The WDSF Presidium

Minutes of the WDSF Presidium Meeting, Belgrade

February 15th and 16th, 2020

Presidium Present:

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Tony Tilenni (TT) WDSF First Vice-President/Vice-President for Finance (Acting for President)

Nenad Jeftic (NJ) WDSF Vice-President for Sport

Antoni Czyzyk (AC) WDSF Vice-President for Development

Leena Liusvaara (LL) WDSF Vice-President for Communication

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Vasile Gliga (VG) WDSF Vice-President for Marketing

Lena Arvidsson (LA) WDSF Presidium Member

Glenn Weiss (GW) WDSF Presidium Member

Verena Sulek (VS) WDSF PD Director

Ashli Williamson (AW) Chair WDSF Athletes Commission
### Invited:

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<td>Member WDSF Legal Commission and Honorary Member of WDSF (Invited)</td>
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<td>Maris Vainovskis (MV)</td>
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### Excused:

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On 15th February 2020 the meeting started at 9:00

1. Introduction by the First Vice-President

   TT chaired the meeting and welcomed all. He gave a brief update on the successful recovery of the WDSF President, Mr. Shawn Tay (ST), informing the meeting that Mr. Tay has made a great improvement in his health, but at that moment he was unfortunately advised by his physician not to fly. TT also informed the meeting that ST is continuing to work on all key matters of the federation.

   TT asked the Presidium members to approve the attendance of the invited persons to the meeting.

   LA MOVED that the Presidium approve the attendance of the interpreters MKC and DG. Unanimously approved.

   NJ MOVED that the Presidium approve the presence of GF, JLB and CS. Unanimously approved.

   GW MOVED that the Presidium accept that HW and SL (for items 16 and 18 of the agenda) can take part of the meeting. Unanimously approved.

   TT MOVED that the Presidium accept that MFS and MV can take part of the meeting via online call for items related to the Cyprus and Tallinn cases and GDPR. Unanimous.

   GW MOVED that the Presidium allow JF, SB and SN to take part of the meeting with the condition that they would only be able to intervene on matters of their relevance: for JF items 6, 25, 26, 27 of the agenda, and for the two Sport Officers only in matters related to the items of the VP for Sport when requested by him. Approved

2. Approval of the Agenda
The Presidium agreed to allow SL to make his presentation around 11h00.

AW *MOVED* that the Presidium accept the agenda. Unanimously approved

3. **Minutes Secretary**

AW *MOVED* that the Presidium approves CS as the Minute Secretary for this meeting, which was unanimously approved.

4. **Timekeeper**

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

5. **Approval of the Minutes (TT)**

5.1. Minutes of the Presidium Meeting September 7th and 8th, 2019, Moscow (RUS)

TT asked if there was any comment on the minutes of the Presidium Meeting held in Moscow on 7th and 8th September 2019. As there was no comments or questions, LA *MOVED* that the Presidium approve these minutes. Unanimously approved

6. **WDSF Annual General Meeting, 13-14 June 2020, Belgrade, Serbia (GF)**
JF, SB and SN were allowed to enter into the meeting room. SB and SN entered the meeting at 9:30.

6.1. Update on logistical preparations for the 2020 WDSF AGM to be held in Belgrade (SRB) on June 14th, 2020

GF informed that NJ is taking care of the preparations for the two dinners for the AGM and confirmed that all logistical matters were up to speed. The invitation had been sent a couple days ago which meant that members already had the possibility to register and book the official hotel until April 13th. After this date reservations were going to be made on the basis of availability. NJ declared he had nothing to add when asked if he had other remarks on this subject.

6.2. Proposed Schedule of Meetings (Including pre and post preparatory meetings, DSA, DSE and WDSF PD AGM)

GF detailed the schedule of all the meetings according to the last version of the document. There was no question on the schedule, but VS wanted to know if the PD would have to pay for the meeting room; she wanted to know the price and the arrangements. NJ confirmed PD would need to pay for the meeting room but confirmed they would have very good prices.

6.3. Convocation of the 2020 WDSF Annual General Meeting and submission of Motions:

6.3.1. Confirmation of convocation by the WDSF General Secretary or Presidium Member [see article 10.1 and 10.2 of the WDSF Statutes]
GF informed that the 2020 WDSF AGM was duly convened by the General Secretary on January 6th, 2020 by email communication to all WDSF NMBs. A copy of this notification was saved on BOX for review by presidium members.

6.3.2. Deadline for Submission of motions by Members for the 2020 WDSF AGM [March 13th, 2019 23h59 Central European Time].

GF informed that all WDSF NMBs were reminded by electronic communication of the deadline for the submission of motions to the 2020 AGM and stressed that so far no motion had been received.

6.3.2.1. USA Dance Motions [Refer to the Minutes of the 2019 WDSF AGM: USA Dance Motions must come first on the Agenda under Member’s Motion & Must have received feedback from the WDSF Legal and Sports Commissions].

GF reminded the meeting that further to a vote of the Presidium concluded on January 10th, 2020, the Presidium authorized the General Secretary to circulate the response of the Presidium to the two motions proposed by USA Dance to the 2019 AGM (which due to time constraints were not possible to deal with during the meeting). GF notified that to that date USA Dance did not comment on the answer submitted by the Presidium except regarding one typographical error.

LA commented she was not happy with the argument used in the response sent to USA Dance because of the definition of couple being a man and a woman should not be focused on the gender, rather on the notion of leader and follower. LL shared the opinion that the way the text was written was not acceptable. Although LL agreed WDSF should not change its rules, the wordings used are “old fashioned” and she could not approve such a text that defines DanceSport as fundamentally only about the relationship between
a man and a woman. NJ considered this discussion was void as the text had already been voted and sent to USA Dance and suggested to move forward. Before closing the discussion on this subject, TT advised if Presidium members or member bodies had any suggestion to change the competition rules to allow for separate single gender divisions it should be presented in the form of a motion to the AGM.

6.3.3. Final Agenda for the 2020 WDSF AGM. The Final Agenda for the 2020 WDS AGM and all Motions must be sent out to the WDSF National Member Bodies on or before April 13th, 2020 [see article 10(4) of the WDSF Statutes]

GF reminded the meeting that the Final Agenda and all motions should be sent to members on or before April 13th, 2020.

6.4. Submission of Reports by office holders and chairs of commissions

GF said he sent a notification on 29.01.2020 informing all office holders and chairs of commission to submit their reports by May 1st 2020 at the latest.

6.5. Presidium’s Motions to the 2020 WDSF AGM

6.5.3.1. Deadline for proposals for Presidium’s Motions to the 2020 WDSF AGM

GF reminded the meeting that all motions from the Presidium must be shared with the WDSF legal commission first in order to ensure proper proposals, revisions or amendments of the texts, in compliance with the WDSF Statutes and Regulations.

As all motions had to be ready on April 13th for the Final Agenda, it was agreed that the deadline for Presidium members to submit their motions should be March 15th, 2020.
AW remarked that the Sport Commission meeting would certainly not take place before March 15th and she expressed her concerns about being able to meet this deadline. NJ disclosed that to date there were three motions in preparation from the Sports Commission and suggested that if motions were not ready, they should be sent provisionally to the General Secretary by March 15th and after the Sport Commission meeting, once the texts of the motions are fully completed, the final texts would then be confirmed.

6.5.3.2. Review of proposed Presidium Motions by the WDSF Legal Commission

GF reminded the meeting that it is very important that the latest version of the documents is used when elaborating the motions.

TT decided to move on to other topics of the agenda and return to the AGM related legal matters once JF joined the meeting.

6.5.4. Election of the WDSF Vice-President for Legal Affairs

6.5.4.1. Candidates

The Presidium discussed briefly if it was suitable or not to have someone appointed as the VP for Legal Affairs or if it would be preferably to wait with the position vacant until the next AGM where the elections for this position will have to take place anyway. Regarding the potential candidates to be appointed by the Presidium on that day, GF reported that until that date there was only one candidate, Dr. Marc Schaefer, whose CV had previously been distributed by email to all members of Presidium. It was decided to wait until the next day before any decision was taken regarding the appointment.
6.6. WDSF Open Forum 2020 (June 13th)

6.6.5. Proposal for topics and moderator

GF said he received several topics for the Forum among them sport related topics like the development of Standard and Latin, the judging system, the Olympic project, but also a request from the Dutch member body on a medical study regarding DanceSport athletes. In addition, GF referred to the members’ survey conducted by Pauline Carminati, from the WDSF Office. NF suggested to use the Forum in order to explain the members that the New Sport Series related to the Games’ ready project will not affect the whole system.

LA suggested that there should also be a possibility for NMBs to highlight topics and ask questions on the Forum leaving some flexibility in the agenda.

GF proposed to have topics related to sports matters, the Olympic project, the NMB survey and sport medicine, if time allowed.

JF entered the meeting room at 10:08

AW, MOVED that the Presidium approve LL as moderator for the Forum at the 2020 AGM. Unanimous approved

6.7. Selection process of the 2021 WDSF AGM

6.7.6. Assessment of Bids and proposal to grant

NJ MOVED that the Presidium provisionally grant to China the organisation of the 2021 WDSF Annual General Meeting and make the official announcement to the members later or possibly at the 2020 AGM depending on how the situation with the coronavirus develops. Unanimously approved
6.8. WDSF Operating Policy for the AGM

6.8.7. Motion to the Presidium for adjustment

GF said that the proposed revisions for the WDSF AGM Operating Policy were circulated to the Presidium for a vote, which was confirmed on February 3rd with all votes in favour to ratify the document. The revised operating policy was uploaded on the WDSF website on February 3rd, 2020. Adjustments included revisions of the requirements for bidding, as well as the introduction of a CHF 100 fee per day for additional guests (2 delegates + 2 guests for free).

6.8.8. Nomination Forms /Online Registration and Approval of delegates

GF informed the Presidium that an online registration system was put in place so that member bodies could easily manage their registration for the AGM and he thanked CS for the hard work she did in order to deliver this project.

The meeting took a short coffee break of 6 minutes from 10:20 to 10:26

7. Olympic Project

7.1. Project Update / IOC Evaluation

JLB reminded the meeting that the situation regarding Breaking requires important attention from the WDSF as the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is monitoring the federation until December 2020 when a final decision regarding the inclusion of Breaking in the Olympic program for Paris 2024 will take place. JLB said special attention is required.
to the areas on which the IOC will be focusing its surveillance like governance, judging system, Agenda 2020 and competition calendar among other topics. JLB analysed the situation with Breaking in different WDSF member bodies with respect to the exchange with the local Breaking communities. He concluded that if in some countries this is going very well, in others there are challenging issues to be overcome.

JLB informed the meeting that the IOC requested WDSF conduct an independent assessment in order to get an official review of the judging system and on the selection of judges. With this request in mind, JLB suggested some audit companies that could conduct this assessment and make it available to IOC.

NJ **MOVED** that the Presidium appoint JLB to try to get the best possible conditions for the independent assessment of the judging system and the selection of judges for Breaking competitions. Unanimously approved.

### 7.2. Proposal (WDSF & Breaking Community)

JLB gave a global frame related to the approach and decisions the Presidium has to make based on a clear understanding of the current situation and a vision for the next years to come. JLB provided a historical overview with key points for 2018 and 2019 presenting some key facts and decision taken by the WDSF Presidium and members at the Annual General Meetings about Breaking. He reminded the meeting that at the AGM in 2018, the members opposed the budget allocated for Breaking and a decision was made for WDSF not to invest any further reserves of money in Breaking from 2019 onwards. Despite this situation, JLB pointed out that some important Breaking events like the World Championship in China and the World Urban Games in Budapest were successfully organised with the help of external funding. JLB also highlighted the fact that many other international organisations and institutions were willing to have partnerships with the WDSF with respect to Breaking.
JLB concluded by presenting to the Presidium one proposal of partnership that could be an appropriate strategy and a constructive solution for WDSF Breaking involving commercial and operational aspects. In case a partnership of any kind could be found for WDSF Breaking, JLB recommended that this would have to be presented to the member bodies at the next Annual General Meeting by some members of the Presidium.

**TT MOVED** that the Presidium fully support the continuing development of the discussion around a possible partnership agreement for Breaking between WDSF and other entities, and to delegate to JLB the authority to negotiate, if the case permitted, a draft contract for consideration. Unanimously approved.

TT was not sure if the WDSF Presidium would have the legal power to sign a possible agreement should JLB come up with an acceptable proposition. JF confirmed that the Presidium did have the legal power to sign such kind of agreement.

7.3. Tokyo 2020 Sports Presentation

JLB advised that some 4 International Federations were interested in associating with the WDSF in order to have a Breaking showcase in Tokyo during the 2020 Olympic Games. However, he stressed that to enable this showcase it would be necessary to make some investments that WDSF is not able to finance at the moment unless other innovative solutions could be found.

8. Sergio Lopez Presentation

SL started his presentation explaining that his task was to do the audit on the commercial and marketing dimensions of Standard and Latin products and provide recommendations of how to better exploit its full potential. SL said the presentation was a compilation of his
report and encouraged the Presidium members to read the full document where all the
data, analysis and recommendations could be found.

Afterwards, he made an analysis of the current situation and stressed the challenges the
disciplines are facing due to a highly fragmented market, clear definition of the target
audience, branding and limited media coverage. SL continued to present the strategy he
suggested WDSF to use in order to optimise its properties in the short run.

SL listed the recommendations by categories (media rights, marketing, sponsorship, etc.)
and detailed each one of them.

There followed a discussion on SL’s presentation.

*SL left the room. The meeting took a lunch break at 13:10 and resumed at 14:00*

TT suggested that once everybody had read the full content of SL’s report the Presidium
would discuss whether if there would be any interest to appoint SL to execute additional
work.

9. **Legal Affairs Update**

9.1. General Updates

JF gave a short summary on the activities of the Legal Commission since the last Presidium
meeting and he stressed that the Legal Commission was working without a Vice-President
for Legal Affairs and thus without a Chair; and that Commission positions were available
for experienced lawyers with, if possible, experience in the sport law field, who are ready
to work strictly on a pro bono basis.

9.2. Estonian Case:

*MV and MFS joined the meeting via video call.*

JF reported that WDSF has received information that a number of constituent clubs of the
Estonian DanceSport Association (EDSA) would have been created with no other purpose
except to provide additional votes for some persons at the EDSA general meeting. The
allegations, according to these information, are that these clubs were in fact “fake clubs”. Following receipt of these allegations, JF said that the Legal Commission sent a letter to the
EDSA asking them to provide WDSF with all the information on the subject of the
accusations and requested the Member body adjourn their next general meeting (which
was about to occur) at which elections were scheduled to take place. The Legal
Commission received a reply from the then-President of the EDSA, Ms. Aune Past, in which
she admitted and fully confirmed the existence of such “fake clubs”. According to Ms. Past,
the problem created by these “fake clubs” could only be solved by changing the bylaws of
the EDSA, but that such action would require approval at the general meeting, at which the
“fake clubs” could vote.

AW commented WDSF should be careful not to interfere in internal matters of its national
member bodies. JF responded that it was not proposed that WDSF interfere in EDSA’s
internal affairs, and that EDSA could elect any persons it preferred to its Presidium, but
that under the WDSF *Statutes* the WDSF Presidium could and previously had insisted on
several occasions that its Member bodies must conduct their meetings and elections
according to fundamental democratic and legal processes, in the interests of athletes’
rights and promoting DanceSport rather than in the interests of artificially pursuing
partisan political projects, and that was the issue in this case, not reaching into the internal
affairs of a WDSF Member body.
NJ submitted that the documents were sufficient to prove the allegation of “fake clubs” in Estonia and that therefore WDSF needed to do something.

SB said that WDSF was informed of a meeting of the EDSA took place on February 5, 2020. According to the information WDSF received, 22 clubs’ representatives (representing about 30% of the dancers) were present and another 22 clubs’ representatives (representing about 70% of the dancers) were absent.

MV agreed that clubs in Estonia are fake and noted WDSF, as the recognized governing global organisation, should require that the principle of good governance prevail in EDSA’s administration.

MFS supported MV on his argument. For him if these fake clubs had no members, it is most likely that they were created with the political purpose of obtaining decisive political power in the federation.

LL referred to the actions taken by SB within the Estonian National Olympic Committee and asked him what the outcome of the undertaking was. SB answered that he believed that the Estonian National Olympic Committee (NOC) is waiting for the outcome of the investigations and that if the EDSA loses its recognition within the WDSF, it will also probably lose its NOC’s recognition.

**TT MOVED** that the Presidium downgrade the Membership of the Estonian DanceSport Federation from “Full” to “Provisional”, and further that if the Estonian DanceSport Federation nominates athletes to Championships, such nominations shall not be effective until validated by WDSF according to specific sporting criteria in order to ensure that the selection of the nominees was based on sporting criteria. Unanimously approved.

9.3. Cyprus Case:
On the explicit authority of the Investigator Ms. Kerpan Izak, JF reported on the investigations that were still ongoing and advised that once the final files were ready, they would be disclosed to the interested parties for comments before possible preparation of any Presidium motion on this case.

TT moved that the presidium accept JF’s report on this case. Unanimously approved.

9.4. Tallinn Case:

JF commented on the findings of this case which had a great amount of detail and that there was a need to prepare all the legal decisions and arguments very carefully in view of a possible appeal.

MV explained how he had been working on this case and the two lines of investigations that had been adopted, which were with respect to allegations of manipulation of competition and of results. On one hand, MV proposed to conclude the investigations of the two chairpersons [A] and [B] as in his opinion he had enough evidence for the Investigator for that decision. On the other hand, MV said that in his opinion the Presidium should support continuation of the investigations of the allegations of manipulation and of results.

NJ moved that the Presidium conclude the investigations of the two chairpersons, [A] and [B], and suspend all their respective licenses for a period of two months retroactively from 16th December 2019 to 17th February 2020. Unanimously approved.

NJ moved that the Presidium order additional investigations into the further allegations of violations committed by [C] and [D]. Unanimously approved.

1 Editor’s Note: names have been disclosed to the members of the presidium.
NJ **MOVED** that the Presidium approve provisional measures to continue with the suspension of [C]’s WDSF adjudicator’s, chairperson’s and scrutineer’s licenses for the duration of the additional investigations ordered by the Presidium today. Approved with one abstention.

NJ **MOVED** that the Presidium approve provisional measures to continue the suspension of [D]’s WDSF scrutineer’s license for the duration of the additional investigations ordered by the Presidium today. Approved with one abstention.

9.5. GDPR

MFS updated the Presidium on the GDPR regulations confirming that they were correctly implemented within the WDSF by the Presidium motion passed on this subject last year, that this measure was still up-to-date, and that no other further measure was needed.

*MV and MFS left the meeting*

10. World Urban Games

10.1. Review of the Breaking Competitions

JLB said the participation of Breaking at the first edition of the World Urban Games in Budapest in 2019 was a great success as the event attracted attention and interest from various audiences, media and the public.

JLB believed Breaking will remain in the World Urban Games program for the future editions and explained how the event was funded without a budget allocated from the WDSF’s other resources.
NJ reported on the overwhelming success of the Latin Battles at the 2019 World Urban Games in Budapest. Four top couples from Latin discipline were invited to present themselves in an urban style dressup competing in a battle format. The video posted on WDSF social media achieved an impressive success reaching more than a million views in a couple of months and two million as of the date of this Presidium meeting.

GF remarked if the event was so successful it was also thanks to the WDSF’s President Shawn Tay, who initiated this inclusion and believed in this innovative type of Latin event.


JLB informed that the WDSF Office is in contact with GAISF and the next edition would probably take place in Budapest again on 10-12 September 2021.

11. FISE & FIBA

11.1. Update on situation with FISE

JLB reported to the Presidium that FISE would like to reach an agreement with WDSF to run Breaking events until 2025. JLB explained that FISE came up with a first proposal which is still under discussion.

The Presidium decided to take the necessary time to properly develop a possible collaboration as from 2021.

11.2. Update on the situation with FIBA
JLB commented on the fruitful experience with the WDSF partnership with FIBA 3x3 World Tour in 2018 and 2019 and reminded the Presidium about the budget of CHF 100,000 that they approved to be used in 2020 for Breaking activities.

LA *(MOVED)* that the Presidium not spend the budget of CHF 100,000 for the FIBA partnership but instead leave it as a contingency for any activity that might be done by WDSF Breaking for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Unanimously approved. 

12. **YOG 2022 Senegal and other Multi-Sport Events**

12.1. **Update, IOC request YOG 2022**

JLB gave the Presidium the main information on the requirements for YOG 2022 once Breaking had been confirmed as part of the program, especially on the budget and the qualification system to be used. Again, WDSF will propose to the IOC to use the digital qualification system.

12.2. **European Games 2023**

JLB reported on the willingness of the organisers of the European Games 2023 to include Breaking in their program. The event would take place in Poland but organisers were still working on the host city contract and discussing the sport programs. JLB said the organisers would provide more details in May 2020.

12.3. **Asian Games, Asian Youth Games, Pan-American Games etc.**

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2 Editor’s Note: As the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games are adjourned the budget was reduced to zero.
In view of a possible confirmation of Breaking in Paris 2024 Olympic Games by the IOC in December 2020, JLB stated it should be expected that if this is confirmed that WDSF will receive additional requests to take part in different continental or sub-continental games.

JLB informed that the IOC advised that participation in such games is recommended but not mandatory.

12.4. 2020 WDSF Awards for outstanding contribution

12.4.1. Proposed Nominees

TT moved that Daniel Stehlin, former Chair of the WDSF Disciplinary Council receive the 2020 WDSF Award for his outstanding contributions to WDSF. Unanimous.

The Presidium agreed to give some more time to think about other possible nominations in the next coming months before the 2020 AGM.

AW raised a discussion about the project Hall of Fame which was presented by CS to the Presidium in 2018 and wanted to know how it was being developed.

TT asked CS to set up the Hall of Fame so that it can be operational for the 2021 WDSF Annual General Meeting.

13. The World Games 2021

13.1. Standard & Latin Qualifying Events (DSE/DSA)

NJ informed that the qualifications for the World Games 2021 for Standard and Latin disciplines will be made based on 3 competitions and using AJS points. The competitions would be World Championship, Continental Championship and New Sport Series. Based on the results of these competitions, a ranking including athletes from the General and PD divisions will be created. NJ said the deadline to come up with the final list of qualified
athletes is 1\textsuperscript{st} January 2021. NJ explained the total number of qualified athletes is 23 and WDSF could invite some couples according to the rules of the World Games to guarantee participation of athletes from all continents (Americas, Oceania, etc.).

GF expressed his concerns about whether athletes were aware of qualification system and in which events they should participate if they want to have a chance to qualify. GF suggested it was necessary to communicate this information widely.

13.2. Rock’n’Roll WRRC

NJ said the quota for Rock’n’Roll is 14 couples and he confirmed he received from Miriam the qualification system used by the WRRC from previous editions of the World Games.

The meeting had a break for coffee at 16:00 and resumed at 16:10.

14. Vice-President for Sport Report (NJ)

14.1. Structure of the WSDF Sports Department (Sports officers, Administration)

14.1.1. Contracts for Two (2) Sports Officers’ positions

NJ reported that he has restructured the WDSF Sports Department with the agreement of the Presidium and hired two Sport Officers rather than one Sports Director. NJ gave a brief job description of their positions stressing that a contract had being signed between each of them and the WDSF.

GF confirmed that the contracts for the two Sport Officers were signed for a term until the end of 2020.
LA inquired whether she should contact the Sport Officers if she had any sporting matters related to Disco and Stage. NJ responded that she should consult them and added that the idea was to create Sport Officers for each division in the future.

LL asked if a Sport Officer could judge in national competitions. NJ replied that the Sport Officers cannot judge in WDSF competitions although it is possible for them to chair, and further that it was preferable that Sport Officers also avoid judging national competitions.

14.2. 2020 Title Events and Grand Slam Series Overview

NJ reported on some of the WDSF title events and GrandSlams that had been granted or are under negotiation. NJ reported that the GrandSlam would be reduced to five series (four legs and one final) from 2020.

GW asked about the possibility to establish a calendar for the WDSF World Championships as is currently used for the GrandSlam series. NJ argued it was difficult because even though a date could be planned, it was not guaranteed we would receive bidding for those dates.

NJ concluded by giving an overview of the granting of World Championships in Hip-Hop, Breaking, Disco Dances.

LA MOVED that the Presidium grant the 2020 WDSF World Championship for Disco Dance to Poland. Unanimously approved.

14.3. Update on the development of Salsa

NJ reported that no congress was scheduled for Salsa on the calendar and that SN was in contact with Latin American countries to explore the possibility of organising congresses.
14.4. ISF International School Federation (Letter of intent)

NJ said WDSF received a letter of intent from the International School Federation (ISF) proposing possible collaboration. The letter said ISF was planning to organise events in cooperation with the WDSF’s Russian member body. GF reported that he had contacted the Russian NMB but could not get much more information on this subject. The Presidium decided not to make any decision on this matter at present as there was insufficient information available.

14.5. Implementation of Rule X.2.2 (Adjudicator Licences)

NJ reported about the challenges faced by his team and the WDSF Office to implement the motion on Rule X.2.2 that was approved at the last AGM in Budapest. He stressed this motion was part of the anti-manipulation measures, together with the new conditions for the World Open New Series. NJ explained the issues with the implementation of Rule X.2.2 which were related to the validation of the Permanent Resident Permit documentation issued by various countries and advised that in some cases, the Sport Commission is asking for further clarifications and is deciding on a case-by-case basis. LL referred to compliance with the GDPR and reported one case in which a person was not keen to provide the passport to the WDSF. GF reassured LL that WDSF was compliant with GDPR requirements regarding documentation and personal data.

14.6. GS Series 2021 and Title Events 2021

14.6.2. Update on Contracts

NJ gave an overview of the application of GS and title events for 2021. AW remarked it would be good if the regulations for granting the events were clearly stated on the website, in the bidding section, and that bidding for events could be considered on fixed
dates, for example at the end of each quarter. SB said the granting process should be reviewed and this was already under discussion in the Sport Commission.

15. Incorporation of DanceSport Asia Limited (DSA)

15.1. Update on latest developments / 1st ExCo meeting Shanghai 6.12.2019

TT referred to the DSA meeting that took place in December in Shanghai after the creation of the new entity incorporated in Singapore under the legislation there. GF commented he was very impressed with how the Chinese member body organised and conducted the meeting, as well as with the quality of the proposed office infrastructure in Chengdu.

TT disclosed to the Presidium that the old Asian DanceSport Federation (ADSF) was not providing financial statements at his request, which entailed difficulties to identify and understand ADSF’s financial operations.

15.2. AGM Motion to accept DSA as sole WDSF Continental Association for Asia

The Presidium unanimously directed that a Presidium motion be prepared for the 2020 AGM to recognize DSA under Article 5(bis) of the WDSF Statutes as the WDSF Continental Association for Asia.

16. Vice-President for Finance Report

16.1. Brief update on estimated 2019 Financial Position compared to budget

TT stated that for the 2019 year income had significantly decreased by around CHF300,000 particularly from Sponsorships, Advertising and to a lesser extent from Competition fees.
As a result of reduced revenue, TT commented that despite the difficulties, WDSF had succeeded in making commensurate savings last year of around CHF300,000.

One positive when considering the 2019 accounts was the increase in the revenue related to the e-cards.

As a result of expenses being once again strictly controlled, TT expected that the 2019 audited accounts would show a loss which would be less than the budgeted loss of around CHF200,000.

TT made it clear to the Presidium that WDSF could not continue to incur annual budget losses irrespective of operational requirements and external factors such as the Corona virus which could not be accurately budgeted for.

16.2. Policy and motion re: Per-diem policy update

AW asked for clarification on how the per-diems were paid to commission members and how the amount was applied up to the maximum amount. TT explained commissions members were not normally paid per-diems. However, WDSF needed to have a document defining all circumstances should it be agreed that a commission member be paid.

It was agreed that the FVP and Commission Chairs must agree to pay any per-diems but as AW explained it would be financially crippling for WDSF to pay all commission members.

LL MOVED that the Presidium accept the updated policy for per-diems. Unanimously approved.

On 15th February 2020 the meeting finished at 17h15. On the following day the meeting resumed at 9:00.
TT welcomed HW for his presentation on Anti-Doping

17. Anti-Doping

HW reported on the activities of the Anti-Doping commission and reported that despite all the controls done last year in competition and out competition, there was no positive doping case to report. He reported that WDSF received confirmation from WADA of full compliance with the WADA code, in late 2019.

In the Education area, HW referred to the project that WDSF is currently doing with the AISTS.

HW introduced the first main topic of his presentation, the WADA Anti-Doping Code 2021. In this regard, there is a set of documents that need to be reviewed with impacts on our anti-doping structure (TUE, Internal Dispute Resolution Code, hearing panels, etc.). HW stressed that the Internal Dispute Resolution Code would also need to be reviewed by the WDSF Disciplinary Council. He said he tried to contact the President of the WDSF Disciplinary Council but did not receive any feedback so far. HW also confirmed the WDSF DC would need to prepare a separate motion for the AGM in order to approve the revisions made.

HW continued with his second main topic related to WADA sanctions against RUSADA. HW explained the case was pending decision from the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in Lausanne. However, WDSF should be prepared in case sanctions are issued. He said Russian government officials/representatives could be banned from sitting on boards. As it was not sure if we had persons in such case of risk, JF volunteered to write a letter to the Russian member body in order to find out.

HW also referred to the consequences of the potential sanctions of WDSF competitions and expressed his concerns regarding the PD World Championship scheduled to be organised in Moscow, Russia, on 6th December 2020.
HW highlighted some questions on he would need clarification from WADA, and it was decided that he should send them for clarification to GF who would liaise with WADA in order to organise a meeting that HW confirmed he would attend.

Finally, HW requested the Presidium to appoint an additional member to the Anti-Doping Commission and suggested Ms. Jasmin Corrodi, a Swiss lawyer and mediator.

TT requested that LL publish a news release on the WDSF website explaining that as the Recognised World Peak body for DanceSport, WDSF was the only DanceSport body in the world able to seek and receive a WADA compliance certificate. It should also be reported that internationally in 2019 there were no positive doping results for DanceSport.

TT moved that the Presidium congratulate the Anti-Doping Commission on their work for achievement of full compliance with WADA. Unanimously approved.

HW left the room after his presentation.

AW moved that the Presidium appoint Ms. Jasmin Corrodi, of Switzerland, as a Member of the WDSF Anti-Doping Commission. Unanimously approved.

To conclude anti-doping matters, GF reported on his meeting with the International Testing Agency (ITA) in Lausanne and stressed that more and more Olympic federations are working with ITA and he could see that in the future that WDSF might be obliged to do the same. However, this does not mean that WDSF would not need to have its own Anti-Doping Commission.

17.1. Request to presidium members to provide input to update Financial Regulations for the 2020 AGM
TT explained the Financial Regulations document reviewed the way the fee is set for Associate Members. It has been resolved that the Associate Members fees would in future be determined by the Presidium. TT asked if any other changes were needed to the document.

LA suggested some changes to the fees for the disco and stage disciplines in order to adapt them to the format of the competitions. She presented her proposal for the financial regulations.

TT **MOVED** that the Presidium approve the Financial Regulations as he suggested as amended by incorporating the proposals from LA for Disco and Stage. Unanimously approved.

*The meeting had a break for coffee at 10:30 and resumed at 10:45*

17.2. Estonia Case (continuation)

The chair of the meeting, TT requested to go back to Estonia case to discuss the potential manipulation of Estonian couples to be nominated for WDSF competitions. JF suggested WDSF send an observer to the next WDSF competition organised by the Estonia DanceSport Association (EDSA). VG commented he was not sure WDSF should interfere in internal problems of its members bodies. He added the EDSA was recognised by the NOC and WDSF should be careful in order not to mix political issues in this case. JF reminded the meeting that on the previous day the Presidium voted in one direction regarding the Estonia case and what he was hearing did not reflect the decisions taken to address the issue in Estonia.

TT **MOVED** that the Presidium authorize the General Secretary to send a letter to the Estonian DanceSport Association in order to inform them that WDSF may change their nominated athlete representatives if it decides that EDSA has not
nominated couples based on athletic principles. Approved with 1 abstention.

TT **MOVED** that the Presidium send the Sport Officer SN as WDSF observer to attend the next EDSA competition.

The Presidium agreed that LL should make sure this decision to send a WDSF observer to the EDSA competition is made public.

TT requested that WDSF members should be informed about the Presidium’s downgrading of EDSA’s WDSF Membership from Full to Provisional.

**18. Vice-President for Communication Report**

Before presenting the structure of the Communication Department LL addressed some of the issues raised by the presentation of Sergio Lopez. Among the global coverage issues, she referred to the OTT platform and recognised the platform did not have the expect success in terms of subscription by saying “People do not want to pay although fee is not expensive”. LL said SL’s audit report gave a lot of thinking and good ideas and suggested WDSF should continue working with him to find practical solutions.

LL highlighted her presentation was extracted from her report which was available to all Presidium members via BOX. LL detailed the structure of the department which was composed by one writer (current open position); one TV and Video Director (through a contractor Jump TV); one Webmaster (through a contractor JayKay Design); one PD Content Editor shared with the PD division; one Social Media Manager (also working through the contractor Jump TV); several photographer hired event by event and other external consultants for Breaking and IOC related communication. Followed a discussion on the opened position for the Writer and what could be the possible solutions.

TT commented it was not enough to have nice articles on the website, rather there was a need of having a message behind in line with the whole communication strategy for the
federation. The discussions continued on the need for WDSF to define a strategy for communication, but also to have a broad strategy for the whole federation as the Vision 2020 is now almost completed.

LL indicated the numbers for the OTT and other communication channels, before concluding by showing some examples of pages of the new website which is being done.

NJ MOVED that the Presidium sincerely thank Auli Korhonen, who was active as Journalist within the Communications Department until 31st December 2019, for all the work she performed. Unanimously approved.

18.1. WDSF media rights and sanctions

TT suggested the Legal Commission should prepare a framework for media rights agreements and infringements by organisers of WDSF events. JF said he would accept this assignment if the Communications Department could send him a summary of around 200 words on the content and issues to be addressed. GF also suggested the organisation of workshops to clearly explain to the NMBs and organisers the rules on WDSF media rights and possible sanctions.

19. Presentation MSM Mitchell Stafford Management

The Presidium decided to instruct GF to contact MSM in order to find out if there would be any possibility for MSM to work on a global communication strategy for WDSF and to give potential costs that this would involve.

20. Vice-President for Marketing Report
Before starting his report, VG addressed some of the issues involving marketing that was highlighted by Sergio Lopez. The bottom line of the argumentation was if WDSF does not have money to invest in marketing, it would be difficult to find commercial partners; and if you do not have commercial partners, you do not have the money to invest in marketing.

VG explained he had contacted various prestigious companies by email, like Amazon, Facebook, Microsoft, but unfortunately none of them responded positively. He detailed that the email offer was sent together with a catalogue and a video.

VG said the GrandSlam in Bucharest was a great success and he would continue to discuss with some of the companies sponsoring the Grand Slam edition in Bucharest this year in order to see if there would be any possibility for these companies to support WDSF as well. LA commented WDSF needs to have a strategy for marketing that would go in line with its overall strategy. GF referred to SL’s recommendation on his audit where he says that WDSF should refrain “to contact companies to offer packages until it can secure a minimum threshold of media coverage and consumer data [...] as nowadays it is virtually impossible to find international sponsors willing to commit significant investments without providing them a clear outlook on the visibility that they could get and reliable data to sustain it”.

21. Vice-President for Development Report

21.1. Special Olympics Update

AC said that Sweden had stepped back from organising the World Winter Games 2021 and this would mean that DanceSport has another chance to negotiate its participation with the new host city.

AC expressed his intention to organise an Educational Congress for Special Olympic events which would be the first of its kind where people could know more about the discipline
and how to organise such events. The Congress would take place in Poland on the 5th June 2020.

**TT MOVED** that the Presidium approve a budget allocation for the Special Olympic Congress in Poland of up to EUR 5000. Unanimously approved.

TT requested that the VPD to seek an agreement that all Special Olympic events in a WDSF’s member country should only be recognised if conducted in partnership with the WDSF National Member body in order to confirm the linkage.

**21.2. Update on the WDSF Proficiency test project**

AC reported he has been working in close collaboration with Dallas Williams to prepare the pedagogical material and a final version will be sent shortly to the WDSF Academy for approval. GF congratulated AC for such initiative and suggested this could be a topic for the Forum.

The WDSF Presidium approved that AC give a presentation on this subject at the Forum organised on 13th June 2020 as part of the WDSF Annual General Meeting’s program.

AC indicated in detail the format of the new competition called Pre-champs that he suggested to develop and asked the Presidium to take a decision on the proposal.

The Presidium agreed that AC would prepare a written proposal to the Sports Commission and the Sport Commission would take a decision on its next meeting scheduled to take place in March 2020 in Bucharest.

Before the lunch break, NJ briefly introduced to the Presidium the new WDSF Sports Department’s Administrative Assistant, Ms. Katarina Milosavljevic. She entered the meeting room and presented herself.
The meeting had a break for lunch at 13:12 and resumed at 13:47

22. PD Director

22.1.1. General Update

VS said since last meeting in September 2019 it had been a successful period for PD. There was no positive doping test as has happened twice in recent years and all PD competitions were granted until 2021. VS stated that couples in the General division are not moving and staying too long which is not good for the future of PD and the WDSF. AW agreed this was a problem that is making WDSF lose very talented couples to other organisations. NJ commented this subject should be discussed at the next Sport Commission meeting and that something should be done about this situation.

23. Chair of the DDD Commission Report

23.1. Development of Disco and Stage Dance

LA reported her work had been focused on Disco and Stage dances and the development project. In this sense, the rules for these disciplines were reviewed by a team of experts and were ready to be used at the WDSF Open in Belgium in May 2020 and should be used also in the next World Championship scheduled to take place in Poland in June 2020. After the World Championship the new rules for Disco and Stage will be reviewed once more and going to be presented at the AGM 2021 for approval. LA said she is also working with experts for Hip Hop.

This has led to her and the project teams’ opinion that Urban Choreography should be placed under Stage Dance. She then gave the Presidium an overview of the Open competitions that are scheduled to take place during 2020. She stressed the calendar was
small, but it was growing. She finally reported about the next adjudicator congress for Disco, Stage Dance and Hip Hop in Belgium.

Outside the project work has been done mainly by NMBs to develop solo standard and latin. There is now a proposal for a competition project 2020. LA will discuss further with WDSF Sport Commission.

24. WDSF Vision 2030 proposal

TT opened the discussion on the need of a possible Vision 2030 as an update to WDSF’s 2020 Vision 2020 being achieved. LA said the Presidium really needed to have a plan for the future and do something similar of what was done in 2020. This would give WDSF a common vision to define how and where to go in order to make sure marketing, communication and all other aspects are in line with this new vision.

TT asked the Presidium if everybody felt that there was a need to redefine a new vision for the WDSF. There was a consensus among all Presidium members that this was the case.

JLB suggested to start that the meeting should have a break of 5 minutes so that everybody in the room could come up with 5 points s/he thinks should be the achievement on 10 years’ time. JLB also suggested that the 5 Vice-Presidents should work in groups together with LA as secretary and come to the next Presidium meeting in June with some proposal.

TT as the Chair of the meeting decided to have a break of 5 minutes in the meeting and allow people to think about 5 points for the vision.

LA consolidated all the notes and extracted the following topics for Vision 2030:

**WDSF is DanceSport for All**

- A Multidisciplinary Federation with disciplines for all age groups, styles, disables athletes, impediments, etc.
• WDSF – the home of DanceSport
• NMBs to include all dance disciplines nationally

WDSF an Olympic Federation

• Breaking 2024
• Inclusion of other DanceSport disciplines in the Olympic Games
• Strong position within the Olympic Games
• DanceSport Discipline permanently accepted into the Olympic program

Good Governance is a way of living

• Ensure zero tolerance against manipulation/corruption
• Fair competitions
• Involvement of NMBs
• Clean sport from drugs and doping

WDSF has reached Financial Strength, Expansion and Growth

• Budget turnover + 25%
• Major growth in revenues
• Diversified sources of income
• Increase in sponsorship and TV rights revenue
• More NMBs, 120 NMBs, 130 NMBs, 150 NMBs,
• Expansion of DanceSport disciplines into continents
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• More athletes
• WDSF among top 20 IFs

WDSF Organisation is highly Professional

• Modern structure and operation
• Clear structure for all WDSF disciplines
• Professional leaders for marketing, communication and development in place
• More staff and human resources

**WDSF know for Developed Educational Programs**

• Academy for trainers
• Educational platforms (programs, videos etc)
• Children educational program
• Develop a program of structuring national systems for producing/developing children

**WDSF and DanceSport are Very Well Recognised Worldwide**

• Media Hype makes making huge impact on event’s attendance
• Strong partnership with international brands
• Position DanceSport Games as one of the main sport events

**WDSF Disciplines Standard and Latin Developed and Gained Growth**

• Strength Standard and Latin structure and resources
• New projects related to Standard and Latin
• PD division challenges solved

**Others**

• A 1st female president for the WDSF

Taking the opportunity to talk about vision and strategy, GF indicated an assessment from GAISF on WDSF’s participation at the Urban Games and highlighted some of the areas where GAISF listed should be improved, they were: transparency, conflict of interest, term limits for elected officials, anti-discrimination policy on racial, religious or sexual orientation.

**25. Chair of the Adjudicator’s Commission Report**

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25.1. WDSF World Smooth Championship

GW reported on his impressions from the 1st WDSF World Smooth Championship in Atlanta, USA. It was GW’s opinion that in order for this to take place again some serious promotion needs to happen with the Smooth division. GW has been in contact with Wayne Eng from Dance Vision USA who is one of the biggest Dancesport promoters in the USA.

The Presidium agreed that Wayne Eng should send a written proposal to the WDSF. The Presidium also agreed that in the meantime the Smooth should be developed under the DDD Commission as a pilot project.

25.2. 2020 Update on Adjudicators Qualification Competency Criterion

GW described the work done by the Adjudicators Qualifications Classification Committee. He felt that this work will go a long way in making the process of selecting judges much more transparent, and that it will help us select the right adjudicators for the right competitions. GW in particular wanted to thank Sergey Belyaev for his leadership in this work.

AW MOVED that the Presidium approve the new version of the adjudicators qualifications and competency criteria for the nomination of judges which was developed by the Adjudicator and Qualification Classification Committee. Unanimously approved.

25.3. Absolute Judging System (AJS)

GW expressed his concern about the AJS being the right system for WDSF as based on his experience and from the interactions he had with many other adjudicators, the AJS does not allow the judgment to be consistent. GW explained this was because different judges have different standards and different absolutes. GW stated that WDSF should go forward
to a comparison system still using the same criterion of judging and invited the Athletes Commission together with the Sports Commission to discuss this possibility.

GW added that his proposal had the full backing of the vast majority of adjudicators, the Athletes Commission, the Adjudicators Qualifications Classification Committee and Mr Peter Maxwell.

26. Chair of the Athletes Commission Report

26.1. Absolute Judging System (AJS)

AW agreed with GW that the challenge with an absolute scale is that the judges have different background and different basis to set their scale. AW evoked the only way to be able to rely on the absolute scale as a credible reflection of the dancers’ performance would be to have mandatory figures and only one couple on the floor, which for her would not be the right solution for DanceSport.

AW gave an example to demonstrate how the AJS could be prejudicial to the results of a competition.

On the behalf of the athletes, AW suggested to keep the four criteria of the AJS scoring, but the scores should be relative to each other and not an absolute scale.

The Presidium decided AW should refer to Dallas Williams all the suggestions from the Athletes Commission in view of the preparation of a report to presented and discussed at the next Sport Commission meeting.

26.2. General Update
AW updated the Presidium that the Breaking athlete, b-boy Moy, have had the possibility to exchange with the other members providing great added value to the WDSF Athletes Commission. AW added that the new member from Africa has been very useful as well.

AW requested that the Adjudicators Handbook should be published on the website. SB said the document was being re-edited and reviewed.

The Presidium decided that the handbook would not be published for the moment on the website until it was revised and until then that the information would be relayed to the athletes in another way.

AW asked if the Athletes Commission could assist CS on project of the Hall of Fame. CS agreed.

26.3. Confirmation by the Presidium on the proposed representative from Oceania

AW MOVED that the Presidium confirm Mr. Sheldon Gilbert as the representative from Oceania to the Athletes Commission. Unanimously approved.

27. General Secretary Report

27.1. Membership Affairs (GF/NJ)

27.1.1. Current Members

27.1.1.1. Bulgaria

TT MOVED that the Presidium authorize the General Secretary to send a notice letter to the Bulgarian member body on their potential expulsion from the WDSF in the next 6 months and a covering letter explaining the member body what they should do in order to avoid the expulsion. Unanimously approved.
27.1.1.2. Chinese Taipei

TT MOVED that the Presidium authorize the General Secretary to send a notice letter to the Chinese Taipei member body with respect to its potential expulsion from WDSF in the next 6 months. Unanimously approved.

LL excused herself that she had to leave the meeting earlier and left the room at 16:09

27.1.1.3. Italy

TT MOVED that the Presidium authorize the General Secretary to send a notice letter to the Italian member body with respect to its potential expulsion from the WDSF in the next 6 months. Unanimously approved.

27.1.2. National Member Bodies (NMB) Survey Update

GF reported that the WDSF Office took the initiative to conduct a survey in the same model as it was done in 2017 by the AISTS. The survey was managed by Pauline Carminati and was a great success with a response rate of 70%. GF disclose a brief summary of the initial results of the data analysis of the survey and said that a complete presentation will be done by Pauline Carminati at the Forum in June 2020. GF stressed the importance to give a feedback and act on the remarks done by the members.

27.2. IPC ParaDanceSport

27.2.3. Update on developments
GF explained the situation with the IPC involving the transfer to governance of 10 sports including ParaDanceSport. GF said in this process they sent WDSF a letter of intent to start discussion on the possibilities to join the WDSF, but apparently this was not an option they would be interested to follow. The Presidium asked GF to gather additional information from IPC on how they would envision the transfer of governance.

27.3. World Baton Twirling Co-Existence Agreement

27.3.4. Signed - September 2019

GF reported the agreement with World Baton Twirling Federation was signed.

27.4. GAISF: ICU Cheer & WDSF Meeting, Lausanne 30.10.2019

27.4.5. Governance Hip-Hop Dance

GF reported the Presidium that a meeting with ICU and GAISF took place in Lausanne on 30th October 2019. GF said the minutes of the meeting were still not available from GAISF.

27.5. Staff and allocation of resources

27.5.6. Lausanne WDSF Office

GF showed a table summarizing the situation of all the contractors and employees following the new developments and hiring for the Sports Department. GF advised it was important to make sure all the contracts with contractors and employees are properly in place as well as a clear job description, allocation of tasks and compliance with national laws for the payment of social charges in case of those based abroad. GF requested that contractors and employees abroad should send him weekly reports on their activities. GF
concluded saying that it would be good if WDSF could put in place a system of travel allowance as well as the notification for holidays so that the WDSF Office could better plan its functions accordingly.

TT *MOVED* that the Presidium approve that all contractors and employees of the WDSF must have a written job description of their activities and provide the General Secretary with weekly written reports on their activities. Unanimously approved.

27.6. Swarovski outlook for 2020

GF informed the Presidium that Swarovski did not renew the sponsorship with the WDSF.

*The meeting had a break for coffee at 16:57 and resumed at 17:08*

28. Legal Affairs Update

28.1. USA Case – June 20, 2019 (Curtis Hedges)

JF informed the Presidium the Legal Commission considered that this case is closed.

28.2. USA Case – Oklahoma – July, 2019 (Shvartz/Dexter)

JF informed the Presidium the Legal Commission considered that this case is closed.

28.3. USA Case – Zinshtein

JF reported that under the orders issued in the USA under U.S. laws and regulations Mr. Zinshtein is apparently not allowed to teach in camps or judge any WDSF competitions.
28.4. Proposal for Presidium’s Motion to the AGM Re: amending the IDRC to include an Abbreviated Complaints Procedure

NJ **MOVED** that the Presidium accept the revised Operating Policy for the IDRC that is aimed to abbreviate the complaint procedures. Unanimously approved.

28.5. Appointment of Vice-President for Legal Affairs

NJ **MOVED** that under Article 13(6) of the **WDSF Statutes**, the Presidium approve the appointment of Dr. Marc-Frédéric Schaefer of Switzerland as Vice-President for Legal Affairs until the next General Meeting, at which time an election must be held to fill that position for the balance of the current four-year term. Unanimously approved.

The Presidium asked LL to ensure this is announced on the WDSF website.

28.6. Agreement with WRRC

The Presidium believed that the benefits of WRRC Associate Membership of WDSF were very significant and were not prepared to agree to an annual fee from 2021 of CHF10,000. However, a rising annual fee could be accepted until it reached CHF20,000.

It was agreed that the draft agreement be presented to the Presidium for approval and then sent to WRRC to assist in concluding negotiations.

28.7. Recent Developments
28.7.1. Insurance

JF reported he was able to renegotiate the Group Travel Insurance policy with the insurer JLT until January 31, 2021. JF stressed some of the exclusions not covered by the policy as well as a few geographic exclusions. JF asked the Presidium for personal information of any person covered by this insurance who is (a) more than 70 and (b) more than 80 years old. Personal information should in each case include name, date of birth and contact details.

28.7.2. Medical Commission

JF commented on some aspects of the Medical Commission Report on the Corona Virus. JF suggested MFS should be asked to prepare a notice to clarify this issue and publish it on the WDSF website.

29. Sport Accord Meeting

29.1. TT informed the Presidium that GAISF had cancelled the Sport Accord Convention in Beijing (CHN) 19-24.04.2020. Another city was to be announced soon.

30. Next Meetings

30.1. Presidium Meetings June 11, 12 and 15, 2020 Belgrade (SRB)

TT reported the next Presidium meeting would take place at AGM in June 11, 12 and 15, 2020 Belgrade (SRB)
30.2. Next Presidium Meetings Proposal

TT advised that the following Presidium meeting would take place in January 2021 (date still to be confirmed) would take place in Lausanne (SUI).

The meeting was adjourned at 17:57 on February 16th.

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Tony Tilenni
WDSF First Vice-President/Vice-President for Finance
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Cristina Swan
WDSF Project Officer and Minute Secretary