THE WDSF Managing Committee

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Minutes

of the WDSF Managing Committee ("MC")

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Friday January 20th, 2017

Present:

Lukas Hinder, (LH) WDSF President
Jim Fraser, (JF) WDSF First Vice President
Tony Tileni, (TT) WDSF Treasurer
Michael Eichert, (ME) WDSF Second Vice President (Invited)
Jean-Laurent Bourquin, (JLB) WDSF CEO (Invited)
Daniel Stehlin, (DS) WDSF Chair Disciplinary Council (Invited)
Roland Hilfiker, (RH) WDSF Communication Director (Invited)

Excused: Shawn Tay, (ST) WDSF General Secretary
Marco Sietas (MS), WDSF Sports Director

Minutes Secretary: Guillaume Felli, (GF) WDSF Project Officer

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

LH welcomed and thanked the MC and the guests for the work accomplished in the last months and for their team spirit.

2. Approval of the Agenda (LH)

The agenda was approved - UNANIMOUS

3. Keeper of the Minutes (LH)

Proposed: Guillaume Felli, WDSF Project Officer - UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Minutes of the Managing Committee Meeting, 20th and 21st November 2016, Vienna (AUT) (LH)

The minutes were approved. UNANIMOUS

4.2 Minutes of the Skype MC Meeting, 29th September 2016 (JF)

The minutes were approved. UNANIMOUS

4.3 Review Action List for MC (LH)

The Action List from the previous MC Meeting in Vienna was discussed. GF to update the Action List and distribute it along with the minutes of the MC meeting. It should be the procedure to always have an action list corresponding to the minutes. UNANIMOUS

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

5.1 Report by the Leader of the Task Force

JLB reported that after the decision taken from the IOC on December 6th, 2016 to include Breaking at the YOG in Buenos Aires in 2018, a WDSF Task Force (called YOTAFO) was created on December 7th, 2016. The YOTAFO is composed of the following people:

- Lena Arvidsson (President Swedish NMB)
- Noune Marty (President French NMB)
- José Dos Santos (Breaking Expert)
- Glenn Fisher (Breaking Expert)
JLB is the chair of the Task Force, with Guillaume Felli and Txus Pedrazo providing administrative support.

JLB further added that it was immediately observed that the impact of the IOC decision within the Breaking community was at the magnitude of such a project. For example, the IOC notice a huge traffic and hits on their social medias for articles related to Breaking. The IOC identified that young people were the ones visiting the news and they are very pleased to reconnect with youth.

This great impact on the Breaking community is very demanding for the YOTAFO to manage. A lot of questions are raised and over 300 emails are received each day. The situation is particularly challenging with the USA as many people want to get involved and voice their opinion. Various groups of people pretend that they are the only legitimate owners of Breaking. Some individuals and associations took advantage of the situation to pretend that they had been working with WDSF, and that they were in a task force who brought Breaking into the Olympics. This is the case of UBA (United Breaking Association) who also spread inaccurate information on social media regarding qualifying criteria and age groups.

JLB informed the MC that he asked Ken Richards to be the person in charge to manage this situation in the USA. Indeed, the message that JLB has conveyed to the various interlocutors in the USA is that WDSF is an international federation and, as such, is operating at the international level as the DanceSport umbrella organisation. Therefore, it is not the WDSF’s role to be in direct contact with people in each territory: associations and individuals must go through their national member body. In addition, Presidium Members must play an active role in case of issues in their country and, as such, Ken Richards has been tasked to provide all possible assistance to help with the situation in the US. It’s not possible for WSDF to interact with all kind of individuals in all territories- For countries where WDSF does not currently have a NMB – WDSF can study their application.

Because of the US situation, JLB was asked into a meeting with the IOC to answer many questions. JLB provided clear information about the situation and explained that having been asked by the IOC to keep everything confidential did not help because when the decision came out in December, everybody was taken by surprise and did not understand why nothing had been communicated. The IOC was satisfied with the discussion and JLB invited them to an important Breaking event in Lausanne organized by José Dos Santos, our expert in the YOTAFO. The IOC is pleased that WDSF is working with experts. JLB also reminds to the MC that, at the last AGM in Rome, a group of NMBs (led by Lena Arvidsson who is an active member of the YOTAFO) presented that it was time to actively develop Urban/Street
Dances, which was agreed by the Presidium. Then, in September 2016, our NMB in Denmark informed about its intention to organize Breaking and Hip Hop competitions as part as the European championships.

JLB stressed to the MC that, as from the moment the IOC communicated its decision to include Breaking in the 2018 YOG, WDSF became a key player on the map of world sport: WDSF is now playing in another league and it is crucial that everybody realises it and acts accordingly. JLB asked the members of the MC to pass on the message to key players within our organisation that WDSF now has a tremendous responsibility and must demonstrate to many stakeholders that it is now part of the top league and that we deserve it.

ME inquired about the current situation with IDO and JLB informed that a meeting with Fiona Johnson from IDO will take place on the 7th of February in Lausanne. ME indicated that in Germany IDO is a big player as they organize numerous events, some of them with over 3000 athletes. JLB explained that WDSF will be inclusive to all athletes – everybody will have the possibility to participate in the qualification process, regardless of their current affiliation. However, all Breakers interested in the selection process for Buenos Aires must get a WDSF ID card, which is the condition set by the IOC since WDSF is the only DanceSport organisation compliant with Olympic criteria (fight against Doping, Code of Ethics, existence of an Entourage Commission, etc.).

JLB further reported on the key upcoming dates for the YOG Project:

- February 2017: develop the WDSF Qualification System (QS) (4 weeks from now) + finalize the identification of key stakeholders and partners. Develop a fair and objective judging system.
- March 2017 approval of the QS by the IOC Executive Board. As of 1st of April 2017, the qualification period (with designated events all over the world) will be open.
- In March/April 2017, BAYOGOC (Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee) will study the other 8 projects submitted by WDSF (showcasing / initiation / etc.) and potentially involving other Dance disciplines. JLB mentioned that many of these projects could be accepted by the IOC & BAYOGOC and that the WDSF MC should identify which NMBs will be able to help with the delivery of such disciplines.

JLB further explained that as an International Federation with a sport in the YOG competition programme, WDSF will have access to Olympic Solidarity funds. JLB carefully described the process of the fund allocation but that no one should expect large amount of money from it since more than 200 NOCs
have access to Olympic Solidarity and that it is shared between more than 30 sports.

Regarding the athletes ID Card (Licenses) it was recommended by JLB that WDSF charge the current price of CHF 10.00 for a period of two years (covering 2017 and 2018). All athletes must hold a WDSF ID card to ensure compliance with Anti-doping rules, CAS jurisdiction and other requirements imposed by the IOC. For countries where WDSF currently does not have a NMB, it was proposed that applications for licenses be managed through the Barcelona WDSF Branch office.

JLB has been approached by the Lausanne 2020 Winter YOG organizing committee and that they are interested in collaborating with WDSF to implement a showcasing/initiation program during the 2020 Winter YOG.

6. WDSF Structure (JLB)

6.1 Staff

JLB reported that the volume of work for the staff has significantly increased in the past weeks. For the Barcelona Branch Office, JLB explained that it was not foreseen that the staff would have to take over numerous tasks (currently not on their job descriptions) from Shawn Tay and Marco Sietas. The current additional work load is affecting the proper delivery of all tasks and the Office must also ensure that NMBs are adequately served.

The MC made it clear that in the future, extra resources or new employees should be allocated to the Lausanne Headquarters. JLB advised that additional human resources are needed to adequately deliver the YOG project in the coming weeks. A job description for a position of Breaking coordinator will be drafted.

The MC agreed to have additional staff members in Lausanne as necessary and asked JLB to formulate a budget proposal to TT for final approval. TT stated that WDSF must invest to deliver properly.

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JLB reminded the MC that the available space in the Lausanne Office is limited (19 m2) and suitable for 2 persons; one could envisage to put a maximum of 4 people in it for a limited period. The MC asked JLB to study possibilities to move to a larger space (up to 150 m2) at the MSI. JLB will keep monitoring the situation and advise the MC when an opportunity arises.

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6.2 Presentation global WDSF survey concept

A draft of the proposed questions for the WDSF NMB survey was circulated to MC members for review. The survey is being implemented in collaboration with the students from AISTS (Master in Sport Management created by the IOC, the City of Lausanne, and Canton de Vaud) in Lausanne with the goal of better knowing our members, understanding their needs and expectations as well as reinforcing a two-way communication. Upon approval of the questions and process by the WDSF Presidium, the students from AISTS will initiate the test phase, followed by the collection of data. The goal is to present key findings during the Forum at the 2017 WDSF AGM in Singapore.

The MC agreed that the Lausanne Office could offer incentive rewards for completion of the survey to 3 NMBs by conducting a “draw” among respondents.

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6.3 Proposal for an electronic voting system

GF reported on a proposal for an electronic voting system made by the company Wiz-Team. This system to be used for MC and Presidium, would enable members to vote electronically and generate results upon completion of the votes. The pros and cons of having an electronic system were debated by the MC, with the conclusion that it could help WDSF. However, it was decided that the proposal from Wiz-Team was too costly and that suggestions for alternative cheaper options should be researched. It was also suggested to make a test during the AGM and ask the members if they would prefer an electronic voting system at future Annual General Meetings.

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6.4 Draft Presidium's Motion to 2017 WDSF AGM Re: New structure for the WDSF Presidium, the WDSF Managing Committee and the WDSF Staff.

DS started working on the motion’s proposal several months ago, after it was proposed to include the position of the CEO in the statutes. Upon further discussions at the last MC meeting in Vienna- it was agreed that the suggested new provision of the statutes should also incorporate specific positions for more of the elected Presidium members, e.g. replacing some of the Ordinary Members and some of the current Officers with e.g. a VP Sport, VP Finance, VP Marketing, etc....).

Under article 13 of the new structure, as WDSF is a sports organization, JLB suggested to reorganize the list of positions to have the VP for Sport at the top of the list, after the President, the GS and the 1st Vice-President.
Article 13(5) was further discussed and DS explained that: it is suggested that immediately after the elections of the Presidium are held, and the successful candidates are proclaimed, the AGM shall elect a 1st Vice-President for the newly elect Vice-Presidents on a proposal by the newly elected Presidium.

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JLB advised that WDSF should integrate a deadline (such as 90 days prior to the AGM) for candidates to announce their intention to be elected to a specific position under the new proposed statues in order that WDSF Statutes comply with Good Governance principles.

ME told JLB that this suggestion would not be popular because candidates often decide during the Meeting to run for another position if they don’t get elected for their preferred position, and that if a candidate announces that s/he is running for various position, Delegates might not vote for him/her for the 1st position because they might consider that s/he have a second chance to be elected to the preferred alternative position. JLB agrees with ME and suggests that if we now look for people with expertise and competence in specific areas (Marketing, Development, etc.), Delegates will choose the best one for each position. JLB reminds that, further to the IOC’s decision to include DanceSport in the Youth Olympic Games, we now “play in the top league” and, de facto, we need to have a strong Presidium with active Members who bring the necessary skills, competences, and expertise (Marketing, Communication, Legal, etc.) to the table.

DS clarified that according to the current statutes, anyone can run for election, even if s/he is not supported by his/her NMB

JF expressed his concerns that under the new proposed statutes for WDSF Staff (Article 16bis), the structure would not be as flexible as the current one. JF stressed that under the proposed new statutes, it will not be as easy to remove people from their jobs, even if they are not performing well.

JF also advised that he was concerned that under the new proposal the presidium would lose a significant amount of its power and discretion to act. He argued that the system under the current statutes is efficient and flexible and that the new one would not offer this flexibility. JLB stressed that it will be a difficult motion to pass to the AGM and that ground-work would have to be done several months before the meeting, but if accepted, it will bring a significant positive change in the mentality and the structure that would be in line with good governance principles, as requested by the IOC for International Federations.
Several additional potential changes of the statutes were discussed at length but LH was very clear that he wants to implement changes step by step and that the focus for this year should be the New Structure for the WDSF Presidium, the WDSF Managing Committee and the WDSF Staff as proposed in DS’s motion (plus the amendment re election of the WDSF President as previously discussed and agreed). In LH’s opinion, the new elected Presidium should start the process for a general revision of the WDSF Statutes and this process should be finalised in the mid of the term of the new elected Presidium.

Regarding Article 16bis (“The WDSF Staff”), DS explained that according to the Canton de Vaud legislation, employees who are paid for their main function within the federation may not be part of the deciding executing body, which is the Presidium in our case. That is why DS is suggesting that the Statutes be amended and the CEO and the Sports Director are no members of the Presidium (anymore), but can still be members of the Managing Committee, as this latter body has no powers to decide for the Federation or just very limited aspects. LH asked Kellerhals Carrard to check with the Canton de Vaud authorities if the current draft of the changes to the Statutes is compliant with the law. Kellerhals Carrard confirmed that the current draft of the motion regarding WDSF’s structure is fine in this regard and added that they do not recommend to add a clause such as ‘Presidium Members work as volunteers.’, because this would cause too many follow-up questions.

Article 16ter point 4 was discussed at length: ME argued that the decision of appointing the Sports Director to represent the Vice President of Sport in the Managing Committee should be taken by the Vice President of Sports himself and not by the presidium. The MC agrees that more thought is needed on this particular point, but that for the moment the proposed wording from DS is accepted.

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LH and the MC thanked DS for the excellent work he produced and for his valuable inputs. The MC agreed to present this motion to the presidium.

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6.5 Status report on implementation of new wdsf.org email addresses for all Members of the WDSF Presidium Members.

JLB indicated that, overall, the use is already in place and that only a few
people are not working with WDSF addresses – and stressed that under the new current situation for WDSF (being a sport on the program of the YOG) we cannot continue to work with private/professional email addresses.

It was agreed that Txus Pedrazo will inquire about the status of former email addresses (idsf.org) as several MC members indicated that they are still receiving emails through these addresses when they should have been closed several weeks ago.

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6.6 New WDSF Letter-head paper and layout for emails for all Presidium Members.

It was agreed that Roland would provide a sample to the MC members by Saturday January 21st for review and approval.

6.7 "Money management" during WDSF events

6.7.1 Payments during AGM and congresses
The MC confirmed that payments made to WDSF during the AGM and congresses should only be accepted through credit cards. TT indicates that it is already the case since the clear majority of NMBs pre-pay all fees through wire transfer.

6.7.2 Payments during WDSF competitions
The MC agreed that all Prize money to Athletes should be paid according to local tax laws. TT confirmed that the process is already in place and that funds are paid to the Local Organizing Committees which are then in charge of distributing the prize money, in accordance with their local laws.

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6.7.3 Fees for Adjudicators
ME informed the MC that Cor Van de Stroet of the WDSF Adjudicators’ Commission is preparing a Motion to request that all payments made to adjudicators are made in cash. TT responded that WDSF lives in a new world and that the days of cash payment are over and that WDSF must comply with tax laws in the countries WDSF is officiating in. The MC agrees and confirms that no payments to adjudicators should be made in cash.

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6.7.4 Indemnities to Presidium Members
JLB advocated that a “cash-free” policy should be applied at all levels, including the payment of per-diem/indemnities to Presidium members. He
stressed that Presidium members need to lead by example. JLB further explained that he does not want the staff to carry around large sums of money, because that is dangerous and not in accordance with good governance.

The MC debated at length on this proposed procedure and finally agreed that the indemnity to Presidium Members will be paid in cash for the last time during this Barcelona Presidium meeting in January 2017 and that all future payments will be made by bank transfer.

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6.8 Electronic filing in BOX.com

GF reported on the proposed re-organization of the WDSF online filing system and provided some information on the current situation:

- There are currently 33 active licenses for the Box online filing tool, for a total of EUR 429.00 / month – Out of these 33 licenses less than 10 are being used.

GF explained that, with the help of the Barcelona office, several online filing tools were researched and that, in the end, the proposal to the MC was the following:

- Reduce the number of Box licences to 8 and establish a filing procedure whereby all uploading files will be managed by WDSF Staff. This will decrease the costs to EUR 104.00/month.

The reduction of licences will not affect the current documents on the box (no files will be lost). It was agreed that GF would send an email informing the users that their access (to upload documents) will be removed by a certain date but that they will keep access to download what they need.

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6.9 Digital Licences (ID Cards)

Following the decision of the last MC Meeting in Vienna agreeing to transition the plastic ID Cards onto a digital license system– GF reported that: Lidia Sanchez from the Barcelona office estimated the production of Plastic ID Card to reach 10,000 cards in 2017, 15,000 in 2017 and 13,000 in 2019 for an average cost of €1,90 per card. These estimates comforted the decision of implementing a digital solution for the creation of the licenses.

GF and Txus Pedrazo met with various potential suppliers to assess the various tools and options available on the market, and what is being used by
other International Federations. GF presented these options to the MC and in the end, it was agreed that the development of the digital license system through an “App” should be awarded to Jay Kay Design (John Caprez). This decision was motivated by the fact that John Caprez is the current administrator of the WDSF Database system and given the complexity of the system being used, it would be a risk to transition the development of the digital license to an outside company. In addition, the MC requested as a clear condition that John must prepare and deliver to the MC a clear plan for substitution as we can not rely on exclusively one person in this project.

It was agreed that GF and Txus Pedrazo would connect with John Caprez to initiate the development of the digital system.

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6.10 Insurance
Legal Cost Insurance: we received a proposal at the Lausanne office to obtain a proposal for legal costs insurance. JF argued that the MC needs more details about coverage because, according to his discussion with JLT in London, the Swiss broker who delivered the proposal probably did not realize what an international sport federation does. Next step: get information from the insurance directly - Jim to follow up by phone. Such insurance would of course only apply for future cases.

7. WDSF DanceSport GrandSlam Series

7.1 GrandSlam Series 2017 / replacement of one leg of the Series [Moscow (RUS), October 2017] (LH)

LH indicated that he has been corresponding with one of the MC’s Russian consultant regarding the DanceSport governance situation in Russia for the past couple of weeks. LH reminded the MC that Russia has the best athletes in DanceSport but that subsequent to the expulsion of the former Russian WDSF Member body by the 2016 WDSF AGM, there is currently no WDSF NMB administration in Russia. In their discussions, LH and the MC’s Russian consultant concluded that a new approach would be needed in Russia and that the best way would be to implement a new umbrella federation for all DanceSport disciplines.

The MC connected with its consultant via Skype: the consultant thanked the MC for the opportunity to discuss the situation with them and apologized for not being able to come in person to Barcelona as initially arranged with LH.
The consultant shared with the MC the various technical steps that would need to be taken to establish a new federal federation, in compliance with the Russian Ministry of Justice rules and to be accredited by the Russian Ministry of Sport. The whole process would take a minimum of 3 months. Once a new federation is established, it will be able to officially issue a calendar of sporting events, and allow the athletes to receive an official status (to travel abroad / to get help from the government etc.). The consultant confirmed that the Ministry of Sport has already been approached and is very supportive of creating a new umbrella federation for all DanceSport disciplines (including but not exclusively Rockn' Roll, Cheerleading, Standard, Latin, Street Dance etc.) in Russia.

The consultant stressed the importance of establishing rules and statues in the new federation that would mirror the principle of good governance currently in place at the WDSF. It will be crucial to clearly differentiate the political body versus the executive body within the new federation. The political body (Presidium- elected positions with representatives from each discipline) should be composed of dancers, or experts in DanceSport, whereas the executive body should be made of professional administrators (appointed paid positions). However, the consultant recommended that the President of the new federation should not come from any DanceSport disciplines and should be a federating figure that would have no history or personal connection with DanceSport and be an official representative but not have any strong involvement in the governing of the federation. Within the new federation all DanceSport disciplines should be equal and have equal rights.

The consultant informed the MC that they already have a potential candidate to head the executive body and that several other people have been approached for the president’s position.

LH asked the consultant to have lawyers provide the WDSF MC with a written proposal for review, highlighting all the details that have been discussed. Once the document is analysed and agreed upon between WDSF and the consultant, it would be sent to the Ministry of Sport for implementation. The consultant confirmed that the MC would be provided with a first draft of the document by the following week.

Lukas thanked the consultant for all the support and indicated that the Russian athletes are the ones that will most benefit from this new structure. The MC agreed that this was the right solution for establishing a new WDSF Member body for DanceSport in Russia and is looking forward to working with the consultant and the new body.

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The MC’s Russian consultant also informed the MC about successful contact with marketing agencies that are willing to promote DanceSport disciplines and are working on showcasing programs for SportAccord in Denmark this year and asked the MC if WDSF would be interested in starting a discussion with those contacts.

LH asked the consultant to send a formal proposal with all details to WDSF for further consideration.

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7.2 Approval of the revised Bidding Documentation for WDSF DanceSport GrandSlam Series 2018 – 2022 (version 2.0) with implemented new procedure for Prize Money (LH)

LH informs the MC that the revised document has also been reviewed by RH and ME on the technical aspects.

ME argued to the MC that a decision should be taken to double the prize money for all GS events as of 2018. He reminded the Meeting that the prize money has not been increased for the past 5 years and that the original idea of having a GS series was to give back some money to the athletes with interesting prize monies. ME also explained that the attraction of the prize money would also help to promote the GS Series and ensure that couples remain in our federation. ME reminded the MC that athletes are our most important people and concluded by saying that the increase in prize money will be a crucial argument to use when advocating the increase of the ID-Card fees to our NMBs and athletes.

LH indicated that the document bidding is very flexible and that prize money can be increased at any time. Some kind of flexibility will also come from the Swarovski deal that should allow WDSF to give a little bit more to the organizers for prize money distribution. Lukas suggested to increase the amount of prize money gradually but ME insisted that the prize money should be increased to €150,000 for the first 2 years, and then €200 000 afterwards. ME agreed to support a proposal for a CHF 50 ID card fee at the condition that these prize money requirements for the GS are met.

Editors Note: It was subsequently agreed at the Presidium meeting that the increase would be by €100,000 in 2018 and an additional €50,000 in 2019.

LH asked Mr. Jean-Pierre Morand of Kellerhals Carrard, Lausanne, for external legal advice regarding the payment prize of money in the GS and that in accordance to this advice a clear procedure for the payment of prize money be put in place and described in detail in the WDSF DanceSport GrandSlam Series 2018 – 2022 Bidding documentation.
TT clarified that CHF 150,000 for the first year would already be doubling the current prize money.

The MC agreed that further thoughts would be needed on the matter before the MC can reach a decision.

The MC approved the revised WDSF DanceSport GrandSlam Series 2018 – 2022 Bidding Documentation (version 2.0)

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7.3 Distribution of the new Bidding Documentation for WDSF DanceSport GrandSlam Series 2018 – 2022 to interested NMBs on 31st January 2017 latest. (LH)

The MC approved the distribution **UNANIMOUS**

**8. Marketing and Sponsoring**

8.1 Renewal Sponsoring Agreement between SWAROVSKI and WDSF (RH).

RH reported that Swarovski seem to have doubled their efforts to finalize the renewal as they see there is a tremendous growth within the WDSF. RH indicated that WDSF will not agree to a deal of less than CHF 120K/year for the next 3 years and is confident that the contract renewal will be finalized by mid-February 2017.

RH suggested that WDSF should further help Swarovski with ideas on how they could be more visible with their showcasing / presence at the competitions as it will be beneficial for WDSF in the long run.

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8.2 Proposal from GPS Performance SA, Lausanne, re: GrandSlam (RH, JLB, GF)

JLB explained to the MC that GPS is a well-established and respected company based in Lausanne – GPS is currently working with several other international federations on their marketing/sponsoring affairs.

It was agreed by the MC that JLB would follow up with GPS directly.

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9. Current status of Marco Sietas’ dispute with WDSF.
Proposal to end Dispute

As our lawyer, Mr. Guillermo Vidal Wagner from CUATRECASAS, Barcelona, arrived 11.30 AM, the order of the agenda was changed to accommodate his presentation.

Daniel Stehlin left the room before the discussion commenced and GF was asked to record the minutes by JF.

Mr. Vidal from the Spanish law firm CUATRECASAS (representing WDSF in this dispute) gave a very lengthy report on the situation concerning Mr. Marco Sietas.

There was a lengthy discussion. Mr. Vidal Wagner’s report and the resulting discussion were substantially repeated during the WDSF Presidium Meeting and the Minutes of that Meeting re: this matter which are published to the WDSF Members, substantially represent the proceedings on the same subject in the MC; to avoid duplication, readers of these Minutes are respectfully referred to those WDSF Presidium Meeting Minutes.

JF added that it has been a very complicated and time consuming case for all members of the MC and that the person responsible for putting WDSF in this position was Mr. Freitag. JF praised LH for the way he handled the situation for taking the right legal decisions at all times. LH and JF also thanked TT for performing an extraordinary amount of work on this case and for all the pressure he carried through this case.

On a separate matter, TT informed the MC that the WDSF has instructed its Spanish lawyers to seek a private binding ruling as to the status of WDSF operations in Spain. Once the ruling is available, WDSF will then use the ruling to determine if we need to register our BCN branch office as a permanent establishment.

Mr. Vidal left at 12:45. At 12:45 the MC took a Lunch Break. (one hour) – the meeting resumed in original order of the agenda.

10. Sport Matters

10.1 First Priority: World Games, July 2017, Wroclaw (POL).

10.2 2\textsuperscript{nd} Priority: Granting of 2017 European DanceSport Championship Standard.

It was agreed that sports matters would be discussed in detail during the Presidium meeting.
11. **Preparation of the WDSF Presidium Meeting on 20th and 21st January 2017 in the same order of the (separate) Agenda for this Presidium Meeting (LH)**

The suggested agenda for the upcoming Presidium meeting was accepted. **UNANIMOUS**

12. **Next Managing Committee Meetings (LH)**

The Next Managing Committee Meeting, will take place on Friday, 9th June 2017, in Singapore (prior to WDSF Presidium Meeting)

Further MC meetings via Skype will be scheduled at later date. **UNANIMOUS**

13. **Miscellaneous (all)**

No additional matters were raised by members of the MC.

LH thanked all the participants for their input and the MC agreed to consent to adjourn the Meeting at 19:10

14. **Distribution of the Minutes**

- MC: Full Minutes
- Presidium and NMB: Without sensitive information

Lukas Hinder  
WDSF President

Guillaume Felli  
WDSF Project Officer/ Minutes Secretary