breaking Championship in giving the example of Latvia and Vietnam whose participation was only possible due to financial assistance received from Olympic Solidarity. He explained that the coordination with the IOC is being done through regular meetings in Lausanne and the coordination with the BAYOGOC is done on a weekly basis. He reported to the Presidium that the Breaking events in Buenos Aires will now have 4 days of broadcasting instead of 2 initially agreed which represents a fantastic promotion
platform for the WDSF. JLB moved on to present the recent updates which included the excellent news that Swiss Timing, the company responsible for providing the official results and data for the Olympic events, will cover all the technical costs (CHF 95′000) for the Breaking competitions at the YOG.

He also announced that Russia is willing to organize Breaking competitions as from the end of 2018, but this will depend on what will be decided by the 2018 AGM. JLB added that now WDSF has a robust judging system and a rulebook that make possible the organization of top level Breaking events. He concluded in reminding to the Membership Commission that Breaking is providing opportunities for WDSF to develop membership in new countries.

JLB referred to the strong support from the IOC and the enthusiasm of BAYOCOG in working with WDSF which is very helpful. Having the WDSF office in Lausanne makes a difference to develop and maintain positive relationships with the IOC to the point that we are expecting to have the IOC President and also the IOC Sport Director to come to the WDSF AGM this weekend. This is a rare opportunity that demonstrates the importance and the role of the office in Lausanne.

JLB observed that WDSF has achieved the status of a credible partner for Breaking on the global sport arena with a state of the art rule book contrary to what WDSF had a few years ago. Therefore it might happen that new opportunities could come in the future. Nevertheless, JLB warned that the controversy inside WDSF in respect of Breaking and the positioning of some NMBs which define themselves only Latin and Standard could be perceived negatively by the IOC and the global sport community in case negative messages would be circulated from the decisions taken during the 2018 AGM in Lausanne.

7. WDSF Structure

7.1. Staff

JLB explained the current situation of the office staff with 3 employees and 1 trainee and stressed the need of discussing the responsibilities and sharing tasks between the staff and Presidium members for some key projects. He also suggested that the Presidium should clarify the situation
regarding the intern position for the office, meaning whether or not the Presidium would authorize the Office to hire another intern to replace the current one (Jérémy Bachelin) who will terminate his internship by the end of July 2018.

ST commented that the current intern Jérémy, does an excellent job and wished WDSF could hire another intern with the same competences once Jérémy finishes his internship. TT reassured ST that WDSF should hire a new intern, as this was already foreseen in his budget for 2018 and 2019. JF suggested not to take a decision regarding the intern at that moment, and that this should be decided during the Presidium meeting of the following Monday 18th June 2018.

JLB commented that if the number of staff was to be reduced, the workload will increase and the Presidium would probably need to take the charge of some additional tasks which would delay their deliverables. JLB also re-explained the allocation of tasks between the employees of the Lausanne Office, as requested by JF.

7.2. Offices in Lausanne

JLB underlined that it was very difficult to find offices in Lausanne and even more difficult to find an office at the Maison du Sport International (MSI). He said that WDSF managed to find one room in 2016 and, last year, WDSF decided to increase the space with the approval and support of the VP for Finance. JLB explained that, finally, WDSF decided to rent 3 rooms instead of the entire floor, the third room intended to be occupied by the Sport coordinator – an open position approved by the MC but then deferred by TT to protect the staff and allow for WDSF’s finances to stabilise. JLB recommended to give up one room in order to decrease the expenses of the Lausanne Office which some NMBs are considering too high. JF questioned JLB on the possibility of subletting the room instead of giving it up to another entity. TT stated he would prefer to keep the 3 rooms and try to sublet one room as it would be harder to find space at the MSI if the office would need to expand in the future.

8. Vice-President for Finance Report

8.1. WDSF Treasurer’s Report (item 12 of the AGM Agenda)
The VP for Finance presented the report in detail to the Presidium and moved to accept it. Unanimously approved

8.2. Report of the VPF on the 2017 WDSF Audited Financial Statements

9.2.1 Adoption of audited WDSF Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2017 and Profit and Loss Account (subject to the approval of the AGM)

TT moved to approve the WDSF audited Financial Statements. Unanimously approved

8.3. Report of the VPF on the 2018 Revised Budget and 2019 Provisional Budget

9.2.2 Adoption of WDSF’s (revised) 2018 Budget

TT moved to approve the WDSF 2018 revised budget. Unanimously Approved

9.2.3 Adoption of WDSF’s Provisional 2019 Budget

TT moved to approve the WDSF 2019 provisional budget. 13 in favor and 1 abstention

9.3 Resolved to prevent any misunderstandings and to provide adequate financial oversight, that Mr. Bourquin and the WDSF Office provide to the Vice-President Finance and the Presidium in writing the following information relating to:

- an itemized, detailed, descriptive breakdown (not the estimated overall budget) of all the budgeted and prepaid costs for WDSF staff and officials to attend the YOG

JLB indicated in detail all the budget and prepaid costs (travel, accommodation) for WDSF staff and officials on duty during the YOG, stressing that it was extremely difficult to elaborate a budget when all the information was not available back in 2017. However, the estimated costs at that time were in line with current figures.

- which WDSF staff will be attending the YOG
JLB made clear that the staff will not be attending but working during the YOG. This should be: GF, JLB, RH and Géraldine Zahnd.

- an updated list of the 45 persons who will be taking up WDSF’s allocation of places to the YOG

JLB indicated that the final list accepted by the Organizing Committee was comprising 28 persons (WDSF officials, staff and Presidium members).

- an itemized, detailed, descriptive breakdown (not the estimated overall budget) of the budgeted and prepaid costs for those 45 persons to attend the YOG

JLB indicated the detailed of the budget and prepaid costs for the 28 persons representing WDSF.

- an itemized, detailed, descriptive breakdown (not the estimated overall budget) of the 2018 travel and other expenses budget (of CHF60,000) requested for the Lausanne Office.

JLB indicated the required detailed and itemized breakdown of expenses budgeted for the Lausanne Office. He reminded that, at the origin (back in 2016), this budget had been prepared by the WDSF Treasurer.

TT pointed out that as clearly stated in his motion he had never asked JLB to restate the overall budget figures but rather to provide the details of how he came to those budget numbers as he had concerns in particular with overlapping travel budgets. As we now know there was a CHF51,000 budgeted expense overlap (the same travel expenses were budgeted at the same time in a) the Lausanne Office budget and b) in other budget lines like Presidium meetings, SportAccord meeting or YOG for example) which distorted the estimated budget deficit for the 2018 year.

10 Disciplinary Proceedings

Conduct of Investigations, designation of investigations, according to article 3.7.1 and (4.5.3, 4.6, 5.7.2, 5.8.1) of the Internal Dispute Resolution Code.
DS said he encouraged WDSF to assign an investigator as legal cases can cost a lot and by building up experience in investigation the federation can save money. DS recommended the Presidium to revise how disciplinary proceedings are conducted and assign a Presidium Member to assist in collecting information while at the same time gaining experience regarding conducting investigation in disciplinary cases. DS stated that for all cases, the information gathered should constitute a file to help in acquiring knowledge concerning the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). DS added another point for the Presidium to keep in mind that is the financial risk when going to court. If you go to the CAS and lose it can be very expensive due to lawyer’s costs so WDFS should keep this in mind when dealing with disciplinary proceeding. NJ asked if the Disciplinary Commission could advise on these proceeding. DS responded the Commission is independent and it would be problematic to give advises.

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11.2 Organizational

GF and NJ confirmed everything was on the track in terms of organization for the AGM in Lausanne.

11.3 Technical Equipment (Power Point Presentation / Video material) / Responsibility for installation and operation during session

GF confirmed all the technical equipment was ready.

11.4 Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes

NJ suggested the following scrutineers: Erich Stäldi (SWI), Patricia Goh (CAN), Martin Parmas (EST), Rainbow Tin Hung Ho (HKG), Mateij Chren (SLK), Melissa Dexter (USA) which would still need to be confirmed. LH moved to approve the pre-listing. Unanimously approved.

11.5 Right of access to AGM and organization under strict control
NJ informed the Presidium that he decided to increase the level of security and a security company was contracted to strictly control the accesses and allow only accredited people to get into the meetings and events. LH insisted to put it clearly on record that he strongly objected to engage security services through a security company (persons officiating in uniforms) in such a democratic and liberal country like Switzerland and especially in the light that we will have the IOC President and the IOC Sports Director as our guests attending the Forum and the AGM and additionally he referred to the Minutes of the MC Meeting held on 14th June 2018 (see item 9.2).

11.6 Voting material (for open voting and secret ballots)
NJ and GF ensured all the voting material was ready.

11.7 Recording Secretary of the AGM: proposed Guillaume Felli, WDSF General Manager
LH moved GF to be the Recording Secretary which was unanimously approved.

11.8 Recognitions and Special Welcomes
LH referred to a list with all the names for recognitions and special welcome.

11.9 Statutory Reports (items 9 – 11 and 13 – 38 of the AGM Agenda)
LH suggested to present report by report and propose the delegates to vote for approving all reports combined, except if someone asks for a separate vote. The President's Report and the Vice-President for Finance Report should be voted separately and individually. Unanimously approved

11.10 Approval of the Presidium's Work since the last Annual General Meeting (item 39 of the AGM Agenda): Proposer of the Motion in the AGM?
JF moved to have Wolfgang Eliasch which was unanimously approved. JF would still need to confirm with Mr. Eliasch if he would agree to do so.

11.11 Presidium Motions (item 40 of the AGM Agenda): Decision on the
11.11.1 Motion Re: Olympic Aspirations (item 40.1 of the AGM Agenda)

The Presidium decided LH will present this motion to the AGM.

11.11.2 Motion Re: Ratifying the Presidium’s grant of Full membership to Russia (item 40.2 of the AGM Agenda).

The Presidium decided JF will present this motion to the AGM.

11.11.3 Motion Re: Termination of Associate Membership of the International Federation of Cheerleading (IFC) (item 40.3 of the AGM Agenda)

LH read the letter of the International Federation of Cheerleading (IFC) addressed to the World DanceSport Federation dated 15th June 2018:

"After lengthy correspondence and a recent personal meeting with representatives of other sporting organizations held in Lausanne, Switzerland, the President of the International Federation of Cheerleading (IFC) and the WDSF President have agreed, and the IFC Managing Committee has confirmed, that it would be in the best interests of Cheerleading and DanceSport for IFC to terminate its Associate Membership in WDSF, based on Article 5(7) of the WDSF Statutes.

Accordingly, International Federation of Cheerleading (IFC) hereby voluntarily and on its own initiative resigns from Associate Membership in WDSF, unconditionally, effective January 31st, 2019, and, concurrently, IFC voluntarily and on its own initiative offers to terminate the June 12, 2016 Associate Membership Agreement between WDSF and IFC, for all purposes, effective the above mentioned date of resignation.

We request the favor of your early reply and the WDSF Presidium’s early approval of this resignation.

IFC takes this opportunity to thank WDSF for its sporting friendship. We have enjoyed a harmonious, productive working relationship with you, and we wish WDSF the best in the future."
The WSDF Presidium unanimously approved this resignation of IFC as Associate Member of WDSF.

In addition, the Presidium unanimously approved a letter of Intent on 15th June 2018 with the intention to convert the current Associate Membership status of IFC inside WDSF into privileged partnership which will allow amicable relations between WDSF and IFC as independent bodies and that details of such an agreement will be negotiated in due time.

This outcome was the result of long process during which WDSF tried its best to protect its associate member but in the end, the IOC, who has provisionally recognized the International Cheer Union (ICU) in 2016 as the sole governing body for Cheerleading, gave a strong signal to WDSF that the associate membership agreement with IFC had to be terminated. It was obviously a very difficult decision to take as the partnership with IFC had been very positive over the past years but WDSF could have faced serious consequences if this outcome was not reached. LH confirmed that the voluntary resignation of ICF will take place on January 31st, 2019 and that until then, the status of IFC within WDSF remains the same. Past this date, IFC will no longer have any official affiliation with WDSF but Mr. Hinder hopes that cooperation in certain areas will continue with IFC. Mr. Hinder praised the leadership of Mr. Nakamura and thanked him for his support and vision over the past few years.

Mr. Nakamura thanked all Members of the Presidium for their kind support and wished WDSF all the best in the future. Then LH moved to withdraw the Presidium's motion to terminate IFC Associate Membership within WDSF. Unanimously approved

11.11.4 Motion Re: To amend the **WDSF Financial Regulations**

(item 40.4 of the AGM Agenda).

The Presidium decided TT will present this motion to the AGM.

11.11.5 Motion Re: To amend the **WDSF Competition Rules**: Showdance

(item 40.5 of the AGM Agenda).

The Presidium decided ST will present this motion to the AGM.
11.11.6 Motion Re: To amend the *WDSF Competition Rules* (item 40.6 of the AGM Agenda).
The Presidium decided ST will present this motion to the AGM.

11.11.7 Motion Re: To amend the Performing, Stage and Theatre Dances in the *WDSF Competition Rules* (item 40.7 of the AGM Agenda)
The Presidium decided LA will present this motion to the AGM.

11.11.8 Motion Re: To Amend the Disco Rules in the *WDSF Competition Rules* (item 40.8 of the AGM Agenda).
The Presidium decided LA will present this motion to the AGM.

11.11.9 Motion Re: To Amend the WDSF Competition Rules Re: Adjudicators Licences (item 40.9 of the AGM Agenda).
The Presidium decided ST will present this motion to the AGM.

11.11.10 Motion Re: To Approve an anticipated Amendment of the Statutes of the WDSF Continental Association of Europe/DanceSport Europe (item 40.10 of the AGM Agenda) The Presidium decided JF will present this motion to the AGM.

11.11.11 Motion Re: to Amend the *WDSF Competition Rules* 2.2.3 (item 40.11 of the AGM Agenda).
The Presidium decided AW will present this motion to the AGM.

11.11.12 Motion Re: Motion of Urgency to hear Motion 41.36 (*WDSF Statutes* Article 11(8)).
The Presidium decided JF will present this motion to the AGM.
The Presidium voted to approve all the previous decisions on which member should present each one of the Presidium’s motions: Unanimously approved

11.12 Member’s Motions (item 41 of the AGM Agenda)

11.12.1 Colombia - Creation of Subcontinental Associations: ST said this motion will probably be withdrawn. If not, ST recommended to reject this motion and suggested JF to speak on behalf of the Presidium. Unanimously approved.

11.12.2 Croatia - Re-dance: ST proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to support this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.3 Croatia - Website content: JF proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and moved for the Presidium not to support this motion as it is unclear and cannot be implemented. Unanimously approved.

11.12.4 Croatia - Dress regulation: Specific Juvenile Rules: ST proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to support this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.5 Croatia - Dress regulation: Personal Jewelry: ST proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to support this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.6 Croatia - Dress regulation: shoes, socks and tights: ST proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to support this motion. Unanimously approved.
11.12.7  Croatia - Dress regulation: Juvenile Female Dress: ST proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to support this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.8  Cyprus - Granting of WDSF competitions: Motion already withdrawn by the NMB

11.12.9  Cyprus - Athletes allowed to compete without affiliation with NMB: Motion already withdrawn by the NMB.

11.12.10 Cyprus - Adjudicator and Chairperson not representing a country: Motion already withdrawn by the NMB.

11.12.11 Czech Republic - PD active athletes as adjudicators in competitions: VS proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to support this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.12 Czech Republic - New competition system based on World and Continental Structure: ST proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.13 Czech Republic - CA office set up as common office of WDSF and CA: JF proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.14 Estonia - Break down of expenses on Breaking: TT proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.15 Finland - Competition: bundling WDSF European and World Championships: ST said this motion concerned a controversial subject that would require more
time to be studied and evaluated. ST proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. 12 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.

11.12.16 Finland - Discount 50% granting fees lower/higher ages: TT proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. 13 in favour, 1 abstention.

11.12.17 Israel - No confidence motion: This motion should be withdrawn following the agreement between LH and ST which was presented to the Presidium.

[The meeting was interrupted for the scheduled GPS Presentation]

GPS Presentation: Ralph Krieger (RK) and Karim Sidaoui (KS)

KS explained to the Presidium how GPS has created a sponsoring concept to work with WDSF products and how they have adapted their sales documents for their different clients according to the different types of WDSF events. This included different level of sponsoring for World Championship and GrandSlam or combined events. KS added GPS was not sending the generic presentations to potential sponsors, instead he confirmed that the presentation is always adapted and customized. KS indicated that GPS has contacted over 160 companies in June 2017, unfortunately without success. KS explained the main reasons for refusal are: (a) the companies wanted to focus on their current portfolio; (b) the companies are only interested in top tier sports, (c) the companies have not see DanceSport on TV; (d) the companies are not interested in certain countries the WDSF events are held; (e) the companies would like to have specific marketing data including demographics and TV audience; (f) the image of certain WDSF disciplines does not match with what the companies want to be associated with. KS said there was an initial negotiation with an internet travel company but for the moment it was not possible to work with the model proposed by this company as this would be difficult to be implemented by the WDSF event organizers. KS also referred to another opportunity still in discussion with a Japanese multinational company following the Youth Breaking World Championship in Japan. KS stressed the need for
WDSF to have accurate and updated TV audience figures, this being one of the most recurrent complaints he heard from the companies, as well as a detailed data on the demographics.

Regarding the positive aspects of WDSF, KS referred to the own TV production that was done by the Federation and a strong presence in the social media platforms. For the next steps, KS envisioned to secure main sponsors and approach the market in different ways and different set of packages during the second half of 2018. GW remarked that most of the companies GPS contacted were involved with mainstream sports and asked if GPS had also approached other companies involved with DanceSport. KS clarified that GPS has also contacted specific companies targeting the DanceSport market. KS recommended WDSF to simplify the sport structure and website, collect specific marketing data, increase main events on TV channels, develop young disciplines like Breaking and continue the efforts to include other WDSF disciplines in the Olympic program. LA asked KS if it was not possible to base DanceSport figures on those of the, for example, ice skating who has a similar audience. RK stated he used to work with ice skating and had some data which was not updated, but he could not use it for WDSF due to confidentiality agreement with the Federation in question.

[The meeting continued after the GPS Presentation]

11.12.18 Israel - Break down of expenses on Breaking: TT proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to support this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.19 Italy - Amendment to the WDSF Statutes: JF proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. 6 in favour, 4 against, 4 abstentions.

11.12.20 Italy - Expenses on Breaking and review of financial support: TT proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. Unanimously approved.
11.12.21  Italy - Website: rewrite and redefine Media Relations Code: LL proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to support this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.22  Malta - Complaint on different treatment for Breaking: JF stated this motion was not clearly formulated. JF proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to support this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.23  Malta - No confidence motion: This motion should be withdrawn following the agreement between LH and ST which was presented to the Presidium.

11.12.24  PD Management Board- Adjudication rights for PD athletes: VS proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to support this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.25  Poland - No confidence motion: This motion should be withdrawn following the agreement between LH and ST which was presented to the Presidium.

11.12.26  Portugal - WDSF MC age limit: JF proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.27  Portugal - Code Ethics: Presidium and employees business: DS suggested to oppose to this motion as it is already in the WDSF Code of Ethics. DS should speak in on the behalf of the Presidium. 13 in favor, 1 abstention.

11.12.28  Portugal - Motions to be sent 2 months prior to AGM: JF proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. Unanimously approved.
11.12.29  Romania - No confidence motion and First VP to assume presidency: This motion should be withdrawn following the agreement between LH and ST which was presented to the Presidium.

11.12.30  Russia – (A) New rules for ShowDance competitions: ST suggested this motion should be amended and proposed to discuss this with the NMB, Unanimously approved.

[PM entered the meeting room at 17:05]

(B) Adding competitions to the current list of WDSF competitions: ST proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.31  Serbia - No confidence motion: This motion should be withdrawn following the agreement between LH and ST which was presented to the Presidium.

11.12.32  Slovakia - Showdance Competitions rules: ST said he will speak to the NMB to withdraw this motion, but in case the NMB decides to present it ST recommended to reject this motion and will speak on behalf of the Presidium. Unanimously approved.

11.12.33  Slovakia - Stop livestreaming of WDSF events: LL proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.34  Spain - Website: rewrite and redefine Media Relations Code: LL proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. Unanimously approved.
11.12.35  Ukraine - WDSF secondary Office: TT to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to refuse this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.12.36  USA - Motion for Improved Transparency, Corporate Governance, and Cooperation Between the World DanceSport Federation and its National Member Bodies. If the Presidium’s Motion of Urgency 40.12 is adopted by the AGM: JF moved to reconsider the decision taken on USA motion. 14 in favour, 1 against. TT and JF stated they were not in favour of the motion as they do not feel comfortable to release all contracts because of commercial confidentiality. JF proposed to speak on behalf of the Presidium and recommended to reject this motion. Unanimously approved.

11.13  Election of one Member of the WDSF Ethics Committee (item 42 of the AGM Agenda)
LH on behalf of the MC proposed that for this election the Presidium should nominate Daniel Stehling, who is the Chair of the WDSF DC, to conduct this election and to act as interim Chair for this election. Unanimously approved.

11.14  Announcement of the 2019 WDSF Annual General Meeting
NJ moved to organize the AGM in Belgrade if there were no volunteering and constructive applications. ST suggested not to make a decision at that day but give some more time to work this with the NMBs. The motion was adjourned.

12  Agreement LH and ST
The final text of an agreement between LH and ST was ready and JF moved to appoint ST as CEO according to the terms stated on this agreement. LH abstained to vote. Unanimously approved.

13  Urgent Matters arising from the Managing Committee Meeting, 14th June 2018 and brought
forward to WDSF Presidium Meeting

Flosport

RH said he had already started working on this issue back in January 2018 when he mentioned a possible collaboration with Flosport at the Presidium meeting in Bucharest. RH explained how WDSF was dealing with international broadcasting distribution at the moment and explained the structure of the revenues coming from international broadcasting rights. He also referred to the increasing success of the WDSF presence on social media and YouTube. RH stated that since January WDSF has developed an OTT (over the top) transmission by creating the DanceSport Total (DST) Platform with a première in Copenhagen during the WDSF European Standard. The first livestreams were a huge successful covering several Latin and Standard major events. At the same time, RH informed there was a negotiation going on with Flosport, a company who has concluded recent agreements with the international volleyball federation, the international rugby federation and many other sports entities in the USA. Flosport showed interest in integrating WDSF content to their channel. RH mentioned WDSF is now producing about 20 events that could be made available for third party. However, RH said he was surprised with the reticent reaction from some of the MC members when the proposal was presented, and he could imagine this might be due to political purposes. TT said from his side this was not the case as he first wanted to understand how a possible agreement with Flosport could impact WDSF event organizers. TT added that it was not clear how the legal conditions of the contract would be. RH stated this kind of details should come on a second stage and he was more referring to the first offer provided where he expected the MC to take it from there. TT explained he would need first to understand in more detail the proposed contract the costs would be for each party. Apart from that, TT confirmed that he had stated to RH in the previous week or two that subject to the agreement of LH a lawyer could already have been engaged to work on this agreement. LH moved to put this topic on the agenda of next Presidium Meeting taking place two days later on the 18th June. Unanimously approved.

LH, moved Eric Sourdeau to present the approval of the Presidium’s work at the AGM, in case he accepts, to replace Wolfgang Eliasch who communicated through JF during the meeting he would not accept to do so. 14 in favor, 1 against.
14  Adjournment

LH thanked all the participants for their input and the Presidium agreed to consent to adjourn the Meeting at 18:30.

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