MINUTES OF THE
WDSF MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
SINGAPORE –SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2011

Present: Carlos Freitag, Shawn Tay, Tony Tilenni & Marco Sietas

Apologies: Mr Hinder sent his apologies. Mr Hinder was unable to attend due to his mother’s failing health.

Mr Freitag confirmed that Mr Hinder attended the funeral of Detlef Hegemann, the former Honorary Life President of WDSF. In accordance with the family’s wishes, WDSF provided a donation to the Detlef Hegemann Foundation.

The President welcomed members of the Managing Committee (MC) and the meeting commenced at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 10.

1. NEW CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NON REGISTERED EVENTS (TO BE APPROVED BY THE MC, PRESIDIUUM AND BY MEMBERS)
   CF presented detailed advice from WDSF’s Swiss lawyers in relation to this matter.

   The Managing Committee (MC) AGREED to adopt the legal advice on changes to the Athletes’ Codes of Conduct and Standard of Ethics and changes to the Adjudicators’ Code of Conduct and Standards of Ethics. The MC referred this matter to the Presidium for a final decision. (Editor’s note: The Presidium agreed to this proposal on 18th October, 2011).

   If the changes are adopted by the Presidium, the changes will be immediately sent to all member bodies by e-mail and will be enforced commencing 30 days of the date of that e-mail to members.

   The members will then be asked at our next AGM in Berlin for a formal vote to support the policy.

2. USA - CURRENT SITUATION
   CF confirmed that WDSF would continue to seek to build bridges with the USA. In this regard, CF had sought to meet with Mr Kimmins and Mr McDonald in the USA. However, according to our USA member they refused to meet with CF.
In addition, the NDCA announced that they had suspended USA Dance from NDCA indefinitely.

**AGREED** that WDSF will work with our USA member to establish a competitive circuit in North America.

The General Secretary will send a letter to members providing an update.

3. **EADA/DSE - CURRENT SITUATION IN ENGLAND**

   CF had a meeting with Mr Peter Maxwell.

   It was confirmed that DanceSport England has been completely separated from EADA and is now an independent body.

   An election is currently being conducted for a new Presidium. Additional information will be supplied in due course.

   **AGREED** that in 2012, more events will be conducted in the UK within the WDSF competition system.

   Following commitments made by the President to the 2010 & 2011 WDSF AGMs, CF again contacted the various organisers of events in the UK, in order to find a working solution for the future. As mentioned before, the compromise was to include WDSF registered events within these competitions so that we could encourage all athletes to attend these events. No positive responses were received.

   In order to clarify the situation concerning the participation of athletes, adjudicators and other officials at the Blackpool Festivals in 2012:

   Further to my letter to you dated March 18, 2011, the WDSF Presidium has continued its discussions with the organisers of the Blackpool Festivals with a view to agreeing a sporting and regulatory collaboration with WDSF which would allow us to include this event in the WDSF sporting calendar. These discussions are on-going and we remain hopeful that they will ultimately result in an outcome which is beneficial to all parties and DanceSport in general.

   In order to give such an outcome the greatest chance of success and considering all the sporting elements surrounding the 2012 edition of the Blackpool Festivals, the WDSF Presidium has decided (as it did in 2011) that it will not take action against athletes, adjudicators and other officials who participate in the 2012 Blackpool Festivals. Athletes, adjudicators and other officials will therefore not be required to seek consent from WDSF in order to compete in the 2012 Blackpool Festivals.
I should like to make clear that this decision is taken purely in respect of the 2012 Blackpool Festivals. It is without prejudice to subsequent editions of this event and does not provide any exception to, or relax the requirements of, the WDSF rules and regulations concerning any other non-registered events, whether in England or elsewhere. In particular, athletes and adjudicators must adhere to the strict terms of the recently revised Codes of Conduct and Standards of Ethics with respect to participation in all other non-registered events.

Regarding the “move it exhibition”, we expect to receive further advice from DSE.

4. **ITALY/FIDS - CURRENT SITUATION.**

4.1 **NEW INFORMATION ABOUT JUDGES/TRAINERS**
FIDS advised that it is forcing Italian teachers/coaches to choose whether they wish to only Coach or Judge. For many internationally recognised sports including DanceSport, it is not practical to insist on such restrictions. In addition, the MC do not believe that there is any support at all for such a change outside of Italy.

**AGREED** that this change is not supported by WDSF which has detailed Codes of Conduct for teachers and adjudicators to address any perceived or actual conflicts of interest.

5. **GRAND SLAM BIDDING FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS**
**AGREED** to amend the revised Grand Slam Bidding Procedures to reduce the bidding fees per Grand Slam event from EUR20,000 as proposed to EUR12,500/year for a five year contract. **AGREED** to provide accommodation for overseas participants in Grand Slam events for only 2 nights with breakfast for ONLY the final 12 couples.

**AGREED** to reduce the judges from 11 to 9 in Grand Slam events.

**AGREED** that the prize money to be paid to athletes would be increased as follows and would be paid by WDSF and Organisers:

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AGREED that applicants for less than a five year contract will be considered at the
discretion of the Presidium but with a minimum granting fee of EUR15000/year.

AGREED to a revised Grand Slam Bidding Procedures with bidding fees for both
Grand Slam finals of EUR35,000/year for a five year contract. AGREED to only
provide accommodation for the participants in Grand Slam events for 2 nights with
breakfast for but ONLY the final 12 couples.

The organiser will pay all discount economy air fares for athletes in the Grand Slam
finals.

AGREED to continue to use 9 judges in each Grand Slam Final.

AGREED that the prize money to be paid would be increased to the following

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TOTAL 17000 per discipline

6. COMPLAINT TO PRESIDIUM FROM F. SCUDERI
AGREED to refer this complaint to the WDSF PD for a response.
The General Secretary will refer this complaint to the PD General Secretary, Michael
Shelton, for his further information and advice. The MC understands that at the time
of the complaint there was no PD rule which restricted couples competing for different
PD member bodies.

7. PROFESSIONAL DIVISION - FUTURE WORK

7.1. SUPPORT FROM WDSF
It was confirmed that Mr Melnikov, who is the acting PD Director will be actively
pursuing the goals of WDSF PD.
AGREED that all teachers who wish to be part of the Teacher/Student system need to be registered with their WDSF National Member body and therefore be part of the WDSF system.

It was confirmed that there is no change to the policy that all holders of a WDSF Adjudicators license are able to apply to judge WDSF PD events. The WDSF PD Presidium will determine who will be accepted to judge PD events.

WDSF looks forward to more PD events worldwide.

7.2 SPECIAL COMPETITIONS AND PRIZE MONEY
From 2012, WDSF would like to encourage the PD to commence an Open Professional Grand Prix circuit of a minimum of 3 Standard and 3 Latin events with similar to the existing WDSF Grand Slams.

AGREED to provide around EUR50,000 in financial support to assist the PD with this project.

AGREED that the organisers for PD events should have the same financial obligations as the WDSF Grand Slam series. However, the granting fees should be less than for the Grand Slams.

8. ATHLETES COMMISSION
Elections for the Athletes Commission are currently being conducted from couples in all World Championships until the end of 2011. For the future WDSF will request email contacts for athletes in order to directly communicate developments with the Athletes Commission.

9. SPORTS

9.1 WDSF JUDGES - CONTROL OF JUDGING LISTS BEFORE EVENTS
The Sports Director explained the current procedures. Members are required to supply detailed proposals for Judging panels for all competitions granted by WDSF to the WDSF Sports Director for approval before inviting the Adjudicators NO LATER than 30 days before the event. MS will control this procedure through the Sports Commission.

9.2 NOMINATION OF JUDGES FOR WDSF CHAMPIONSHIPS/CUPS
For all Asian and Asian Pacific events, AGREED that ST will work with the Sports Commission to assist with the panels.

AGREED that in future all Asian and Asian Pacific panels will be supplied to the organisers at least 4 months before the events on the strict condition...
that this information cannot be publicly released until 2 weeks before the event.

We again remind all persons that all invitations for WDSF Championships and Cups are strictly confidential. In addition, the judges are not able to teach participants in these Championships (except for their own couples) in the three months before such events.

MS advised that during the GOC the public random computer selection of Adjudicators for WDSF Championships and Cups was conducted under the oversight of representatives from many WDSF Member Bodies who were present.

9.3 WORK OF CHAIRMEN AT EVENTS
At the Stuttgart Chairmen’s Congress, MS explained that some Chairmen were not fully enforcing the WDSF Competition Rules. The Congress heard about the implementation of the new Rules. All Chairmen are required to ensure that all events are conducted within the Rules. The MC AGREED that all Chairmen must enforce all of the Rules.

9.4 UNREGISTERED EVENTS
AGREED that in future WDSF will exercise more control in this area.

9.5 INTRODUCTION OF RESULTS ON WEBSITE
It was confirmed that the results of all WDSF events are now on the website no later than 24 hours after the event.

9.6 LISTING OF ALL EVENTS ON WDSF WEBSITE
It was explained by MS that organisers need to send the application for approval as well as any web links to the Sports Director so that the events can be listed on the WDSF website.

9.7 PROMOTION OF GAMES
Member Bodies need to make sure that they inform their athletes about any upcoming events and games. Amongst a range of events, many athletes were not informed about the European Masters Games and the Inaugural World Freestyle Championships in Latin and Standard.

9.8 NEW COMPETITION PROJECTS
MS explained possible new competition opportunities for the future. The MC were very supportive of such developments.

Another opportunity is being negotiated by WDSF for our PD members and athletes to obtain short-term work and benefits by dealing with one of the world’s largest tour operators. AGREED that MS is to develop this opportunity with the assistance of the PD.
AGREED that MS would see if any sponsorship opportunities existed with this tour operator.

MS explained that a sponsorship opportunity also exists with another major international business. Interest exists by this sponsor to conduct the first Pan American Championship in Mexico or the Dominican Republic in October 2012. All WDSF members will be informed about this prestigious event which will be conducted with additional WDSF Opens.

9.9 GRANTING OF EVENTS
MS requested and the MC AGREED to grant the 2013 WDSF European DanceSport Championships Standard to Aarhus in Denmark.
MS requested and the MC AGREED to grant the 2012 WDSF under 21 World Open DanceSport Championships in Standard and Latin to Aarhus in Denmark.

10. WORLD ARTISTIC SPORTS GAMES
An update will be provided for the next meeting.

11. INTERNATIONAL MASTERS GAMES ASSOCIATION – LIGNANO, ITALY
It was reported that the costs of participation of EUR120 per person were considered too high by some athletes despite the fact that this price included attending all events as well as the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. WDSF was also advised that athletes were not provided information from the WDSF Member bodies in their countries.

The MC were very disappointed in particular with our Italian Member body which as the host WDSF Member body had not been able to take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity to promote DanceSport at the Masters Games level.

12. WORLD FREESTYLE DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS BEIJING
It seems that Member bodies did not forward information to athletes about these inaugural World Championships. However, the events are still expected to be a great success.

CF advised that the IOC Sports Director, Christophe Dubi has confirmed that he will be attending with some guests the Saturday evening of the Championships in Beijing.

Mr Dubi is attending the IOC World Sport For All Conference in Beijing.

CF will also be attending the IOC Sport For All Conference in Beijing.
13. ASIAN GAMES 2014
A report will be provided to the next meeting.

14. YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES 2014
A report will be provided to the next meeting.

15. WORLD GAMES 2013 – Cali, Columbia
A report will be provided to the next meeting.

MS is preparing the competition rules for Salsa which will be sent out to all members.

16. NEW ADJUDICATING SYSTEM

16.1 WHEN READY?
The software is ready now. AGREED that each organiser of Grand Slam events will pay a fee of EUR700 to WDSF for the scrutineer plus pay for travel and accommodation per event to Olav Groehn. The software, hardware and intellectual property rights for the software will become WDSF property in two years. WDSF is responsible for paying for excess baggage costs to transport this system to events.

16.2 WHERE ARE OFFICIAL TESTS BEING CONDUCTED?
The first test is to be conducted in Ostrava in Czech in October. The second test will be conducted one week later in October in Aarhus. The third test will be conducted during the Grand Slams Finals in Salou in December.

16.3 WHAT WILL BE DONE IN BEIJING?
The Japanese system will be used in Beijing with minor modifications.

17. AGM 2013 - DO WE HAVE BIDS?
A report will be provided to the next meeting.

18. ACADEMY - PROGRAMME FOR 2011-2012
AGREED that commencing 2012, some of the Congresses should be combined with all Federations within WDSF. A report will be provided to the next meeting.

19. WEBSITE - NOT EASY TO NAVIGATE AND FIND SOME INFORMATION
AGREED to ask Jim Fraser to keep working with John Caprez and Heidi Goetz to resolve any issues.

20. MEMBERSHIP COMMISSION – TO WORK FOR ALL WDSF FEDERATIONS
AGREED that from 2012 the Commission will commence promoting the other Federations and disciplines within WDSF.

It was confirmed that a meeting was held during the 2011 German Open Championships (GOC) in Stuttgart, Germany. Only 7 Member bodies were represented at this meeting. The meeting decided to continue promoting events such as University Games within WDSF. A document will be prepared to explain the Commission’s work.

**AGREED** to request that Franz Allert, of Germany, report to the next Presidium meeting in January on his work as WDSF representative on the European Olympic Committees Liaison Centre in Brussels.

22. **AWARDS 2012**

**AGREED** that the General Secretary ask Members for nominations for awards. The Presidium will decide which awards (if any) will be offered at the 2012 WDSF AGM.

23. **PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL**

We now have ties, scarves, stickers & pins. **AGREED** that all these products will be distributed at future WDSF Championships and events at no cost. The MC will also consider producing bags and T-shirts.

24. **ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION - REQUEST FOR HELP FROM OUR OFFICE**

The MC considered the request from WDSF Anti-doping Commission Chair Ko de Mooy for additional assistance with his Anti-doping work on behalf of WDSF.

**AGREED** to employ another person in the WDSF Barcelona office for 4 hours per day to assist with this work as well as other work in the office. The estimated total cost is around EUR1000 per month.

25. **IDO & WBTF**

**25.1 IDO**

The Managing Committee considered an affiliation and co-ordination agreement between WDSF and IDO.

As the agreement has only recently been received, it still needs to be circulated and considered by the Presidium. The agreement will be considered at the next Presidium meeting on January 20-22, 2012.

**25.2 WBTF**

CF will contact the President of WBTF to clarify the working relationship with member Federations. CF is looking forward to meeting Ms. Wiemers at the January Presidium meeting.
26. DISCUSSION ON A RANGE OF FINANCIAL MATTERS – see #27

27. FINANCIAL MATTERS

27.1 Update on Financial Situation.
The Treasurer reported that the 2011 year looks like it will exceed expectations for income and a projected surplus.

27.2 An updated Debtors List was circulated to MC members.
The MC considered the Debtors list. AGREED that Member bodies which have not met their financial obligations shall not be eligible to apply for WDSF-granted events or to appoint judges until all outstanding fees and penalties were paid.

27.3 Computerised Invoice Generation System
As Mr Hinder was unable to attend this meeting, the Treasurer will discuss this proposed development with him.

27.4 Tax status and Government Funding
Discussion of this matter was deferred until Mr Hinder could be present.

27.5 Control of attendance at WDSF Congresses
AGREED that unless participants could prove by a bank confirmation that their Member bodies had already paid for their attendance that payment would be required from participants prior to permitting them to enter a Congress.

27.6 Petr Odstrcil – LH to contact
The MC expressed their concerns relating to the operation of the RLS and expected all issues to be resolved before December 31st this year.

27.7 St. Cugat Office and Salaries
The President advised that total employment costs in the next year for Txus could be up to EUR2500/month in addition to the new part-time employee who will assist with our Anti-doping obligations and general office work, who would add a total employment cost of around EUR1000/month.

27.8 Rule 8 Reimbursements
AGREED that the Presidium’s Rule 8 reimbursement policy be placed on the WDSF website.

27.9 Event organisation in Asia
AGREED that this matter required additional consideration by the MC
28. SPONSORSHIP FOR GRAND SLAMS
MS advised that an International businessman from Germany has expressed his interest in developing a sponsorship relationship with WDSF. This gentleman will be attending the World Freestyle Championships in Beijing on September 24 & 25. AGREED that WDSF will seek to negotiate an agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.45 P.M. on Sunday, September 11.

Carlos Freitag
WDSF President

Shawn Tay
WDSF General Secretary