MINUTES

of the

WDSF PRESIDUIUM MEETING

June 13 and 16, 2014

Held at the JW Marriott
Bucharest, Romania

10:10 A.M. Friday, June 13, 2014

Present:

Carlos Freitag, WDSF President
Lukas Hinder, WDSF 1st Vice-President
Tony Tilenni, WDSF Treasurer
Shawn Tay, WDSF General Secretary
Marco Sietas, WDSF Sports Director

Michael Eichert, WDSF 2nd Vice-President

Jim Fraser, WDSF Presidium Member
Vasile Gliga, WDSF Presidium Member
Heidi Goetz, WDSF Presidium Member
Zoran Plohl (Chair, Athletes Commission), WDSF Presidium Member
Ken Richards, WDSF Presidium Member
Sergio Rotaris, WDSF Presidium Member
The President opened the Presidium Meeting at 10:10, welcomed the Presidium to Bucharest, and thanked all Members for travelling to Romania for this weekend of meetings.

The President announced that the WDSF Long Service Award was recently given to IWGA President Ron Froehlich, and that he will announce this award at the 2014 WDSF AGM.

1. Preparation for 2014 WDSF AGM -- Presentation of Motions

The Presidium discussed the preparations for the AGM at length.

It decided to ask Mr. George Yip of Hong Kong to move the approval of the Presidium’s work.

The Presidium approved a recommendation of the following Delegates as scrutineers for the General Meeting.

Mr. Crowder, United States
Mr. Gutierrez, Ecuador
Mr. Mojatale, Botswana  
Ms. Sabrina Sin, Singapore

Extra Scrutineer: Mr. Waller, Switzerland

The Presidium decided that its Motions would be presented by the following Presidium Members:

Sport – Mr. Sietas  
Financial – Mr. Tilenni  
Continental Associations – Mr. Freitag  
WDSF Professional Division (“PD”) – Ms. Sulek  
Disciplinary Council Code – Mr. Stehlin

The Presidium considered the following Members’ Motions:

Romania – the Presidium agreed to support this Motion  
Portugal – disagreed. Mr. Tilenni will speak against this Motion.  
Continental Association Motions – disagreed.

2. **European Commission versus EDSU**

The Presidium had prepared and circulated its own Motion to establish Continental Associations. Mr. Freitag reported that the Chair of the Presidium’s European Commission, Mr. Koponen, and agreed with it. The WDSF European Commission also unanimously supported the Presidium’s Motion.

The Presidium discussed this Motion again and agreed that its Motion is the best method to ensure that a European Federation works correctly and supportively inside WDSF.

The President noted that EDSU was formed essentially by one country without consultation with WDSF and that EDSU immediately lost support after its formation. Mr. Freitag reported that he had written 10 times to the EDSU requesting a meeting, but his letters were never answered; but that now, in the last few days, the Russian WDSF Member body has suddenly and without any consultation with the Presidium, tried to promote mediation of this question in the CAS. The Presidium did not agree with this arbitration proposal, on the basis of the total failure, refusal or neglect of the EDSU to answer WDSF’s previous communications.
3. WDSF Code of Ethics / Establishment of new WDSF Ethics Commission

Mr. Hinder reported that:

-- a major topic of the WDSF 2020 Vision Project is the establishment of a new WDSF Ethics Commission and the WDSF Ethics Code.

-- with regard to the composition of the new WDSF Ethics Commission, two Members of the IOC have already consented to be Members of this commission, a further woman has been identified in the panel of CAS arbitrators (acceptance still pending), and one woman and one man coming from DanceSport should be identified by the WDSF Presidium not later than December 31, 2014.

-- the election of the Members to the WDSF Ethics Commission and Motions for all necessary changes to the WDSF Statutes are planned for approval by the 2015 WDSF AGM.

The Presidium is requested to carefully suggest candidates from DanceSport.

The Presidium agreed with this process and all Presidium Members will consider the appointment of outstanding people in DanceSport.

M. Bourquin spoke and reported that:

-- It is now an obligation, rather than a choice, within the Olympic movement, to adopt and enforce a Code of Ethics.

-- The Chairman of the WDSF Disciplinary Council, Mr. Stehlin, made a survey of all Codes of Ethics within the Olympic movement in order to write a first draft of the Code for the Presidium’s consideration. Mr. Stehlin’s draft is probably the “best-practice model” in the world. He is likely the first person in the world who has conducted a full survey of all such codes in sport, and the result is a very advanced position for WDSF. The new IOC President has stated recently that he wishes to base his work on three policies: “Credibility, Sustainability and Youth”. A sport does not have credibility, especially with and for youth, if it does not have a sound basis in ethical behaviour.
Mr. Stehlin reported that:

-- The task of the Commission will be to investigate allegations of violations of the Code, but it will not have any power to impose any sanction; only the Presidium will have the power to impose any sanction, except when an allegation is made against a Presidium Member, in which case the AGM will have authority to remove that Presidium Member. We will need to establish an Operating Policy for the Presidium’s administration of this work. None of the formerly short-listed eight sports has a Code of Ethics on its web page. But ambitious sports are working hard to be made part of the Medal Programme of the Olympic Games, so we cannot stand still on this issue.

-- Our draft Code includes text which is specially written for DanceSport, for example with respect to the fact that it is a judged sport, and that more women than men want to practise it.

-- Our goal is to have the final text of the Code ready by the end of 2014 and to propose it to the 2015 WDSF AGM for adoption.

-- The Code has two principal parts, separated roughly into Article 2 and Articles 3-8. It is anticipated that Article 2 of the Code will apply to all persons connected in any way with WDSF, while Articles 3-8 will apply only to WDSF officials and licence holders.

-- Some or all of the implementation provisions in the draft Code will probably be transferred to other governing documents.

Mr. Hinder urged the Presidium to strongly support the establishment of a new WDSF Ethics Commission and **MOVED** that the Presidium strongly supports Mr. Stehlin’s work and the initiative to enhance WDSF’s governance and sporting practices by the adoption of a clear, correct **WDSF Code of Ethics**; **UNANIMOUS**

The Presidium has identified candidates for appointment to this Commission and continues to discuss more candidates.

4. **Associate Membership Agreement**

We have three, which are intended to be in force and effect until 2016; they will be presented to the AGM for approval. We hope to make another similar agreement with Wheelchair DanceSport; Mr.
Freitag reported that the International Paralympic Committee ("IPC") is now eager to work with us to accomplish this goal.

Mr. Freitag reported that he had entered into discussions with the United Dance Organisation ("UDO"), which promotes street dance, and that UDO is another potential Associate Member of our WDSF.

5. Progress Reports by Associate Members

Mr. Freitag asked the representatives of the Associate Members to report on their progress.

WRRC – Ms. Kerpan Izaak reported on extensive administrative and planning work. Geographic representation is increasing. Their biggest problem is to recruit new couples for their main class, which is physically very challenging. The technical component of judging has been increased and enhanced, and judging results have now been accelerated. WRRC has increased cooperation with WDSF Members in many countries. It is working on a joint competition calendar with other disciplines.

WCLDSF – Mr. Bartholomew reported that nearly every country has line-dancing; WCLDSF’s goal is to turn more of that into sport. WCLDSF requests assistance from all WDSF Member bodies to assist it in doing so. For clarity, Mr. Bartholomew explained that WCLDSF is not part of UCWDC but one is using the name of the other.

Cheer (Cheerleading). Mr. Michel Daum reported. A 7th World Cup championship was held in Bangkok in November, 2013. IFC also took part in the WDSF World DS Games in Kaohsiung.

IPC Wheelchair. Ms. Andersen reported. New disciplines are being founded. Some athletes in certain countries are still resisting joining WDSF but we are determined that all should be part of WDSF. Mr. Tilenni asked whether there is a financial obligation for WDSF to IPC if Wheelchair DanceSport becomes a Division of WDSF; Ms. Andersen could not say for sure but promised to provide financial statements to the WDSF Treasurer. She could not comment whether IPC would continue to provide financial support to Wheelchair DanceSport if it becomes a Division of WDSF but Mr. Freitag assured the Presidium that he and all involved would work hard to achieve that positive financial conclusion.
6. Open Forum

Mr. Tay reported that the 2014 WDSF Open Forum will be held at the Parliament Buildings. The PD General Meeting will be held there from 9:00 to 12:30, then there will be an hour’s break for lunch outside the room, then the Forum will begin at 1:30.

The schedule will be:

VISION 20/20
IPC
WRRC
Break
1:10 video of the 2014 WDSF World DanceSport Games
Discussion

7. Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Tilenni reported on the strong financial position of WDSF.

MOVED, by Mr. Tilenni, to adopt the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2013 as presented; UNANIMOUS.

8. Anti-“Competition-Fixing” Report

The Sports Director reported at great length on the clear and substantial progress of this strong initiative by him, including re: the objective selection of panels, and the careful receiving and handling complaints. He reported that the process of receiving, evaluating and making recommendations about complaints regarding behaviour during DanceSport competitions, always includes the full participation and prior approval of all three (3) of the WDSF Sports Director, the WDSF Legal Commission Chair and the WDSF General Secretary.

The Presidium was satisfied that the Sports Director is performing his duties objectively and with frequent involvement of the WDSF Sports Commission, the WDSF Legal Commission Chair and the WDSF General Secretary, to provide a maximum of objectivity and checks and balances.
The Sports Director **MOVED**, that the Presidium publish on the WDSF Web Site, all sanctions which it imposes against any Adjudicator, Chairman, athlete or other official; **UNANIMOUS**.

**9. 2020 Vision**

The Working Group for this initiative met for a half-day in Bucharest on Thursday, June 12, 2014.

Mr. Bourquin reported that the meeting on June 12 was a very satisfactory one. The Group which has been appointed appears to be the right group for the purpose. Topics included governance structure, and the first draft of a **WDSF Code of Ethics**. Within the next 10 days everyone in the Working Group will report to Mr. Hinder on his or her views and recommendations. The preliminary work on the draft Code of Ethics is the first major achievement of this Group. Representatives of the Group will report to the 2014 WDSF Open Forum on June 14, 2014, about this Group’s work.

**10. Television: Grand Slam Series**

Mr. Hinder reported that WDSF signed a new contract with IEC in Sports, the Stockholm-based international sports agency, to exclusively distribute the international media rights for the WDSF Grand Slam Series 2014 and 2015. The WDSF Managing Committee approved this contract on May 31, 2014 in Hong Kong and the contract was signed by both parties just a few days prior to this WDSF Annual General Meeting in Bucharest.

Mr. Hinder emphasized that this is a new contract in addition to the existing contract with IEC in Sports. The continuing contract with IEC in Sports covers only the two European Championships Latin and Standard and the three World Championships in Latin, Standard and Ten Dance until end of 2016. Based on this previous agreement IEC in Sports has already distributed the WDSF DanceSport World and European Championships since 2008, with broadcasts on major networks in recent years.

A WDSF Press Release has been prepared and published
Mr. Hilfiker reported that in addition to the matters in Mr. Hinder’s Report, WDSF had to negotiate over a period of six months to achieve the signed agreement with IEC. These negotiations were complex, but the Presidium was very pleased with the results which have been achieved by our team’s exceptional work on this initiative.

The Presidium expressed its satisfaction with the very successful work which is being done on these initiatives.

11. Updates on Bidding Documentation for IEC events

Mr. Hinder reported at length. He explained that the WDSF DaneSport Championship Bidding Procedure Documentation (version 1.4) consisting of WDSF Organiser Contract for the Championship Bidding Process, the Host Broadcaster Agreement, the checklist regarding TV production, and the WDSF DanceSport Championship Protocol, needs to be updated and revised in order to include the requirements for the new Adjudicating system 2.1 (subject to the decision of the 2014 WDSF AGM), the new standard of production for TV (HD) and the implementation of an accreditation system as well as a detailed explanation of the medal ceremony.

Mr. Hinder emphasized that the granting of the respective Championships from July 1, 2014 on belonging to the so-called WDSF television package (WDSF World DanceSport Championship in Standard, Latin and Ten Dance and WDSF European DanceSport Championship in Standard and Latin) will be on the condition of signing the corresponding revised organiser contract and Host Broadcaster Agreement for these events.

12. Future WDSF World DanceSport Games -- Progress Report

Mr. Sietas reported on preliminary planning.

13. WDSF Academy
a. Technique Book sales

Sales are so good that we may have to order a further printing of the 1st Edition of these books.

The sales figures for the different books are not consistent, i.e. books on some dances are purchased more often than books on other dances.

b. “E-Books”

This initiative is ongoing but requires more work than we initially believed.

The conversion of the data so that it can be received on smartphones and laptop computers requires further work.

The process of protecting and controlling piracy of content of these books also requires careful work.

The anticipated price of each E-book at this time is approximately €40 per copy. We are surveying the market for more economical alternatives if possible. The Presidium agreed that it is a fundamental requirement of the decision-making process on pricing and E-books that WDSF must at least recover the costs of printing the paper books and making the E-Book.

The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:40 P.M..

The Meeting resumed at 2:58 P.M.
14. Games

a. Urban Games

These Games are administered by Sport Accord. The next edition of these Games will be produced in 2015.

b. Master Games

The next edition of the Master Games will be in Nice, France, in 2015, and WDSF will take part.

The next edition of the World Master Games will be produced in New Zealand, in 2017. The IMGA, unfortunately, decided not to include DanceSport in these Games. The WDSF did everything possible including the possibility of granting a World Championships, reducing the competitions fees and adjudicators fees.

c. European Games

The first edition of the Games is intended to take place in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2015, and every four years thereafter. 19 sports have so far been confirmed for the 2015 Games. DanceSport is not included yet but we have written to the organizers again to advocate the inclusion of DanceSport. We hope that WDSF can participate as demonstration Sport.

15. Marketing Report

Mr. Hinder reported that the Managing Committee discussed this initiative at length yesterday. It has given further instructions to our consultant Mr. Kleine-Erfkamp.
16. FISU

The “Fédération internationale du sport universitaire” ("FISU", English: International University Sports Federation) is responsible for the organisation and governance of worldwide competitions for student-athletes between the ages of 17 and 28. It was founded in 1949 as the world governing body of national university sports organisations and currently has 167 member associations (national federations) from five continents.

Of course the Presidium is eager that WDSF should participate in all of FISU’s activities.

This year, WDSF was given a very short time-period in which to prepare our Application for Membership in FISU and to assemble support from a minimum number of bodies – 20 from our own Member bodies, 10 from FISU Member bodies, and 3 from FISU Member bodies which undertake to support WDSF World Championships.

We were unable to assemble this level support in the very short period of time we were given. We will re-apply again shortly; Mr. Freitag will meet with the leadership of FISU within the next few months.

17. Membership Commission

We have now recognized and accepted a new WDSF Provisional Member body from Peru.

We also have received Application documents from Uruguay; the Chair has checked them and advises that they comply fully with Article 5(1) of the WDSF Statutes. Mr. Fraser MOVED that Federacion Uruguaya de Baile Deportivo, of Uruguay, be admitted as a Provisional Member of WDSF, effective immediately; UNANIMOUS.

We also have received a full Application from the new DanceSport body in Ireland; Mr. Fraser has checked it and advises that it complies fully with Article 5(1) of the WDSF Statutes. Mr. Fraser MOVED that IDC National DanceSport Federation Limited (Trading as DanceSport Federation of Ireland (DFI), of the
Republic of Ireland, be admitted as a Full Member of WDSF, effective immediately; **UNANIMOUS**.

We also have reviewed the progress and work of our Provisional Member from Belarus and are very satisfied that this group is now the correct; Mr. Fraser **MOVED** that the current Belarus Member be admitted as a Full Member of WDSF, effective immediately; **UNANIMOUS**.

18. **WDSF Professional Division (“PD”) Progress Report**

Current status: 660 athletes, 338 licensed adjudicators.

The PD Director reported that her goals as Director were:

-- to promote the growth of the PD outside Europe; she is pleased to advise that the first PD World Championship will be held in Nanjing, China, this year,

and

-- to provide enhanced prize money for professional world championships; as the PD Management Board has realized a 20% increase in revenue, it decided at its meeting yesterday to increase prize money by 100%.

Mr. Tilenni, Mr. Rotaris and Mr. Fraser all thanked Ms. Sulek for her cooperation and collegiate efforts with their respective offices.

19. **Athlete's Commission Progress Report**

Mr. Plohl began by thanking the Presidium for their support since the last Presidium Meeting and on behalf of the athletes he expressed gratitude to the Presidium for providing the WDSF athletes with a system by which their opinions and concerns can be directly and effectively expressed to and within the Presidium.

The Commission has met five times this year.

It is anticipated that a woman will be appointed as the Asian representative and it is anticipated that another woman will join the Commission shortly representing another region of the world.
Discussions have begun to recruit a representative from Africa.

20. **ID Cards for Adjudicators and Chairman**

We presently have received about 450 Applications for Adjudicators’ Cards. We plan to begin to produce them on June 20, 2014 and will begin to mail them to recipients at the end of June.

21. **New WDSF Adjudicators Code of Conduct and Standards of Ethics**

Adjudicators now understand that this Code is being applied. Two new paragraphs have been added to the Code in order to make it more complete and to provide a clearer notice to WDSF Adjudicators of specific kinds of prohibited misconduct.

* The President adjourned the Meeting at 4:40 P.M.*
9:30 A.M. Monday, June 16, 2014

Present:

Carlos Freitag, WDSF President
Lukas Hinder, WDSF 1st Vice-President
Tony Tilenni, WDSF Treasurer
Shawn Tay, WDSF General Secretary
Marco Sietas, WDSF Sports Director

Michael Eichert, WDSF 2nd Vice-President

Jim Fraser, WDSF Presidium Member
Vasile Gliga, WDSF Presidium Member
Heidi Goetz, WDSF Presidium Member
Zoran Plohl (Chair, Athletes Commission), WDSF Presidium Member
Ken Richards, WDSF Presidium Member
Sergio Rotaris, WDSF Presidium Member
Verena Sulek (WDSF PD Director), WDSF Presidium Member
Keiji Ukai, WDSF Presidium Member

Jeff Bartholomew, WDSF Presidium Member for UCWDC
Miriam Kerpan-Izak, WDSF Presidium Member for WRRC
Robert Huber, WDSF Presidium Member for IFC

Guests:

Roland Hilfiker, WDSF Communications Consultant
Dumitrita Gliga, Translator (for Mr. Gliga)
Chen Yi, President’s Special Consultant for China
Jimmy Su Jie, Translator (for Mr. Chen)

The President opened the Presidium Meeting at 9:30.

He commented that in his opinion, the 2014 WDSF Annual General Meeting was successful and that he was very satisfied with the results. On behalf of the Presidium he thanked Mr. Gliga again for the valuable and energetic efforts in so many ways, over so many
days, of the “organizing team” from the Romanian WDSF Member body.

22. **DanceSport England (“DSE”)**

The Presidium held a discussion about how to improve WDSF DanceSport in England and how to help our Member DanceSport England gain more and more strength.

23. **“PTT” (WDSF Polish Member body)**

The Presidium held a discussion about the current administration of DanceSport in Poland.

24. **Junior Festival**

The Presidium held a discussion about this proposal.

25. **Granting of Competitions**

The Presidium held lengthy discussions about these important Championships and Cups.

The Presidium granted the following Applications, subject to the execution and performance by the relevant WDSF Member bodies of all contracts (see also item 11 of these minutes) and other written undertakings and assurances which may be required by the WDSF Sports Director and the WDSF Presidium:

**For 2015:**

- World 10-Dance  13 Sep  Chengdu, China
- World Formation Latin  12 Dec  Vienna, Austria
- Under 21 Standard  06 Nov  Vancouver, Canada
- Under 21 10-Dance  19 Dec  Riga, Latvia
- Junior II Latin  19 Dec  Riga, Latvia
Junior II 10-Dance  20 Sep  Milan, Italy
Senior I Latin      05 Dec  Salou, Spain
Senior II Standard 18 Jul  Madrid, Spain
Senior III Standard 31 Jan  Antwerp, Belgium
Senior IV Standard  21 Feb  Tilburg, The Netherlands
World Cup 10-Dance  07 Nov  Vancouver, Canada

For 2016:

World Latin      10 Sep  Chengdu, China
World Standard   Nov or Dec Aarhus, Denmark
World 10-Dance   19 Nov  Vienna, Austria

The grants of the 2015 World 10-Dance Championship and the 2016 World Latin Championship are also subject to the Chinese WDSF Member’s submission to the WDSF Sports Director of completed formal bids in standard form in writing.

The grant of the 2016 World Standard Championship is also subject to the WDSF Sports Director’s prior agreement in writing to any proposed production date.

Mr. Fraser abstained from the votes re: the 2015 World Cup 10-Dance and Under 21 Standard Championship.


Ms. Rotaris abstained from the vote re: the 2015 World Junior II 10-Dance Championship.

Mr. Freitag and Mr. Sietas abstained from the votes re: the 2015 World Senior I Latin and World Senior II Standard Championships.

The Presidium noted that WDSF has a granting contract which includes a term that in some way the organizer must provide the opportunity somehow for the athletes to have a full, high-quality meal after the competition is finished. The Meeting heard from Mr. Plohl that this term is important for the athletes in all such Cups and Championships, and the Presidium emphasized that this is a fundamental requirement for all organizers of such events.
26. Host City - AGM 2015

We have received three bids for this AGM. Mr. Fraser reported that he has held discussions with parties this weekend to promote a 2015 WDSF AGM application. The Presidium agreed to postpone this decision for a short period of time in order to review that anticipated application.

Other Business

2014 PD General Meeting, Bucharest, June 14

Ms. Sulek reported that the new PD Administrative, Financial and Competition Rules were adopted at this Meeting on June 14, and that the Presidium’s Motion to the 2014 WDSF AGM for amendments to Article 17 of the WDSF Statutes, which were in fact adopted by the 2014 WDSF AGM yesterday, were approved by the PD General Meeting beforehand at this Meeting on June 14, per the requirements of Article 17(8) of the WDSF Statutes.

Mr. Sietas asked if WDSF PD Adjudicators can be granted a PD Adjudicators Licence if they do not already have a WDSF Adjudicators Licence. She said no, that the WDSF Adjudicator’s Licence is an absolute prerequisite to a WDSF PD Adjudicators Licence.

Ms. Sulek asked that the Presidium approve the amendments to the PD Administrative, Financial and Competition Rules were adopted at this Meeting on June 14; after discussion it was agreed that the WDSF Sports Director would study the PD Supplementary Competition Rules and report back to the Presidium by e-mail.

IFC

Mr. Huber reported. In July, 2014 IFC will hold a European Championship in Manchester, England. On November 21-22, 2015 it will produce a 2015 IFC World Championship in Berlin.
**Conclusion and Adjournment**

The President thanked Mr. Gliga and the Romanian WDSF Member body again for the exceptional production of the 2014 WDSF AGM, and the Presidium agreed and thanked Mr. Gliga again.

Mr. Freitag noted that he expected to meet with many Members of the Presidium at the German Open Championships in Stuttgart in August, 2014.

He then announced that the next Presidium Meeting is expected to be held in Barcelona, Spain on the second weekend of January, 2015.

Mr. Freitag then thanked the Presidium for its hard work during the past week in Bucharest and wished all Members and guests a safe trip home.

The Meeting was adjourned by consent at 11:12 A.M..

[Minutes taken by Jim Fraser, WDSF Presidium Member, and approved by the Presidium July 6, 2014.]