THE WDSF Managing Committee

September 23rd and 24th, 2017

Minutes

of the WDSF Managing Committee (“MC”)

Held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Belgrade

Belgrade (SRB) – September 23rd and 24th, 2017

Present:

15 Lukas Hinder, (LH) WDSF President
    Shawn Tay, (ST) WDSF 1st Vice-President & VP for Sport
    Tony Tilenni, (TT) WDSF Vice-President for Finance
    Jim Fraser, (JF) WDSF Vice-President for Legal Affairs
    Nenad Jeftic (NJ) WDSF General Secretary

20 Jean-Laurent Bourquin (JLB) WDSF CEO
    Roland Hilfiker (RH) WDSF Communications Director
    Thomas Shaughnessy (TS) WDSF Sports Director

25 Daniel Stehlin (DS) Chair Disciplinary Council (Invited Guest)

Minutes Secretary:

Guillaume Felli (GF) WDSF Project Officer (Invited Staff Member)

30 The president welcomed all participants to the meeting – The meeting started at 9:00.
1. Introduction by the President

LH welcomed everyone to this first MC Meeting held in its new composition after the 2017 AGM. LH informed the meeting that DS and GF were invited to attend this meeting and asked if there were any objections to this. There were none. LH reminded the meeting that the recent revision of the WDSF Statutes has changed nothing regarding the powers and authority of the MC as per Article 16ter “The Managing Committee has the duty and the authority to manage and conduct WDSF’s affairs according to Modern Sports Principles and modern Management Principles. The Managing Committee also prepares the decisions of the Presidium and, subject to the discretion of the Presidium, represents the WDSF. Regarding the work of the Managing Committee, Article 15 applies mutatis mutandis.”

LH encouraged all participants to exchange and contribute to this meeting in a good spirit and stressed the important of team work. LH also expressed his gratitude to the new General Secretary NJ for organizing this MC meeting here in Belgrade, Serbia.

TT requested that LH and JF confirm that according to the revision of the WDSF Statutes, the WDSF Sports Director, the WDSF Communications Director, and the WDSF CEO now have a vote in the MC but no voting right in the Presidium. LH and JF both confirmed that this is the case according to the Resolution which was approved by the members at the 2017 WDSF AGM in Singapore in June 2017.

LH also reminded the meeting that in case specific items are discussed regarding the Disciplinary Council, as the Chair of that independent tribunal, DS will need to leave the room.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved UNANIMOUSLY

3. Minutes Secretary

Proposed: Guillaume Felli, WDSF Project Officer – UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1. Minutes of the Managing Committee Meeting, 9th June 2017

Singapore (SIN)

The Minutes of the last MC Meeting in Singapore 9th June 2017 were approved UNANIMOUSLY

4.2. Review Action List MC

The MC action list was reviewed in detail – all pending items were discussed. It was agreed that GF would circulate the revised Action List with the minutes of this September 2017 MC Meeting.

4.3. Proposal of a revised process for the minutes drafting and distribution

It was agreed to only produce one version of the Minutes for distribution to all stakeholders, and that sensitive information would be recorded on an annex document circulated only to MC
members. JF, in his capacity as VP Legal Affairs, will approve the final minutes draft before distribution within 10 days of the circulation of the final draft to all Members of the MC. **UNANIMOUS**

4.4. Minutes of the 2016 Presidium and MC Meetings missing on Box and on WDSF website

LH reminded the MC that it is its responsibility to ensure that minutes from all MC and Presidium Meetings are shared within reasonable time with WDSF constituents. JF was given the task to produce the final version documents of the MC and Presidium meetings from Rome in June 2016 by the end of September 2017 at the latest. **UNANIMOUS**

5. **2018 Youth Olympic Games (YOG)**

5.1. Report by the Leader of the Task Force

JLB opened his presentation by saying that this project has been very challenging and demanding but looking back at what has been achieved since December 2016 (the announcement of the IOC to include breaking at the YOG), the WDSF should be proud of the great results it has accomplished so far. There is still a lot to be done until the YOG in 2018 and everyone will remain focused on the goals and objectives of delivering a successful event in Buenos Aires in October 2018. Several Olympic stakeholders have already identified the successful digital qualification process (stage 1) as a best-practice model for consideration by other International Federations and the IOC for the future. Another aspect confirming the great cooperation with the IOC is the fact that they asked WDSF if we would agree to use the WDSF World Youth Breaking Championships in Tokyo in May 2018 as a test event for the Tokyo Organizing Committee for the 2020 Summer Olympic Games.

JLB further provided a full summary of the project history from last year (2016), with some reminders on when key decisions were taken, and milestones achieved until now.

The meeting was also reminded about the qualification process, with indications on what has been accomplished through stage one:

**May 2017 – May 2018: Qualification period:**

1. Phase 1: May-July 2017: Digital Qualifier
   a. 1050 videos were submitted, out of which 916 complied with the breaking for gold rules. Videos came from 81 different countries (21 from countries with no WDSF members)

2. Phase 2: October-December 2017: Continental Qualifier
   a. Philadelphia (USA) 75 confirmed participants from 16 countries (61 B-boys and 14 B-girls)
   b. Essen (GER) 178 confirmed participants from 24 countries (130 B-boys and 49 B-girls)
c. Taipei (TPE) 118 confirmed participants from 24 countries (93 B-boys and 25 B-girls)

   a. Tokyo (JPN): 64 B-boys and 32 B-girls

   a. 12 B-boys and 12 B-girls born in 2000-2001-2002
   b. 3 Medal events (7-8 Oct: Individual battles and 10-11 Oct: Mixed Team battles)

JLB reminded the MC that the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of each country is the entity that approves the entry of athletes at the YOG. As there is a maximum number of 75 athletes per delegation (requirement and decision by the IOC), some NOCs might not approve the entry of a b-boy or b-girl who has successfully passed the qualification system. All NOCs will take their final decision by June 2018 at the latest. Through stage 1 (digital qualifier, opened to all b-boys and b-girls born 2000-2002) we identified a great opportunity in terms of development and membership as videos from 21 non-WDSF member countries were received. The WDSF membership commission should therefore conduct an analysis on potential opportunities. JLB noted that breaking is completely in line with the YOG DNA presented by the IOC as it incorporates the 4 elements highlighted by the IOC: Sport, Culture, Education, and Entertainment. WDSF has established excellent collaboration with the IOC not only working towards the common goal of the delivery of a successful breaking event but also on other projects such as “learn and share”, “Athletes Role Model” and the “YOG Dance” (to be implemented for all future editions of the YOG). WDSF is also working in close collaboration with the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee (BAYOCOG) having regular and positive contacts and collaboration. Two coordination visits have taken place over the past 2 months which allowed WDSF to position itself as a strong partner of BAYOCOG as 6 additional projects (based on the original 8 projects presented) have been considered for implementation:

- Medal Events
- Initiation
- Showcasing
- YOG Dance
- Youth Engagement during the period and before the YOG
- Athlete Role Model

JLB further reported on the good working relation with our Argentinian NMB (AABD). Its president Mr. Raoul Oliveira is very dedicated in providing his help and contribution to the project. He is currently overseeing the coordination of specific projects with BAYOCOG, namely the initiation and showcasing for dances other than urban dances. WDSF is also collaborating with the associate member of the Argentinian NMB looking after street dances (AASD) which will be providing local support to organize the competitions during the YOG, initiation and showcasing in street dances and the international federations focus day.

The coordination with breaking experts involved in the project has been challenging at some points but everyone is working towards the same objective and relationships always remained correct. One of the biggest achievements is the implementation of a new judging system and

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Rule book for breaking elaborated by Storm and implemented by the company And8 which has been tested for the first time this weekend (Sept. 23/24, 2017) at the Battle of the Year Central Europe Qualifier in Zurich Switzerland. JLB thanked TS for his valuable help in providing input and support regarding the breaking judging system. JLB also acknowledged the fantastic work that has been carried by Géraldine Zahnd (WDSF Project Coordinator) on this YOG project over the past 5 months. Through her knowledge of the urban dances and excellent network in the community she can make a big difference leading to the success of the project.

The further development and integration of breaking within existing NMBs is at different stages depending on the countries. Overall, it will take time to successfully process it, but we can notice that in some countries it is already working well with NMBs supporting financially and logistically their breakers to attend the continental qualifiers. There is however a discrepancy between what was answered through the NMB survey and what the reality is. What is important to stress are the opportunities for development and expansion through this project which will not repeat in the coming years.

5.2. Next Steps YOG Project

The immediate next steps are: the finalization of the judging system and rule book and the upcoming 3 continental qualifiers. JLB insisted on the global opportunities being offered to WDSF and its NMBs through the YOG project:

- Possible involvement of interested NMBs in additional YOG project as presented at the Forum in June 2017 in Singapore. (Initiation, Showcasing, IF Focus Day, Sport Presentation in the YOG, YOG Dance). GF will send a communication to all the NMBs reminding them of this opportunity and providing them with additional details.
- Opportunity for development programs of urban dances through the NMBs.
- Possibility to generate new WDSF National Member Bodies.
- Strengthening WDSF’s position within the Olympic Movement and generating interest from other stakeholders (FISU, FIBA; FISE, IMGA, Lausanne 2020 etc.).

TT requested from JLB that updated Budgets are prepared and reviewed for the costs associated with the YOG.

6. WDSF Structure

6.1. CEO / Transition

As announced by JLB during the last Presidium meeting in Singapore last June, he will be stepping down from his CEO position as he explained that it cannot be a part-time position. A transition and transfer of knowledge phase has started since last June with GF and will continue over the coming months. Through this transition, it was agreed that GF will officiate as WDSF General Manager (as of October 1st, 2017). An assessment will be done in January 2018 during the next Presidium meeting as to when the position of CEO can be fully transferred to GF.

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JLB will remain involved with WDSF in the capacity of special advisor to the president until the next elections and will continue to lead the YOG project and liaise with the IOC and other Olympic Stakeholders. Additionally, he will be available for GF as a support and mentor until the transition is complete.

TT stressed that this is a workable solution and that it was not realistic for JLB to continue as CEO at a 50% rate – there is simply too much to be done and the CEO position cannot be a part time one. TT is however very happy and thankful that JLB will remain involved with WDSF as a consultant.

6.2. Further staff & office situation in Lausanne

JLB presented the plan to establish a strong structure for the Lausanne WDSF HQ for the near future. Following the closure of the Barcelona office, the Lausanne office has taken over most of the tasks that were being done in Spain. The amount of work is currently extremely heavy and upon careful and detailed analysis it was identified that two additional staff members need to be recruited in Lausanne, under the supervision of the General Manager, to efficiently operate the office. Two detailed job descriptions were presented to the MC for review:

- Immediate need for a hiring date at the latest January 1st, 2018: Sport & Technical Officer to primarily assist and collaborate with the Sports Director
- As soon as possible: Administrative Assistant to assist the entire office and reduce the current administrative tasks being performed

Job descriptions have been shared with the MC members and based on their feedback, will be adjusted before starting the recruitment phase.

TT agreed completely on the vision to develop the Lausanne HQ and build a strong administration but reminded JLB and GF to involve him in all decisions having an important financial impact. In addition, any increase in staffing would of course be dependent on WDSF’s financial position which was to be discussed later in the meeting.

JLB presented that the long-term vision for the development of the WDSF, is to bring additional staff to strengthen the efficiencies of the administration and implement positions for Legal affairs, a Finance/accounting department, and a Marketing department. JLB mentioned that these developments are of course linked to the financial state of the federation, hence the importance of closely working with the treasurer and monitoring budgets.

It was also agreed that an IT assessment needs to be conducted in the Lausanne office (emails, viruses, online storage etc..) to properly have in place all IT related items.

Considering the heavy workload, take over from Barcelona and the YOG project, decision was taken to allocate an exceptional bonus to each of GF, Géraldine Zahnd and Pauline Carminati since it’s the minimum WDSF can do as a recognition. **UNANIMOUS**

TT asked that updated Budgets are prepared and reviewed for the costs associated with the Lausanne office including extra staffing.

6.3. Closing Barcelona Branch Office

A smooth handover and transfer of knowledge was conducted by GF and Pauline Carminati on August 23rd, 2017 with Ms. Txus Pedrazo and Ms. Lidia Sanchez. JLB thanked GF and John Caprez

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for their hard work in this difficult task of closing the Branch office and the MC wished good luck to the previous Spanish employees in their new endeavours.

6.4. Presidium Members Roles and Responsibility Files Submission

JLB reported on the information collected through the “Presidium Members Role & Responsibility Document” following their election last June 2017 in Singapore.

The objective of such questionnaire is to ensure that the structure of the Presidium, as per the new statutes adopted by the members at the 2017 AGM, is well understood so that Presidium members work within the scope of this new structure rather than through old habits. The questionnaire also helps identifying what the personal contribution from each Presidium members will be (what will they do, how they will do it etc.).

The MC agreed that in anticipation of the January 2018 Presidium meeting, each Presidium member would need to prepare a job description according to their position to present how they will deliver for the ordinary term until 2021. Descriptions of Presidium members’ role and responsibilities are featured in the **WDSF Statutes**, JLB and Pauline Carminati will prepare templates that will be transmitted to Presidium members for completion. JLB also stressed the importance of having guidelines ensuring that everyone is fully prepared prior to each meeting and that a detailed Action List is always circulated after each meeting. The MC also agreed that all Presidium members are expected to deliver according to assigned responsibilities and fully contribute and participate at each meeting. Having tools in place to support, guide and monitor the work of the Presidium will greatly help achieve the objectives of the federation.

A suggestion to provide quarterly reports from each Presidium member was discussed and will be brought forward for approval in January 2018. TT expressed concerns about creating unnecessary administration for voluntary officers of WDSF. It was TT also suggested to ask each Presidium member to provide full reports at the AGM. **UNANIMOUS**

6.5. Contract of Employment for WDSF Sports Director

The status of the employment contract of the WDSF Sports Director TS was discussed- TT informed the MC that there have been some delays in the finalization of the document but stressed that the delay was not due to TS but to the fact that all elements to comply with the Swiss tax laws (and double-tax agreement) had to be checked and solutions found. A final check is currently being done through the swiss accountant. TS agreed to speak with a very senior retired Tax Officer in Ireland to determine if there was an alternative to treating him as a Swiss employee but rather as a contractor. TS agreed to notify TT accordingly and then the contract could be finalized as either an employee or a contractor. LH asked that this procedure is finalized as soon as possible and has given November 15th, 2017 as the latest deadline to sign the contract. JF and TT in charge of ensuring this deadline is met. **UNANIMOUS**

6.6. Contracts for advisors and contractors of WDSF

LH highlighted the importance of reviewing all contracts in place with independent contractors and advisors to ensure that they are all still compliant with employment and tax laws.

TT mentioned that in October 2015, he had already suggested to harmonize and/or issue contracts for all independent contractors of WDSF, but had to argue for months with the previous president who was adamant in saying that there was no need to set up contracts with external people. It was agreed that some further research will be done to identify what standard type of
contract could be presented to all the independent contractors (the best would be to harmonize them through a “Swiss Independent Contractor agreement”). JF in charge of discussing this with his legal commissioners and come back to the Presidium with a proposal by October 31st, 2017 at the latest. JF pointed out that sometimes you cannot impose a contract to someone and WDSF might not be able to impose the swiss template to all his contractors, but he will suggest a solution. **UNANIMOUS**

7. **Administration / Organisational**

7.1. Implementation of AGM motions to WDSF governing documents /publication on WDSF Website

LH inquired about the status of the implementation of the changes ratified by the members during the last AGM:

- Financial Regulations: TT confirmed that all changes have been implemented
- Code of ethics, Code of the Ethics Committee, Internal Dispute Resolution Code, DC code, Anti-Doping Code, media documents: DS confirmed that all changes have been implemented
- Competitions Rules: ST indicated that the revised version will be published at the end of September, and another updated version on January 1st, 2018
- Statutes and Operating policies. JF indicated that the statues have been modified with the changes adopted by the members in Singapore but that he needed help with the formatting of the document. GF will look at it and provide his assistance – deadline for publishing of the new statutes: October 15th, 2017. For Operating Policies JF will provide the revised documents by October 31st, 2017 at the latest.

LH mentioned that we should have the same layout and formatting for all governing documents: we have existing templates (Code of Ethics, Internal Dispute Resolution Code etc..) and we should harmonize all documents. This is a huge task, especially for the competition rules. The WDSF Office will consider how this can be done.

7.2. Voting process for MC and Presidium

An online voting tool had been suggested and tested in July – it is now time to implement it. It was agreed that as of October 1st, 2017 for items requiring a Presidium vote, the General Secretary (with the help of the office) will initiate the online voting. A trial period of 6 months should be done to assess the efficiency of such a tool. **UNANIMOUS**

7.3. New WDSF letterhead, footer for emails and WDSF Business cards (RH)

RH will follow up on the status of the template of the new business cards and updated letterhead & stationary documents. RH to provide the business cards template for NJ to print in Belgrade. General review of the letterhead design to be complete at the end of October 2017. **UNANIMOUS**

7.4. WDSF Legal Affairs (*please refer to the Annex *)

7.4.1. JF indicated that he was mandated at the last Presidium meeting in June 2017 in Singapore to consider amending the special rule of order of the AGM regarding the time allocated for each delegate to speak. It used to be set at 5 minutes to
present a motion, 3 minutes to answer questions with a possibility to extend if the AGM agrees. JF and NJ do not think that there is a need to further restrict this. The MC agreed but want this to be an official rule and not just a rule of order. JF will prepare a motion in that sense. **UNANIMOUS**

7.4.2. JF brought up the request he received to draft a motion that would make it mandatory for all adjudicators to publish their connections to teams/groups and that this should be made available onto the WDSF website. ST agreed that this could be done through a computer system that could establish and rank the degree and strength of the connections. LH wared JF and ST that evaluating connections is extremely difficult, if not impossible - nobody can determine that accurately. No vote took place on this matter.

8. **Report on the work of the Competition Manipulation Taskforce and its Recommendations**

LH reminded the meeting that the creation of this Task Force was a presidential decision and the first time in the history of WDSF that such a Task Force was established to fight against competition manipulation. Following a meeting of the TF held in Stuttgart on August 13th, 2017, the new procedure for the nomination of adjudicators for major WDSF events was announced and published on WDSF website on August 18th, 2017. LH indicated that this new procedure is also valid for the WDSF Professional Division.

TT thanked the President for highlighting Article 16 (2) of the WDSF Statutes that made it very clear that the MC is responsible for the efficient and democratic operations of WDSF. He also reminded MC members that at the September 205 meeting of the MC in Barcelona all members unanimously agreed it present (including Mr. Carlos Freitag and Mr. Marco Sietas) that this was indeed the case.

TT shared his concern about the process of establishing this Task Force (TF) and its legal validity. According to Article 16 (2) TT supported that all WDSF organs are accountable to the MC/Presidium and the AGM and he doesn’t want to be faced again with a situation where the President takes all decisions without being accountable to the MC (like it was the case with the previous President). TT is concerned because he feels that as a group the MC has worked very hard in the past 18 months to ensure that this federation follows an accountable democratic process and structure and the presidential decision of establishing the Task Force goes against this as a single person decided it. TT stressed that he 100% supports the idea of the Task Force but that he strongly believes that it needs to be in accordance to the Statutes of WDSF and that the MC should have been involved in the decision process. For TT, the presidential decision is outside of the democratic framework. TT asked what authority does the TF have and under what legal grounds it was created? According to TT the TF can only exist if the members of the MC or Presidium allow it to exist. In addition, if the TF exists outside of WDSF then there would be no insurance coverage for the members of the TF or WDSF. This would be risky and unacceptable.

LH confirmed that it was indeed a presidential decision and that he is 100% accountable for it and believes that it was the right thing to do and that it was done in good faith based on the conclusions that something had to be done to combat the competition manipulation. DS clarified that the TF cannot decide anything, its role is to check, analyse and point out. The TF works like a commission, it prepares information, but decisions are not taken by the members of the TF.
RH inquired with TT why this issue of the legality of the creation of the TF is coming on the table now, when it’s been announced more than one year ago and that no one at any of the MC or Presidium meetings questioned is creation. It was also clearly presented on the program of LH during the past AGM, upon which LH was elected President of the federation (and additionally in the President’s report to the 2017 AGM which was approved unanimously). The TF also published a white paper (the most downloaded document ever on the WDSF website) which was praised by many stakeholders. JF answered that it does not matter how good your intentions are, LH missed an important fundamental step and it this step that we must not miss. To establish the Task Force, you must have the approval of the AGM, The MC, or the Presidium.

JLB commented that when he observes and compares what happens in other IFs it is not unusual that the president takes decision in urgent situations - decision that are then validated by the executive boards. This is the same as the MC taking a decision and then validate it with the Presidium, therefore he doesn’t understand why the establishment of the TF is now being questioned.

ST also commented that he is extremely supportive of the Task Force and that it was a necessary organ to have. The problem comes from the process that resulted from the TF regarding the adjudicators nomination. No one was consulted on this process, not even the VP for Sport. According to ST, we are replicating what was done in the past, putting the Sports Director on the spot and we have experienced that it doesn’t work. ST added that: since the elections in June 2017, he has been working on a project to have a selection of judges automated by a computer system and he believes that this could resolve the main issue that is being discussed here regarding the Competition Manipulation TF.

As the discussion around the TF touched on the adjudicators nomination, JF moved that the meeting proceeds with agenda item 13.1 (New Structure of the Sports Commission) immediately. Motion was accepted UNANIMOUSLY.

ST reminded the MC that 6 years ago he was nominated by the MC with Drago Sulek to come up with an adjudicator selection by country. Nations then broke up onto different group, but the overall selection process failed because of the lack of information available on each judge.

The newly appointed sports technical committee (including John Caprez) has been considering developing a judge selection software (in a project phase, still to be presented to the Presidium for approval of implementation). The software is aiming at reducing the amount of human interaction in the process while assessing various components automatically. JLB suggested that the technical committee also studies what is being done in other federations (ISU, FIG etc.) to understand what works and doesn’t work, even though the sports are different, some common points might apply to WDSF. LH agreed that such software should be considered but asked that a throughout and detailed presentation is done at the next Presidium meeting before starting to implement any aspects of it.

JF thanked ST for his presentation and moved for the MC to vote on the following Motion including the 3 points below:

- Point #1: the MC approves the creation of the presidential TF of August 13th, 2017
- Point #2: The presidential Task Force should be accountable to the MC
- Point #3: The President (LH) is authorized by the MC to lead this Task Force

The motion passed with 4 votes in favour, 3 against and no abstention.
JF then suggested that the WDSF Sports Director and the Single Point of Contact from the Task Force against competition manipulation suggest a panel of judges for a certain competition, panel which can be approved or not by the WDSF VP for Sport – once harmonized this suggested panel is brought back to the WDSF MC by the Sports Director as a motion for the MC to approve. If the motion is not approved, the panel goes back to the Task Force and the process starts again. The judges must not be contacted any time before the process is completed. LH moved accordingly. This motion carried. **UNANIMOUS**

JF further suggested that the MC authorizes the WDSF VP Sport, in cooperation with the 2 Sport sub-committees (technical committee and sports adjudicators qualification committee) to develop a project and fully test it for the creation of an automated computer selection system for the selection of adjudicators. That system will need to be approved, once completed, by the WDSF Presidium during its next meeting in January 2018. LH moved accordingly. This motion carried. **UNANIMOUS**

JF moved to adjourn the meeting for the day. The motion passed with 4 in favour, 2 against and one abstention.

**[The meeting was adjourned for the day at 18:15 and it was agreed that the MC would reconvene the following day at 9 am.]**

DS started the meeting on Sunday by mentioning that in the discussions that took place the previous day, the topic of “adjudicator debriefings” was briefly mentioned but not discussed in detail, and proposed that this matter is now put up for discussions.

TT indicated that he was not convinced that the debriefs would work. However, TT did not want to interfere in the TF implementing their policy to conduct the debriefs and to evaluate how successful they were. TT also asked that if these debriefs are to occur then they must not only be conducted by one WDSF person as the risk would be too great if there was not a second senior WDSF person to corroborate what occurs during the debriefs. RH answered that this has been thought of and that the first test debriefs will take place at competitions over 2 days where there is a window of time on the last day to do them without having to extend the judges stay. The MC discussed at length various aspects of the debriefs and what areas/items need to be taken into consideration while performing them. In the end, JF moved for the MC to approve the idea of the Task Force to try and test these debriefings after major WDSF Competitions and expect the Task Force to report back to the MC and Presidium on the outcomes. **UNANIMOUS**


9.1. **Post Event Debrief**

LH reminded everyone that the situation was quite challenging at the beginning of 2017 but WDSF managed to deliver excellent competitions, including in Salsa and the event went very smoothly overall. It was also great that we could showcase breaking with young people who participated in the YOG qualifier. LH congratulated everyone for their great team effort and extended special thank you to ST, TT, RH, Antoni Czyzyk and former Presidium Member Michael Eichert.
ST provided the MC with a summary of key points that could be improved for next editions:

- We need to reduce the number of rounds – currently there are too many and it impacts on the excitement of the audience and brings confusion.
- The competition format of all DanceSport disciplines on the programme must be reviewed.
- We must have one uniform presentation of the judging results (same layout for all DanceSport Disciplines).
- We must provide stricter directions to the couples (2 couples missed the re-dance!).
- We should sort out the relation with Swiss Timing - their staff is not aware of the specificities of DanceSport and what needed to be done.
- We must improve the judging software – there were some issues in the upload of results.
- The access for officials must be discussed with IWGA.
- VIP access / VIP seats – do we need them? This needs to be re-assessed.
- The music selection should be carefully reviewed before the event.

RH agreed with these suggestions for improvement and noted that in his opinion, the most important direction WDSF needs to move into is to combine different disciplines, experiment new formulas with various DanceSport disciplines at events throughout the year to improve our product. JLB supported this vision and suggested for example to introduce battle formats in Standard and Latin to bring innovation to existing disciplines.

9.2. TWG 2021 Birmingham (USA)

It was UNANIMOUSLY approved to appoint ST as the person responsible for the planning of the next World Games and coordination with IWGA as VP for Sport.

9.2.1. Programme (disciplines): 

Regarding the programme of the next World Games, the MC agreed that WDSF should consider expanding to more disciplines but be mindful of the quota attributed by IWGA for DanceSport. The Sports Commission will consider this matter and come up with proposal for the program of Birmingham in 2021.

At this point of the meeting, JF expressed his concerns about the order of the Agenda and moved that the order of the agenda is changed to immediately point 18 “Finances”. The motion passed UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Finances


TT explained that WDSF’s capital could be completely eroded by the end of the 2018 year if WDSF does not generate sufficient income from the revised fees for Athlete’s ID’s and if WDSF cannot accept the final terms for sponsorship from UDEF. In addition, the very real risk in the next eighteen months is that overall income is lower, and expenses are greater than expected. TT indicated that the following points need to be monitored closely to control the situation:

- ID Cards renewal. As of the end of September 2017, the amount of card renewal is lower than expected. This is partly due to the revised fees agreed by the AGM and also as renewals so far have been much less than expected. To motivate people to renew the ID cards, WDSF could offer some incentives.
cards before the end of the year, WDSF is offering a second video highlight from VIMEO for free with the e-card.

- It was agreed that another communication needs to be sent out to all NMBs to ask them to remind their athletes to renew their licences, and also provide the information on the website.

- Sponsorship agreement with SGB Events LLC (Steve Graham): there was a long discussion around the opportunities and challenges that could arise from this agreement with SGB Events and the implications and negotiations that took place with USA Dance. TT moved to agree to execute the last draft of the contract presented by Steve Graham on September 18th, 2017 and include a covering confirming the vision of the WDSF to further develop future WDSF World Breaking Championships, and Breaking generally, in association with UDEF in our National Member Bodies (NMB). Motion was moved UNANIMOUSLY

The MC delegated the task to NJ to speak with each NMB to determine how they could contribute to the further development of breaking and urban dances and report to the MC on a timely basis. NJ to constitute a team to accomplish this task, with suggested members as follow: Lena Arvidsson, Leena Liusvaara, Antoni Czyzyk and Tommy Shaughnessy. UNANIMOUS

TT further indicated that the costs of the communication team (travel/accommodation etc..) is currently not being covered by all organizers. The Communications team produce significant material and footage that benefits the organizers and from next year, a clause will be introduced in all major championships contract that it is the responsibility of the organizer to cover the costs of the communications team. This should save a significant amount of money to WDSF.

DS also suggested that everyone should consider areas where savings can be made and be mindful when organizing meetings and travel arrangements. TT suggested that MC members use frequent flyer points for at least one trip next year and that the number of physical MC meetings is lowered for 2018 by replacing them with Skype meetings whenever possible.

TT confirmed that the WDSF new address in Lausanne has been registered with both banks of the WDSF (ZKB and UBS) and that Mr. Freitag has been removed as an authorized signatory. TT moved for the MC to confirm the signatories for both banks separately and severally to LH and TT (including access through e-banking). The PD Director only has the authority under LH and TT to access the accounts on behalf of the PD. UNANIMOUS

Finally, TT also reported regarding VAT exemption with the Canton de Vaud and Swiss authorities.

The Swiss tax exemption system is very complicated. TT is in close contact with WDSF’s Swiss Accountants and their Swiss VAT expert to ensure full compliance with the Swiss VAT and Swiss income tax systems. WDSF’s Spanish lawyers had recommended that WDSF not withdraw the ruling request and that it wait until the Spanish authorities make their final ruling; that is the optimal time for WDSF to enter discussions with WDSF’s Swiss Tax advisors to finalize WDSF’s VAT position. TT informed the MC that according to his understanding the final decision on the outstanding Spanish Tax Ruling is close to being resolved.

TT emphasized his advice that WDSF needs to continually think very carefully about the benefits of retaining tax exemption in Switzerland, on the basis that if we lost our tax exemption in world DanceSport federation

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Switzerland, WDSF would actually have very substantial tax losses which could then be offset against any financial surpluses, i.e. WDSF would not be required by Swiss law to pay any corporate income tax until its taxable income became equivalent to the total of such losses.

[Editor’s Note: TT subsequently explained that in such a case, WDSF would instead be required to pay the far lower Swiss corporation capital tax of less than 3/4 of 1% (actually 0.74%) of the value of WDSF’s capital in the previous calendar year, compared to paying Swiss corporation income tax charged at 21.5%.

TT advised that our decision to centralize the WDSF Head Office to Switzerland had been the correct decision in all of the circumstances, including under taxation law, but that we did not centralize the Head Office in Switzerland principally in consideration of taxation status, and that WDSF should not be unduly restricted in its operations just to maintain tax-exempt status under Swiss law.

TT further advised that after receiving expert advice from our Swiss Accountants about the effects of centralizing WDSF’s offices principally in Switzerland in 2017, he was able to arrange for a financial improvement in WDSF’s tax affairs by instructing our Swiss Accountants to change WDSF’s tax registration with the Swiss government (now that we have centralized our Head Office there) so that from January 1, 2017 WDSF can now begin to claim an “input tax credit” on VAT on a significant amount (excluding wages) of WDSF’s expenses incurred in Switzerland.

[Editor’s Note: TT subsequently confirmed that according to the tax exemption rules set by the “Canton de Vaud” (i.e. the Swiss province in which Lausanne is located) when WDSF relocated within Switzerland from Lucerne back to Lausanne, there are limits to the methods and the amounts which WDSF can pay elected WDSF officials for their voluntary work, which WDSF must observe when making decisions about such payments in order to avoid losing WDSF’s tax exemption. Consequently, TT has also subsequently asked WDSF’s Swiss lawyer Jean-Pierre Morand to seek clarification from tax officials in the Canton de Vaud about how such payments can be made correctly, including about the threshold amounts of payments which may be made to persons in elected positions in WDSF for performing the duties of those positions.]

11. Marketing and Sponsoring

11.1. Signed Renewal Sponsoring Agreement between SWAROVSKI and WDSF.

RH reported that the negotiations for renewal of the sponsorship agreement started back in November 2016 with WDSF insisting to renew with a 3-year contract. In the first two years following the signing of the agreement WDSF went beyond servicing Swarovski and as such a significant increase in sponsorship fees were expected when it was time to renew the contract for the coming years to compensate for the value that it really corresponds to. The contract was renewed for one year only for 2017 but WDSF is currently discussing future years with Swarovski.

11.2. Agreement between Casa Música and WDSF (expiry date: 31st December 2017) and approval of renewed Agreement

RH confirmed that Casa Música is the right partner for WDSF, they have always delivered to expectations and there are no other companies of comparable size and quality on the market.
LH moved to renew the contract with Casa Música for a 4-year period until 31st December 2021 which will allow the new elect Presidium in 2021 to reconsider the situation.

11.3. Signed Agreement between GPS and WDSF

RH provided the MC with a recap on the collaboration with GPS since December last year. In March 2017, the account manager from GPS for WDSF, Mr. Sidaoui, attended the GS in Helsinki with RH. The contract took quite some time to be finalized and signed as it was only done at the end of June 2017. GF and RH had a follow up meeting with Mr. Sidaoui in Lausanne in August to review the presentations prepared by GPS for potential sponsors. The presentations were since then adjusted based on RH and GF input and recently finalized. GPS now has strong documents to sell WDSF to potential sponsors, concentrating on the major World/European Championship events and on the GrandSlam. RH went through the two presentations with the MC. Mr. Sidaoui seems confident that for 2017/2018 it is still achievable to sign with a presenting sponsor by the end of the year. RH and GF to remain in close contact with GPS and monitor the progresses being made by Mr. Sidaoui. It was also agreed that the new elected WDSF VP Marketing should be brought up to speed on GPS file and GF will provide him with all the relevant details by the end of October 2017.

11.4. Update regarding the selection of sport marketing and sponsoring Agency in China

ST reported that he has been discussing with two agencies, mainly regarding the hosting of the World DanceSport Games. Both agencies have suggested cities that are interested in bidding but none of them could yet come up with the financial requirements. ST will continue to discuss and monitor progress with both and report back to the MC when a concrete proposal is on the table.

12. Relationship with other DanceSport bodies

12.1. International Pole Sports Federation (IPSF)

12.1.1. Status Updated re: Coexistence Agreement for completion

The President has assigned this matter to NJ (in cooperation with Lena Arvidsson). JF provided legal advice on the first draft prepared by the principal author Lena Arvidsson. The final draft agreement should be sent IPSF at the latest by October 10th, 2017. The MC requested that NJ reconsider some items of the draft agreement and provided feedback for further update. NJ will be in charge of finalizing the draft agreement and of ensuring that the agreement is sent to IPSF within the deadline.

12.2. ICU Cheerleading: Status and next steps

LH and JLB reported on the Meeting with IOC Sports Director on 18th September 2017 at the IOC Headquarters in Lausanne. WDSF has offered to the IOC ‘s sport department to create a working group between ICU and IFC to find solutions together on how to proceed without penalizing athletes depending on which federation they belong to.

12.3. IDO: Status Update

On 7th of August 2017, LH received a letter from ID President. LH assigned this matter to NJ and asked him to answer the letter of the IDO President. NJ explained that he has had regular contacts with various people from IDO over the past months. Several of WDSF members also hold an IDO membership, and the level of collaboration varies by...
country. He also pointed out that IDO is moving toward the development of Latin dances, by holding world Synchronized Latin championships later this year.

JLB reminded the meeting that WDSF has been collaborative with IDO regarding the YOG project and has opened the participation to all breakers, regardless of their affiliation.

JLB suggested that NJ proposes and discusses with them the creation of a working group on several important topics to identify where synergies can be created. **UNANIMOUS**

12.4. IPC/ParaDance Sport

The MC proposed that GF attends the upcoming ParaDance Sport Forum in Belgium on October 23rd to present the proposal from WDSF for an integration of Para DanceSport as an autonomous division of WDSF. **UNANIMOUS**

13. Sport Matters

13.1. Structure of new WDSF Sports Commission

ST explained his vision for the structure of the new sports commission and argued that it cannot operate like it used to in the past if it wants to cope with the current expansion the WDSF is experiencing in several areas. ST proposes that the Presidium should establish different committees and departments within the Sports Commission that would be independent from each other but work together towards the same goals and objectives. ST also wants to ensure that the functioning of the reformed Sports Commission is not dependent on one or two people (like it used to be in the past) but that instead it will operate as a team, and if anyone should leave, that departure would not affect the Sports Commission overall.

ST proposes that the sub-committees, oversee the Rules, Adjudicators Assignments, Competition Management, and Sport Policies Development to provide clearer and more comprehensive instructions and resources to competition organisers, officials, athletes, and other stakeholders and to reach that goal, he proposed that the Sports Commission:

- Maintain a transparent and active adjudicators selection system
- Update and maintain an efficient advance judging system
- Oversee and manage the efficient running of WDSF competitions
- Maintain close communication with NMBs on Sports Matters
- Initiate succession planning

The Composition of the Sports Commission would be the following:

- VP for Sport
- WDSF Sports Director
- Chairs of each of the 5 sub-committees (see below)
- PD Director
- Chair of the Athletes Commission
- A Representative from WDSF’s Associate Members

ST explained that the sub-committees would be established as follow:

- Sub-Committee for Sports Technical System
- Sub-Committee for Sports Enforcement
- Sub Committee for Adjudicators Qualification

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- Sub-Committee for Sport Event Planning and Promotion
- Sub-Committee for Sports Policies Development

He went into detail on the proposed role and responsibility for each of these sub-committees and made initial suggestions on who could be included as members. Some Members of the Managing Committee emphasized that the specific task and powers of these Sub-Committees are still to be approved by the Presidium and that these Sub-Committees must be balanced with regards to all different stakeholder groups.

Regarding the Sub-Committee for Adjudicators Qualification, the majority of the MC Members insisted that the collected data has to be hosted and maintained in the office in Lausanne, as this is very sensitive information that cannot be recorded on the Sub-Committee’s Members computers.

LH moved for ST to forward this proposed structure of the new WDSF Sports Commission until June 2018. At the June 2018 Presidium meeting, the VP sport will provide a detailed report on the progress of this Sports Commission under this proposed structure for the Presidium to approve. **UNANIMOUS**

13.2. WDSF World Youth Breaking Championship, May 2018, Tokyo (JPN)

ST explained that when JDSF bid to run the competition, we didn’t expect that our breaking experts would require the organizer to pay for all the traveling costs for all athletes. LH and ST tried very hard to convince JDSF to help financially with this matter and held a meeting with the representative of JDSF at the German Open this summer. Although JDSF couldn’t commit to cover all travel costs, they have agreed to the following:

- To pay the transport, accommodation, and fees for the judges
- To pay up to 2 hotel nights per breaker
- To pay a WDSF granting fee of CHF 10,000
- To financially help b-boys and b-girls from countries which do not have a WDSF NMB for a maximum of CHF 1,730 per country.
- To pay WDSF a subsidy of EUR 7,700 toward the cost of running the event

LH insisted that these points must clearly be integrated into a formal contract, like what is being done for other WDSF World Championships. RH also suggested to include the broadcasting clause in the draft contract to ensure that JDSF secures a broadcaster for the event. Moreover, a clause for JDSF to cover for the travel/accommodation expenses for 3 members of the WDSF communication team should be added.

It was agreed that ST would email JDSF to confirm the granting of the competition subject to the signing of the contract in writing between JDS and WDSF. Moreover, ST will prepare a draft contract in collaboration with JF and send it to JDSF by October 15th, 2017. **UNANIMOUS**

13.3. WDSF DanceSport GrandSlam Series

13.3.1. GrandSlam, 27th – 29th October 2017, Moscow (RUS)

LH confirmed that the agreement has been signed and WDSF has added a clause regarding the inclusion of other disciplines (Rock’n’Roll & Breaking) as well as travel/accommodation expenses for the WDSF communications’ team.

13.3.2. Selection of Organisers for GrandSlam Series 2018 – 2022

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ST presented the list of countries that have bid to host a leg of the GrandSlam Series 2018-2022:

- March: Finland (Intending to bid for 3 years, with option of given priority to continue to organize for a 4\textsuperscript{th} and 5\textsuperscript{th} year. interest from the USA for the 2 remaining years should Finland decline to organize)
- End of April: South Korea
- Early July: Italy
- Mid-August: Germany
- Late October: Russia
- Early December: China (Finals)

LH \textit{moved} for the MC to grant the legs of the GS to these countries, subject to their signing the WDSF Organizer Contract (version 2.0/ 20\textsuperscript{th} January 2017) for the GrandSlam Series 2018-2022 before the end of October 2017. For clarity, at this point the bid from the USA cannot be accepted. \textbf{UNANIMOUS}

LH \textit{moved} for the MC to give Finland up to January 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2020 to confirm the last two years of the series. \textbf{UNANIMOUS}

ST further informed the MC that there is currently a discussion with WRRC through the WDSF Russian NMB to include in the GrandSlam final a Rock’n’Roll competition with 8 couples, subject to approval of the MC and a sponsorship agreement that would cover the traveling and accommodation costs for the 8 couples. Starting next year, the vision is to include a Rock’n’Roll competition at up to 3 legs of the GrandSlam Series. ST also mentioned that he received an inquiry from the WDSF PD to include the PD Grand Prix Finals in the GrandSlam Final. The MC unanimously rejected this request as it would directly clash with the existing product. It was agreed that ST would speak with the PD to ask them to explore other directions and innovations for their division.

13.4. WDSF Championships (with TV) / contracts / handing over from LH to VP for Sport

ST confirmed that all agreement for the 2018 granted competitions have been distributed and expected to all be signed by the end of November 2017.

13.5. Motion from DanceSport Dance Discipline Development

NJ moved for the MC to approve the pilot project from the DanceSport Discipline Development Commission (Chaired by Lena Arvidsson) from this date until June 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2018 to increase the number of WDSF granted competitions in other DanceSport disciplines based on the paper presented by Nenad Jefitic to the MC on September 24\textsuperscript{th} entitled “DanceSport Dance Discipline Development Commission” and to prepare further recommendations to provide for a clear system of identification, registration and connection to WDSF Anti-doping and to connect each athlete with the provisions and authority of all our WDSF governing documents. \textbf{UNANIMOUS}

13.6. Application Procedures for WDSF Events

ST is suggesting implementing a section on the WDSF Website listing the competitions available for bid, to give a greater clarity to the NMBs. ST would like to have the planning committee (as part of the Sports Commission) review all bids 4 times a year to ensure compliance with bidding requirements and help facilitate selection for the WDSF Presidium. The WDSF office to continue coordinating the collection of all bids.

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ST moved for the MC to present a motion at the next Presidium meeting to adopt an Operating Policy that will show all competitions to be granted on the WDSF website and establish the granting of the competitions quarterly. **UNANIMOUS**

13.7. Granting Procedures of WDSF Events

ST shared his concern about the increasingly important number of last-minute cancellations that have taken place for various competitions over the past few years. Both the WDSF and the athletes are suffering from these and it creates additional administrative work that is unnecessary and unacceptable. ST has been reviewing several proposals on how to deal with this issue and will present them at the next Presidium meeting for a vote.

13.8. New Events – World Senior II Latin, European ShowDance

ST moved for the MC to present a motion to the Presidium to officially add the following events onto the WDSF calendar and adopt an operating policy on the **WDSF competition rules**.

- European Championships ShowDance, World Championships Senior III Latin & European Championships U21 Standard and Latin. **UNANIMOUS**

13.9. Organiser’s Commission

The MC is not in favour of the creation of an Organiser’s commission but welcome the organizers to organize a meeting during which WDSF Presidium members would be invited to join, listen, and exchange on their requests and concerns.

13.10. New Format for WDSF PD Competitions

ST will discuss with the managing board of the PD to encourage them to consider other formats of competitions, something different from WDSF and something in which the PD can specialize. An innovative format that can attract important crowds should be thought of by the PD board.

13.11. Revision of ShowDance Rules

ST **moved** that the MC allow a potential revision of ShowDance Rules. There are currently too many restrictions and WDSF should consider relaxing the **WDSF Competition Rules** for ShowDance. ST advocated that ShowDance should have no boundaries and it should be about entertainment: allow more creativity, more advancement, etc...

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13.12. FIBA partnership (3x3- Breaking)

JLB reported that after the very successful WDSF breaking event held in Lausanne on Friday August 25th as part of the FIBA 3x3 world tour, JLB and Géraldine Zahnd had a follow up meeting with FIBA to discuss a possible partnership for the 2018 World Tour. JLB indicated that WDSF is currently not able to meet the financial requirements asked by FIBA for the entire 2018 Tour. The requirements could be met by securing a sponsor or partnership but there is little time until 2018 to achieve that. JLB informed the meeting that another option would be to offer to FIBA to organize breaking events in only 4 of the 10 cities of the World Tour in the similar approach that was done in Lausanne this year and re-assess both parties position for 2019.

The MC **UNANIMOUSLY** supports for WDSF to process in this project with FIBA and asked JLB to report back on the development and negotiations with FIBA.

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13.13. Adjudicator/Chairman nomination – Automatization of invitation process through the WDSF software system

GF has been working with John Caprez to further automatize processes on the WDSF system and will present the options to the MC once a budget has been put together.

14. Membership Affairs

14.1. WDSF Member Body in Russia (provisional Membership)

JF reported that the membership agreement has been signed and that collaboration has been good since the agreement was executed. JF will perform a follow-up check to ensure that the FDSARR complies with all the terms of the Agreement and JF will monitor and provide an update to the Presidium meeting in January 2018.

14.2. WDSF Member Body in Ukraine

NJ explained to the MC that a meeting was held in Stuttgart in August 2017 at the German Open with ST, TS, himself, WDSF current Ukrainian NMB and the other Ukrainian federation represented by Mr. Bogdanov and indicated that at the moment, the two federations cannot find solutions to work together. LH suggested that this file be taken over by the WDSF membership commission to propose solutions to the problem. LH further recommended that NJ goes back to our current NMB with a list of conditions for them to fulfil with clear deadlines and if they fail to deliver within the given deadline, WDSF would consider intervening. **UNANIMOUS**

15. DanceSport Europe (DSE)

The raising of competition fees was discussed at length and it was agreed that the MC will remind the board of DSE that competition fees should only be collected by DSE when a host agreement [see article 5(bis) 4(g) of the WDSF Statutes] exists. WDSF is the entity granting the competition to DSE in the same way that it does with its NMBs. It was agreed that the liaison group (see item 16.1 of the Minutes of the Presidium Meeting held on 21st and 22nd January 2017) consisting of the Sports Director, the VP for Legal affairs and the VP for Finance will connect with DSE to clarify their rights to produce and collect fees for European competitions. This matter will also be brought to the attention of the WDSF Presidium during its next meeting in January 2018. **UNANIMOUS**

16. WDSF Academy

16.1. Evaluation of WDSF Adjudicators

ST explained that the Academy would like to introduce, at every congress, an evaluation exercise for judges by using videos to assess their judging performance, which would then be used as reference by the Sport Adjudicators Qualification Classification Committee. It will not be a test where you fail or succeed, but only an assessment of performance. The MC agreed for ST to come up with a detailed proposal going in this direction.

16.2. WDSF Training Centre

ST informed the meeting that in many Asian countries, especially in China, a lot of centres, clubs, schools etc... want to be associated with WDSF as a quality label. ST is thinking of developing a world DanceSport federation

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system or recognized training centres through an accreditation process and asked the MC to approve for him to develop a detailed concept for presentation at the next Presidium meeting. **UNANIMOUS**

17. **WDSF Commissions**

LH emphasised that at the last Presidium Meeting the Presidium appointed the Chairs of the WDSF Commissions and initiated a new application procedure regarding the Commissions goals and services (see item 8.2 of the Minutes of the Presidium Meeting, 13th June 2017, Singapore). According to the PAL this task was assigned to ST (as former General Secretary) together with the new elected General Secretary NJ.

NJ reported he has not yet received from all appointed Chairpersons of WDSF Commissions their goals and services these Commissions will provide to the Presidium in future. LH moved to the MC that NJ (together with ST) will follow up with this and will present a clear list first to the MC for consideration by 31st October 2017 in order that the correspondent Motion(s) can be submitted to the Presidium for further consideration and approval (as the establishment of WDSF Commissions, its Chairpersons and Members, including its goals and services is within the authority of the Presidium).

18. **Reports from the new elected WDSF Vice-Presidents**

LH reported that on 31st August 2017 he has asked all newly-elected Vice Presidents to report about their activities since their election in June 2017. LH has received from all of them a written report which he presented to the MC which took knowledge of it.

19. **Disciplinary Proceedings**

DS **moved** to adjourn this item of the Agenda until the next Presidium meeting in January 2018 due to the lack of time left at disposal at this MC meeting. **UNANIMOUS**

20. **WDSF AGM, 17th June 2018, Lausanne, (Switzerland)**

LH reminded the meeting and the General Secretary of all the important deadlines regarding the convening and organization of the AGM in 2018 according to the WDSF Statues and Operating Policies. LH asked to see a preliminary agenda during the Presidium meeting in January 2018 and for all Presidium motions to be drafted by December 1st, 2017 at the latest. All motions of the Presidium to the 2018 WDSF AGM must be approved and ready in BOX by 31st March 2017 (responsible NJ and JF).

21. **Next Meetings**

The MC agreed that the next Presidium Meeting will take place in Belgrade, Serbia on January 20th and 21st, 2018.

[Editor’s Note: After completion of the Meeting, the MC Unanimously agreed to change the location of the next Presidium Meeting from Belgrade to Bucharest, Romania]
22. Miscellaneous

LH and JLB thanked all MC members for their input throughout this 2 days meeting and for their valuable contributions. LH extended a special thank you to NJ for the fantastic organization of this MC meeting here in Belgrade and for the warm hospitality he provided for all the MC members through the weekend.

The MC members unanimously agreed to adjourn this MC meeting at 23:50.

Lukas Hinder  
WDSF President

Guillaume Felli  
WDSF Project Officer/ Minutes Secretary